

# SACRED HEART PARISH



## *Sacred Heart Church*

508 High Street  
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

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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

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • JULY 26, 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

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

#### Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

#### Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.



For the Week of July 26<sup>th</sup> through  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Sunday

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

#### Monday

Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35

#### Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

#### Wednesday

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Jn 11:19-27 or  
Lk 10:38-42

#### Thursday

Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

#### Friday

Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58

#### First Saturday

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12

#### Sunday

Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21



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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, July 25<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Barbara Gillin

### Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Our Parishioners,  
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Lois Kardos

### Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

4:00 p.m. Jerry Peterson

### Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 a.m. Gerald Johnson

10:00 a.m. Lois Kardos

Mass will also be offered for Johanna Merritt Wynn and Fritz McCall 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.*



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**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](http://sacredparish.org).

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**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.

## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program

#### Bringing the Gospel Home

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Matthew 13:44-52

#### Reflection for Parents

We often let our children know what we think is valuable or what has little value. Sometimes we do this with body language and facial expressions.

Sometimes we show them by what we choose to spend our time, money and energy on. Think about your actions for just one day and make a mental list of what you have shown to be "jewels" in your life. Be honest and if necessary, make some adjustments as a result of this reflection.

#### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Look through family photos and identify members of your immediate and extended family. Describe a way in which each one of those people is a special jewel in the Kingdom of God. In what way does each person represent a special gift from God?

#### Discussion Starters

1. The greatest jewel in my field is . . . this directly relates to the Kingdom of God because . . .
2. One thing that is so valuable to me that I would give up everything I own to keep it is . . .
3. In order to better see my treasure, I have to get rid of some junk. That junk includes . . .



## JULY SAINTS

#### Anne and Joachim – July 26

Joachim and Anne were the parents of Jesus' mother, Mary. We don't know many details about their lives because they are never mentioned in the New Testament. Everything we know about them comes down through tradition—the stories people told about them.



We believe that they were respected members of the Jewish community and that they wanted to become parents so much that Joachim went into the desert to fast and pray that God would hear their prayer. It is said that an angel told them that they would soon have a daughter who would become famous throughout the world.

Months later, Mary, our Blessed Mother, was born. Tradition tells us that when Mary was three years old, Anne and Joachim took her to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her for special service to the Lord. We call this celebration the "Presentation of the Virgin Mary." It means that Mary was to play an important part in God's loving plan for the world.

We honor Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, as saints. We celebrate their joint feast day on July 26. Their love for one another and for Mary is an example to us of how God calls us to live. They also remind us to honor our own grandparents and to thank them for the blessings they have passed down to us in love.

#### **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

**Due to the generosity of our parishioners several weeks ago when we did our collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor, we collected \$3,302.00. In response, we received the following letter from Sister Cecilia:**

*"Thank you so much for your recent donation and for sharing in our work of love. Your contribution will be used to help us continue the work of our Foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan who, in 1839, carried a poor, blind, elderly lady up the stairs of her rented home and placed her in her own bed. The Elderly have so many gifts to share, and it is up to us, as Christians, to remind the world of the precious experience, wisdom, vision and spiritual energies of the Aged.*

*Thank you for being a part of it through your gift to others and may God keep you and your family in His circle of light and love always.*

*Gratefully in Christ,  
Sister Cecilia, l.s.p."*



# PARISH NEWS

## Offertory – Week Ending July 19<sup>th</sup> Week 4

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 07/19 Wk. 4	\$2,899	\$869	\$5,769	-\$2,001
YTD Wk. 4	\$13,714	\$9,498	\$23,076	\$136



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

While baptisms are generally celebrated at a weekend liturgy at either of our churches, this is not possible due to restrictions related to COVID-19. Baptisms are now celebrated outside of Mass and may

be scheduled by calling the parish office. Parents are required to attend a formation session prior to the baptism; Godparents are welcome to attend as well. Please call the parish office for more information and to schedule your child's baptism.

**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.

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**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](mailto: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 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](http://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>.

## LITURGY REMINDERS

- 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
- Masks/face coverings must cover nose and mouth
- 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
- 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
- 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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