

SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church

508 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

*Disciples
In Mission*



St. John Church

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Sunday Mass: 8:00 am

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Kent Street entrance to Sacred Heart Church

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • JUNE 28, 2020

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PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all of our parish community. At this time we have been asked to suspend having hand-out materials in the bins at the doors of the Church. If you are new member, or if you need to make a change to your current registration, please visit or contact the Church office to obtain a registration form. Please return the forms to the Parish Office. Please note that registration is required for Baptism, Marriage, and participation in PREP.

As the CDC, Kent County Health Office and the Diocese of Wilmington remind us there is a risk to entering public buildings at this time. Individuals are the primary protectors of their own health (CDOW: "Restoring Public Celebration of Mass").

To help reduce the risk of illness, please be mindful of the following:

- The Bishop's dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in effect
- If you feel ill do not enter any parish facilities
- At risk persons/those caring for at risk persons should refrain from attending liturgy
- We are limited to one-third building capacity per order of the Bishop
- Use High Street entrance (Sacred Heart) and Main Street (St. John)
- You may leave through any door, maintaining social distance
- Masks/face coverings (those over 2 years of age) must be worn while in church
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times
- Limit restroom use

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

A woman in Shunem believed strongly in the holiness of the prophet Elisha. To reward her, Elisha promised that she and her aging husband would, within the year, be the parents of a son.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Paul explains to the Romans that by immersion in water at baptism, they “die” to their sins; by rising from the water, they rise from “death and sin” to new life in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

With simplicity, Jesus tells his apostles that everyone should love him above all others -- father, mother, son or daughter. He adds, “He who welcomes you, welcomes me.”



For the Week of June 28th through
July 4th

Sunday

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Monday

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

First Friday

Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

First Saturday

Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17



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, June 27th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, June 28th

8:00 a.m. Mass for Our Parishioners
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Joe Dawson

Saturday, July 4th

4:00 p.m. Roo Fizzano

Sunday, July 5th

8:00 a.m. Mass for Our Parishioners
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Ann Rice

Masses will also be offered for Joe Szwajkowski and Charlotte A. Roberts during the week. At this time these are private masses. We will let you know when public weekday masses resume.

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, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne, Tom Blum,*

Betty Ann Strong, Joseph William, 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.

PRIVATE PRAYER: Sacred Heart Church is open for private prayer from 9:00 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday. The Chapel will not be available.

CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Matthew 10:37-42

Reflection for Parents

As parents we spend most of our missionary work offering a cup of cold water to our children. That is to say our actions are not great feats, rather they are the simple and ordinary ways we live our lives doing simple but good deeds that witness the present and coming Kingdom of God. We shouldn't worry that we don't know a lot of theology to pass on to our children. What we pass on to them in our everyday living out of our beliefs is far greater.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

For one week, have each family member keep track of strangers they encounter—either in check-out lines, waiting for something (elevator, bus, to cross the street, etc.). Be proactive in welcoming these people to God's Kingdom. Maybe you let them in, on, or across first. Perhaps you smiled and greeted them with friendly words. If they needed assistance, you came forward. At the end of each day, share these experiences as a family. Lift up those strangers in your family's evening prayers.

Discussion Starters

1. One thing our family always does to help people feel welcome is . . .
2. The person I love to visit most is . . . because . . .
3. One person (or group of people) that is hard for me to welcome is . . . because . . .



13th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

JUNE SAINTS

MARGUERITE BAYS – JUNE 27



Marguerite was born in 1815 in Fribourg, Switzerland, to a devout Catholic family. She was a bright student who enjoyed praying to God. She prayed to Mary every morning before her chores. In her spare time, she would tell her friends and neighbors about Jesus and his love.

As a young woman, Marguerite worked as a seamstress and a catechist. She cared for her neighbors in need by bringing bread and milk to them and cleaning and mending their clothes. She later became a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. At one point Marguerite was struck with bowel cancer, but she was healed in 1854 when Pope Pius IX prayed a special prayer.

Marguerite experienced God in powerful ways after this time. She continued to serve the poor faithfully. She died in 1879, her funeral attended by hundreds of people as she was remembered for her selfless charity and compassion.

DIALOG

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PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending June 21st Week 52

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 06/21 Wk. 52	\$4,075	\$894	\$6,635	-\$1,666
YTD Wk. 52	\$233,274	\$95,535	\$345,020	-\$16,211



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are generally celebrated at a weekend liturgy at either of our churches. Baptisms outside of Mass may also be scheduled and are normally celebrated on Sundays.

The parish office will gladly assist

you with scheduling the baptism of your child. Parents are required to attend a formation session prior to the baptism; Godparents are welcome to attend as well. Please call the parish office to schedule the session.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Please contact the parish office to make an appointment to celebrate the sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Anyone seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of matrimony in either of our churches must contact the parish office at least one year in advance of the proposed date. No date may be held until the bride and groom meet with the pastor (or his designate).

COMMUNION TO THE SICK, HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED At this time in accordance with directives from the Diocese of Wilmington, we are unable to schedule visits in health care or home settings. Only those in danger of death may be visited until further notice. We will return to our regular practice of sending Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the sick as soon as possible.

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 Mary Jo Frohlich with any questions at 410-778-3160, or mfrohlich@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at

Sacred Heart Catholic Church on **August 17, 2020**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a

Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.**

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

SEEING CHRIST IN THE FACES OF OTHERS

There is still time to support the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, *Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others* invites each of us to open our eyes and recognize Him in those who seek our help.

For most of us, seeing Christ in some of the people we meet during our life is challenging. However, this is exactly what we are called to do, what Jesus told us to do when He said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Through the charitable, pastoral and educational ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal, we see the face of Christ in those served – the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the unchurched, our children and our elderly.

Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others isn't always easy, but it is essential if, as Disciples of Christ, we are to live in service to others and understand in a very practical way the words of Jesus: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me." (Mt. 25:40).

For those of you who have given to this year's Appeal, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. Please view the brief video offering inspiring testimony from recipients of featured Appeal supported ministries. A direct link to video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80gz5V5VaH8&t=2s>.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER GRASING

As we continue the process of returning to Sunday worship, please keep the following in mind:

- Bishop Malooly's dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in effect
- Limited to one-third building capacity; we have been asked to strictly adhere to this by the Bishop
- Masks/face coverings are required for entry into our churches
- Schedule: Saturday, Sacred Heart, 4p, Sunday 8a, St. John, 10a Sacred Heart
- We will continue streaming liturgy at 10am on Sunday
- If you are not feeling well, in at risk population, caring for someone in at risk population please stay at home
- Enter through High Street door at Sacred Heart and Main Street door at St. John; you may leave through any door, maintaining social distance at all times; those requiring ramp may enter through side door
- Social distancing--be attentive to pews that are closed off; also, be attentive to social distancing when arriving/departing building
- Worship aids will be in place in pews; please take them with you and deposit in recycle bins at doors of church
- Limited hand sanitizer available; we have been attempting to get more; bring from home for personal use
- Please try to limit restroom use if possible
- High touch areas will be sanitized daily

During liturgy you will notice that there will be:

- No entrance procession
- No procession with bread/wine
- No collection; baskets will be placed at doors of church to receive offering
- No exchange of the sign of peace
- No communion from the Cup
- Communion procession will be explained at Mass as it will be done differently to maintain safest environment possible
- Limited singing

During the week:

- Parish Office is open; please wear face mask/covering to enter office area
- Sacred Heart Church will be open from 9am-Noon; enter via Kent Street door
- If you enter the church please sit only in designated pews; leave a prayer card (provided) in the place you occupied to alert later visitors not to sit in that area until it has been sanitized
- Chapel is not available
- Restrooms are not available during the week



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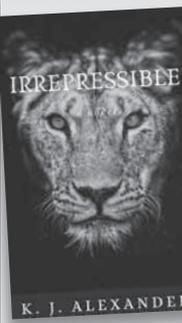
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