

SACRED HEART PARISH

To imitate Christ by listening, forming community and helping others

Sacred Heart Church

508 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620



St. John the Evangelist Church

Catholic Ave. & Main Street
Rock Hall, MD 21661

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 18, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

SACRED HEART

Saturday ----- 4:00 pm
Sunday ----- 10:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ----- 8:30 am

ST. JOHN

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

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SACRAMENTS

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.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at 3:15 pm on Saturday afternoons at Sacred Heart Church. You may also contact the parish office to make an appointment to celebrate the sacrament.

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).

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.

Phone: 410.778.3160

Web: www.sacredparish.org

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6a

God tells Moses that the Israelites will be “dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.” Even though God loves all people, the Israelites would be a special and holy nation if they honored God’s covenant.

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11

Paul describes how all sinners have been reconciled to God by Christ’s death. Now it is possible for all people to be saved by his life, if we follow the teachings of Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 9:36—10:8

Jesus felt great pity toward the crowd, who lay on the ground exhausted. Jesus knew that many people needed leadership, so he sent his disciples out to teach. He gave the twelve the power to cure disease and expel unclean spirits. Jesus told them, “The gift you have received, give as a gift.”



For the Week of June 18th through June 25th

Sunday

Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36—10:8

Monday

2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

Friday

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80



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, June 17th

4:00 p.m.

Alfonso Sanchez

Sunday, June 18th

8:00 a.m.

Mass for All Fathers

10:00 a.m.

Mass for All Fathers

Tuesday, June 20th

8:30 a.m.

Carol Sue Smith

Wednesday, June 21st

8:30 a.m.

Jim Wagner

Thursday, June 22nd

8:30 a.m.

Patricia Schulcz

Friday, June 23rd

8:30 a.m.

Barbara Hartnett

Saturday, June 24th

4:00 p.m.

Henry and Marie Gruber

Sunday, June 25th

8:00 a.m.

Anthony and Maria Amen

10:00 a.m.

Mass for All Parishioners

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, Benjamin Ellingsworth, Father Ted
Tempel, Virginia Ellingsworth, Helena Perry,
Monta Harrington, Angela Willmer. Michael
McCabe, Grettel Yock, and Chase Dolgos.*



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.

PARISH NEWS

For our Hearing impaired:

We have installed Audio Fetch at both Sacred Heart and St. John Churches. To use this system with your hearing aids, you need to download the Audio Fetch App.

1. Please verify that your hearing aids connect to your cell phone.
2. Go to Google Play or the Apple App Store
3. Search for AudioFetch
4. Download the AudioFetch app.
5. Connect to the AudioFetchExpress WiFi in your phone's settings.
6. Open AudioFetch App and start listening!

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.

TO ALL OF OUR ADVERTISERS

A special Thank You for advertising in our bulletin. We ask that you support them.

DIALOG: Please remember to pick up your free copy of the Dialog as you exit church. Our local Catholic newspaper is dedicated to news, features and more of interest to those of us here in the Diocese of Wilmington.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION: The Ministry for Black Catholics of the Diocese of Wilmington will host its annual *Juneteenth Celebration* on **Wednesday, June 21st, 6:30pm at St. Joseph Church**, 1012 N. French St., Wilm, DE 19801. The program will include an inspiring message by Therese Wilson Favors from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, prayer, moving music and a scrumptious Juneteenth supper.

FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL



2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – “Shining the Light of Christ”

Thank you to everyone who "Shining the Light of Christ" pledged 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 at the doors of the church, and can be placed in the offertory basket or the baskets at the doors. 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.”



The yard sale on June 3 was an amazing success!!! We raised over \$1900 for the Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event in the Fall. Thank you for the many, many donations – leftover items were distributed to local charitable organizations. Thank you to the volunteers who worked so hard to make the yard sale a success – YOU made it all possible!

Remember to save the date: **Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event**
Saturday, November 11, 2023

More details as we get closer to the event. For more information about Rise Against Hunger, visit their website:
www.riseagainsthunger.org.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending June 11th Week 51

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 6/11 Wk. 51	\$6,289	\$834	\$7,325	-\$202
YTD Wk. 51	\$230,441	\$85,235	\$373,575	-\$57,899

CHESTERTOWN FOOD PANTRY: The Chestertown Food Pantry would like to thank Sacred Heart for their generous weekly donations. They would like to remind us to please check the expiration date on all donated foods because they cannot use anything past the date on the label.



ART AND ENVIRONMENT

Thank you to everyone who helped to keep our churches beautiful for the 50 days of the Easter Season. Your gifts of time, talent, energy, and enthusiasm were so very much appreciated.

If you would like to join the Art and Environment Team, we want to hear from you –

Millie Strong – St John – 410-639-7365/overton@hughes.net

Ann Anderson – Sacred Heart – 410-778-4243/wmandersonfamily@verizon.net

Seasonal as well as weekly help is needed.
No experience is necessary.



The Season of
ORDINARY TIME

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART: June 18th is the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the namesake of our parish. On the front wall of the daily mass chapel is a round stained glass representation of Jesus with his heart held in his hand and displayed upon his chest. (It is also on the front of the bulletin). It often appears as if he is offering his heart to us. With his wounded hand he points to it, but it is not "just" a heart. It shows a heart surmounted by a cross, pierced by a lance and surrounded by a crown of thorns. Rays of luminous light shine out in offering this heart to a darkened world.

With our parish feast day upon us, it gives us a renewed opportunity to reflect upon the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The feast goes back to the Middle Ages in the West when devotions to the wounds of Jesus became familiar especially to mystics like Gertrude the Great and Mechilde of Helfta. In the 16th century, a time of the Reformation, there was much confusion among believers. There was, also, a growing heresy known as Jansenism, primarily focused in France. First formulated by a Calvinist theologian it emphasized the sinfulness of the human condition.

Over against the idea of the depravity of the human condition, some writers and others began to emphasize Jesus' humanity and his love of each person. St. John Eudes promoted a celebration of the Sacred Heart in 1670. A Visitation nun, St. Margaret Mary Alcoque told of visions she had and in particular one vision where Jesus asked that a Feast of the Sacred Heart be celebrated on the Friday of the octave of Corpus Christi. Eventually it became a feast of the universal church.

The feast gives us an opportunity to ponder the love Jesus has for each of us, and the cost of that love. It also gives us a special time to look into our hearts. When some of us were young, we learned the questions and answers in the catechism. Who was the best Catholic? The one with the highest grades. Some of us believed that knowing the right answers was what we had to do. If one reads the Scriptures, especially the New

Testament, we hear that Jesus was a reader of hearts, not a mind reader. The Jewish people believed that the heart was the center of all life, not the mind. If Jesus shows us what love is, what does our heart show? If Jesus offers us his heart, what do we do with our heart?

PARISH NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK AT THE PARISH:

Tuesday, June 20th **Prayer Group**
Sacred Heart Church
Gathering Space
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 20th **Bible Study**
Sacred Heart Hall
10:30 a.m. until noon.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Thursday, July 6th **Life After Loss**
Gathering Space at Sacred Heart
4:00 p.m.



LIFE AFTER LOSS...July 6th

... Monthly meeting, **Thursday, July 6th, 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

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JUNE 19TH IN OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH.

HOSPITAL VISITS: We are not able to access patient records from the Chester River Hospital Center. If you or someone in your family is a patient, and you wish to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office at 410-778-3160, and provide us with the patient's name and room number and we will do our best to accommodate the request.

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 Cherylin Bennek with any questions at 410-778-3160, or businessmgr@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

BOOK OF INTENTIONS: The Book of Intentions is at the front foyer of the Church. Please feel free to list family members and friends who are sick or deceased, and for whom you wish the Community to offer prayers.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Please pray for the families and loved ones of the departed who now enjoy the everlasting life.

Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and their souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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