

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 30, 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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.



For the Week of July 30th through August 6th

Sunday

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

First Friday

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58

First Saturday

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

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 29th

4:00 p.m. Dolores Cawley

Sunday, July 30th

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

10:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, August 1st

8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Wednesday, August 2nd

8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Thursday, August 3rd

8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Friday, August 4th

8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, August 5th

4:00 p.m. NO MASS

Sunday, August 6th

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Stephen R. Becker

**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

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES: Fr. Pat will be directing an 8-day retreat at the end of July and the beginning of August. The Mass schedule for the following weekends will be:

Saturday July 29th – 4:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart

Sunday, July 30th – 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 10:00 MASS AT SACRED HEART ON SUNDAY, JULY 30TH.

Saturday, August 5th – NO MASS
Sunday, August 6th – 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John and 10:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH:

Liturgy:

8:30 a.m. Sacred Heart

5:00 p.m. St. John

7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart

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.

BULL ROAST



at the doors of the churches.

The 68th Annual Parish Bull Roast is scheduled for **August 20, 2023, 1pm to 5pm**, at the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company Hall. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to the parish website: sacredparish.org, or contact the parish office. Sign up forms are

It takes many volunteers to make this Bull Roast a success. Whether you help every year or have never helped before, we need YOU!



Volunteer Sign Up: The best way to sign up is through our web-site, sacredparish.org. We use **“SIGN UP GENIUS” scheduler**.

To Use “SIGN UP GENIUS” scheduler: Click on **“Miscellaneous”** in the headings on our web-site, and you will see: **“Bull Roast Volunteer”** button. Click on that button where you will see all 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.



Baked Goods are needed for the Bull Roast.

Tasty treats of all kinds including cookies, brownies, cakes, and pies are needed. Please, label nuts, no nuts, gluten free, no dairy, etc. if you are making something special. Please, drop off your desserts on Saturday morning at the Fire Hall from 9:30 to 11:30 so that we will know ahead of the event that there are enough. Questions? Or to let us know what you plan to bring contact Elaine at 609-970-4272 or e.maugham@verizon.net.

SEE YOU AT THE BULL ROAST!!!

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending July 23rd Week 5

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."

OFFERTORY NUMBERS INCLUDE SECOND COLLECTIONS AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR SACRED HEART PARISH

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 7/23 Wk. 5	\$3,148	\$834	\$6,942	-\$2,960
YTD Wk. 5	\$20,684	\$8,662	\$34,710	-\$5,364



ART AND ENVIRONMENT

If you would like to join the Art and Environment Team, we want to hear from you –
Millie Strong – St John – [410-639-7365](tel:410-639-7365) – overton@hughes.net
Ann Anderson – Sacred Heart – [410-778-4243](tel:410-778-4243) – wmandersonfamily@verizon.net
Seasonal as well as weekly help is needed.
No experience is necessary.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MATTHEW 13:44-52

Gospel Summary

Jesus compared the Kingdom to a valuable treasure. First it was a buried treasure and second it was like a rare and priceless pearl. These findings were more valuable than anything we have known previously and that is what the Kingdom will be, too. When we finally understand the Kingdom of God, it will be like finding the greatest treasure we can imagine. However, it will be God who sorts out the good from the bad. Judgement is not ours.

Reflection for Families

We often let our children know what we think is valuable or what has little value. Sometimes we do this with body language and facial expressions. Sometimes we show them by what we choose to spend our time, money and energy on. Think about your actions for just one day and make a mental list of what you have shown to be "jewels" in your life. Be honest and if necessary, make some adjustments as a result of this reflection.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Look through family photos and identify members of your immediate and extended family. Describe a way in which each one of those people is a special jewel in the Kingdom of God. In what way does each person represent a special gift from God?

Discussion Starters

1. The greatest jewel in my field is . . . this directly relates to the Kingdom of God because . . .
2. One thing that is so valuable to me that I would give up everything I own to keep it is . . .
3. In order to better see my treasure, I have to get rid of some junk. That junk includes . . .

PARISH NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK AT THE PARISH:

Tuesday, August 1st **Prayer Group**
Sacred Heart Church
Gathering Space
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 1st **Bible Study**
Sacred Heart Hall
10:30 a.m. until noon.

Thursday, August 3rd **Life After Loss**
Sacred Heart Church
Gathering Space
4:00 p.m.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Sunday, August 20th **Bull Roast and Silent Auction**
Rock Hall Fire Hall
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER: The Cathedral of Saint Peter, in the historic Quaker Hill section of the City of Wilmington, is the Bishop's own parish and the center of Catholicism in our diocese. It was built over 200 years ago – 50 years before the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington - and continues with a small but dedicated parish community and school. In 2015, the diocese instituted an annual special collection to support the maintenance and ministry of our Cathedral. **This year, the collection will be held on August 12 & 13.** More information is available at www.cathedralofstpeter.com. You can make a secure, online donation at www.cdow.org/cathedral. We thank you for your generosity.

LIFE AFTER LOSS...August 3rd

... Monthly meeting, Thursday, August 3rd 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

HOLY MOMENTS: A parishioner who is a Dynamic Catholic Ambassador received multiple copies of Matthew Kelly's book *Holy Moments* for distribution to interested members of the parish. This is a handbook for the rest of your life, showing how to change things one Holy Moment at a time. A few copies remain at the doors of the church.

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.

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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