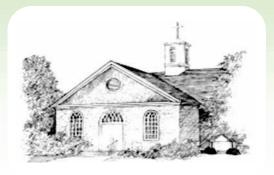
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Mass Schedule:

Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm Sunday Mass: 10:00 am Monday through Thursday: 8:30 am

Kent Street entrance to Sacred Heart Church

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 22, 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men informed the Gentiles that they must be circumcised if they wished to be saved, because of the Old Laws. Disciples then went forth to tell the Gentiles to honor only those rules which were strictly necessary, such as abstaining from eating meat sacrificed to idols and illicit sexual union.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John depicts Jerusalem coming out of heaven, sparkling with the radiance of precious jewels. Angels were stationed at each of its twelve gates, and each gate bore the name of one tribe of Israel. The city had no temple, because God was its temple. The glory and light of God and the Lamb also replaced their need for the sun.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." For those who do honor his word, both Jesus and God will love them and stay with them always. He also tells them that God will send the Holy Spirit in his place to give them the instructions they will need. Jesus then tells them that peace is his farewell gift to them.



For the Week of May 22nd through May 29th

Daily

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Readings

Sunday

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-

10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Friday

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

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 21st

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, May 22nd

8:00 a.m. **Bob Gavlinski** 10:00 a.m. Harry Vanderlek

Monday May 23rd

8:30 a.m. **Joy Connolly**

Tuesday, May 24th

8:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

Wednesday, May 25th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 26th

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 28th

4:00 p.m. Albert Kaifer

Sunday, May 29th

8:00 a.m. **Anthony and Marin Amer**

10:00 a.m. **Roger Charles**

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

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY. MAY 27TH AND MONDAY, MAY 30TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER John 14:23-20

Gospel Summary

In this Gospel, Jesus prepared his disciples for his return to God. Jesus promised them that the Holy Spirit would live within them and provide strength and courage. The Spirit would always be available to help them as a counselor and advocate. Through the Spirit, they would recall the words and teachings of Jesus and even come to understand these things in a way that they could not before. In addition the disciples would receive peace from the Spirit.

.Reflection for Parents

This reading is especially helpful when parents have to explain death to their children. Jesus told his disciples that if they truly loved him, they would be happy that he was going to be with his Father. While the words are sometimes hard, even for us as we face a loss through death, our faith lets us know that Jesus and our loved ones are truly happy in a way we can't fully understand. Jesus offered the Spirit to the disciples because he knew the days ahead would be hard for them. It is that same Spirit that helps us and our families when we face hard days following a death. The greatest news in this reading is that Jesus will be back for us!

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would be with us in the world until he returned for us. Take a look in your parish bulletin, local newspaper, or at school, work, or in your neighborhood and list as many examples as you can where you see the Holy Spirit at work in the world. If you notice someone on your list who needs to be reminded that the Spirit is active in their lives, call or visit them and let Jesus' presence be seen through you.

Discussion Starters

- 1. This week I saw the Holy Spirit's presence in . . .
- 2. One time I know the Holy Spirit was really guiding me was when . . .
- 3. It helps me to know that Jesus is coming back for us especially when I think about . . .

MAY SAINTS

RITA OF CASCIA

Rita was born in a small village near Cascia, Italy, in 1381. Her parents had waited many years for a child, and they gave thanks to God for Rita's birth. As a child, Rita often visited the nuns at the Augustinian convent in town and hoped to be able to join them one day. Rita's parents had other plans for her. It was the custom in Rita's time for parents to arrange marriages for their children.



Rita put aside her own desires and was obedient to her parents. When she was 12, she married Paolo Mancini, the town watchman. They had two sons. Her husband did not treat her well, but Rita remained close to God through her busy days as a wife and mother.

Two political groups in Cascia were always feuding. One day, Paolo got caught in the middle of a battle between the groups and was killed. Not long after, both of Rita's sons died of an illness that swept through her village. Rita was now alone in the world. Her thoughts returned to her childhood dream of becoming a nun.

At first the Augustinian Sisters rejected Rita because she had been married, but in time, Rita's prayers were answered. She was welcomed into religious life when she was 36 years old. Her days were filled with prayer and good works.

One day, about 20 years after she entered the convent, she was meditating on Christ's Passion and crucifixion. As she prayed, a small wound appeared on her forehead. It looked like a mark from a thorn, like the crown of thorns Jesus wore. This mark remained on Rita's forehead the rest of her life. It was a reminder of the great sacrifice Christ made out of love for all people.

For several months before Rita died, she was unable to get out of bed. A legend about St. Rita tells us that a friend visited her and asked if there was anything she wanted. Rita said that she wanted a rose that was blooming in the yard of the house where she grew up. The friend knew that this was impossible. It was winter, and roses do not bloom in the snow.

The woman left Rita and began to walk home, sad that she was not able to give Rita the one thing she had asked for. Along the way, the woman passed Rita's childhood home. To her amazement, a single colorful rose was blooming on the branch of a rosebush. The woman picked the rose and hurried back to the convent to give it to Rita. It was as if God was rewarding Rita for all the thorns in her life with the miracle of the rose. You will sometimes see artwork of St. Rita holding roses.

Rita of Cascia died in 1457 and was canonized in 1900. Along with St. Jude, she is the patron saint of impossible causes. St. Rita's example reminds us to put our faith in God, who raised his only Son, Jesus, from the dead and promises us that we, too, will share everlasting life with him in heaven.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week ending May 15th Week 47

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 05/15 Wk. 47	\$3,215	\$849	\$6,346	-\$2,282
YTD Wk. 47	\$203,042	\$93,910	\$298,262	-\$1,310

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"

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; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal", or simply scan this QR code with your cellphone.

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.

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.

PARISH NEWS.....continued

LIFE LINE SCREENING, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 from 9-5.

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
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
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- Ultrasound to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-877-754-9648.

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, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you for your attention to this request.

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, 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.



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We love having you as part of our flock! Let's keep in touch!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), a non-profit agency that coordinates foreign exchange students, is looking for help. They are one of the agencies that the State Department has designated to supervise students when they come into the country. Their mission is to help people gain understanding, acquire knowledge, and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world. The organization has been a local coordinator in Vermont for 16 years and recently moved to Perryville, MD where they hope to continue matching exchange students with awesome host families in this area. CIEE is seeking volunteer host families for the upcoming 2022/2023 school year and would like to ask for your help.

You do not have to have a high school student at home. They accept all kinds of families - kids, no kids, empty nesters, single parents, and so on. The main requirement is kindness and a willingness to learn about a foreign culture. Families who welcome a student will not only gain a new family member, but will also learn about the world, its many values, traditions, languages, food, and more.

Please feel free to call or email Peggy Dolan, CIEE local Coordinator, at 802-380-3330 or Peggyd.vt@gmail.com, if you would like more information about this amazing opportunity, or start an application at www.ciee.org/hostapply.



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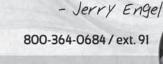
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