

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus had appeared many times to His disciples after His resurrection. On this final occasion, Jesus' departing message is that they will soon receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work. No sooner does He say this, he is taken up to heaven before their eyes.



Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may grant wisdom and enlightenment to the Ephesians so that they may know the great hope to which they are called. Every power has been given to Christ who now reigns in heaven. He is the "head of the church, which is His body."

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus told His disciples to go and spread the gospel to every creature, to the world. Jesus also spoke of the signs that will accompany those who believe in Christ. After He spoke with them, He was taken into heaven and took His seat the right hand of God.



For the Week of May 13th through
May 19th

Sunday

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Or in some Ecclesiastical Provinces: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

Monday

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

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

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25



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 12th

4:00 p.m.

Mass for All Mothers

Sunday, May 13th

8:00 a.m.

Mass for All Mothers

10:00 a.m.

Mass for All Mothers

Monday, May 14th

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 15th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday May 16th

8:30 a.m.

For Our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

Thursday, May 17th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Friday, May 18th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, May 19th

4:00 p.m.

Danny McCreary

Sunday, May 20th

8:00 a.m.

Donna and Bob House
50th Wedding Anniversary

10:00 a.m.

Jacob Pratt

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers
the sick of the parish:

*John Troffo, Valerie
Lindyberg, Patricia Dana,
Elizabeth Montague, Angela
Wilmer, Faith King,*

*Laurenson Ward, Rosemary Keating, Jean
Tubman, Eugenia Brooks, 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.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Bringing the Gospel Home

The Ascension of the Lord
Mark 16:15-20

Reflection for Parents

There is an expression, "preaching to the choir." It is easy to preach to the choir because they already believe in the Good News and share our faith. The challenge for us as parents who live as disciples and teach our children that they too are disciples comes when we meet people that are not "in the choir." Do we sometimes give up or turn away from our commission to carry the Good News to all people?

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

After reading this gospel with your family, ask each member to choose a word that most makes an impression on him/her. Once all members have shared their word, have them explain how they see that word alive in the world today, in their own actions, or in actions they think would make the world a better place. Help one another make plans to carry the Good News to others.

Discussion Starters:

1. I know Jesus' spirit is with me as a disciple because...
2. I see signs of other disciples bringing the Good News into the world when...
3. One way I will take the Good News into all the world is...

PARENTING POINTERS:

Sunday May 13: Today is Mother's Day. What does it mean to be a mother? Does it mean to give birth? That's only one day. If your children are old enough, brainstorm with them things that a good mother does.

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Last weekend, ten young people joined our parish community at the table of the Lord for the first time! Thank you for your prayers for them as they prepared to receive Holy Eucharist. Please continue to pray for them and their families as they continue their faith journey in the months and years to come.

Congratulations to:

Windy Asmussen
Elise Campbell
Abigail Gallo
Clare Gerstung
Bennett Harris
James Hickey

Christina Menapace
Thomas Menapace
Trey Moore
Julia Spero
Howard Paul*

* Howard received First Eucharist during the Easter Vigil

APRIL SAINTS

DAMIEN De VEUSTER – May 10



Damien DeVeuster was born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, in 1840. When he was only 13 he had to quit school to work on the family farm. At age 19, he joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. As a member of this religious community, he took the name Damien.

Damien had an older brother, Pamphile, who was a priest. When Pamphile was assigned to the Hawaiian Islands, he became ill and was unable to go. Damien immediately volunteered to go in his brother's place. Damien was ordained in 1864 after he completed his studies in Honolulu.

The Hawaiian government had a leper colony on the island of Molokai, where people suffering from Hansen's disease were kept isolated from the rest of the population. After nine years in Hawaii, Father Damien offered to serve the sick people who lived there.

He felt such compassion for the lepers that he asked permission to remain with the colony permanently. He cared for the people's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Damien also appealed to the Hawaiian government for money and services to help the lepers of Molokai. Most importantly, he helped his people know that God loved and cared for them.

Eventually, Damien caught leprosy and died from the disease in 1889. He had become so famous for his compassionate work among the lepers that a statue of Father Damien represents the state of Hawaii in Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol.

We honor St. Damien for bringing the Good News to people who had been abandoned and treated badly by society. Like St. Damien, each of us can be a sign of hope and encouragement to anyone who feels lonely or forgotten in our neighborhoods or schools.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending – May 6 - Week 45

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 5/6 Wk. 45	\$4,819	\$3,995	\$6,058	\$2,756
YTD Wk. 45	\$233,651	\$48,025	\$272,610	\$9,066



The **Third Annual Sacred Heart/Christ United Methodist Church Yard Sale** is planned for **Saturday, June 23, 2018** at the Sacred Heart



Parish Hall. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please set aside items you no longer want or need (no clothing or electrical appliances, please). All of the proceeds from the yard sale go to **Rise Against Hunger**.

If you would like to help with the yard sale or have items to donate, contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 or wmandersonfamily@verizon.net. For more information about Rise Against Hunger visit the website at www.riseagainsthunger.org.

FLOWER DONATIONS:

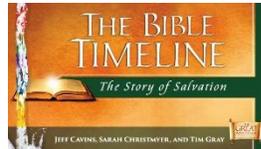
Parishioners are invited to donate flowers in celebration of weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and other special events. If you would like to donate flowers or place flowers in memory of a loved one, please inform Becky Davis for Sacred Heart, at 410-778-3160; or Mary Johnson for St. John's at 410-778-2230. Thank you.



MAY CROWNING AND CELEBRATION OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Please join us on **Sunday, May 20** following the 10:00 Liturgy for a Parish Celebration of Mary, Mother of God. Prayer will begin at approximately 11:15 and conclude with a living rosary and the crowning of the Blessed Mother.

You Can Understand the Bible!



It's not too late to join us! When you enroll in The Bible Timeline study group, you will receive online access to the videos used in the series. Catch up at home and then

join us on the next Wednesday night to continue this first 8 session segment.

The study will include a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins. The study will be broken into three 8-week segments: Spring 2018, Fall 2018 and Winter 2019. Each video will be preceded by a group discussion.

For more information, or to register for the study, contact Barbara Kelly at 410-778-4650 or email barbara.kelly_dre@gmail.com. Registration forms are also available at the doors of the church.

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.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE: (Memorial Day – Labor Day)

Saturdays:
St. John - 4:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart - 6:00 p.m.

Sundays:
St. John - 8:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart - 10:00 a.m.

