SCRIPTURE READINGS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

During the Feast of Pentecost, tongues of fire came to rest on the heads of the disciples and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Each disciple began speaking in a different language,



and were understood by people from many different regions who were amazed at what they had witnessed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul explains that we are all members of one body. We have all been baptized in one Spirit and although numerous, we are one through Christ.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

John describes Jesus' first visit to the disciples after his resurrection. He gave them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive other people or hold them responsible for their actions.



For the Week of May 13th through May 19th

Sunday

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14; Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Monday

Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40 **Thursday**

Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16



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 19th

4:00 p.m.

Danny McCreary

Jacob Pratt

Sunday, May 20th

8:00 a.m.

Donna and Bob House

50th Wedding Anniversary

10:00 a.m.

Monday, May 21st 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 22nd

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday May 23rd

8:30 a.m.

For Our Parishioners,

Living and Deceased

Thursday, May 24th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Friday, May 25th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, May 26th

4:00 p.m. (SJ)

6:00 p.m. (SH) Marie Gruber

Sunday, May 27th

8:00 a.m.

Albert and Helen Hanger

10:00 a.m.

James Pua

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 PARISHIONERS: The following people have registered in our parish recently: Joaquim and Arlene Silva of Still Pond. 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

PENTACOST SUNDAY John 20:19-23

Reflection for Parents

One of the greatest gifts we can give to our children and to our families is the gift of peace. Peace is a Fruit of the Holy Spirit, a visible sign to others that we are living under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and according to the laws and commands of God. Take time today to think about the gift of Christ's peace in your own life. Do you have the gift of Christ's peace? Do you need the gift of Christ's peace? Where are you called to take the gift of Christ's peace today?

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

On a piece of poster board or large drawing paper write the letters of the word *peace* vertically. Create a family Peace Acrostic by thinking of words and phrases that describe what people can do to share the gift of Christ's peace at home, at school, at work, and in the world. For example, the letter P could stand for, "Pray for world peace every day." Challenge family members to name as many words and phrases as they can think of. Post your Peace Acrostic in a place where all family members will see it and will be reminded to share the gift of Christ's peace with others.

Discussion Starters:

- 1. To me, peace means...
- 2. One of the most peaceful people I know is... because...
- 3. One place where I really feel at peace is...

PARENTING POINTERS:

Sunday May 20: Pentecost refers to 50 days after Easter. It reminds us of fear, community, and bravery. The apostles were afraid after Jesus left them. They gathered together. The Spirit filled them with courage to speak out. Ask your family what helps them be brave? Can anyone identify a recent courageous act?



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APRIL SAINTS

ST. ISIDORE - MAY 15

The other farmhands thought Isidore was lazy and caused them extra work. Like them, Isidore was a day laborer on a wealthy estate in Madrid, Spain, about a thousand years ago. Because Isidore took time to go to Mass before coming to work, the other farmers thought they were doing some of his share of the work. They didn't like that. Little did



they know that Isidore did have some extra help, but it wasn't them!

After hearing his farmhands complain about this praying worker, the land owner, Juan de Vargas, went to see what the trouble was all about. To his surprise, he saw two angels guiding the plow. If the angels weren't doing all the plowing in Isidore's absence, they stood next to him and plowed along side. This way Isidore did more than twice the work he could have on his own, and while he was at Mass, his work was getting done, too. Juan believed in the miracle he saw, and he and would come to see more in his lifetime. He believed that Isidore saved his daughter's life. He also believed that Isidore saved the life of a horse that was very important for the farming.

Whether or not all these miracles actually happened, we cannot know. But for sure we know that Isidore was deeply devoted to God and showed many others how God is always by our side. Nothing got in the way of his praying to God and worshiping.

Around the year 1070, Isidore was born to poor framers near Madrid in Spain. Although his family was poor, they loved and served God. Isidore and his family believed that it was important to show love for God by helping others. They often gave away what little they had because someone else needed it more. Isidore had a special affection for animals. He fed and cared for them, too.

Isidore met a young woman, Maria Torribia, who also loved God deeply. They married and had a son, but the child died unexpectedly. Maria and Isidore decided not to try to have any other children because they thought God was calling them to a different kind of life. Although they always loved each other, they spent their time caring for those in need and praising God. Maria also became a saint.

He is often called St. Isidore the Farmer or St. Isidore the Laborer and is the patron saint of farmers in the United States.



MAY CROWNING AND CELEBRATION OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Please join us this **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.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory - Week Ending - May 13 - Week 46

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."

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| Offertory 5/13 Wk. 46 | \$4,928 | \$470 | \$6,058 | -\$660 |
| YTD Wk. 46 | \$238,579 | \$48,495 | \$278,668 | \$8,406 |



The <u>Third Annual Sacred</u> <u>Heart/Christ United Methodist</u> 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.

NEIGHBORLY PARKING

Please remember our neighbors when parking, especially on Catholic Avenue in Rock Hall.

Recently some residents have had their driveways partially blocked by folks coming to Mass. I know that our neighbors will appreciate our thoughtfulness.

CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 28TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.



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.

Annual Catholic Appeal – Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith

Participants in the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal can expect to receive their first payment reminder on or about May 31. Additional reminders will continue through December. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your mailing. Do not submit payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

prices and prices are retired with many more either approaching retirement age, or working past 70 – the usual age of retirement for diocesan priests," said the Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, "It is our obligation as a Church family to assure that our retired diocesan priests — who have dedicated their lives to care for the spiritual needs of the Catholic community of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore — are taken care of in their golden years."

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.