

# 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-SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME › SEPTEMBER 26, 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not the people.

#### Second Reading: James 5:1-6

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgment day.

#### Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.

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### For the Week of September 26<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

#### Tuesday

Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

#### Wednesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

#### Thursday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12

#### First Friday

Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

#### First Saturday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Mt 18:1-5, 10

#### Sunday

Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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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, September 25<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

### Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.

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

### Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

### Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

### Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. The Barry Family

### Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

4:00 p.m. Ronald Seman

### Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Mass for Our Parishioners  
Living and Deceased  
Rev. Thomas Peterman

### CRITICAL NEEDS UPDATE

On a positive note, there is real and visible progress in our HVAC project at Sacred Heart! Our contractors from Montgomery HVAC are completing preparatory work in the gathering space and will next move to the side foyer and bathrooms.

On a not so positive note, the replacement HVAC units have not yet been shipped from the manufacturer, nor do we have a confirmed ship date. We continue to hope that we will soon be able to celebrate their arrival.

We pray that our Lord guide our mission and bless our efforts.

## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program

#### BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

#### Gospel Summary

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells John that those who are not against us are for us. Jesus also speaks of removing those parts of our bodies that cause us to sin, for they are hindrances to entering the Kingdom of God.

#### Reflection for Parents

The second teaching in today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the temptations and sources of sin in our lives. Spend time in honest conversation with God, and pray for forgiveness and the strength to overcome temptations. Make time to experience God's healing love and grace in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

#### Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Lead a family discussion of familiar sins such as telling a lie, cheating on a test, being jealous of what someone else has, being selfish, or not keeping a promise. Make a list of the family's responses. Remind family members that in today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we need to remove whatever causes us to sin from our lives so that we can one day enjoy everlasting life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Review the family's suggestions, one-by-one, and brainstorm ways to work at removing those sins from your lives. For example, you can remove telling lies by working at always telling the truth. You can remove selfishness by working at sharing more often. Conclude the discussion by praying for God's strength and help in avoiding sin and in doing good. If time allows, go as a family to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

#### Discussion Starters

1. Someone who did something kind for me this week was...
2. An act of kindness I could do for someone else this week is...
3. One of my biggest temptations 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 – Week Ending September 19<sup>th</sup> Week 13

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 9/19 Wk. 13</b>	<b>\$3,231</b>	<b>\$844</b>	<b>\$6,346</b>	<b>-\$2,271</b>
<b>YTD Wk. 13</b>	<b>\$50,026</b>	<b>\$25,828</b>	<b>\$82,498</b>	<b>-\$6,644</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.

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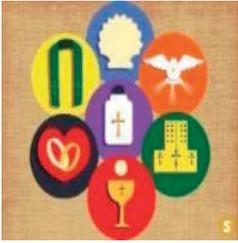
#### REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

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.*

# 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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**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.

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**MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE:** Please remember in your prayers Mildred Strong and Edmond Tinucci 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 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).

**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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## DIOCESAN NEWS

The **ANNUAL BLUE MASS** to honor those who serve our community in the public safety sector (police, fire, EMS, and military), will be held on **Friday, October 1, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church, Cedar and Clayton Streets, in Wilmington.** Current and retired first responders, military, and their families are invited to attend. The Mass will also be live-streamed on the Diocese of Wilmington's YouTube Channel – [YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DiocesefofWilm). Bishop William E. Koenig will preside at the Mass and will give the homily. More information is available at [cdow.org/bluemass](http://cdow.org/bluemass).

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### **Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50<sup>th</sup>, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at **2:00 PM on Sunday, October 17, 2021** at St. Joseph's, Middletown, at 371 E. Main Street, Middletown, DE 19709. The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 1:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 1:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required.** Please make your **reservations by September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

This year, you can register by clicking on <https://cdow.coursestorm.com/course/annual-wedding-anniversary-mass>, or by emailing [ljackson@cdow.org](mailto:ljackson@cdow.org).

**Thank you** for your generous response to the Critical Needs Fund. To date we have received gifts totaling \$230,000 toward our goal of \$300,000. This represents not only your support but also your willingness to make sacrifices for the good of all parishioners. I am truly most grateful for your donations to this fund. For those who have not yet had an opportunity to make a donation, there is still time. As you may recall from the letter sent to each household from the committee, we are not closing this particular fund drive until 31 December 2021.

As I announced several weeks ago, our parish has achieved the goal for ***the Annual Catholic Appeal***. Again, your generosity is very humbling. Your support of the Appeal helps further the mission of the Diocese of Wilmington by funding several ministries, perhaps most importantly these days is the outreach to those most in need.

Like myself, you have many organizations reaching out for financial help. And, like myself I know you have to decide which of these organizations or groups to support. As we make these decisions it gets complicated—so many good causes need our help. Please know how grateful I am that you have chosen the diocese as well as our parish. My support of the parish and the diocese comes from my belief that the diocese reaches far beyond anything any one parish can do and because I also firmly believe that our parish is a necessary, vital, life-giving voice in the larger community.

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.

Work continues at Sacred Heart Church on the peripheral areas (gathering space, restrooms, chapel and sacristy). We are still awaiting word of the arrival of the units for the nave. Once they arrive work can begin on replacing the flat roof and installing the church units.

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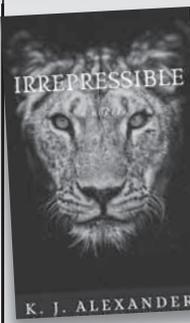
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