

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · NOVEMBER 15, 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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are “children of light.”

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.



For the Week of November 15th through
November 22nd

Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6;
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday

Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28 or, for the
Memorial
of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Mt 14:22-33

Thursday

Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Friday

Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

**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, November 14th

4:00 p.m. Helen Broeders Hickman

Sunday, November 15th

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

10:00 a.m. Joseph Schulcz

Saturday, November 21st

4:00 p.m. Charles “Pat” Patterson

Sunday, November 22nd

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

10:00 a.m. Dr. Jerry Shey and Family

**Mass will also be offered for Johanna Merritt
Wynn 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, Judy
Hagerty, and all those whose names appear in the*

PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.

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.

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Matthew 25:14-30

Reflection for Parents

God has given each one of us talents. Sometimes out of laziness or lack of ambition, or sometimes because we are afraid of failure or ridicule, we do not share our talents. The gospel today challenges us to take a risk and invest our gifts for the greater good of God's people. We do this ourselves as adults, but we must also try to help our children recognize their talents and use them in a productive way.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Perhaps you keep a scrapbook for your children, or have a huge box of clippings, photos, projects, or programs that document their accomplishments. Go through these items together and affirm the gifts of each other. Talk about ways members of the family are using their gifts to build up the Kingdom of God. Brainstorm ideas of new ways you can use your gifts, or even look for gifts in each other not previously recognized.

Discussion Starters

1. If God came today and asked to see what I had done with my talents, I would be able to show him...
2. The servant in the story who I am most like is...
3. Some other people I recognize in this gospel are...
4. The gift that God gave me that is hardest to risk is...

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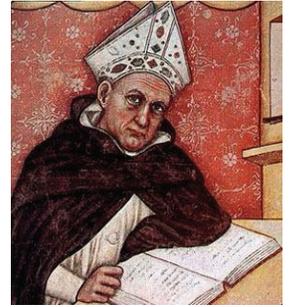
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NOVEMBER SAINTS

ALBERT THE GREAT



Albertus Magnus was interested in everything. He was fascinated by the relationship between faith and science. He studied astronomy and biology and loved logic and math. He pored over maps and hiked in the mountains to learn more about geography. He was the kind of student who challenged teachers to prepare lessons that satisfied his need to learn.

Albert was born in Germany in 1206. His family home was a castle, so he could afford the best education—even the new universities that were being opened throughout Europe. When Albert graduated, he joined the Dominican order over his family's objections.

This great student became an even greater teacher. He taught at the universities of Paris and Cologne. One of his most famous students was Thomas Aquinas, who later was canonized a saint. We believe that Thomas' study of philosophy with Albert helped prepare Thomas to write his famous theology books which are still studied today.

Albert also helped Thomas in another important way. Thomas was a large man and very shy. People called him a "dumb ox," but Albert said that if Thomas was an ox, he was one whose bellow would be heard throughout the world. Albert helped Thomas to understand that God had given him the gift of intelligence that he could use to help others know and love the Catholic faith. Albert built up Thomas' self-confidence so that he could believe in his own talents.

Albert was made a bishop in Germany, but he resigned after only a few years. He was an adviser to the pope, but asked to return to science, to learning and teaching. Albert died at the age of 74 but left behind a treasury of 38 books on many different subjects. These books help us to better understand the world God created for us to care for and to use wisely.

The people of his time—priests, Church officials, professors, students, and even kings—gave Albert the nickname "the Great." It was a wise choice. The Church honors Albert as both a saint and a Doctor, or great teacher, of our faith. He was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1931 and is the patron saint of medical technicians and scientists.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending November 8th Week 20

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 11/08 Wk. 20	\$3,875	\$5,366	\$5,769	\$3,472
YTD Wk. 20	\$69,695	\$42,950	\$115,380	-\$2,735



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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



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 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>.

The Giving Tree:

Once again, our parish will support our local community through donations to the "Giving Tree". This year, more than ever, so many in our community are hurting and in



need of some Christmas cheer. In order to maintain the necessary social distance, Giving Tree tags will be posted on the bulletin boards at the doors of Sacred Heart Church. They will be available starting next weekend. Please, take a tag, read it for information about the recipient, purchase and wrap the gift and attach the tag securely to the outside of the gift. Please leave the gifts in the front vestibule of the church or, for those with mobility issues, the side vestibule by the ramped entrance. During the week, gifts may be left in the Kent Street vestibule during office hours (9 am until noon). **All gifts must be received by Sunday, December 13, 2020.** Tags can be picked up when you come to mass or during the week when the church is open. If you are unable to come in person, call or email the office and someone will help you with selecting a tag. We understand that shopping may be challenging due to Covid19, but this is an opportunity for us to be a sign of God's love during this difficult time. Questions: please, contact Ann Anderson at [410-778-4243](tel:410-778-4243)/wmandersonfamily@verizon.net or call the parish office. May God bless the work of our hands and hearts.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER GRASING

Thank you thank you! To all who participated in the cemetery clean up at St. John thank you. In just over two hours we accomplished quite a bit. Fortunately, the weather could not have been more cooperative. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the event.

The cemetery looks much better and I am sure those who visit their beloved dead will be pleased. Since we had about 20 volunteers we were also able to do some work around the front of the church, mostly dealing with overgrown plantings.

But the most positive take away from the effort was to see people join together. As one person put it in an email, “the work party at the cemetery was as much fun as [the] work and I felt we got a lot done.” He went on to say that it was particularly nice to see folks who normally worship at our two churches working together. Some were new acquaintances and others he had not seen since the pandemic put so much of our lives on hold. This shows what we can accomplish when we take to heart that we are one parish.

Hopefully by now you have received and had an opportunity to look over our *annual financial report* mailed to all registered households. If it has not arrived at your house yet, it should be there soon. Please read the cover letter that provides some context for our financial status. I am certain your eye will be drawn to the literal bottom line and you will notice we ended the last fiscal year on a good note, in spite of the pandemic-induced closure. As I point out in the cover letter, this amount reflects specific, one-time gifts as well as a grant we received for the roofing work to be done at Sacred Heart. If you have any questions for clarification, contact our Business Manager, Mary Jo Frohlich (mfrohlich@sacredparish.org).

The annual *Giving Tree* project will take place this year. It will be executed a bit differently but the coordinators have come up with a safe way to make it work. Obviously there will be some minor changes in procedures to accommodate Covid protocols. More information is contained elsewhere in this bulletin.

If you have not signed up for *Flocknotes* please do so. We try to limit outgoing messages as much as possible. You can sign up for Flocknotes at: flocknote.com/SHParish OR text SHPARISH508 to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.

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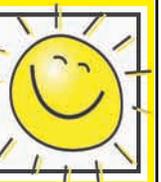
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