

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.



Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son of God!"



For the Week of April 9th through
April 15th

Sunday

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Holy Saturday

Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,

9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11;

Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11;

Mt 28:1-10



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, April 8th

4:00 p.m.

Joseph and Jane Gencavage

Sunday, April 9th

8:00 a.m.

Helen and Albert Hanger

10:00 a.m.

Harry Coleman

Monday April 10th

8:30 a.m.

Shirley Tinelli

Tuesday, April 11th

8:30 a.m.

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Wednesday April 12th

8:30 a.m.

Charley Moloney

Thursday, April 13th

7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday
No Liturgy This Morning
For our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

Friday, April 14th

3:00 p.m.

Good Friday
No Liturgy This Morning
For our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

Saturday, April 15th

8:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday
For our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

Sunday, April 16th

8:00 a.m.

Easter

10:00 a.m.

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REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Bob Dunn, Elizabeth Montague, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Jennifer Willis, Delores Carmen, Ed Kolsun, Laurenson Ward,* and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.



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.

Palm Sunday

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Reflection for Families: There is much to reflect on in this reading. One interesting note, however, is the different responses Judas and Peter had when they came face to face with their rejection of Christ. After his three denials, Peter “wept bitterly.” These tears of regret led the way to reconciliation when Peter first encountered the risen Christ. Judas, on the other hand, knew what he did was wrong, but he couldn't face the hopelessness his actions brought. To relieve the pain of what he had done, Judas took his own life. Some days it is difficult (even beyond measure) to be a parent. The lesson we learn today is that reconciliation and healing bring us long-term joy instead of living in the harsh bitterness of despair.

Bringing the Gospel into your Family – Either in your parish or some outside setting, pray the Stations of the Cross. Many booklets are available (ask at your parish or local religious bookstore) for families to follow the Passion of Jesus. If possible, allow the children to lead the prayer at some of the stations.

Discussion Starters

1. The part of Jesus' Passion that means the most to me (and why) is...
2. I know how Peter felt. One time I knew what the right thing was to do, but was afraid to do it. I remember feeling...
3. One incident of reconciliation I remember that brought about significant healing was...

HOLY WEEK:

Holy Thursday Mass (Sacred Heart):
April 13th - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service (Sacred Heart):
April 14th - 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Mass (Sacred Heart):
April 15th - 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16th:

St. John - 8:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart - 10:00 a.m.

SAINTS OF APRIL

BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

Feast Day: April 16th

Imagine seeing our Blessed Mother not just once, but 18 times! That is the blessing Bernadette Soubirous was given for five months in 1858.

One day, Bernadette, her sister, and a friend were gathering firewood near their home in Lourdes, France.

Suddenly a lovely Lady dressed in blue and white appeared to Bernadette above a rose bush in a small cave. The Lady held a rosary and made the Sign of the Cross. Bernadette, who was only 14 years old, fell to her knee and began to pray the rosary.

The Lady spoke to Bernadette lovingly and with respect. This was a surprise to Bernadette. She came from a poor family and had little education. She was not used to being treated so kindly.

During one of her appearances, Bernadette asked the Lady who she was. The woman replied, “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Bernadette did not understand what this meant. It was later explained to her that the words “Immaculate Conception” describe Mary, who was free from sin from the first moment of her life in her mother's womb. It was only then that Bernadette began to understand that it was our Blessed Mother Mary who was appearing to her.

One day, Mary asked Bernadette to use her hands to dig in the mud near the cave. When Bernadette obeyed the Lady's request, a spring began to flow from the mud. It grew larger and larger and still flows today. At our Blessed Mother's request, a chapel was built on the site.

Millions of people have made pilgrimages to Lourdes. They bathe in the waters from the spring and pray for healing.

After the appearances stopped, Bernadette tried to live a quiet life. She belonged to a poor family and was not in the best of health. She became a Sister of Charity of Nevers when she was 22 and died in 1879, when she was only 35. St. Bernadette lived with great faith even when people doubted her word. Her example teaches us to pray that Mary will help us to have faith in all of Jesus' teachings.

PARISH NEWS



Offertory - Week Ending 04/02/16 - Week 40

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 4/02- Wk.40	\$5,468	\$1,875	\$6,346	\$997
YTD Wk. 40	\$203,155	\$38,815	\$253,840	-\$11,870

In 2016 through Stop Hunger Now/Rise Against Hunger, 367,211 volunteers were able to package and distribute 64,182,643 meals in 43 countries. Here in Chestertown, 70 volunteers from Sacred Heart Parish and Christ United Methodist Church packaged 15,124 of those meals.

Our next Meal Packaging Event will be held on **Saturday, October 21, 2017**. The more money we raise, the more meals we can package and send around the world to hungry people. Donations in support of this project can be placed in the regular collection. Please use a separate envelope and mark it Rise Against Hunger. Thank you to those who have already volunteered and/or donated. Contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 or wmandersonfamily@verizon.net for questions or to volunteer or visit the website at www.riseagainsthunger.org.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL – FOR LENT, FOR LIFE

**FOR LENT
FOR LIFE**

WHAT YOU GIVE
UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.

The season of Lent is marked by many traditions among Catholics in the United States. Symbolized by its ubiquitous cardboard box, CRS Rice

Bowl has been a tradition for generations of Catholics. Beginning in 1975 as a response to a growing famine in Africa, CRS Rice Bowl today shines a light on the Catholic community's commitment to poor and vulnerable families – our brothers and sisters. Their lives are improving in meaningful, measurable ways through the humanitarian programs and services provided by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Church around the world.

This year, CRS Rice Bowl provides a path for Catholics in the United States to build, what Pope Francis calls "a culture of encounter". By following the daily Lenten calendar, sharing the weekly stories of hope, and making the meatless meals, participants will follow a personal journey that leads to us seeing ourselves in the faces of our neighbors, cultivating a spirit of global solidarity and encountering God's love anew.

Please take a CRS Rice Bowl home with you this week! PLEASE NOTE – Rice Bowls can be brought into the Religious Ed. Classrooms, or to any Mass during the month of April.

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 22, 2017.** If you have any questions, please contact Steve at (443) 480-4368.



Christ United Methodist Church is hosting a "Concert of Sacred Music" on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at 401 High Street, Chestertown. There will be a love offering taken up at this concert to benefit the Rise Against Hunger Meal packaging event. All are invited to attend. Bring a friend!

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.

LET'S DANCE for fun, smiles and exercise!! Zumba Gold® is being offered at Sacred Heart - for the active, older adult/beginner. There is no fee to our Sacred Heart & St. John's parishioners. The class is led by a certified Zumba Gold® instructor. **Classes are every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.** in the Church Hall. Please contact Sharon Burritt at 410-708-8048 with any questions.

HOSPITAL VISITS: We are not able to access patient records from the Chester River Hospital Center. If you or someone in your family is a patient, and you wish to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office at 410-778-3160, and provide us with the patient's name and room number and we will do our best to accommodate the request.

