

SACRED HEART PARISH



*Go and Make
Disciples*



Sacred Heart Church

508 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm
Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am

Kent Street entrance to Sacred Heart Church

Phone: 410-778-3160

Fax: 410-810-0427

Web: www.sacredparish.org

St. John the Evangelist Church

Catholic Ave. & Main Street
Rock Hall, MD 21661

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:00 am
Thursday: 8:30 am

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT · NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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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

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."



For the Week of November 27th through December 4th

Sunday

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



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, November 26th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, November 27th

8:00 a.m. Ray and Becky Brilz

10:00 a.m. Nancy Hart

Tuesday, November 29th

8:30 a.m. Joanne and Bernard Gillespie

Wednesday, November 30th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 1st

8:30 a.m. (SJ)

Friday, December 2nd

8:30 a.m. Fr. Andrew Molewski (living)

Saturday, December 3rd

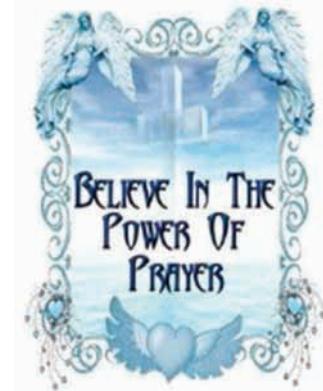
4:00 p.m. Mercedes Sanchez

Sunday, December 4th

8:00 a.m. John Daniels

10:00 a.m. Ross and Peg Lyons

**REMEMBERING
THE SICK OF THE
PARISH:** Remember
in your prayers the
sick of the parish:
*Valerie Lindyberg,
Patricia Dana, Eugenia
Brooks, Betty Ann
Strong, Joseph
William, Millie Moseman, Benjamin
Ellingsworth, Father Ted Tempel, Virginia
Ellingsworth, Helena Perry, Monta
Harrington, Angela Willmer, Lisa Wilson,
Michael McCabe, Grettel Yock, Jean
Tubman, and Donald Brilz.*



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.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Matthew 24:37-44

Gospel Summary

The emphasis of today's Gospel is on the second coming of Jesus. Matthew refers to three events that show we do not know when Jesus will return, but the message is clear: we are to be ready! The first reference Matthew makes is to Noah and the flood. People were occupied with their daily lives—eating, drinking, and marrying. In the second example, men were working in the field and women were grinding at the mill. Some were taken and some remained. In the final example, the master of the house could have prevented the robbery if only he had known when the thief would come. This Gospel is a stern caution for each of us to live in preparation for Jesus' return.

Reflection for Families:

There is more work for parents to do in a day than will ever get done. Some of us work outside our homes while some stay at home. In either case there are always bills to pay, laundry to wash, meals to prepare, errands to run and things to fix. Unless we deliberately set aside time to prepare ourselves and our families for Jesus' return, we will continue with the busyness of everyday life like the people of Noah's time and the workers in the field and at the mill. Especially at this time of year, it is easy to get caught up in the demands centered upon Jesus' birth rather than his return.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Make an Advent wreath this season with your family. You can make it from natural materials or construction paper, but basically you will need a green wreath (the green wreath represents God's unending love). A green ribbon wrapped around a grapevine or straw or styrofoam wreath works, too. Three purple candles represent forgiveness and one pink candle represents joy and is usually lit on the third week of Advent. Each week as you light a new candle, encourage each member of the family to tell one thing s/he will do during the week to prepare for Jesus' return. (An accompanying prayer can be found in *Family Prayer* on this site.)

Discussion Starters

1. If today were the last day of life on earth I would . . .
2. In order to help my family see the light of Christ this Advent season, one distraction I plan to eliminate is . . .
3. The joy I have in my heart this season is because . . .

NOVEMBER SAINTS

DOROTHY DAY

There are people all around us every day who live saintly lives. Some of them may even be called "saint" in the future by the Church. Dorothy Day was a woman who, much like Saint Teresa of Calcutta, was sometimes called a saint in her work.



Dorothy was born in Brooklyn, NY, in 1897. The family moved to San Francisco and then Chicago, where they lived in poorer housing after Dorothy's father lost his job. Even though Dorothy was young, she knew what it was like to feel shame over one's living conditions. As a youngster she loved to read inspiring stories of people who did good things in the world.

She attended college in Illinois but dropped out to take a job as a newspaper reporter in New York. She joined groups of people protesting the United States' involvement in World War I and joined groups that rallied for women in the U.S. to be able to vote in elections.

Her family had attended services at an Episcopal church, but Dorothy was drawn to the Catholic faith and attended Mass in New York, Chicago, and New Orleans when she worked in those cities as a reporter. When her daughter was born in 1927, Dorothy felt sure it was important to have her baptized and give her a Catholic upbringing, and she formally joined the Catholic Church.

Working as a reporter for Catholic magazines in New York, she prayed to the Blessed Mother to help her to use her talents to help the working poor. She soon met a man named Peter Maurin who told her to use her journalism skills to start a newspaper that could educate people about the teaching of the Catholic Church and how they related to social justice for people. Her kitchen table in her Greenwich Village apartment became her office, and she sold the paper, *The Catholic Worker*, for a penny a copy so that almost anyone could buy and read it. When word began to travel about the things Dorothy wrote, people who didn't have enough food or a place to live began to come to her for help. Her apartment became a place where people could stay when they had nowhere else to go.

Eventually, Dorothy and others at her newspaper began to lease apartments and houses and even farms where people could go to stay. These were known then, and are still today, as *Catholic Worker* houses. When the Depression hit, a lot of people needed this help.

Dorothy and other members of the *Catholic Worker* movement protested against nuclear weapons and were arrested many times for this. She also believed in equal rights for persons of all colors and backgrounds and took part in civil rights demonstrations in the late 1950s. She was in danger at times and was even shot at in Georgia.

Pope Paul VI invited her to receive communion from him in Rome in 1967, a sign of honor for her work. When she became too ill to travel, Dorothy was visited by people like Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who gave her a cross usually worn only by her order's Sisters.

She died in 1980. During her life when people called her a saint, Dorothy did not like the term. However, the effort began in 1983 to have her canonized, and Pope John Paul II gave the Archdiocese of New York permission in 2000 to open the cause for sainthood.

PARISH NEWS

OFFERTORY TOTALS FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 19/20TH WILL BE POSTED IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following people have registered in our parish recently: David and Polly Schmitz of Chestertown. We pray that you will become closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community.

We look forward to getting to know you. Welcome!

LIFE AFTER LOSS...

... Monthly meetings starting Thursday, December 1, at 4 p.m. in the gathering space at the back of the Church...

... for those who have experienced the death of a loved one...

... please consider joining us to share, listen, and discern prayerfully loss and renewal.

Robert Wilson and Ann O Connor



THE GIVING TREE: HELPING THOSE IN NEED
It is time once again for our parish's annual giving tree. This year there are more than 200 tags on the tree. Each tag represents a man, woman, teen, or child in our local community who is need of some Christmas cheer. Please, take a tag from the tree, read the information about the recipient, purchase and wrap the gift, and attach the tag securely to the outside of the gift.

Please include the recipient of the gift in your prayers. We don't know the circumstances each of these people are dealing with but God knows and we know that God hears and answers our prayers.

Place the gifts under the tree the next time you come to church. All gifts must be received at Sacred Heart Church by Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 11:00 am. For questions or to volunteer to help with the gift distribution, please contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 or wmandersonfamily@verizon.net.

Because there are so many tags this year, if you are able, please take more than one tag – we don't want anyone to be left out. May God bless the work of our hands and our hearts.



THE CALLING TREE Sacred Heart-St. John Parish

UPDATE

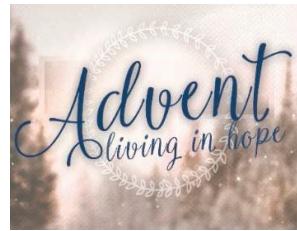
Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve as **CALLERS** in this new outreach program. We now need to identify those who would benefit from a **CALL**. If you know, or know of, someone who is mainly homebound, or who has health issues that limit their mobility, please let us know who they are so that we may connect with them.

Sincerely and thank you,

Barbara Creegan: 410-778-4830 or bcreegan2@washcoll.edu
Pat Gatto: 410-778-1197 or picat528@gmail.com



COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP
Each Sunday Morning
'til December 18, 2022
Following 10:00 AM Mass
Sacred Heart Church Foyer



ADVENT SERIES ON HOPE: Our Adult Religious Education group is offering four sessions on hope, starting **Wednesday, November 30th**.

There will be an in-house session in the Sacred Heart Hall each week at 10:00 a.m. and an evening session via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are on Wednesdays: **November 30th, December 7th, December 14th and December 21st**. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 410-778-3160.

PARISH NEWS

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, Ushers. Thank you for your attention to this request.

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Chestertown Community Table is hoping to reopen after its COVID-19 closure. A meal is served one weekday evening each



week and is free to whoever shows up (although we do accept donations to help defray costs). In the past, we have held the meal in the basement of the First United Methodist Church at the corner of High and Mill streets. We expect to use the same location.

We are looking for a few good-hearted people to volunteer to help prepare, cook, serve, and clean up after the meal.

The time and dates of the meal will be determined by a number of factors, including the availability of volunteers.

The sooner we can get enough people to organize, the sooner we can restart the meal. We would also like to develop a committee or board to help advise and coordinate our endeavor.

If you are interested, please contact chestertowncommunitytable@gmail.com or call 410-778-0911 or 410-778-2977.

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.

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:



- *Visit flocknote.com/SHPARISH on your computer
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We love having you as part of our flock! Let's keep in touch!

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