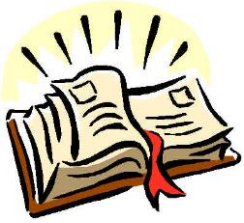


## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



#### First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men informed the Gentiles that they must be circumcised if they wished to be saved, because of the Old Laws. Disciples then went forth to tell the Gentiles to honor only those rules which were strictly necessary, such as abstaining from eating meat sacrificed to idols and illicit sexual union.

#### Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John depicts Jerusalem coming out of heaven, sparkling with the radiance of precious jewels. Angels were stationed at each of its twelve gates, and each gate bore the name of one tribe of Israel. The city had no temple, because God was its temple. The glory and light of God and the Lamb also replaced their need for the sun.

#### Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." For those who do honor his word, both Jesus and God will love them and stay with them always. He also tells them that God will send the Holy Spirit in his place to give them the instructions they will need. Jesus then tells them that peace is his farewell gift to them.

### For the Week of May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

#### Monday

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

#### Tuesday

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

#### Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

#### Thursday

The Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28,

10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (or where the Ascension is transferred to the following Sunday)

Easter Weekday: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

#### First Friday

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

#### First Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

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 30<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m.

Jim Bennette

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00 a.m.

Chris Fiumesreddo

10:00 a.m.

Miss Kitty

Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Mass for the People

Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Mass for the People

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Fritz McCall

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Mass for All Mothers

4:00 p.m.

Mass for All Mothers

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.

Mass for All Mothers

10:00 a.m.

Mass for All Mothers

**REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:**  
Remember in your prayers

the sick of the parish:

*Barron Scott, Barbara*

*Darrah, John Troffo,*

*Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia*

*Dana, Ryan Elizabeth*

*Quintero, Edith Follin,*

*Elizabeth Montague, Sandy Bugni, Angela Wilmer,*

*Agnes Knoedler, Faith King, Ray Brilz, and all*

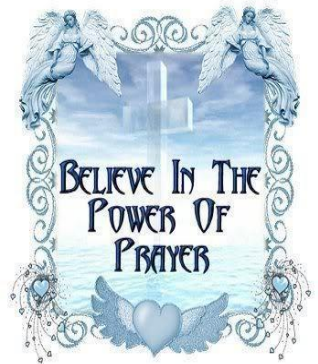
those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK

OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of

Sacred Heart/St. John's.

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**NEW TO THE PARISH:** Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing 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).



## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program

*"The Lord has done great things for us this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad." Psalm 118:24*

**SACRAMENT OF 1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST:** May God bless the following children as they receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time this weekend!

Briana Antao	Elizabeth Assante di Cuppullo
Faith Connolly	Chase Dolgos
Grace Gerstung	Jamison Kendall
Sophie Pierce	Peter Sine
Nate Peregoy	William Wilson
Alida Trumbauer	Jamison Woodward

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VBS - This Weekend,**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> /May 1<sup>st</sup>**, our second collection will be to support our ecumenical efforts for a Vacation Bible School Program this summer. Please consider a generous donation to support the children who will attend this community faith-based program sponsored by Sacred Heart Catholic Church, The Presbyterian Church of Chestertown, Christ United Methodist Church and Emmanuel Episcopal Church. All donations will go to support the VBS program and allow many of our children to come to know God through games, Bible study, art and science activities. *Thank you for your support!*

### PREP CALENDAR:

#### MAY:

**Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> – RE CLASSES (Last Class for Students)**  
**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Closing PREP Mass at 10:00 a.m.**

**PREP CLOSING MASS PARENT NOTE:** It would be a blessing if all PREP students could plan to attend the Closing Mass for PREP on **May 15<sup>th</sup>** so that we could have 100% participation to close out our year together. This will be a Children's Mass with the liturgical roles filled by our children. Students will be sitting together with their PREP Catechists and fellow students in the front and center pews of the church. Please mark your calendar. Let's finish the year strong by sending the message to the children that our "faith matters."

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**MAY CROWNING CEREMONY:** Next Sunday, **May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:50 a.m.** (just prior to the 10:00 a.m. mass), our 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist students will crown Mary, the queen of heaven. Come early to honor Mary in this special way.

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SAVE THE DATE:** Sacred Heart Parish will be joining once again with The Presbyterian Church of Chestertown to offer a wonderful Vacation Bible School opportunity for our children on **June 20 - 23**. We are beginning the search for volunteers who would be interested in helping. Please contact Ann Ashe, DRE.

## TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS



### TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

We meet weekly **following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday**. The readings of the day are discussed so that we can better apply them to our daily lives; and a particular piece of Catholic doctrine is then presented and explored. This is a wonderful way to grow in knowledge of our faith!

*Won't you join us?*

**THIS WEEK: May 1<sup>st</sup> THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
*Facilitator: Mary Jo Frohlich*

Jesus reminds his disciples that he will send the Paraclete in his absence. His Spirit will guide and strengthen the disciples and the Christian community after Jesus' death. Thus, today, the doctrinal focus will be the Holy Spirit.

*Next Week: Evangelization*  
*Facilitator: Dick Swanson*

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**2016 Annual Catholic Appeal – “Blessed are the Merciful for They Shall Obtain Mercy”**

In celebration of the Holy Father's acclamation of the Holy Year of Mercy, we are called to “rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time.” The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, *Blessed are the Merciful for They Shall Obtain Mercy*, reminds us that we are given the opportunity to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through our actions, touching people's lives and offering hope.

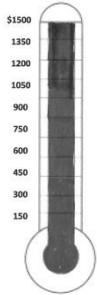
**Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today.** Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12 county diocese. **Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and at the doors and can be placed in the offertory basket.** To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) and click on “Giving” then “Annual Catholic Appeal.”

## STOP HUNGER NOW

Thanks to everyone who supported the yard sale and bake sale on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We raised \$945.90 for Stop Hunger Now. The leftovers from the yard sale



were donated to the Rock Hall Lions' Club for their yard sale in the fall.



**With the addition of the proceeds from the yard sale, we have now reached and surpassed the \$1,500.00 goal.** All monies raised will go to fund the Meal Packaging Event on Saturday, October, 22, 2016. We will provide more details about the packaging event as we get closer to the date. We will package 15000+ meals and we'll need lots of help. Together we CAN do great things!

*Thank you for your generous support of this project.*

## PARISH NEWS

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP:** The Father Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus will be awarding its Charter Member Scholarship to a deserving high school senior or seniors to assist with their college educational needs. The application forms are located in the front areas of Sacred Heart or St. John's. **The completed application forms must be received by May 25, 2016.** If you have any questions, please contact Steve Sappey at (443) 480-4368.

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**BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S:** Mark your calendars for the next Breakfast of the season scheduled for **Sunday, May 15th 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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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** It is time once again to make changes to your Profile in the MSP Scheduling System. Please indicate your mass preferences and your "can't serve dates" in the system no later than Wednesday, May 11th. The next schedule will include June, July and August. *Thank you.*

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**SUMMER CAMP:** There are two Catholic based Debate Camps –

**July 3-8,** commuter and overnight, at Villanova University; **August 8-12,** commuter at Salesianum, Wilmington.

All high school students and recent graduates are invited. Learn leadership, presentation and research skills, grasp deeper things about public policy, plenty of practice and debate. Major time with the industry's top senior instructor. There is an early bird discount through May 31<sup>st</sup>. For information or to sign up go to [www.statesmandebate.com](http://www.statesmandebate.com), or call 443-822-5473.

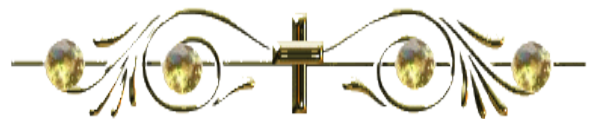


## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP



**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

**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 Senta Burton with any questions at 410-778-3160, or [senta.burton@sacredparish.org](mailto:senta.burton@sacredparish.org). Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.



### Offertory - Week Ending 4/24/16 Week 43

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 04/24 Wk.43	\$6,121	\$730	\$6,442	\$409
YTD Wk. 43	\$226,689	\$46,269	\$277,006	-\$4,048

