

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ▸ FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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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

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, "He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1**

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

**Gospel: Mark 1:40-45**

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.



For the Week of February 14<sup>th</sup> through  
February 21<sup>st</sup>

**Sunday**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**Monday**

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday**

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday**

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday**

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday**

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday**

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday**

Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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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>.

## CALENDAR AND MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 p.m. Betty and George Glenn**

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. Anthony Cavallaro**

**10:00 a.m. Our Parishioners,  
Living and Deceased**

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday):**

**Mass (SH) - 8:00 a.m.**

**Liturgy of the Word with Ashes (SJ): 12:00 Noon**

**Mass (SH) - 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber**

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**10:00 a.m. Our Parishioners,  
Living and Deceased**

Mass will also be offered for Mary Vukich Shearer and Peter Vukich, and our parishioners, living and deceased 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, Millie Moseman, Father Ted Tempel*, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.

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Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on February 17<sup>th</sup> with Mass and ashes at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart. There will be Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes at St. John at 12:00 noon.



## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program

#### Bringing the Gospel Home

#### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mark 1:40-45

#### Reflection for Parents

It takes discipline to keep our excitement to ourselves. We tell a close friend and make him or her promise not to tell, but somehow word gets out, and before we know it everyone knows what's going on! In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the leper not to share the news of his healing. This invites us to stop and think. Are we good at keeping confidences? Can we wait to share good news until the time is right to do so? A part of being trustworthy is being able to keep things in confidence when we are asked to do so. Why do you think Jesus asked the leper to tell no one of what happened? What happened when the leper told everyone of what happened to him?

#### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Think of people your family knows (or knows about) who are excluded or ignored by others. Maybe there is someone at school who has a disability, or whose clothes are worn out or dirtier than everyone else's. Maybe there's someone at work whose odd behavior is off-putting. In our communities those who are excluded or ignored might include the homeless, the unemployed, or those in prison, foster homes, or hospitals. As a family, talk about ways you can reach out to the people you name, just as Jesus reached out to the leper.

Decide on one action you will take in the coming weeks.

#### Discussion Starters

1. A time when I felt excluded or ignored, like the leper, was when \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Someone I find it hard to include or reach out to is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I would find it hard to keep quiet if \_\_\_\_\_.

**FLOCKNOTES:** Do you want to know what's going on in our parish?? Sign up for Flocknotes. It's easy. You can choose what info you would like to receive – via email or text message and you can unsubscribe at any time. There are two easy ways to connect:

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## FEBRUARY SAINTS

### VALENTINE OF ROME

Feast Day: February 14

Canonized: Pre-Congregation



Valentine was a priest in the early Church. He was also a doctor. He helped people when they were sick, and he taught his Christian community in Rome how to follow Jesus. His example of always acting with love inspired many people to join the Church.

It was dangerous to be a follower of Christ in the early Church. Christians were persecuted for their faith. They were hunted down and kept in jail until they were put to death. Because Valentine was such a well-known leader of the Christian community, it was not surprising that he was arrested.

Valentine did not let being a prisoner stop him from living his faith. It is said that one of the jail guards brought his sick daughter to him and that Valentine healed her in God's name. Valentine also wrote letters of encouragement to the other Christian prisoners and to the members of his community. He wrote about Jesus' love and reminded everyone to stay strong in their faith. This is how the tradition of sending valentines to the people we love began.

He was executed around the years 269-273 and is the patron of engaged couples, happy marriages, and love.

We honor St. Valentine on February 14. On Valentine's Day, thank God for the gift of Jesus and for all the people who help us grow in our love for the Lord.



# PARISH NEWS

## Offertory – Weeks Ending January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup> Weeks 32 and 33

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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YTD Wk. 33	\$127,622	\$69,308	\$190,377	\$6,553

**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.

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## CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY.

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**DIALOG:** In addition to the newspaper edition of The Dialog that's available in church every two weeks, the newspaper's website, [www.thedialog.org](http://www.thedialog.org), is updated every weekday with stories from the diocese and around the world, including many that don't appear in the newspaper due to space considerations. Stay on top of national and international issues of concern to Catholics, each Sunday's Scripture reading commentaries by Dialog columnists and the work of the church in the nation and world by visiting [www.thedialog.org](http://www.thedialog.org).

## 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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**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.



## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER GRASING

While we cannot gather for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper we can have pancakes at home this year. That is my plan for Tuesday dinner. Truth be told, in the cold of winter I enjoy pancakes for supper (something my father would never allow—breakfast foods were for breakfast in our household). As I prepare and enjoy pancakes at home I will remember fondly the Shrove Tuesdays past and I will be looking forward to Shrove Tuesdays to come.

**Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and liturgies will be celebrated as follows:**

8:00am – Sacred Heart, Mass

12:00 noon – St. John, Liturgy of the Word\*

7:00pm – Sacred Heart, Mass (Livestream)

*\*Format as at Mass up to and including the Universal Prayer. The Lord's Prayer follows and the celebration concludes with the blessing and dismissal.*

**Whether Mass or Liturgy of the Word, the distribution of ashes follows the homily.**

The liturgy of Ash Wednesday does not include a penitential rite; the blessing and imposition of ashes takes its place. The imposition of ashes will be a bit different this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Ashes are blessed and the presiding priest/deacon says once: Repent, and believe in the Gospel. The assembly comes forward (in a socially distant fashion), and standing before the minister ashes may be 1) sprinkled on the top of the head or 2) a cotton swab is used (one per person) to make the sign of the cross; the cotton swab is placed in a paper bag to be burned. In either case, the formal (Repent...) is not repeated.

We will make use of the first option, the sprinkling of a small amount of ash on the top of the head. This is, to me, a more authentic expression. A sense of covering oneself in ashes as a sign of repentance. This also avoids trying to hold ashes and cotton swabs and having a bag nearby for disposing of swabs all of which is not only awkward but seems a bit clinical.

Beginning next Sunday, we will use the ***Confiteor*** for the Penitential Act. The Confiteor is followed by the chanting of the *kyrie* which I am sure you will remember from last year. As always, the *Gloria* and *Alleluia* are omitted during Lent.

The Apostles' Creed is used for the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter; it is also used at the Rite of Baptism as well as for the celebration of Confirmation. As Lent is a season that prepares us to renew our baptismal covenant at Easter, ***we will use the Apostles' Creed at our Sunday liturgies.***

Let us be mindful to pray for one another as we prepare to enter the grace-filled season of Lent.

Fr. Grasing

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