

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, and then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.



Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

For the Week of March 27th through April 2nd

Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12;

or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

First Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

First Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15



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, March 26th (Holy Saturday)

7:30 p.m. Mass for the People

Sunday, March 27th (Happy Easter!)

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. Mass for the People

Monday March 28th

8:30 a.m. Kurt Maloney

Tuesday, March 29th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday March 30th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, March 31st

8:30 a.m. John Magrogan

Friday, April 1st

3:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Saturday, April 2nd

8:30 a.m. Walda Kardos

4:00 p.m. Ann R. Sullivan

Sunday, April 3rd

8:00 a.m. Helen and Albert Hangar

10:00 a.m. Alex Rasin



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, Sandy Bugni, Angela Wilmer, 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

"We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song!" Pope John Paul II

NO PREP CLASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY!

EASTER MESSAGE: The Catechists and Staff of the Parish Religious Education Program wish you and your families a very **HAPPY EASTER!** As Christians who believe in the Resurrection, let us strive to be models of love and hope for the world.

FAMILY OF FAITH MEETING FOR 1ST EUCHARIST FAMILIES - We will meet in the Parish Hall from **11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 24th.** At this meeting for parents and children, we will complete our preparations for the reception of the Sacrament and rehearse for the special day.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Please pray for the following young people as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next weekend... that the Holy Spirit inspire them to be the best version of themselves:

Cassidy Braver
Nick Hale
Lauren Pierce
David Alexander
Ally Shearon
Mathew Antao
Ana Pavon
Cody Walton
Ryleigh Paskoski
Cassy Blake.

PREP CALENDAR:

APRIL:

Sunday, April 3rd - RE CLASSES – Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:00 a.m. Mass
Sunday, April 10th – RE CLASSES
Sunday, April 17th – RE CLASSES
Sunday, April 24th – RE CLASSES – 1st Communion Family of Faith Meeting

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SAVE THE DATE: Sacred Heart Parish will be joining once again with The Presbyterian Church of Chestertown to offer a wonderful Vacation Bible School opportunity for our children on **June 20 - 23.** We are beginning the search for volunteers who would be interested in helping. Please contact Ann Ashe, DRE.

JOURNEY OF Faith

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!

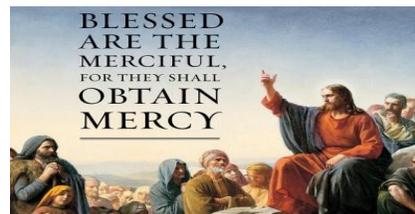
Won't you join us?

This weekend there will be no session.

NEXT WEEKEND: April 3rd
Revelation – Part 1
Facilitator: Mary Jo Frohlich

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

2016 Annual Catholic Appeal – “Blessed are the Merciful for They Shall Obtain Mercy”



In the Resurrection of Jesus we find hope in the prospect of everlasting life in heaven. But to obtain eternal life, we must accept the Lord's invitation to follow Him by imitating His love and compassion for others.

During the weekend of April 9 and 10, our parish will participate in the 2016 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. Funds generated through the Appeal support the work of the Church by responding to an abundance of human needs within our diocese. Your gift helps bring Christ to those who seek his presence - the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly.

As Christian stewards we are called to a lifelong conversion to the ways of Jesus. Each of us is asked to examine the blessings we have received from God and to discern how best to use them for others. We do this cheerfully and sacrificially and with faith in God's love for us, knowing that He will provide for our earthly wants.

You can learn more about the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal by reading next week's *Dialog* or visiting the diocesan website at www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal."

STOP HUNGER NOW

EVENTS COMING IN APRIL:

Sunday, April 17th at 4:00 p.m. – Christ United Methodist Church is hosting a concert of sacred music. A free will offering will be taken up to benefit *Stop Hunger Now*.

Saturday, April 23rd from 8:00 a.m. until noon – Sacred Heart/St. John's Parish has been invited to participate in a yard sale to be held in the CUMC Hall. Please look around your house for items you no longer want or need and would like to donate (*no clothing or electrical appliances, please*). If you would like to have your items picked up, contact Ann Anderson.

For more information or to volunteer to help with either of these events, or the meal packaging event on October 22, 2016, you may contact Ann Anderson at wmandersonfamily@verizon.net or 410-778-4243. Monetary donations for *Stop Hunger Now* can be placed in the regular collection in a separate envelope marked "*Stop Hunger Now*". Thank you to all who have already donated.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARY: The Cathedral of St. Peter, 5th and West Streets, is celebrating its 200th year. Bishop Malooly will celebrate the anniversary on the Third Sunday of Easter, **April 10, 2016**. All are invited, especially former members and school alumni. For additional information, call 302-654-5920 or visit the Cathedral website at www.cathedralofstpeter.com.

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU Lenten Program Volunteers - This message is for all those who have been "the hands and the feet" of Christ this Lenten season in our church community of Sacred Heart - over 30 volunteers in all! Thank you for your "yes" and for your efforts to make this a very prayerful, spirit filled, holy season in preparation for Easter. Whether you participated in a program, shared soup and bread, presented a program, stacked chairs and tables, handed out programs, washed dishes or simply made yourself available in any way....You were a necessary part of our community's Lenten Journey and a beautiful example of an active, authentic Christian community.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The Ministry Schedule has been published for April – May. Please take a moment this week to review your schedule online and please ask for a sub for any day you are not able to serve. Thank you for your service to our community. If you have questions, contact Ann Ashe.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

Offertory - Week Ending 3/20/16 Week 38

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 03/20- Wk.38	\$5,038	\$510	\$6,442	-\$894
YTD Wk. 38	\$194,497	\$41,864	\$244,796	-\$8,435

BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S: Mark your calendars for the next Breakfast of the season scheduled for **Sunday, April 17th 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!!

PRAYER SERVICE AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST: Rev. David Ryan (Pastor of First and Christ United Methodist Churches in Chestertown) sends out the following invitation: "*Community Prayer Gathering April 5th, 7:00 at the Chapel of First UMC. You are invited to join with other persons of faith in our community for a "Prayer Gathering for Chestertown". We will plan to spend about an hour together, praying for our Schools, our elected officials, those who serve our community in law enforcement, Fire and Rescue departments, businesses, social services, and our general community.*"



