

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit, and described seeing Jesus standing at God's right hand. Then he was dragged away and stoned to death before many witnesses who did not believe his words. Before dying he cried, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."



Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John hears a voice saying, "Remember I am coming soon!" This messenger for Jesus says that he will come to reward those who are deserving. Those who hear the call of the Spirit are encouraged to answer by accepting Jesus.

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for all the people who will believe in him through the words of his disciples. His prayer is that the world will live in unity, with Jesus living in us as he lives in God. Although we have not known God, we know Jesus was sent by God because of his love for us. He prays that this love will live on in all people.



For the Week of May 8th through May 14th

Sunday

Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or The Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17



The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 7th

4:00 p.m. Mass for All Mothers

Sunday, May 8th

8:00 a.m. Mass for All Mothers

10:00 a.m. Mass for All Mothers

Monday, May 9th

8:30 a.m. Arthur Engle

Tuesday, May 10th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, May 11th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, May 12th

8:30 a.m. Marie Gillen

Friday, May 13th

8:30 a.m. Kitty Harris

Saturday, May 14th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, May 15th

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz II

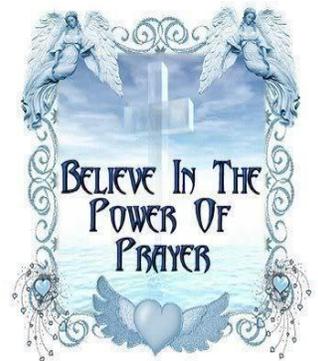
10:00 a.m. Major Ralph K. Rothwell, Sr.

REMEMBERING THE
SICK OF THE PARISH:
Remember in your prayers

the sick of the parish:
*Barron Scott, Barbara
Darrah, John Troffo,
Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia
Dana, Ryan Elizabeth
Quintero, Edith Follin,*

*Elizabeth Montague, Angela Wilmer, Agnes
Knuedler, Faith King, Ray Brilz, and all those
whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF
INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of
Sacred Heart/St. John's.*

NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.



PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

May you walk with God, this spring & summer...In whatever you do and wherever you go.

LAST DAY OF PREP CLASSES – This Sunday May 8th !

PREP CLOSING MASS: Next Sunday, all PREP students and their families should plan to attend the Closing Mass for PREP on **May 15th** so that we could have 100% participation to close out our year together. This will be a Children's Mass with the liturgical roles filled by our children. Students will be sitting together with their PREP Catechists and fellow students in the front and center pews of the church. Also, please join us for a social fellowship after mass just outside the rectory and hall.

Let's finish the year strong by sending the message to the children that our "faith matters".

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Registration forms for the summer Vacation Bible School Program are available on the bulletin boards at the doors of the church. Sacred Heart Parish will be joining once again with The Presbyterian Church of Chestertown and several other local churches to offer a wonderful Vacation Bible School opportunity for our children on **June 20 - 23, 2016**. Contact Ann Ashe for more information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Spring cleaning? Catholic Charities can turn the household goods you no longer use into a welcome addition for a household in need. We need your clean and useable furniture, appliances, beds, mattresses, and household goods. Do you have any items to donate? Bring them to our Wilmington Thrift Center, 1320 E 23 Rd. Street, Wilmington DE 19802. Have large items? We can provide pickup! For additional information about the donation program, or to make arrangements for a large donation, please call 302-764- 2717 or email at Thrift@ccwilm.org. Don't forget - all donations are tax-deductible.

Catholic Charities also accepts donations of cars and other motor vehicles to support our programs benefiting the most vulnerable in our communities. Catholic Charities will accept all vehicle donations regardless of condition or registration status, arrange for vehicle pickup, if necessary, and provide you with an IRS tax receipt for your records. In addition to automobiles, Catholic Charities accepts donated cars, trucks, boats, RVs and motorcycles in any condition. The Thrift Center also accepts donations of new or gently used household goods, furniture, and working appliances. For additional information about the donation program, or to make arrangements for donation, please call 844-940- GIVE or 844-940- 4483. You can also visit our website at cdow.org/charities, and click on the DONATE button for car donation information. Don't forget - all donations are tax-deductible.

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS



TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

We meet weekly following the **10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday**. The readings of the day are discussed so that we can better apply them to our daily lives; and a particular piece of Catholic doctrine is then presented and explored. This is a wonderful way to grow in knowledge of our faith!

Won't you join us?

THIS WEEK: May 8th: EVANGELIZATION

Facilitator: Dick Swanson

Jesus gives the divine commission to his disciples and ascends to his Father. We are called to go forth and share what Jesus has given us with those still asleep to his life within. Thus, the focus of today's doctrinal session will be what the Church teaches us about EVANGELIZATION.

Next Week: Prayer

Facilitator: Barbara Kelly

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

2016 Annual Catholic Appeal – *"Blessed are the Merciful for They Shall Obtain Mercy"*

In celebration of the Holy Father's acclamation of the Holy Year of Mercy, we are called to "rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time." The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, *Blessed are the Merciful for They Shall Obtain Mercy*, reminds us that we are given the opportunity to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through our actions, touching people's lives and offering hope.

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12 county diocese. **Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and at the doors and can be placed in the offertory basket.** To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org and click on "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal."

PARISH NEWS

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO

PARADISE: Please remember in your prayers Marie Gillen and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COLLEGE

SCHOLARSHIP: The Father Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus will be awarding its Charter Member Scholarship to a deserving high school senior or seniors to assist with their college educational needs. The application forms are located in the front areas of Sacred Heart or St. John's. **The completed application forms must be received by May 25, 2016.** If you have any questions, please contact Steve Sappey at (443) 480-4368.

BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S:

Mark your calendars for the next Breakfast of the season scheduled for **Sunday, May 15th following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's Church Hall.** We welcome any "family favorite" breakfast dishes that you would like to share alongside the traditional breakfast menu! There is no charge - received donations help those with need in our Parish. We look forward to seeing you there!



PARISH MEETING: The monthly Parish Meeting will be this Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. Please come and share ideas with your fellow parishioners.



ALTAR FLOWERS - We have not budgeted for flowers or floral supplies. If you would like to make a donation please call Louise Shearer at 410-490-3595 or Mary Johnson at 410-778-2230. Thank you to those who have donated garden flowers.

KICK OFF TO SUMMER FAMILY DINNER RAFFLE:

Luisa's Cantina Italiana - Dinner, dessert, and drinks for 6 people. There are pasta or pizza options available. **The drawing is Sunday, June 5th.** Tickets are \$3.00; 2 for \$5.00; or 5 for \$10.00. **Tickets will be available for purchase after Masses at Sacred Heart and St. John's parishes on May 14/15th and May 28/29th.** For more information, contact Beverly at 410-708-4722, Lanae at 443-350-5265, or Kara at 443-480-8669, or see the flyers at the entrances of the Churches.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: It is time once again to make changes to your PROFILE in the MSP Scheduling System. Please indicate your mass preferences and your "can't serve dates" in the system **no later than Wednesday, May 11th.** The next schedule will include June, July and August. *Thank you.*

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND: As more and more of our priests reach the age of retirement, your support of the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund is vital. Next week at all Masses, we will hold a special collection to support the many fine priests who have dedicated their lives to service of the faithful of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. You can meet four of our retired priests; Fr. Raymond Forester, Msgr. Daniel McGlynn, Fr. Leonard Kempinski and Fr. Edward Stork, and learn about their ministry on a short video posted on the diocesan website, cdow.org. Please be as generous as possible.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

ELECTRONIC GIVING: It is possible to make your weekly financial commitment to the Parish using Electronic Funds Transfer. We are encouraging everyone to consider using this contribution method. Contact Senta Burton with any questions at 410-778-3160, or senta.burton@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

Offertory - Week Ending 5/1/16 Week 44

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John's are made possible. "Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 05/01 Wk.44	\$5,595	\$2,090	\$6,442	\$1,243
YTD Wk. 44	\$232,284	\$48,359	\$283,448	-\$2,805

