

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

*Go and make
disciples*



St. John the Evangelist Church

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:00 am

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Kent Street entrance to Sacred Heart Church

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME · OCTOBER 10, 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

This poem discusses how the spirit of wisdom is far more beautiful than any riches could be. All gold is no more than sand when compared to the importance of wisdom, which often leads people to the other good things in life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

God's perception of people is called "sharper than any two-edged sword." God is able to know the thoughts and feelings of all his people. We can hide nothing from him, and will need to account for all he has seen in us.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

A man asks Jesus how he can share in everlasting life. Jesus tells him to sell his possessions and travel with them. The man refuses and Jesus tells his disciples how difficult it is for a rich person to enter heaven if they are too concerned with their possessions. The disciples remind Jesus that they gave up everything for him, but he assures them they will be rewarded with everlasting life.

For the Week of October 10th through October 17th

Sunday

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday

Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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, October 9th

4:00 p.m. David Michael Young

Sunday, October 10th

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

10:00 a.m.

Monday, October 11th

8:30 a.m. Edmond Tinucci

Tuesday, October 12th

8:30 a.m. Ross Lyons

Wednesday, October 13th

8:30 a.m. Bonnie Basener

Thursday, October 14th

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 16th

4:00 p.m. Kurt Maloney

Sunday, October 10th

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

Critical Needs Fund Committee Update

As recent Sacred Heart attendees will attest, the parking lot has been sealcoated and re-stripped. Although the original plan was to schedule this work following the completion of the HVAC/flat roof project, we have been assured that the sealcoating would not be damaged if completed prior to the HVAC project.

On another positive note, the HVAC contractor has informed us that the equipment has been shipped from the manufacturer! We are anxiously awaiting further shipping updates and are hopeful that work may be scheduled in the near future.

We remain gratified by the patience and understanding of our parishioners in the midst of the unavoidable, but seemingly endless, delays. It has not gone unappreciated.

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 October 3rd Week 15

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.
Offertory 10/3 Wk. 15	\$6,808	\$7,326	\$6,346	\$7,788
YTD Wk. 15	\$60,753	\$33,998	\$95,190	-\$439

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. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

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, and Angela Willmer.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME

Mark 10:17-30

Reflection for Parents

Take time to make two lists today. On the first, list all the things that are important to you in the order of their importance. On the second, list what you really need in order to live. Compare the two lists. How are they alike? How are they different?

Review the first list. Is God first in your order of importance? If not, what can you do to make faith in him the most important priority in your life? Consider whether any other adjustments need to be made to your lists. Pray that the second list will help you be more aware of *wants* verses *needs*.

Bring the Gospel Into Your Family

This week, invite the family to take part in an opportunity to give what you have to the poor. Set aside a day and a time to go through closets, cupboards, and drawers together. Gather any outgrown clothes or unused items that are clean and in good shape. Take them to a donation center such as the clothes closet or St. Vincent de Paul collection box at your parish.

Discussion Starters

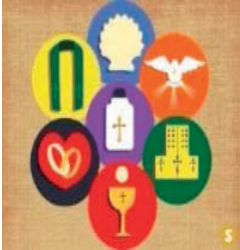
1. Giving away clothes I don't wear anymore and things I don't use makes me feel . . .
2. The one thing that would be hard for me to give up is . . .
3. A rich person I know who will certainly enter the Kingdom of Heaven is . . . because . . .

FAITH ENVIRONMENT/SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Did you know that in 2003 in response to the United States Conference of Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children, the Diocese developed a safe environment program entitled *For the Sake of God's Children*? The Bishop, all priests, deacons, seminarians, religious brothers and sisters and all lay employees and volunteers participate in the program to assure that a comprehensive safe environment exists in our parishes, schools and institutions. For more information go to www.cdow.org and click on For the Sake of God's Children.

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.

WELCOME: The people of Sacred Heart Parish welcome into our family Lily Ren Shiroma, who was baptized this past weekend. Congratulations to you, your parents & godparents. God bless you as you begin your faith journey.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 11TH IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY.

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.

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.

THE DIOCESAN VOCATIONS GUILD is open to Catholics from within or with ties to the Diocese of Wilmington. Members pray for an increase in priestly and religious vocations and the success of priestly and religious ministry in the diocese. They may also participate in a variety of programs to promote and affirm vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is now accepting donations of cars and other motor vehicles to support its programs benefiting the most vulnerable in our communities. Catholic Charities will accept all vehicle donations regardless of condition or registration status, arrange for vehicle pickup, if necessary, and provide the donor with an IRS tax receipt for their records. In addition to automobiles, Catholic Charities accepts donated trucks, boats, RVs and motorcycles in any condition. The Thrift Center also accepts donations of new or gently used clothing, shoes, household goods, furniture and working appliances. For more information about the donation program, or to make arrangements for donation, please call 302-764-2717 or e-mail ThriftCenter@ccwilm.org.

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St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

Dear St. Joseph,
help us to
imitate your
faithful trust and
courage.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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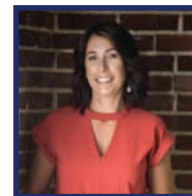
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