

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME › JULY 17, 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham, who saw three men standing near his tent. Sensing they were messengers, he hurriedly brought them food and water to refresh themselves. Upon leaving, the men told him that they would visit in a year, at which time his childless wife Sarah would have a son.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Paul discusses the suffering Christ endured for his Church. He describes his willingness to also endure suffering in Jesus' name. Paul hopes that through his sacrifices, many people will become complete in Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus was welcomed into the home of a woman named Martha. She complained to Jesus that her sister Mary sat listening to him instead of helping with the tasks of entertaining. Jesus told Martha that her sister had chosen the more important task, and should be allowed to listen.



For the Week of July 17th through
July 24th

Sunday

Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Monday

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17

Friday

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday

Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30

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, July 16th

4:00 p.m.

Mass for Our Parishioners

Sunday, July 17th

8:00 a.m.

Dottie Talley

10:00 a.m.

Henry Lee

Tuesday, July 19th

8:30 a.m.

Fr. Carleton Jones, O.P.
(living)

Wednesday, July 20th

8:30 a.m.

Robert James Asmussen
(St. John)

Thursday, July 21st

8:30 a.m.

Friday, July 22nd

8:30 a.m.

Jean Moorman

Saturday, July 23rd

4:00 p.m.

France Ruth Asmussen

Sunday, July 24th

8:00 a.m.

Raymond Brilz, II

10:00 a.m.

Mary Pat Thate (living)

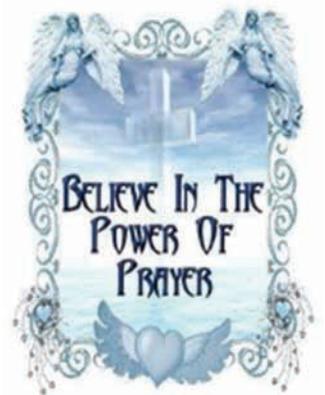
NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Fr. Pat after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.

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. Trina
Armand, Robert Plank, and Michael McCabe.*



PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Luke 10:38-42

Gospel Summary

Jesus upset a few Jewish norms in this Gospel about Mary and Martha. First it was unusual for a single man to be a guest in the home of a single woman, and secondly, it was usually the most acclaimed male student of a rabbi who received tutoring such as Mary. It was not the break in these norms that disturbed Mary's sister, Martha, so much as the fact that Mary sat listening to Jesus' teaching instead of helping her sister with the responsibilities of hospitality. Jesus, of course, knew that it was important to tend to the household chores, but he also wanted to make the point that in order to love and serve God, it was important to hear the Word of God.

Reflection for Families

Parents (especially mothers!) often classify themselves as Marys or Marthas. The demands of caring for a family while often earning a living outside the home, makes a Martha out of most of us whether that's what we want to be or not. We really have to concentrate on being Mary not only in our attentiveness to God but in our relationships with our families. Sometimes we have to schedule time to relax and just be with one another. Being is often more wise, more healthy, and more loving than doing.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Listen to God's Word together as a family. Have each member of the family share a favorite Bible story. Depending on the ages of people, either retell a story, read it from the Bible or use a children's Bible. When the family member is finished telling his/her story, have that person explain why it is a favorite story and how the story helps us live today according to the way God wants us to live.

Discussion Starters

1. I am more like Mary/Martha because ...
2. One way I will work to keep a balance of working/serving and listening to God's word is ...
3. I will try to be more welcoming to someone who is difficult for me by ...

JULY SAINTS

MARY MAGDALENE



Mary was not a quitter. The other disciples ran away afraid, but Mary stayed with some other women at the foot of the cross until Jesus died. She would not leave her friend in the terrible last moments of his earthly life. Sunset was fast approaching, which meant that the Sabbath was about to begin. The rules of her religion said she had to be inside before dark, but she followed Jesus' body to the tomb. At the first light of dawn after the Sabbath, she rushed to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, because there had been no time when he was buried. Mary hurried back to the Apostles to tell them that she had seen the Risen Christ.

Mary lived in the town of Magdala. This small town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee was a place where Jesus spent much of his time preaching. This is probably where Mary first came to know Jesus. Some people think that she might be the woman who entered Simon the Pharisee's house. That woman wept and washed Jesus' feet with her tears. She wiped his feet with her hair and then poured perfume on his feet. The Gospels tell us that Jesus released seven demons from Mary. We are not sure what the evils were, but over the centuries people have guessed that she was an immoral woman. The Vatican has said this is not so, and many scholars believe that the reference means she was cured of illness by Jesus. Some scholars say that she was Martha and Lazarus' sister, Mary, of Bethany.

The one thing we can know for sure about Mary is that she was the first person to see the Resurrected Christ. Mary Magdalene brought hope to the disciples as she raced to tell them that Jesus was risen. She is a symbol of hope for us as well today.

When Mary first went to the tomb at daybreak after the Sabbath, she discovered that the stone had been moved away and that the tomb was empty. She was heartbroken and began to cry. A man in the garden asked her why she was crying. Mary thought the man was a gardener and told him that her Lord had been taken away. She didn't know where they had put him. The "gardener" called her by name and she immediately recognized him as Jesus. She ran to the disciples and told them that she had seen the Risen Lord.

We do not know where Mary went after Jesus ascended into heaven. Some say that she went with John to Ephesus. Others say she went to southern France where she lived alone in a cave and prayed. No matter where she ended up, Mary is still a model for us today as one of Jesus' first and most loyal disciples.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Weeks ending July 3rd and July 10th Week 2 and Week 3

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."

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Offertory 07/03 Wk. 2	\$5,318	\$6,176	\$7,325	\$4,169
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Offertory 07/10 Wk. 3	\$3,203	\$824	\$7,325	-\$3,298
YTD Wk. 3	\$13,715	\$7,849	\$21,975	-\$411

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.



BULL ROAST

After a two-year hiatus for Covid, the St. John's Bull Roast is back! The 67th Annual (almost) Bull Roast is **scheduled for August 21, 2022, 1pm to 5pm, at the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company Hall.** For more information and to purchase tickets, go to the new and improved parish website: sacredparish.org or contact the parish office.

It takes many volunteers to make this Bull Roast a success. Whether you help every year or have never helped before, we need YOU! Look for the button on the parish website that will link you to the Sign-Up Genius scheduler. You can see all of the volunteer opportunities and sign up for the one(s) that suit your schedule best. If you have any questions or have trouble using the Sign-Up Genius, contact Ann



Anderson at 410-778-4243 or

wmandersonfamily@verizon.net and she will be glad to assist you.

BULL ROAST SILENT AUCTION: *We need your help to make this Drive a success!* This year we will be having a Silent Auction during the Bull Roast! We will be auctioning off themed gift baskets. Some suggestions are: beauty items; wine and cheese basket; movie items; Italian basket; fishing items; ice cream basket; beach items; baby items, gardening basket, just to name a few. You don't have to give all items for a basket - individual items can be donated. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW.** Gift Certificates for restaurants, movie theaters, grocery stores, Amazon, etc. are appreciated as well. We can also use financial donations to buy needed items to complete the baskets. Any items you would like to donate can be brought to the Church office or placed in the bin in the gathering space. Gift cards and checks (with "Silent Auction" written in the memo area) can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to Sacred Heart. If you have questions, contact Cathy Byrne by texting to 301-221-5999 or ccuzbyrne@hotmail.com.



PARISH NEWS

TOWN HALL MEETING SUMMARIES - Thank you to all who shared their thoughts, either in person or in writing, at our recent Town Hall Meeting. All of your responses have been summarized into three documents representing the three questions that were shared initially: I. Who are we today as Church, II. Who would we like to be as Church, and III. What can we do to get there. These documents will be shared with you individually over the next three weeks to allow you to give prayerful consideration to the thoughts of fellow parishioners.

In an attempt to avoid repetition multiple comments were sometimes grouped into one statement, so even if you don't see your exact words, your thoughts should still be represented. For example, many parishioners voiced a need for more social gatherings in order to create an increased sense of community. If, for any reason, you feel the ideas you expressed are not accurately represented, please send an email with the subject TOWN MEETING to Becky Davis (rdavis@sacredparish.org) and she will see that it makes its way to Father Pat. Thank you again for your participation.

SUMMARY

TOWN HALL MEETING - JUNE 26, 2022

I. WHO ARE WE TODAY AS CHURCH?

- Aging community
- Lack of diversity in age, ethnicity, race, those with differences who are marginalized in our society (LGBTQ, divorced, etc.)
- Lack of awareness of the many volunteer activities in which individual parishioners are involved, however we don't seem to do much in the wider community as a Parish.
- We don't know each other.
- Not recognized by Diocese.
- Difficult to become a part of the parish, to know others and to be known.
- Communication needs improvement – example is signage around church buildings.
- Parishioners come from many diverse backgrounds. Many come from larger parishes with varied programs and active participation.
- The Sacred Heart Parish community includes two churches: Sacred Heart and St. John's.
- We are a charitable community – largest contributor to local Food Pantry.
- Catholic Church in Kent County has long history. Washington College Archives has much information on our history here.
- A church in mourning; a loss of faith in Church leaders as a result of scandals.
- Splintered communities (SH/St.J)
- As parish church – a Sunday mass attending, briefly getting together; at Diocesan level, we are faceless unknowns; as a national church we seem to be a split, top down, hierarchical and monological structure with little sense of community and being a truly sacramental church.
- Universally - A sacramental Church; outreach (Catholic Charities, etc.), judgmental and exclusive.
- A caring community but we don't often show it.
- On a spiritual plateau.
- Some Catholics not well catechized about basics of the faith (Mass, Real Presence, etc.)
- Active and attractive but not challenging.
- A serious and conservative Parish.

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