



71A-019 Sacred Heart Catholic Church (White Marsh) and Cemetery

16101 Annapolis Road

Bowie vicinity

Originally built in 1741, altered and rebuilt in 1855 and 1876, Sacred Heart is a gable-roof stone church with gothic-arch windows and decorative quoin patterns at the corners; at one end is the eighteenth-century sanctuary with semi-octagonal sacristy, and at the other is a Victorian frame bell tower. The sanctuary and sacristy survive from the original church, rebuilt after a fire in 1853. The grounds include an ancient cemetery and a Second Empire-style rectory. Roman Catholic clergy met here in April 1789 to elect John Carroll, a native of Upper Marlboro, as the first Roman Catholic bishop in the United States.