

# SACRED HEART PARISH



## *Sacred Heart Church*

508 High Street  
Chestertown, MD 21620

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 am

Kent Street entrance to Sacred Heart Church

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## *St. John Church*

Catholic Ave. & Main Street  
Rock Hall, MD 21661

### Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:00 am

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME › SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

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## PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all to our parish community. Parish Registration Cards for new members are available at the doors of the Church. These can also be used for updates if there are changes to family information. Please return them to the Parish Office. Please note that registration is required for Baptism, Marriage, and participation in PREP.

## Current Guidelines

- If you are feeling ill, please do not enter any parish facility
- You may use all doors to enter/exit church
- Worship aids may be left in the pew at the end of Mass
- Please limit restroom use
- In each of our churches there is a section set up with 3 foot social distancing for those who feel more comfortable with a bit of space; in Sacred Heart this is the section nearest the side door where the ramp is located and in St. John this is the first several pews on the left side of the church
- Sacred Heart Church is open for personal prayer from 8am – Noon, Monday through Friday (except holidays)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

#### Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

#### Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

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### For the Week of September 19<sup>th</sup> through September 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

#### Monday

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

#### Tuesday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

#### Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

#### Thursday

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

#### Friday

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

#### Saturday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

#### Sunday

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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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, September 18<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Mass for Our Parishioners  
Living and Deceased

### Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. Charles and Anne Garner

### Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. James Barry

### Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m.

### Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m.

### Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 a.m.

### Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

### Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. Mass for Our Parishioners  
Living and Deceased

## CRITICAL NEEDS FUND

### Committee Update

As of this writing, we are optimistic that the HVAC preparatory work has begun in the peripheral areas of Sacred Heart. We hope that next week's update will include visible progress!

To date, contributions to the Critical Needs Fund total \$220,503.00. Contributions are ongoing, and we remain grateful for the generosity of the parishioners, visitors, and friends who call Sacred Heart and St. John home. Please know that if you have yet to contribute but intend to do so, we are able to accept donations through December 31, 2021.

While the mission of the Critical Needs Fund Committee is to raise funds to address the immediate needs of our parish, committee members have all financially supported this mission by collectively contributing \$31,800.00 toward our goal of \$300,000.

Please keep our parishioners in your prayers.

## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program

#### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This Sunday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at our 10AM Mass, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday! All across the country, Catechists will be blessed and commissioned for their important work in the year ahead. Please join us in support of these “faith filled” people who have answered “Yes” to God’s call to serve by committing to pray for them this year. **Our Catechists are Alison Provanche, Nancy Lindyberg, Anne Scott, Natalie Walls, Vince Higgins, Mary Emma Munoz and Suzanne Munoz, Barbara Kelly (Sacramental and Adult Ed) and Ed Gordon (Adult Ed).**

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#### BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME

**Mark 9:30-37**

##### Reflection for Parents

When Jesus speaks of receiving a child in his name, he is speaking of receiving those whom society sees as unimportant, those with no legal rights, and those with no identity. He is speaking of receiving the powerless and the vulnerable. Today, think about what you can do and are doing to help your children develop compassionate hearts for the poor, the vulnerable, and those in need. They learn best by watching and following your example. How are you showing them the way to love?

##### Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Together as a family, look through your parish bulletin or Web site for opportunities to serve children in need. Decide on an outreach opportunity to respond to as a family, make an action plan, and follow through on your plan.

##### Discussion Starters

1. If I could ask Jesus one question today it would be...
2. One of the greatest people I know is... because...
3. One way I can serve others this week is...

#### Our Financial Situation

- Currently cash on hand for operating expense: \$90,000
- The Parish maintains a renovation account with a current balance of approximately \$34,000, far less than what is needed to cover the cost of immediate needs.
- The Parish has an investment account with an approximate balance of \$360,000, from remaining funds from the sale of the Betterton property; this fund will provide a legacy for the Parish and make money available in the event of an unexpected catastrophic need\*
- We are grateful for an investment fund derived from a bequest specifically earmarked for the purchase of a pipe organ at Sacred Heart. These funds were restricted by the donor

*\*While it is tempting to use the funds from the investment account, the Critical Needs Fund Committee does not support this approach as this diminishes the potential for a more impactful and meaningful legacy for our Parish and the community.*

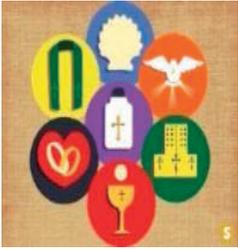
#### Offertory – Weeks Ending September 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Week 11 and Week 12

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 9/5 Wk. 11</b>	<b>\$3,286</b>	<b>\$5,046</b>	<b>\$6,346</b>	<b>\$1,986</b>
<b>YTD Wk. 11</b>	<b>\$43,030</b>	<b>\$24,140</b>	<b>\$69,806</b>	<b>-\$2,636</b>
<b>Offertory 9/12 Wk. 12</b>	<b>\$3,765</b>	<b>\$844</b>	<b>\$6,346</b>	<b>-\$1,737</b>
<b>YTD Wk. 12</b>	<b>\$46,795</b>	<b>\$24,984</b>	<b>\$76,152</b>	<b>-\$4,373</b>

**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.

# PARISH NEWS



## 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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## REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

**Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:**

*Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne, Tom Blum, Betty Ann Strong, Joseph William, Millie Moseman, Benjamin Ellingsworth, Father Ted Tempel, Adam Voshell, Bob and Donna House, Virginia Ellingsworth, Helena Perry, Tim Abeska, and Angela Willmer*

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## REMINDER TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**AT SACRED HEART:** Please remember to check in before mass in the foyer of the church by highlighting your name on the schedule.

## CHESTERTOWN FOOD PANTRY:

The Chestertown Food Pantry would like to thank Sacred Heart for their generous weekly donations. They would like to remind us to please check the expiration date on all donated foods because they cannot use anything past the date on the label.

**NEW PARISHONERS:** The following people have registered in our parish recently: Charles and Andrea Rhodes of Church Hill. 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!

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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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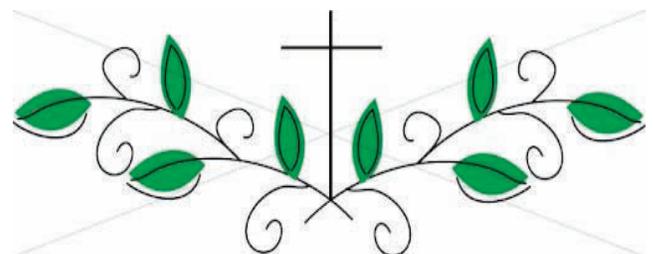
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## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER GRASING

*This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday* and at the 10:00am liturgy our catechists will be formally commissioned for their ministry in the parish this academic year. Each year we pray for and bless these women and men who have joyfully volunteered their time and talent to assist parents in the formation of children in the ways of the faith. In addition to the catechists for Religious Education, we will also commission those who assist with sacramental preparation and adult faith formation. Please keep all of our students and catechists in your prayers that all may grow each week, each day, in wisdom, grace and love of God.

I thought the following, from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), might be helpful. The website for the Bishops' Conference is USCCB.ORG.

### **What Does the Word "Catechetical" Mean?**

The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

### **Why do we have a special day set aside to commission catechists?**

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

### **How are parents, the primary catechists of their children, recognized on Catechetical Sunday?**

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians.

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Parents who have not registered their children for religious education classes are urged to do so promptly. The Diocese of Wilmington requires that children who are to celebrate sacraments (Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation) must be enrolled and attend classes (virtually, of course last year) prior to being enrolled for sacramental preparation. Of course it is my hope that children who attend public school will be present for religious formation at our parish every year.

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