

# 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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## *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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · AUGUST 16, 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

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

The Lord wants all people to love and honor his name. He says that those who honor him by obeying all of his laws will be "made joyful in my house of prayer."

#### Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Paul describes his hopes that his fellow Jews will follow the example of the Gentiles he has been preaching to. He claims that just as God has mercy for their disobedience, he wishes to show mercy to the Jews as well.

#### Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

A Canaanite woman begged Jesus to help her daughter, who was being plagued by a demon. Jesus at first refused her and said that "My mission is only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." The woman was so persistent that Jesus said she had great faith and then he healed her daughter.



For the Week of August 16<sup>th</sup> through  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Sunday

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

#### Monday

Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

#### Tuesday

Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

#### Wednesday

Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

#### Thursday

Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

#### Friday

Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

#### Saturday

Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12

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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, August 15<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Our Parishioners,  
Living and Deceased

### Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

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

10:00 a.m. Jerry Peterson

### Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

4:00 p.m. Jean D. Sander

### Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

10:00 a.m. Victor Lee

Mass will also be offered for Hazel Cotterall 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

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Matthew 15:21-28

#### Reflection for Parents

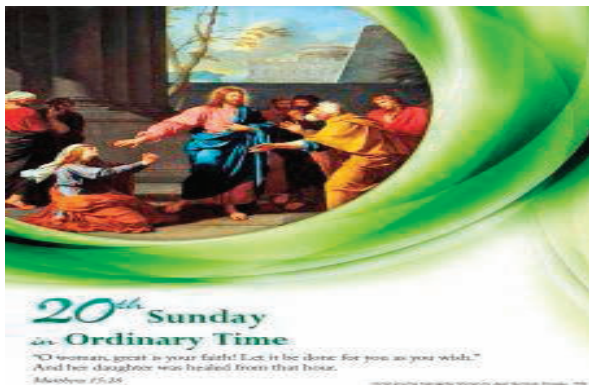
Sometimes we don't hear our children the first time they tell us something. Maybe we're distracted or we just "tune them out." These are important years to listen carefully to our children. Their faith and trust in us is demonstrated by the conversations they seek.

#### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Share stories about people of other religions who are experiencing troubling times in their lives. You may find stories in the newspaper or news magazines, or learn about them from other media. Try to imagine a family of that faith looking, caring and acting much like your own family. Share ideas about what they might be saying to each other, what they might be feeling, fearing, thinking, or praying.

#### Discussion Starters

1. I once saw someone demonstrate faith as deep as the mother's faith in today's Gospel when . . .
2. I was touched once by someone's faith that was different from mine when . . .
3. A time I prayed to God with the same faith of the woman in today's Gospel was when . . .



## AUGUST SAINTS

### BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX - AUGUST 20



When there's a job to get done, you don't always win a popularity contest getting people to do their share. Especially if you think you're right and everyone else (who doesn't agree with you) is wrong. That pretty much describes Bernard of Clairvaux. He may not have had the most friends in the world, but he sure got things done!

Bernard grew up with wealthy parents who loved him and provided a good home for him. The family lived in France, and Bernard was born in 1090, just before the first Crusades.

When Bernard grew older, he trained to be a soldier, but he felt he could serve God better without killing people. He had some friends and family members who agreed with him. Bernard did an experiment with these family members and friends. He had them all live, work, and pray together in his parents' home for about a year. His peacemaking skills were evident then and later.

At age 22 he became a monk and eventually an abbot at the Cistercian monastery of Clairvaux. His brothers and widowed father were among the many men who came to join the monastery, and there came a need to open other monasteries, even in other countries, to accommodate the numbers. At the time of his death in 1153 there were some 400 Cistercian monasteries in Europe, 163 of which he founded.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux is the patron saint of candlemakers.





# PARISH NEWS

## Offertory – Week Ending August 9<sup>th</sup> Week 7

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 08/09 Wk. 7	\$2,735	\$1,869	\$5,769	-\$1,166
YTD Wk. 7	\$24,241	\$16,602	\$40,383	\$460



### 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.

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. **We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 8/17/2020 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.** 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](http://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](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>.

## **FROM THE DESK OF FATHER GRASING**

For the next few weeks *Breaking Bread* hymnals will be available at the doors of both of our churches. Feel free to take a copy with you. You are welcome to bring your copy with you each week for liturgy. However, if you leave the hymnal in church it will be discarded. Hymnals were removed at the urging of the CDC as well as local and diocesan health advisors. We have not ordered hymnals for the next liturgical year as it appears it will be quite some time before we can put hymnals in the pews with a degree of safety.

Barbara Kelly, who serves admirably as the Director of Religious Education, will be retiring as of 31 August. Barbara has a long, storied history with our religious education program having twice been the Director. Her care, concern, insight, wisdom, experience and knowledge of the faith has served the Church well for many years, from working in the Catholic School system to her years of service in our parish. Barbara's zeal for formation in the faith is a tremendous gift and we have all been recipients and our parish is the better for it.

With the assistance of the Diocesan Office of Religious Education we have begun the process of posting the position and gathering applications and resumes. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct us as we seek to fill this vital position.



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