



## OLDEST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE ORIGINAL THIRTEEN STATES

Founded in 1641 by Jesuits who arrived on the Ark and Dove to assist in forming a new English Colony, St. Ignatius Church, in Port Tobacco, Maryland, remains the oldest continuously serving Catholic Parish in the original thirteen States. It was here, in 1789, that Father John Carroll was invested as the first Roman Catholic bishop in the United States, although his consecration took place later in England, thereby establishing the Diocese of Baltimore. *(Picture in Public Domain, from WikiCommons.)*

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# Church of the Good Shepherd

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### MASSES

Sundays 8:30, 10:30 am,  
12:00, 5:30 pm  
Saturdays 8:00 am & 5:30 pm Vigil  
Holy Days 6:30, 12:05, 7:30 pm  
Monday-Friday 6:30 am, 12:05 pm

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00-5:00 pm  
Fridays before 12:05 pm Mass

### BAPTISMS

**ONLY** on the 4th Sunday of the month.  
Please call the Parish Office  
regarding preparations.

### MARRIAGES

Please make an appointment  
with one of the priests six months before  
the event.

### DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Devotion:  
First Fridays 12:30-1:30 pm  
Fatima Devotion: First Saturday  
after the 8:00 am Mass

**Two Anniversaries: Our Nation and Our Parish**

This weekend marks the first anniversary of my arrival at Good Shepherd as your Pastor.

The past year has been a wonderful experience for me, and I am very grateful for the warm welcome you have all given me. I am especially grateful for the help, moral support, and friendship given me by Father Colm O’Ryan, your former pastor who remains with us in retirement, and Father George O’Brien, who has been in residence doing fill-in service for these many years.

It has been truly a delight getting to know you and becoming part of this tremendously vital Good Shepherd and Beverly Hills community.

This first year has been one of observing and waiting, all the while trying to be as faithful as I can in serving you and meeting your needs and expectations. Experience has taught me, sometimes painfully, that hasty and precipitous action all too often brings regret, and lasting change must be in the form of organic growth -- evolution, not revolution.

At this time, however, foundations are being laid for the future growth and well-being of our parish community in a very significant way. Last month, we welcomed Deacon Eric Stoltz to ministry here at Good Shepherd. He will continue to be here for one or two Masses every Sunday, and will preach the homily about once a month. As he gets to know the parish and you get to know him, you’ll discover what tremendous gifts he brings to the many areas of ministry here.

This week, Mr. Michael Caraway will be joining our parish staff as Director of Administration. His responsibilities will include nearly every aspect of running the business and administrative side of the parish. Having someone in this position has long been a felt need here. In fact, before I came, the Parish Finance Council recommended that a person be hired to manage parish business, but Fr. Colm wisely decided it would be better if the new pastor be free to do that. I’ve spent the past year uncovering the various needs and challenges unique to this parish (every parish is different!) in order to find the best person to help fulfill those needs. I also bring fifteen years of experience working in my former parish hand-in-hand with a Director of Administration in managing the complexities of a modern parish. After a two-month search by a committee made of up of parishioners, several candidates were presented to me for interview, and the search committee concurred with me that Michael Caraway was the best choice. He begins work this week, and you will have a opportunity to meet him over the next few weeks.

This week, we are also beginning a year-long strategic planning process called the Parish Assessment and Renewal. Father Tom Sweetser, a Jesuit from Milwaukee, will guide us in assessing our own strengths and weaknesses as a parish community in relation to our fulfillment of the Mission of Jesus Christ in our midst, which, after all, is what we are all about. He has worked with several hundred parishes over more than thirty years, and if anyone in the United States knows the best practices and potentials of American parishes deeply and intimately, it’s Father Sweetser. He worked with me at my former parish, Our Lady of the Assumption in Claremont, and helped its people to grow into a dynamic and vibrant faith community. You will certainly be hearing more about this as the summer progresses, and every member of the parish will have the opportunity to take part.

As pastor of my former parish, I was frequently asked to be a guest speaker at the Independence Day Celebration at Memorial Park in Claremont. I valued this invitation because it was an opportunity to bring our Catholic faith tradition into the American public forum in a unique way. As we celebrate the Fourth of July this year, I’ve been asked to post some of the best of these speeches on my website/blog, <http://tomwelbers.net>. I’ve covered such topics as the cost of Religious Freedom, Humility as a National Virtue, Father Junipero Serra, The Real Meaning of "under God," and an early reflection on the election of Pope Benedict XVI. Of course, the tragic event of September 11, 2001 forms the backdrop for many of these reflections, and it remains an ongoing challenge to probe the realities of our world today in light of faith. This is not a task that yields easy certitudes, and always requires generous understanding.

My daily prayers are with you as we together seek to be faithful to the Lord’s call in our midst. I love you.

Fr. Tom Welbers

## PRAYER MINISTRIES

— **Meditation** times in our Parish Center Chapel, Tuesday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 PM and Thursday mornings, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon.

### — Prayer Shawl Ministry

For those who like to pray as they knit and crochet come join our new prayer shawl group. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet we can teach you.

We meet on the first and third Mondays, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, and once a month on the third Saturday, from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. If you would like to join this prayer ministry or request a prayer shawl for a friend or loved one, please call the Parish Office at **(310) 285-5425**.

### — Prayer Ministry Letter

You will receive a letter once a month listing Parish needs. You are invited to pray with these intentions during the month.

### — Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Many people call asking for prayers for a sick person, a surgery, someone dying etc... this prayer group would receive an e-mail, giving the name of the person and their request for prayer. Just think of the power of prayer reaching out all over the parish!

Please call the Parish Office at **(310) 285-5425** if you are interested in any one of these ministries.

## BIBLE STUDY NEWS

The Adult Bible Study Group is a discussion and faith-sharing group; not a lecture class. Thus, if you join the Bible Study Group, you will not feel as though you are returning to a classroom. We meet twice a month on **Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon** and **Monday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** Parish Center. **Monday evenings** is a repeat of the Saturday session.

Our next gathering will be on **Saturday, September 11, 2010**. At that time we will be studying the **“Book of Exodus.”**

If you would like to join or obtain more information about our Bible Study sessions, please call Sister Kathleen at **(310) 285-5425**

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

A new Class will begin in September for all high school students interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more information, please call Sister Kathleen at **(310) 285-5425**.

## YOUNG AT HEART

The Young At Heart Senior Group will gather Saturday, **July 10, 2010** at **11:00 AM**. There will be a speaker followed by lunch. The lunch will be \$10.00 per person. Please contact the parish office at **(310) 285-5425** to RSVP no later than **July 7, 2010**.

## SUMMER SCHOOL OFFERED AT GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

The summer school for graduating **Kindergarten through 8th grade students** will be offered from July 5th through July 23rd in the morning and afternoon. The **morning session** will be from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm and include reading, language arts and math. The cost for the morning session is \$300 for 3 weeks and payment is due when registering.

The **afternoon session** will offer a choice of Art from 12:30 – 2:00 pm at \$200 for the 3 weeks or Physical Fitness from 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm at \$300 for the 3 weeks with payment due when registering.

The **Pre-K summer session program** is being offered in 1 week sessions through August 6. The sessions are Monday to Thursday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm and Friday from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Activities are designed for 3 year olds through kindergarteners and will include water play, art, sports, science, simple cooking, literacy building activities, math, music and movement. The sessions are \$200 per week and payment is due when registering.

You may call the school at **(310) 275-8601** for more information or to make an appointment for a tour; or visit the school website at

**www.goodshepherdbeverlyhills.com**

## REGISTRATION

### FOR GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS STILL BEING ACCEPTED

Registration is still being accepted for Good Shepherd Parish School (Preschool—8th Grade), located at *148 South Linden Drive, (approximately 5 minutes south of the church) on the corner of Linden Drive and Charleville Blvd.*

Registration information and forms may be found on the Good Shepherd School website:

**www.goodshepherdbeverlyhills.com**

Parents who are not familiar with Good Shepherd School are invited to take a tour of the school or call the Admissions Director, Sharon Monroe at **(310) 275-8601** or email her at:

**admissions@goodshepherdbeverlyhills.com**

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed this **Monday, July 5**, in observance of 4th of July. We will reopen on **Tuesday, July 6th, 2010**.

## HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Have a Happy and safe 4th of July.



**THE HISTORY  
AND HERITAGE OF OUR FAITH**

Join Fr. Tom Welbers in this informative and entertaining six-week course covering the high (and low) points of our 2000-year history as Catholics. These sessions will be from **7:00 to 9:00 PM, Monday evenings** beginning **July 12** in the Good Shepherd Room of the Parish Center.

Here is a description of the first session:

**July 12** - The pagan world and the beginning of the Church: What happened during the first three centuries after Jesus? Where did the Bible come from? Why were there conflicts among Christians even back then, and why were Christians persecuted.

See last week's bulletin on the parish website for a description of all the sessions

**PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM ABUSE**

There are 25,857 Catholic parishes and schools in the United States. If every Catholic parish or school could stop just one child from being abused we could make a tremendous difference. Abuse prevention training programs are available on a regular basis in English and Spanish throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, **(213) 637-7227**.

**BUNDLE SUNDAY**

Our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday on **July 18, 2010** for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items, small appliances, books, etc. They are also in desperate need of all types of furniture and large appliances. For large items including furniture and appliance, please **phone 323-224-6280** for a special free pickup at your home. Remember your contributions will be helping the needy.

**ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS**

Gain new customers right here in the church.

Church members want to do business with people they can trust - namely, their fellow parishioners. Advertising in the bulletin helps parishioners who are business owners reach a very loyal audience. **Potential new customers are sitting right next to you in church.** Next Sunday, we ask that you bring your business cards to Mass and place it in the offering basket. **Please do not put your business card in your offering envelope.** A representative from our bulletin printer will contact you regarding advertising in our weekly bulletin. Thank you for your consideration.

**WISDOM**

Wisdom has been defined as knowing the difference between pulling your weight and throwing it around.

— Anonymous