

# 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

*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 12, 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](http://www.sacredparish.org)

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



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Regarded as personifying God's power, Wisdom is readily and easily found by those who seek her.

#### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Thessalonians, who fear that those who have died will miss Christ's return, are comforted by Paul's assurance that those "who have died in Christ will rise first."

#### Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

In the parable of the five sensible bridesmaids and the five foolish bridesmaids, Jesus emphasizes the fact that we must always be ready for the coming of Christ because in his words, "You know not the day or the hour."



**For the Week of November 12th through November 19th**

Sunday

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Monday

Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Wis 2:23—3:9; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Wis 7:22b—8:1; Lk 17:20-25

Friday

Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8 or, for the Optional Memorial of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-33

Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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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 11<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Norma Barberis

### Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Dane Heineman

10:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

### Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Von George (living)

### Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Joseph Schulcz

### Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

### Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Bill Barth

### Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. For Our Parishioners

### Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Jessica Randolph

10:00 a.m. Jim Peterson

### 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. Jones 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](http://sacredparish.org).

The Rosary is prayed on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at Sacred Heart at 9:00 a.m. and on Thursday at St. John at 9:00 a.m.



# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH ENCOUNTER EVENING

Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – Sacred Heart

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – St. John

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Our Parish Encounter Evening will include:

- Adoration
- Community Prayer
- Private Devotion
- Teaching and Discussion

You do not have to stay for the entire time. There will be periods of community and private prayer throughout the evening. The teaching portion of the evening will begin at 6:30 p.m.



## Gone but still here!

As many of you know, I am now retired from working as the Parish Life Director for Sacred Heart. It has been a wonderful experience to collaborate with all of you about what came out of our town meeting in June of 2022.

With guidance from the Holy Spirit, we now have a mission statement that reflects the uniqueness of our parish. We have ministries and prayer services that did not exist prior to the town meeting.... all because of your willingness to make things happen for the good of our two churches.

It has been a joy for me to accompany you through this holy work. Thank you!

Know that I am still a parishioner of Sacred Heart and plan to worship most Sundays at either St. John or Sacred Heart Church. I will take the month of January to do a Spanish immersion program in Oaxaca, Mexico. My hope is to increase my Spanish language fluency so that I can do some Hispanic Ministry for both the diocese and hopefully, our parish. I will remain active on some committees and I look forward to the continued growth of our parish guided by our Mission Statement: *To imitate Christ by listening, forming community and helping others.*

Thank you everyone for being so good to me!

Mary Jo Frohlich

## MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO

**PARADISE:** Please remember in your prayers Mary Johnson, and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

## Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal Pledge

### Reminder:

Our parish has raised significant funds for the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Now, we need your help to reach our goal. If you've pledged, kindly ensure your payments are up to date. Your commitment matters greatly. Let's work together in faith and love to achieve our collective mission. Thank you for your continued support.

**To date, our parish has pledged \$69,260.00, with \$65,062 collected. Our goal is \$78,000.00.**

### End of year reminder:

- As the year comes to a close, there is still time to participate in the 2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, Shining the Light of Christ. Your donations make a meaningful impact on our community. When we join together in this appeal, we shine the light of Christ in countless ways. Your generosity matters. Let's make a difference together.
- The end of the year is approaching, and it's not too late to contribute to the 2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Every donation is an act of love and giving, bringing hope to those in need. Envelopes are at the doors.
- We invite you to participate and spread the spirit of generosity. Please help our parish increase participation and shine the light of Christ.



## PARISH NEWS

*We would like to congratulate our  
new Parish Council members -  
Penny Prue and Bill Banfield.  
Please keep them in your prayers.*

**SCAM ALERT:** If you receive an e-mail from Fr. Jones, please disregard if it is from any e-mail address other than [frjones@sacredparish.org](mailto:frjones@sacredparish.org).

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**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.

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**FIRST AID KITS:** There is a first aid kit in the brides' room at Sacred Heart and the confessional room at St. John.



### 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.

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**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](mailto:businessmgr@sacredparish.org). Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME THIRTY-FIRSTSUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MATTHEW 25:1-13

#### Gospel Summary

Jesus told the story about ten maidens waiting for a bridegroom to return home with his new bride. Most likely he had been delayed at her home working out the negotiations for her with the bride's father. Five of the maidens came with enough oil to keep their lamps burning through the night. The other five foolishly brought none. This passage is clearly about the end times and our being ready for it. The maidens needed oil to keep their lamps burning in order to be ready for the bridegroom. The message for us relates back to the Great Commandment we read about two weeks ago. We need to love God and our neighbors to insure that our lamps are ready for the end time.

#### Reflection for Families

Sometimes we grow impatient when we read the scriptures that anticipate Christ's return. After all, it's been two thousand years and not a word! It's easy for all of us to be lulled into complacency by such silence. But we not only have a responsibility to ourselves to be prepared, we must impress upon our children the importance of being ready for Jesus when he returns. One way to do this is show our children how the Kingdom of God has already begun. Even though the Kingdom is not complete yet, we can point out signs where life today is in some ways already like the Kingdom. For example people loving one another, caring for one another, and reaching out to one another in kindness, are all ways that point toward the coming Kingdom.

#### Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

As a family, commit to work together to bring about God's Kingdom. Think about one person you know at school, at work, or in your neighborhood who might not be ready for Christ's return. Reach out to them with a gesture or act that will show them God's love. At the evening meal, or bedtime prayers, share with one another how you were a symbol of the coming Kingdom today.

#### Discussion Starters

1. I remember being caught off guard once like the five foolish maidens. I felt...
2. One thing I need to do to be better prepared for Jesus' return is...
3. Someone I have known who was like the five wise maidens is...because...



# PARISH NEWS

## Offertory – Week Ending November 5th - Week 20

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.
<b>Offertory 11/05 Wk. 20</b>	<b>\$6,340</b>	<b>\$4,576</b>	<b>\$6,942</b>	<b>\$3,974</b>
<b>YTD Wk. 20</b>	<b>\$86,786</b>	<b>\$37,060</b>	<b>\$138,840</b>	<b>-\$14,994</b>



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE** to join the Literary Lunch Bunch!

**When:** Wednesday, December 13th

**Where:** Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Bring your favorite potluck dish and join in the discussion of chapters 1-4.

(Lending copies are available in the parish office.)



## WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK AT THE PARISH:

**Tuesday, November 14th Prayer Group**  
Sacred Heart Church  
Gathering Space  
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 14th Bible Study**  
Sacred Heart Hall  
10:30 a.m. until noon.

**Thursday, November 16th Parish Encounter Evening**  
Sacred Heart  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### FUTURE EVENTS:

**Friday, December 1st Parish Encounter Evening**  
St. John  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



## LIFE AFTER LOSS...December 7<sup>th</sup>

*... Monthly meeting, December 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



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