

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ's resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

After his resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, "You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and believed."



For the Week of April 23rd through April 29th

Sunday

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21



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 22nd

4:00 p.m.

Anita Gelderman

Sunday, April 23rd

8:00 a.m.

**For our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased
Peter Emmet Curtin**

10:00 a.m.

Monday April 24th

8:30 a.m.

Robert G. Davidson, Jr.

Tuesday, April 25th

8:30 a.m.

Joseph Makravitz

Wednesday April 26th

8:30 a.m.

**For our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased**

Thursday, April 27th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Friday, April 28th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, April 29th

4:00 p.m.

Joseph Spurrier

Sunday, April 30th

8:00 a.m.

Joseph Bolger

10:00 a.m.

Edith Follin

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 PARISHIONER: The following family has registered in our parish recently: William Maloney of Chestertown. We pray that you will become closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community. We look forward to getting to know you. Welcome!

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

Bringing the Gospel Home

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 16,
2017

John 20:1-9



Reflection for Families: Most parents have discovered by now that things aren't always as they seem. A poured out bottle of laundry detergent wasn't really mischievous behavior, but rather an attempt to surprise you with a generous gift of service. Or secret whispers are not an attempt to hide some wrongdoing but rather an effort to plan a surprise for you. Things weren't as they seemed to Mary Magdalene either that first Easter morning. Our errors in perception often work to remind us that God's plan is not always obvious, but that we are challenged to trust in the promise of the resurrection.

Bringing the Gospel into your Family – Place symbols of Easter such as lighted candles, eggs, and lilies at your dinner table today. Ask some “wondering” questions about how these items might have become symbols for Easter. What do they suggest to us about the Gospel story we read today? How can we be symbols of the Easter message to each other and those outside our family?

Discussion Starters

1. The symbol that means the most to me at Easter (and why) is...
2. Mary Magdalene recognized Jesus' voice when he called her name. One time I know Jesus called my name when...
3. I will share the good news of Easter this week by...



CRS Rice Bowls may be deposited in the baskets at the doors of the church or in the Religious Education building any Sunday for the remainder of the month of April. Thank you for your sacrifices!

CONFIRMATION



We congratulate and celebrate the following young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation **on Saturday, April 29 at the 4:00 p.m.**

Liturgy. This final Sacrament of Initiation signals the entrance of these young people into the full life of the Church; and we are pleased to note that six of these newly confirmed have already indicated an interest in participating in the ministries of Sacred Heart Parish. Their catechists, Dana Squares, Julie Armstrong and Kris Vollmer have encouraged these young people throughout this year of formation through their own Christian witness and involvement in parish ministries. We are truly blessed to have so many committed adults sharing faith with our children in the Parish Religious Education Program:

Veronica Antao	John Paskoski, III
Samuel Braver	James Pratt
Jaylin Fairbank	Hailey Ritter
McKenzie Hemingway	James Terrill
John Ryan Lysinger	Olivia Terzaghi
Seth Mohen	Gillian Weigman
Angelo Moore, II	Abbey Zsebedics



ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO HAS NEVER RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

If you are an adult or older teen who, for whatever reason, was never confirmed in the Catholic faith, and would now like to receive this third and final Sacrament of Initiation, Sacred Heart Parish will be offering a four session preparation opportunity that will enable you to receive this sacrament on Pentecost Sunday (June 4) with other adults in the Diocese.

If you are ever asked to be a god-parent or a Confirmation sponsor for a young relative or friend, it is necessary for you to be fully initiated yourself; that is, it is necessary for you to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist **and Confirmation.**

If you are interested in becoming a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, please call or email Barbara Kelly at 410-778-4650 or barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com. The sessions will begin in May.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending 04/16/16 – Week 42

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 4/16- Wk.42	\$3,777	\$650	\$6,346	-1,919\$
YTD Wk. 42	\$212,026	\$40,080	\$266,532	-\$14,426

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.

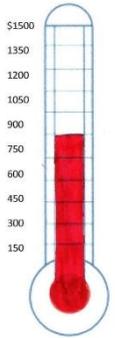
LET'S DANCE for fun, smiles and exercise!! Zumba Gold® is being offered at Sacred Heart - for the active, older adult/beginner. There is no fee to our Sacred Heart & St. John's parishioners. The class is led by a certified Zumba Gold® instructor. **Classes are every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.** in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



Sacred Heart Parish, in partnership with Christ United Methodist Church, is sponsoring a meal

packaging event for Rise Against Hunger on **Saturday, October 21, 2017**. Each meal costs 29 cents to process and deliver. **Sacred Heart Parish has committed to raise \$1,500.00 to help cover the cost of the meals. So far we have collected \$840.00.** Thank you to all who have already donated. Donations in support of this project can be placed in the regular weekly collection. Please, use a separate envelope and mark it Rise Against Hunger. Together we can do great things!



Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until noon:

We are joining with our friends at CUMC to have another yard sale --- last year's yard sale raised over \$900.00 thanks to the generosity of Sacred Heart/St. John parishioners. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please set aside useable items you no longer want or need (no clothing or electrical appliances, please.) If you have items to donate and/or would like to have your donations picked up, contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243/ wmandersonfamily@verizon.net.



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!

For more information about Rise Against Hunger, visit their website at www.riseagainsthunger.org.

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.

