

# 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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the Risen  
Lord.*



## *St. John Church*

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Kent Street entrance to Sacred Heart Church

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER › APRIL 18, 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

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied. Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

#### Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

#### Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophets words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.



For the Week of April 18<sup>th</sup> through  
April 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

#### Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

#### Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

#### Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

#### Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

#### Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

#### Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

#### Sunday

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



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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, April 17<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Betty and George Glenn

Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Our Parishioners,  
Living and Deceased  
10:00 a.m. Siu Ty Palao

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Judy Hagerty  
10:00 a.m. Jerry Shey

Mass will also be offered for 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, Benjamin  
Ellingsworth, Father Ted Tempel, and all those  
whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF  
INTENTIONS.*



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MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE:

Please remember in your prayers Judy Hagerty and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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**NEW PARISHONERS:** The following people have registered in our parish recently: Megan Newcomb of Millington. We pray that you will become closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community. We look forward to getting to know you. Welcome!

## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program

#### Bringing the Gospel Home

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Luke 24:35-48

#### Reflection for Parents

Think back over the years since your children were born. As you have watched them change and grow, where have you witnessed the power of God in their lives? How have you come to know, through watching them, that God is who he says he is—Creator, love, forgiveness, compassion, and mercy? What works of God have you been a witness to?

#### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Gather around your family prayer table. Place upon it a globe or a map of the world. Point out the countries that are served through your parish's missionary efforts or through the missionary efforts of the Church (see [crs.org](http://crs.org), the official Web site of Catholic Relief services, for information on the Church's worldwide outreach ministry). Explain that many people in such countries are witnesses to the power of God because of the support, prayers, and generosity of families just like your family. Think of ways your family can support the outreach efforts of your parish or of the worldwide Catholic Church. Pray together for missionaries throughout the world.

#### Discussion Starters

In place of discussion starter questions, remain gathered around the globe or map of the world. Choose one country you have mentioned in your family discussion today. Work together to learn more about that country. What is its capital city? How many people live in that country? What is the major religion in that country? Try a food from that country. Draw a picture of that country's flag. Find out what the Catholic Church is doing to make a difference there. Make a commitment to pray for the people in that country who are in need and, if possible, donate to a missionary outreach that serves that country.

## APRIL SAINTS

### BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

Imagine seeing our Blessed Mother not just once, but eighteen times! That is the blessing Bernadette Soubirous was given for five months in 1858.



One day, Bernadette, her sister, and a friend were gathering firewood near their home in Lourdes, France. Suddenly a lovely Lady dressed in blue and white appeared to Bernadette above a rose bush in a small cave. The Lady held a rosary and made the Sign of the Cross. Bernadette, who was only 14 years old, fell to her knees and began to pray the rosary.

The Lady spoke to Bernadette lovingly and with respect. This was a surprise to Bernadette. She came from a poor family and had little education. She was not used to being treated so kindly.

During one of her appearances, Bernadette asked the Lady who she was. The woman replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Bernadette did not understand what this meant. It was later explained to her that the words "Immaculate Conception" describe Mary, who was free from sin from the first moment of her life in her mother's womb. It was only then that Bernadette began to understand that it was our Blessed Mother Mary who was appearing to her.

When Bernadette reported her visions of Mary, Church officials were doubtful. Many people did not believe her because she was the only one who ever saw or spoke to Mary. Still, crowds of people came to Lourdes in hopes of seeing Jesus' mother.

One day, Mary asked Bernadette to use her hands to dig in the mud near the cave. When Bernadette obeyed the Lady's request, a spring began to flow from the mud. It grew larger and larger and still flows today. At our Blessed Mother's request, a chapel was built on the site.

Millions of people have made pilgrimages to Lourdes. They bathe in the waters from the spring and pray for healing. Miraculous cures have been declared after thorough investigation by Church officials and medical experts.

After the appearances stopped, Bernadette tried to live a quiet life. She belonged to a poor family and was not in the best of health. She became a Sister of Charity of Nevers when she was 22 and died in 1879, when she was only 35. St. Bernadette lived with great faith even when people doubted her word. Her example teaches us to pray that Mary will help us to have faith in all of Jesus' teachings.

She was canonized a saint in 1933 and is considered to be a Christian mystic.

# PARISH NEWS

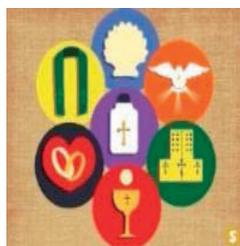
## Offertory – Week Ending April 11<sup>th</sup> Week 42

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.
<b>Offertory</b> 4/11 Wk. 42	\$5,299	\$864	\$5,769	\$394
<b>YTD</b> Wk. 42	\$166,352	\$88,363	\$242,298	\$12,417

### 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.

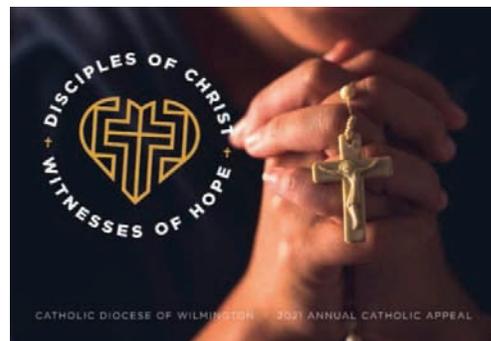


**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Please contact the parish office to make an appointment to celebrate the sacrament.

**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.

## 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WITNESSES OF HOPE



As Luke recalls for us in today's Gospel, only after the Apostles had absorbed the excitement and wonderment of seeing Jesus alive when they thought Him dead, did the importance of His words take on meaning. Jesus had chosen them as His witnesses to His mission and His true identity. If anyone among them had thought that Jesus had some other way of telling the world about Himself, these thoughts were dismissed when they realized that they were the means, that they would be God's instruments. Just as the disciples realized that with the death and resurrection of Jesus they were suddenly forced to confront the radical change in their lives, we too are called to do the same. As Christ's followers, we must make Easter season a time of new beginning in our lives. As Disciples of Christ, being witnesses and believers, we cannot separate ourselves from being doers of the Word.

The Annual Catholic Appeal works to ensure the viability and growth of many charitable, pastoral and educational ministries throughout Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. With its theme, "Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Hope" the Appeal brings hope and the good news of Christ's love to thousands of men, women and children each year.

Recently, you were invited to participate in the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have already provided a gift, thank you for your generosity. If you have not, please give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to your resources and the needs of those served by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

You can contribute to the Appeal by using the pledge card and return envelope mailed to your home, by accessing the Appeal website at [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal) and clicking "How to Donate" or by completing a pledge card located at the doors of our churches.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal visit the diocesan website at [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal). Consider viewing a brief video highlighting a few of the supported ministries at <https://youtu.be/1789oOHmTkg>.



global **solidarity** partnership

### Solidarity Week Live Stream Event

The Global Solidarity Partnership will broadcast Mass live from St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church via the Diocese of Wilmington website ([www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org)) at 10:30 AM on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Help us celebrate 18 years of solidarity with the people of Guatemala.

## **FROM THE DESK OF MARY JO FROHLICH**

In late 2019, our parish was about to embark on a Capital Campaign. The campaign was directed with the hope that we could do needed replacement and repairs and also enhance our current structures. We were given the go ahead to plan a Capital Campaign from our diocese (we had a meeting with the Diocesan Director of Development). Within months of our initial campaign planning, Covid-19 hit and our diocese stopped all parish and school capital campaigns that were not in the building stage. However, the diocese allowed for repair, replacement and maintenance of existing facilities.

For the past several months, we have been busy procuring bids for particular needs in our two churches. Some work has already been done: the parking lot at St. John and new cameras at Sacred Heart.

Allan and Shariff, an engineering firm, was hired to design a new HVAC system at Sacred Heart. HVAC contractors have and will bid on the system. Along with the A/C Units, the flat roof where they will sit needs to be replaced. We have secured a partial grant for work on the roof and have contracted with Fick Bros to do the work. These two jobs will be done simultaneously and our hope is that the work will be done by mid-summer.

Two other needs at Sacred Heart Church are to prep and sealcoat the parking lot and to upgrade our telephone and technology systems.

At St. John church, three stained glass windows are broken and all the windows need to be repaired. If not repaired, they will eventually break and we will lose them. Currently we are reviewing two bids.

Lastly, our group realized the need to have a facilities analysis of both campuses so that we can plan for our future needs; a plan that can strategically set a course for investment in our churches.

As we secure bids, we will report all to you and begin the privilege of asking for your financial help for your parish family. Know that your gift will be a legacy to all who worship now and in future generations.

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