

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

**Happy Mother's Day to all Moms!
May the Lord bless you for all you do for
your families and our society.**

With my prayers,
Fr. Conley

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

*Thank you, dear Lord,
for our mothers*

*Who were brave enough to give birth
Who loved through many growing-up years
Who taught about God and love and
being good*

Who often got no thanks

*Whose ears could hear the slightest cry
Whose eyes didn't miss much either
Whose hands held and bathed and picked
up*

Whose heart was often broken

Who always forgave and forgot

Who encouraged when things went bad

Who always had time to listen

Who worked so hard to make things go

Who make the world so much better

Who deserve our love on Mother's Day

And every day

Even for eternity. Amen.

WISDOM FROM MOTHER SETON

God commands us to love one another even with all our faults. Say nothing, do nothing then to pain any one. Carry those who give you pain in your heart before God, and think of their virtues instead of their faults.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST, WHICH IS NEXT SUNDAY IS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

After the 12 Noon Mass we will have a praise and worship service followed by a reception in the hall at 2pm. We will provide Fried Chicken and ask you to bring side dishes and desserts. (They can be left in the kitchen before the Mass & Service.) To help us to plan the meal, please contact Fr. Conley at frconley@comcast.net

NOT RECEIVING COMMUNION? If for some reason you are attending Mass but not receiving Holy Communion I would like to talk to you about it. Perhaps there is a solution to your dilemma that will enable you to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Please give me a call or email me at frconley@comcast.net

"WELL-WISHERS-"We have been informed that we should replace the well system for the parish before it breaks. The current system is over fifty-years old. We would like to take care of this issue over the summer. In order to do so we will need to raise \$50,000 as a special fundraiser. This effort has been endorsed by both the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils. The details of this effort will be shared with you as soon as possible.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

This is the time of year when we have elections for three seats on the Council. Two of the current Council members, Barbara Gallagher and Carl Holmberg are running for re-election. Elise Dent has also chosen to stand for election. As they are the only parishioners to express their interest in serving on the Council at this time, they will fill the three positions. So we won't have an election this year. **Many thanks to Mark Walter for his six years of service on the Council!**

PRAYER GROUP MEETING THIS THURSDAY

Our Prayer group meets this Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 and dinner will be served. Everyone is invited to come and join us for Spirit-filled praise and worship of our Lord. Please contact Fr. Conley to sign up frconley@comcast.net.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH WHO MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LAST SATURDAY:

Angelo Paul Adriani, Julianna Elizabeth Barker, David Michael Bennett, III, Brooke Elizabeth Binette, Zoey Grace Crecelius, Madison Riley-Jean Dent, Jeremiah James Douglas, Nicholas Aiden Ferrante, Daniel Ralph Fluhart, John Ashton Fort, Jr., Kaylee Dunlavey Frick, Nicholas Walkyr Gessford, D'Orsay Keith Green, Gabriel Tudla Hinson, Egypt De'Salya Jenifer, Eli Garnado Leggett, Elise Rose McDonald, Brandon Ace Middleton, Alexander William Montgomery, Peyton Michael Nash, Abigail LenAnn Payne, Jasmine LaShay Pickeral, Nathan Jeffrey Pruitt, Jake Eoghan Raley, Dylan Andrew Rollins, Noah Antonio Savoy, Guiliana Sofia Stefko, Joshua Butler Thomas, Shannon Marie Wenzlick, Dominik Robert Wiczorek, Caleb Alex Zarychta.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS is a group that represents 200 Christian families who live in Bethlehem the holy land, and make their living as wood carvers. After all the Masses on Saturday, May 19th, and Sunday, May 20th, the group represented by Alshouri family will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items, as they are also for sale. The profit goes to support the Christianity in the land of Christ. Please look at them.

Please visit our website, www.little-bethlehem.org

PADRE PIO BUS TRIP

Join St. Joseph's - Pomfret as they travel to the National Centre for Padre Pio in Pennsylvania to celebrate his birthday on Friday, May 25. The bus departs at 7am and will return at 10pm. At the National Centre, we'll begin with a recitation of the Rosary and veneration of a Padre Pio relic along with other birthday activities. We'll also be visiting A'dello Vineyard and Winery for a tour and tasting. Cost is \$75.00 and includes buffet style lunch, dinner, transportation and wine tasting. Contact the office to register at 301-539-3903 or stjoeformation@comcast.net

NEW SERIES! THE WILD GOOSE: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit Twice a month on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:45 in the hall. Dinner included. Cost is \$10. Join fellow parishioners for learning, discussion, prayer & praise about the Holy Spirit! Sessions began on 5/10 and will continue on 5/24, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23. It doesn't matter if you can't attend every session. Each night will have its own graces. You can sign up in the foyer or by contacting Fr. Conley at 301-870-2220 ext 13 or frconley@comcast.net

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER - Please support the ministry of The Catherine Foundation today by taking home a baby bottle to fill with coins, bills, or a check made payable to the organization. Baby bottles should be returned on or before Sunday, June 17, Father's Day. Your generosity enables The Catherine Foundation to provide free medical, educational, and material support for men and women dealing with an unexpected pregnancy. Please contact Janet Beck at: outreach@catherinefoundation.org).

SACRED HEART PARISH, LA PLATA will have a Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 11:30 – 5 p.m. Dinners will include 4 pieces of chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans and one roll.

Buckets of chicken will include 8 pieces of chicken, and 4 rolls. The price for dinners and buckets is \$14 each. Baked goods and a 50/50 raffle will also be available. For more information, call the church office at 301-934-2261.

TV MASS -

Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Please tell them about the Sunday TV Mass, which is produced by the Archdiocese of Washington and taped in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshipping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30am on WDCW-50. Dish or Direct TV subscribers: Ch. 50. Comcast: Ch. 3 in Southern Maryland.

NIGHT AT THE RACES FUNDRAISER: Please join new/old/current friends on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at 5:30 pm, Friendship Room, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in LaPlata for a fun filled evening of eating and horse racing. Dinner is \$20 per person (gourmet Italian Buffet); buying a horse is \$20 per horse; racing is \$2 per bet; cash bar. For more information please call Sharon Vaughan at 301-934-2983. This is a benefit for Mount Carmel Monastery of Maryland and is sponsored by the Restorers of Mount Carmel.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

SUN: 8am Eleanor Kalamar-Haupt & Patricia Ann Thompson, 10am Betty Ann Watson, **12N:** Parishioners, **MON:** 8am Benjamin M. Edelen, **TUES:** 8am Michael Whittington, **WED:** 8am Joseph L. Jones, **THURS:** 8am Larry Wood, **FRI:** 9:30am Mary Theresa Bowen, **SAT:** 9am Mary T. Edelen, 4pm Paul Istvan.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY

PRAYERS: Mary Bowes, Bill Branick, Frances Card, Joe Cross, Agnes Curtis, Chuck Davis, Kendall Farrell, George Fassel, Arlene Gandolfi, Martha Gehring, Judy Istvan-Windsor, Irma Johnson, Regina Kijesky, Marie Knobel, Lillian Komar, Susie Logan, Jim Middleton, Mary Emma Middleton, Larry Miller, Joseph Mona, Wayne Mullings, Ryan Myers, Joseph Quade, Mary Reeves, Sylvene Savoy, William Leon Savoy, Edna Sweeney, Beth Weise, Tim Welch, Brice Zimmer.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

\$8,698.56. The unidentified donations totaled \$572.31. We received \$739.80 for our School Support.