

# 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

*Prayer, Fasting,  
Almsgiving  
beginning next  
weekend.*

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## *St. John the Evangelist Church*

Catholic Ave. & Main Street  
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### Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:00 am

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT › MARCH 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

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

#### Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

#### Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.



For the Week of March 13<sup>th</sup> through  
March 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or  
3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

#### Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

#### Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

#### Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

#### Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

#### Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

#### Saturday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

#### Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9



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, March 12<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Alicia Bourne

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Ann Tilghman

10:00 a.m. Alica Heckler

Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Jerry Peterson

Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Jeremy Tucker

**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](http://sacredparish.org).

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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, 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, Monta Harrington, Angela Willmer. And  
Ken Peregoy.*



## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program

#### Bringing the Gospel Home

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Luke 9:28b-36

#### Gospel Summary

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top.

The disciples witnessed what we call the transfiguration where Jesus' face became radiant and his clothes dazzling white. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The disciples had no idea what was happening and Peter, in his ignorance, suggested that they erect three tents to commemorate the event. As though to correct Peter's misunderstanding, a voice came from the cloud naming Jesus as his son and telling the disciples to listen to him. There was not to be confusion about Moses or Elijah being equal to Jesus nor should Peter have tried to assume control of a holy happening, but rather listen to this holy one.

#### Reflection for Parents

Parents and older siblings are often in a privileged situation to see a radiant look on a joyful child's face. Maybe it's how they light up when special company arrives, or maybe the look of delight at a special gift or surprise. What kind of transfigurations have you seen this week either in the faces of children, friends, co-workers, or even in yourself?

#### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Share places where you have seen change, perhaps in your family and home, school, work place, neighborhood or community.

Suggest ways that these changes are transforming for you and others. Jesus marked the end of an ancient age and the beginning of something new. How are the changes you see like the end of something old and the beginning of something new? How are you involved in that change? How are you part of the change Jesus brings?

#### Discussion Starters

1. God spoke from a cloud at the Transfiguration. I believe we still hear his voice in ...
2. The Transfiguration was a preview of heaven. I believe heaven will be ...
3. One of the changes I am making in my own life during this Lenten season is ...

## MARCH SAINTS

#### MATILDA, QUEEN OF GERMANY

Matilda was from a royal family in Denmark and was raised by her grandmother, who was an abbess in a convent. Matilda became Queen of Germany when she married King Henry I. As queen, she put her faith into action. She treated the people of Germany as



children of God rather than her subjects. She was a generous person and wanted all people to share equally in the blessings of life. Her good deeds were an example to King Henry. They worked together to help all the citizens of Germany to have better lives.

When Henry died after 17 years of marriage, she continued to help the poor and neglected people of her country. But her sons accused her of wasting the family's money on strangers. To put an end to the fighting, Matilda gave up her share of the money she had inherited from King Henry. She retired to the country house where she was born in 895 to live a prayerful life and to help the people of her village.

Matilda was called back to the castle when her sons had trouble ruling the country. They begged her forgiveness for treating her so cruelly. Once again, Matilda was able to begin helping people in need and working to help the people of Germany come to know and love Jesus.

In her later years, she was responsible for the building of convents, churches, and a monastery. She was loved by the people of Germany who saw her as an example of God's love for his people. We honor Matilda as a saint. Her life teaches us that people can learn about Jesus through the love and care we share with them.



# PARISH NEWS

## Offertory – Week ending March 6<sup>th</sup> Week 37

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 03/06 Wk. 37</b>	<b>\$4,254</b>	<b>\$5,196</b>	<b>\$6,346</b>	<b>\$3,104</b>
<b>YTD Wk. 37</b>	<b>\$158,298</b>	<b>\$75,681</b>	<b>\$234,802</b>	<b>-\$823</b>

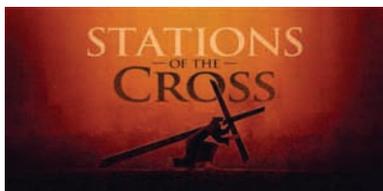
## PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM

You are invited to participate in a Parish Lenten Program focused on the ideas put forth by Pope Francis for the 2021-2023 Synod.



**Each Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am**, an in-person discussion group will be offered in Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Discussion topics and questions for reflection will be published in the Sunday bulletin each week, as well as in a weekly Flocknote. The same opportunities for discussion will be offered each **Wednesday evening as a Zoom meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm.**

As we journey together we need all God's people to participate in this process by listening, speaking and listening. During the six weeks of Lent the people of Sacred Heart and St. John are challenged to speak freely and courageously. The Holy Spirit will accompany us on this journey—we hope you too will be an active participant.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Please join us for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays during Lent. Stations will be prayed in the main church at Sacred Heart.

**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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## SPECIAL COLLECTION

The people of Ukraine need our help! Bishop Koenig has asked that all parishes in the Diocese of Wilmington conduct a special collection the weekend of March 12/13 to aid the Church in Eastern Europe - especially Ukraine. There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who may flee to neighboring countries for safety. Additionally, you may help by making a secure on-line donation to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org). Thank you for your generosity



## PARISH NEWS....continued



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If you are interested in adding your name to the list of those who take donated food to the Chestertown Food Pantry, please contact Barbara Creegan (410-778-4830).



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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.

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**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.



### LENTEN REGULATIONS ON FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating between meals is not permitted.

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### 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.

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**DIALOG:** In addition to the newspaper edition of The Dialog that's available in church every two weeks, the newspaper's website, [www.thedialog.org](http://www.thedialog.org), is updated every weekday with stories from the diocese and around the world, including many that don't appear in the newspaper due to space considerations. Stay on top of national and international issues of concern to Catholics, each Sunday's Scripture reading commentaries by Dialog columnists and the work of the church in the nation and world by visiting [www.thedialog.org](http://www.thedialog.org).

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