

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men informed the Gentiles that they must be circumcised if they wished to be saved, because of the Old Laws. Disciples then went forth to tell the Gentiles to honor only those rules which were strictly necessary, such as abstaining from eating meat sacrificed to idols and illicit sexual union.

#### Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John depicts Jerusalem coming out of heaven, sparkling with the radiance of precious jewels. Angels were stationed at each of its twelve gates, and each gate bore the name of one tribe of Israel. The city had no temple, because God was its temple. The glory and light of God and the Lamb also replaced their need for the sun.



#### Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." For those who do honor his word, both Jesus and God will love them and stay with them always. He also tells them that God will send the Holy Spirit in his place to give them the instructions they will need. Jesus then tells them that peace is his farewell gift to them.



For the Week of May 26<sup>th</sup> through  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Sunday

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

#### Monday

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

#### Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

#### Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

#### Thursday

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13;

Mk 16:15-20

#### Friday

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56

#### First Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

#### Sunday

The Ascension of the Lord:

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

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>.

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CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY,  
MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVATION OF MEMORIAL DAY.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. (SJ) Sharon Sappington

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

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Larry Reni

10:00 a.m. Lindy Davies

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. For Those Who Died in  
Military Service

Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Personal Intention

Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Francis and Helen Hickman

Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

4:00 p.m. (SJ) Pam Graziano

6:00 p.m. (SH) Betty Glenn

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 a.m. Father Howard T. Clark

10:00 a.m. Linda Foresta

REMEMBERING THE SICK  
OF THE PARISH: Remember  
in your prayers the sick of the  
parish: *John Troffo, Valerie*

*Lindyberg, Patricia Dana,  
Angela Wilmer, Faith King,*

*Rosemary Keating, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne,*  
and all those whose names appear in the PARISH  
BOOK OF INTENTIONS.

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MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO  
PARADISE: Please remember in your prayers Barbara  
Thomas and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and  
benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon them.



## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program



## Bringing the Gospel Home

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
John 14:23-29

### Reflection for Parents

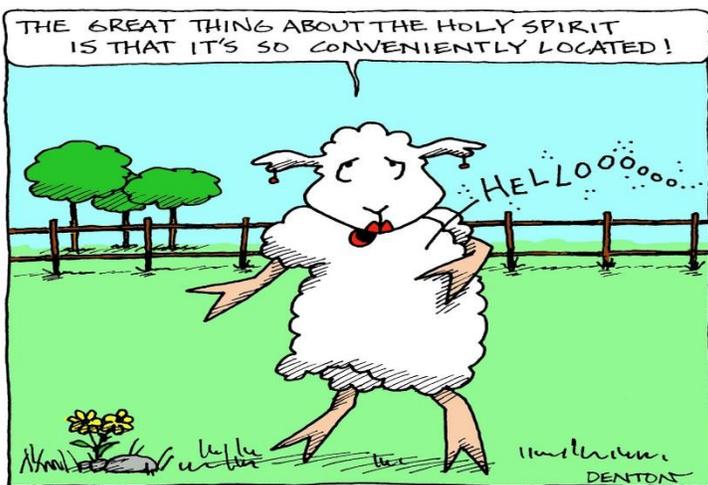
This reading is especially helpful when parents have to explain death to their children. Jesus told his disciples that if they truly loved him, they would be happy that he was going to be with his Father. While the words are sometimes hard, even for us as we face a loss through death, our faith lets us know that Jesus and our loved ones are truly happy in a way we can't fully understand. Jesus offered the Spirit to the disciples because he knew the days ahead would be hard for them. It is that same Spirit that helps us and our families when we face hard days following a death. The greatest news in this reading is that Jesus will be back for us!

### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would be with us in the world until he returned for us. Take a look in your parish bulletin, local newspaper, or at school, work, or in your neighborhood and list as many examples as you can where you see the Holy Spirit at work in the world. If you notice someone on your list who needs to be reminded that the Spirit is active in their lives, call or visit them and let Jesus' presence be seen through you.

### Discussion Starters

1. This week I saw the Holy Spirit's presence in . . .
2. One time I know the Holy Spirit was really guiding me was when . . .
3. It helps me to know that Jesus is coming back for us especially when I think about . . .



“The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”

### **Sheepish Question:**

What reminders am I hearing from the Holy Spirit this day?

## MAY SAINTS

### Margaret Pole – May 28



Margaret Pole was born in England in 1473 and was the niece of two English kings. Another king arranged for Margaret to marry Sir Reginald Pole, a friend of the royal family. They had a happy marriage.

When Reginald died, the new king, Henry VIII, made Margaret a countess. He appointed her governess of his daughter. Henry VIII called Margaret the “holiest woman in England.”

But King Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church when the pope would not permit him to marry Anne Boleyn (Henry was already married to Queen Catherine). He made himself the head of the Church in England. He forbid the teaching of the Catholic faith and made it a crime for English citizens to refuse to attend the services of the Church of England.

Margaret told Henry that he was wrong. The king expelled Margaret from the royal court. He became even angrier when one of Margaret's sons, Reginald, a cardinal of the Catholic Church and the Archbishop of Canterbury, wrote an article denying Henry's claim to be head of the Church in England. Henry blamed Margaret. He had her arrested.

Margaret was questioned harshly to prove that she was a traitor, but there was no evidence. She had always been faithful to Jesus and the Church. None of this mattered to Henry. Margaret was sentenced to death. She was imprisoned in the Tower of London for two years before being executed in 1541.

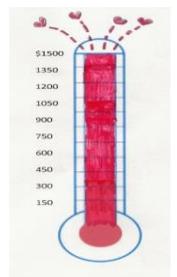
## RISE AGAINST HUNGER



Thanks to your generous donations to Rise Against Hunger, we have reached our goal of \$1500!!!

On Saturday, October 26, 2019, we will gather at the Christ United Methodist Church hall in Chestertown to package 15,180 meals that will go around the world as a sign of God's love. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us. More details will be in the bulletin as we get closer to the meal packaging date.

For more information about [Rise Against Hunger](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org), visit their website at [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org). To volunteer for the packaging event, contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243/ [wmandersonfamily@verizon.net](mailto:wmandersonfamily@verizon.net).



Let us not forget the hungry right here in our own community by continuing to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry as well as contributions to the Poor Box. Together we can do great things!

## PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Week 47

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 5/19 Wk. 47	\$4,372	\$525	\$6,346	-\$1,449
YTD Wk. 47	\$231,946	\$58,973	\$298,262	-\$7,343

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – *As I have done for you, you should also do*

Participants of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal will receive monthly payment reminders from the Diocesan Development Office. With this in mind, you are asked to submit all payments directly to the Diocese using the return envelope enclosed with your monthly invoice. Do not submit payments through the parish office or the weekly Offertory collection.

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**ART AND ENVIRONMENT:** Spring has definitely sprung and summer will be here before we know it. Gardens everywhere are blossoming. Our local environment could not be more beautiful. The Art & Environment group is wondering if you'd like to share any of your garden success for either/both Sacred Heart and/or Saint John church decor. If so, please contact: for St. John : Millie Strong [overton@hughes.net](mailto:overton@hughes.net) or 410-639-7365 and for Sacred Heart: Emily Moseman at [emilymoseman@pobox.com](mailto:emilymoseman@pobox.com) or 443-282-0198 and we can arrange a convenient time to discuss what and how much you have to share. In advance, many thanks.



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### 2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL –

Our partnership with area churches continues this year with the 2019 Vacation Bible School theme "To Mars and Beyond".



VBS will again be held at Presbyterian Church of Chestertown. Dinner for the whole family is served at 5:15, the program is 6:00-8:15 p.m.

Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards of church or online at [myvbs.org/PCctown](http://myvbs.org/PCctown).

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**MASS FOR VOCATIONS:** You are invited to join Bishop Malooly in prayer and support of those discerning a call to the Priesthood, Consecrated Life and Permanent Diaconate at the Diocesan Mass for Vocations, **Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 500 N. West Street, in Wilmington.** More information is available at [www.cdow.org/vocations](http://www.cdow.org/vocations).

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**BISHOP'S 5K WILL BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OUTREACH** - Please join Catholic Charities for the Bishop's 5K Run/Walk, a totally adaptive event, at **9 am on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at Glasgow Regional Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark, DE.** Pre-register for the event by visiting [Bishops5K.com](http://Bishops5K.com). Registration is \$20 until June 30, \$25 from July 1 to August 22, and \$30 until race day, plus an event fee of \$2.50. All registered runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt, and be in the running for prizes. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities outreach efforts. Call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624 with any questions about the Bishop's 5K. Bishop Malooly will be at the starting line AND finish line of the 4<sup>th</sup> Catholic Charities Bishop's 5K Run/Walk – will you?

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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter – MARRIED COUPLES** – A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime! It is a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – our next Marriage Encounter Weekend is **November 1-3, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE.** For more information visit our website at [www.wvme-delmar.org](http://www.wvme-delmar.org) or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES THRIFT CENTER:** Are you planning a household remodel or facelift? Don't discard your gently-used household goods - donate them! Catholic Charities Thrift Center in Wilmington is in great need of furniture, mattresses, and working appliances. Demand for these items continues to outpace our supply. We will accept used bedding as we are licensed by the State of Delaware to sanitize bedding and offer for resale or redistribution. We do ask that the items be gently used, clean and in good working order, and we reserve the right to refuse a donation if it is in poor condition. To schedule a pick-up of these items, call the Thrift Center at 302-764-2717. The Thrift Center is located at 1320 E 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Wilmington, DE 19802.

