

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

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disciples*



St. John the Evangelist Church

Catholic Ave. & Main Street
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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:00 am

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME › JANUARY 30, 2022

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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
- FULLY VACCINATED:
We encourage you to wear a mask during Mass, covering the mouth and nose
- NOT VACCINATED:
MASK REQUIRED, COVERING MOUTH AND NOSE
- 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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

God tells Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet to the nations before he had even been born. He also promises him strength and protection, providing Jeremiah does as God asks.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13

Paul discusses the importance of love and claims that one who possesses any gift, but lacks love, has nothing. He explains that true love never fails, although knowledge or other talents can fail to endure in the same manner. Paul says that three things last: "faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these being love."

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. But he knew that they would be expecting him to do the things he had already done in other towns. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled him from town.



For the Week of January 30th through
February 6th

Sunday

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

First Friday

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

First Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or
15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11



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, January 29th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, January 30th

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Christine Paul

Monday January 31st

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 1st

8:30 a.m. Tara Knapp

Wednesday, February 2nd

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 3rd

8:30 a.m. Rev. John Grasing (living)

Saturday, February 5th

4:00 p.m. Bernard Folker

Sunday, February 6th

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

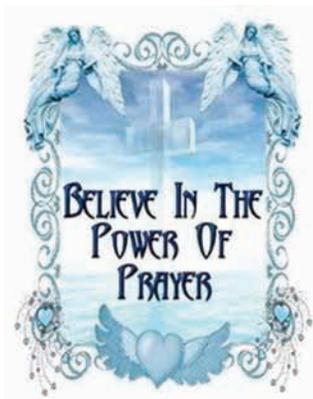
10:00 a.m. Ann LaClair (living)

NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register
with the Parish Office and introduce yourself 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.

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE

PARISH: Remember
in your prayers the sick
of the parish: *Valerie
Lindyberg, Patricia
Dana, Eugenia Brooks,
Tom Blum, Betty Ann
Strong, Joseph William,
Millie Moseman,*

*Benjamin Ellingsworth,
Father Ted Tempel, Bob and Donna House, Virginia
Ellingsworth, Helena Perry, Jon Hanley, Ida
Plotcher, and Angela Willmer.*



PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Luke 4:21-30

Reflection for Parents

How many times do we react to what appears to be the situation? A few times of being wrong slows us, especially parents, down and teaches us that things are not always as they seem. It takes time and often forces us to eat humble pie (or at least laugh at ourselves), but very often, by the time we get the story we recognize that we have come to the wrong conclusion, that the evidence is misleading. Parents need to show their children that they trust and have faith in them. If our first impression turns out to be correct, then we can take necessary disciplinary steps, but at least children recognize their parents' faith in them as our first response.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

When the people of Nazareth had no faith in Jesus, Jesus could not work any miracles. He had to leave the area and go where people believed in him. Share together places in your own lives, either individually or as a family where weak faith prevents Jesus from working in your lives. What steps can you take to allow Jesus to enter? What can you do to help one another develop a stronger faith?

Discussion Starters

1. A truth that is hard for me to hear is ...
2. I have seen others reject a certain person who speaks the truth. They do not listen because ...
3. A truth I have tried to tell but felt rejection from others happened when ...



Keep Frosty warm

On the weekends of **January 29th/30th** our Confirmandi will be having a winter clothes drive at Sacred Heart Church. We ask that our parishioners donate new, or gently used, hats, gloves, and scarves, and new socks. They will be distributed to local agencies and schools. The socks will be given to the Samaritan Group Winter Shelter as socks are always in great demand in homeless shelters. The donation boxes will be in the church hall and at the doors of the Church. Thank you!

JANUARY SAINTS

HYACINTHA OF MARISCOTTI



Clarice Mariscotti was probably a typical upper-class girl in Viterbo, Italy, in her time. As a teenager right at the beginning of the 1600s, she liked to have fun. Her father, Count Antonio of Mariscotti, and her mother, Ottavia, who was descended from royalty, were quite wealthy, so she had the finest clothes and education.

When she was 20, she wanted desperately to marry a marquess, a nobleman. She was angry when he instead chose to marry her younger sister. Feeling embarrassed, she was moody and temperamental with her family and finally agreed when her parents decided she should enter the Monastery of St. Bernardine, where her older sister was a nun.

As a member of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, Clarice was given the name Hyacintha, but she had become a nun for the wrong reasons — simply to escape a problem. She didn't want to give up her beautiful clothes and fine food and friends. For 10 years, she was devoted to her faith but did not relinquish material things.

When the priest who brought Communion to the nuns and heard their confessions visited her cell and saw the luxuries she enjoyed, he called upon her to change her ways. Following a serious illness, Hyacintha realized that she was not living her vows. She confessed to the other sisters, gave away all of her fine clothes and shoes, slept on wooden boards and consumed mainly bread and water.

When plague broke out in Viterbo, she nursed the sick. She also organized groups to gather food and money for the sick, poor, and elderly.

By the time of her death in 1640 at the age of 55, Hyacintha was known for her great holiness. She was named a saint in 1807 by Pope Pius VII, who declared that she had, through her charity, "converted more souls than many preachers of her time."

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week ending January 23rd Week 31

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 01/23 Wk. 31	\$5,417	\$894	\$6,346	-\$35
YTD Wk. 31	\$131,806	\$61,718	\$196,726	-\$3,202

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.

SEASONAL REMINDERS:

First, regarding the weather—

- Before venturing out, it is always prudent to call the parish office to check our open/closed status; personal safety is the main concern
- One is not put in a state of serious sin by missing Mass on a day when travel to/from church would be hazardous

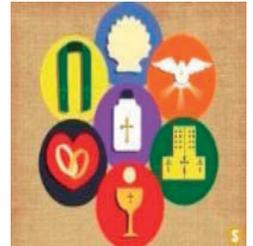
Naturally, if there is an occasion that a State of Emergency is declared all parish offices will be closed and all activities cancelled.

And regarding Covid, flu and other illnesses—

- If you are not feeling well you should stay at home. The obligation to attend Mass does not mean coming to church when you are ill and at risk of infecting others.

You may wish to consider receiving communion in the hand if you do not already do so.

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.

Father John Grasing is on a medical leave of absence. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Father Grasing. Bishop Koenig has named Father Patrick Bergquist as the temporary administrator of Sacred Heart Parish. We are grateful to Father Bergquist for assisting us in our time of need.



PARISH NEWS....continued

REMINDER TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT

SACRED HEART: Thank you to the ministers who volunteer to serve weekly at our liturgies. Please remember to "check in" before mass in the foyer of the church. Simply highlight your name on the schedule so that we know in advance if we need to fill positions or make changes. All ministers should check in - Lectors, Greeters, Cantors, and Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you for your attention to this request.

FLOCK NOTES: 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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OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are being sent directly to your home, bi-monthly. If you are not receiving envelopes and wish to do so, please contact Becky Davis at 410-778-3160.

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE: Please remember in your prayers Tara Knapp and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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

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FLOWER DONATIONS:

Parishioners are invited to donate flowers in celebration of weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and other special events. If you would like to donate flowers or place flowers in memory of a loved one, please inform Becky Davis at 410-778-3160. Thank you.

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.



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