

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 the Evangelist Church

Catholic Ave. & Main Street
Rock Hall, MD 21661

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:00 am

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME › FEBRUARY 13, 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
- 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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah compares a man who seeks strength in flesh but abandons God to a bush in the desert, bereft of nourishment and unable to grow. Yet a man who trusts in God is like a tree beside a river, fed & strengthened by it even during times of drought.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Paul addresses those who believe in Christ's teachings, but are not convinced that he rose from the dead. He calls their faith worthless, because they have not been freed from their sins. Paul then emphatically declares that Jesus did rise up again, as will all those who truly believe in him.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus tells his followers that those who are insulted in this life because of him will be rewarded richly in heaven. Yet those well received by all will despair in heaven, since people had often respected false prophets and mistreated true prophets. Those who hunger, perhaps for spiritual knowledge, shall be filled. Yet those who are full in this life will be hungry.



For the Week of February 13th through
February 20th

Sunday

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday

Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

Friday

Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday

Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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, February 12th

4:00 p.m. Jane Bushby

Sunday, February 13th

8:00 a.m. Becky Brilz

10:00 a.m. Rev. John Grasing (living)

Monday February 14th

8:30 a.m. Margaret Hardy

Tuesday, February 15th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 16th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 17th

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 19th

4:00 p.m. Nancy Wyman

Sunday, February 20th

8:00 a.m. Raymond W. Brilz, Sr.

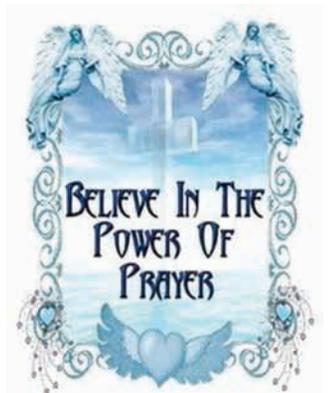
10:00 a.m. Alicia Bourne

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Gospel Summary

Jesus taught his listeners that some values in God's Kingdom will be the opposite of what they are in our earthly society. Those with no power or material possessions, but who trust completely in God will be first in the Kingdom of God. But people who value the luxuries of this world will be last in the Kingdom.

Reflection for Parents

Children trust their parents to take good care of them and give them direction. That's a lot of responsibility for a parent. Similarly, we all are challenged by these beatitudes to trust completely in God. When we trust and serve God, we know clearly from this reading that God will take care of us in the Kingdom.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Read the Beatitudes carefully again as a family. Suggest ways that people might be "poor" that don't relate to economic class. What ways can people be hungry and still have enough food to eat? What kind of sorrow would we experience without God in our lives? With a broader understanding of these terms, create a mobile or booklet where family members illustrate what the beatitudes mean for your family today. You might conclude by suggesting ways your family will practice living out the beatitudes you have illustrated.

Discussion Starters

1. This reading calls me to simplify my life and change the notion of what society values. Today, I will take one step toward the Kingdom by ...
2. One way in which I am poor is ...
3. I find true happiness in ...

FEBRUARY SAINTS

VALENTINE OF ROME

Valentine was a priest in the early Church. He was also a doctor. He helped people when they were sick, and he taught his Christian community in Rome how to follow Jesus. His example of always acting with love inspired many people to join the Church.



It was dangerous to be a follower of Christ in the early Church. Christians were persecuted for their faith. They were hunted down and kept in jail until they were put to death. Because Valentine was such a well-known leader of the Christian community, it was not surprising that he was arrested.

Valentine did not let being a prisoner stop him from living his faith. It is said that one of the jail guards brought his sick daughter to him and that Valentine healed her in God's name. Valentine also wrote letters of encouragement to the other Christian prisoners and to the members of his community. He wrote about Jesus' love and reminded everyone to stay strong in their faith. This is how the tradition of sending valentines to the people we love began.

He was executed around the years 269-273 and is the patron of engaged couples, happy marriages, and love.

We honor St. Valentine on February 14. On Valentine's Day, thank God for the gift of Jesus and for all the people who help us grow in our love for the Lord.



PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week ending February 6th Week 33

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 02/06 Wk. 33	\$6,616	\$5,221	\$6,346	\$5,491
YTD Wk. 33	\$140,937	\$67,793	\$209,418	-\$688

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.

CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY.



News from the Parish Art and Environment Team

A heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who prepared the Sacred Heart and St John churches for Christmas. These volunteers, including two families with children, gave 250+ hours to plan, set up, maintain and then remove the Christmas environment that we all look forward to each year. Thank you to all who donated money for the Christmas flowers. Generous gifts of time, talent and resources help to make our churches a welcoming place for parishioners and visitors alike.

As we look ahead to Lent and Easter, we invite you to consider helping on the Parish Art and Environment Team. This is an opportunity for you to renew old friendships and make new ones, use skills you already have and learn new ones, and strengthen your ties to the parish faith community. And in addition to all that, we have FUN!

If you are interested in helping or need more information, please call Becky in the parish office and leave a message and a member of the Art and Environment team will get back to you.

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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