

# 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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## *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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER · MAY 8, 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
- MASK REQUIREMENTS:  
Masks are not required. If you are not fully vaccinated, we encourage you to wear a mask during Mass, covering your mouth and nose. Thank you.
- 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

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas addressed many people, and large crowds gathered to hear them. Some of the Jews became jealous, and argued with whatever Paul said. But Paul and Barnabas continued preaching their message of salvation and everlasting life, until they were eventually forced to leave the town.

#### Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John saw a vision of many people surrounding a throne and the Lamb. One of the elders told him these were the people who had survived great periods of trial, but maintained strong faith in God. Now they would receive eternal protection and comfort from God as reward for their loyalty.

#### Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus states that his sheep know his voice and follow him, and will receive eternal life. Jesus also says that no one can snatch his followers away, because God is greater than anyone who might try, and Jesus is one with God.



For the Week of May 8<sup>th</sup> through  
May 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

#### Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

#### Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

#### Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

#### Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

#### Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

#### Saturday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

#### Sunday

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



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, May 7<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Fritz McCall

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Mass for All Mothers

10:00 a.m. Mass for All Mothers

Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Marie Carlin (living)

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Becky Brilz

10:00 a.m. Harry Vanderlek

**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, Monta Harrington, Angela Willmer, Ken Peregoy, and Michael McCabe.*



## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program

#### Bringing the Gospel Home

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 10:27-30

#### Gospel Summary

There are two notions that need to be taken on faith as they are presented in the Gospel passage where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. The first mystery is that those who are given the gift of faith to hear the invitation Jesus presents, will follow him. The second mystery involves the unbreakable bond that exists between the Shepherd and the person who hears the invitation. Once a person responds to the invitation, he or she belongs to God forever.

#### Reflection for Parents

Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available?

#### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Reach out to a family in your neighborhood this week by inviting them over for some “informal” fun and food. Dig out board games and snacks as you welcome them spontaneously. Keep in mind that this is how Jesus reaches out to us and let your neighbors experience God’s love through your hospitality.

#### Discussion Starters

1. I have a real feeling of belonging to . . .
2. I felt Jesus inviting me to follow him this week when . . .
3. Today I hear Jesus’ voice in . . .

## MAY SAINTS

### DAMIEN DE VEUSTER

Damien was born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, in 1840. When he was only 13 he had to quit school to work on the family farm. At age 19, he joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. As a member of this religious community, he took the name Damien. He chose this name after a fourth-century physician and martyr.



Damien had an older brother, Pamphile, who was a priest. When Pamphile was assigned to the Hawaiian Islands, he became ill and was unable to go. Damien immediately volunteered to go in his brother’s place. Damien was ordained in 1864 after he completed his studies in Honolulu.

The Hawaiian government had a leper colony on the island of Molokai, where people suffering from Hansen’s disease were kept isolated from the rest of the population. After nine years in Hawaii, Father Damien offered to serve the sick people who lived there.

He felt such compassion for the lepers that he asked permission to remain with the colony permanently. He cared for the people’s physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Damien also appealed to the Hawaiian government for money and services to help the lepers of Molokai. Soon, a school, homes, an orphanage, and a church greatly improved the colony through Father Damien’s efforts. Most importantly, he helped his people know that God loved and cared for them.

Eventually, Damien caught leprosy and died from the disease in 1889. He had become so famous for his compassionate work among the lepers that a statue of Father Damien represents the state of Hawaii in Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol.

Damien of Molokai was declared a saint on October 11, 2009. He was the ninth saint to have worked, lived, and died in the United States.

We honor St. Damien for bringing the Good News to people who had been abandoned and treated badly by society. Like St. Damien, each of us can be a sign of hope and encouragement to anyone who feels lonely or forgotten in our neighborhoods or schools.

# PARISH NEWS

## Offertory – Week ending May 1<sup>st</sup> Week 45

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 05/01 Wk. 45</b>	<b>\$4,836</b>	<b>\$849</b>	<b>\$6,346</b>	<b>-\$661</b>
<b>YTD Wk. 45</b>	<b>\$193,250</b>	<b>\$87,860</b>	<b>\$285,570</b>	<b>-\$4,460</b>

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Baptisms can be celebrated at a weekend liturgy at either of the churches. Baptisms outside of Mass may also be scheduled and are normally celebrated on Sundays. The Parish office will gladly assist you with scheduling the baptism of your child. 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** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday afternoons at Sacred Heart Church. You may also 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.



## 2022 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – “Walking By Faith”

In today's Gospel Jesus tell us, “My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me”. It is important to listen. When we listen to Jesus and follow Him, we are *Walking By Faith*.

Everyone is welcome to walk with Jesus and follow Him in faith. As followers of Christ, we must act faithfully to reach out to others as Jesus does. As Christ committed His life to being the “one shepherd”, we too must commit ourselves to providing service to all.

Thank you to everyone who “Walking By Faith”, made a pledge to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. **Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed in the offertory basket.** Thank you for your generosity and support.

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org); click “Giving” then “Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal”, or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.

## PARISH NEWS.....continued

**Congratulations to the following young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop William Koenig on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Strengthened by the Spirit, we look forward to seeing them take their places in the life of the parish now that they are fully initiated members of the faith community.**

**Kate Cannon**

**Faith Connolly**

**John Connolly**

**Gabrielle Macielag**

**Nate Peregoj**

**Julia Spero**

**Sarah Vujanic**

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A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
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You're sure to find some treasures.

All proceeds to benefit a global charity to provide clean water for a less developed community.

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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.

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**LIVE STREAMING:** We will be suspending the live streaming of mass given that COVID numbers are decreasing. Should there be a change in the future, we will revisit streaming the mass.





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