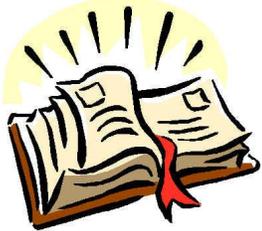


## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied.



Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

#### Second Reading: I John 2:1-5a

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

#### Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophets' words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.

#### For the Week of April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup>

##### Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

##### Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

##### Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

##### Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

##### Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

##### Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

##### Saturday

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20



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, April 18<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

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

8:00 a.m. Duane Benson

10:00 a.m. Jane Spray

#### Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Emily McGrail

#### Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

#### Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

#### Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 a.m. Clare Griffin

#### Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Ronald Anthony

#### Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Sharon L. Durante

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

#### Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Filomena Steele

10:00 a.m. Libby Stoops

## REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

*Julia Ridgely, Barron  
Scott, Thomas Parson,  
Barbara Darrah, John  
Troffo, Valerie  
Lindyberg, Patricia  
Dana, Jim Kestell,*

*Agnes Knoedler, and all  
those whose names*

appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS  
located in the front foyer of Sacred Heart and  
St. John's.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### **PREP**

#### ***Parish Religious Education Program***

"We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." Pope John Paul II

#### **FAMILY OF FAITH MEETING FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**EUCHARIST FAMILIES:** We will meet in the Parish Hall from **11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. At this meeting for parents and children, we will complete our preparations for the reception of the Sacrament and rehearse for the special day.

#### **PREP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL:**

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – RE Classes – Diocesan Assessments**

**Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> – RE Classes**

#### **PREP SCHEDULE FOR MAY:**

**Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> - RE Classes – SACRAMENT – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> – RE Classes (Last Class for Students) – MAY CROWNING CEREMONY – 10:00 a.m. Mass**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – CLOSING MASS AND CELEBRATION – 10:00 a.m.**

### **TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH:**

This Adult Formation activity meets **each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass** in the front foyer of Sacred Heart Church. *Coordinator: Barbara Kelly*

**Sunday, April 19th:**

**Holy Eucharist – The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Facilitators: Barbara Foster*

The word, "Eucharist" is probably the most used word in the Catholic Church. It is the heart of Roman Catholicism. What does Eucharist mean to you? What do you believe about the Eucharist?

**Next Week: Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Eucharist – the Communion Rite**

*Facilitator: Dan Ashe*

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:** The Father Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus will award a \$750.00 scholarship to a college bound senior who is a member of the Sacred Heart/St. John's parish family. The scholarship is for the academic year 2015-2016. To apply, please complete an application (found at the back of each church) and either hand it to, or mail it to, Steve Sappey at 104 Cedar Street, Chestertown, MD 21620 by May 31<sup>st</sup>. The postmark must be May 30<sup>th</sup> if mailing. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Sappey at 410-778-5979 or Bill Taylor at 410-778-0845. Thank you.



**LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER:** Sacred Heart Parish will be joining with The Presbyterian Church of Chestertown to offer a wonderful Vacation Bible School opportunity for our children on **June 22 - 26**. We are beginning the search for volunteers who would be interested in helping. Please contact Ann Ashe, DRE.

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**KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE:** April 2015 is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The best way to protect our children and our church is for adults to learn red tag behaviors and to report concerns to supervisors. This creates a culture of protection. View safe environment training even if you are not required. Read the policies and learn how you can help create a culture of protection. Go to [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) and scroll to *For the Sake of God's Children*. Call 302-295-0668 with questions.

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**SACRED HEART BUS:** Sacred Heart Parish will be celebrating Catholic Education and the new Sacred Heart Bus on Sunday **April 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 a.m. Mass**.  
**Please join us!!**

## PARISH LIFE



**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** The Fr. George Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church Hall. The charity fundraiser will offer spaghetti with meatballs and sauce, salad, and garlic toast, along with coffee and tea. Take Outs will be available. Adults are \$8.00; children ages 4-12 are \$4.00; and children 3 and under are free. Come join your friends and parishioners for good food, a good time, and a good cause. For more information, contact John B. Hall, Jr. at 410-215-9129.

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**BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S:** Please join us this **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's Church Hall.** We welcome any "family favorite" breakfast dishes that you would like to share alongside the traditional breakfast menu! There is no charge - received donations help those with need in our Parish. We look forward to seeing you there!!

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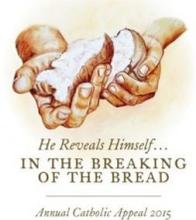
**THANK YOU Lenten Program Volunteers** - This message is for all those who have been "the hands and the feet" of Christ this Lenten season in our church community of Sacred Heart - over 50 volunteers in all! Thank you for your "yes" and for your efforts to make this a very prayerful, spirit filled, holy season in preparation for Easter. Whether you stepped up to participate in a program, brought soup and bread, made phone calls, stacked chairs and tables, handed out programs, washed dishes or simply made yourself available in any way....You were a necessary part of our community's Lenten Journey and a beautiful example of our active Christian community which is striving to "Make Church Matter More".

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

### 2015 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – *HE REVEALS HIMSELF IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:*

As St. Luke recalls for us in today's Gospel, only after the Apostles had absorbed the wonderment of seeing Jesus alive when they thought Him dead did the importance of His words take on meaning.

Jesus chose the Apostles as witnesses to His mission and true identity. If anyone among them thought that Jesus had some other way of telling the world about Himself, these thoughts were dismissed when



they realized that they were the means; they would be God's instruments.

As followers of Christ, we too become God's instruments. We are challenged to live as Jesus did with an outpouring of love and compassion for others.

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, "*He Reveals Himself in the Breaking of the Bread*" invites each of us to help bring Christ into the lives of those who seek His presence. It is an opportunity for each of us to unite as a Catholic community and to reach out to serve others – the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed the distressed, the unchurched, our children, and the elderly.

This weekend you are invited to participate in the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this year's campaign.

You can learn more about the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal by reading last week's Dialog or visiting the diocesan website at [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) and clicking "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal."

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**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 Deacon John Davis with any questions at 443-875-6898, or [deaconjohn@sacredparish.org](mailto:deaconjohn@sacredparish.org).



—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

### OFFERTORY:

SACRED HEART	\$	4,774
ST JOHN'S	\$	1,765
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$	403