

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

The disciples were celebrating Pentecost together when "tongues of fire appeared which parted, then came to rest on each of them." The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in foreign tongues. Visitors from many different countries were amazed that each guest could hear his or her native language being spoken as the disciples proclaimed God's glory.



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Each person has received different manifestations of the same spirit to contribute to the common good of all. All members of the church have been baptized into one body because of our belief in the Holy Spirit, who was sent to us by God.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they had locked the doors in fear. Jesus then showed the disciples his hands and his side; and they rejoiced at his presence. He breathed on them saying "Receive the Holy Spirit." He then gave the disciples the power to forgive others or hold them accountable for their sins.



For the Week of May 15th through May 21st

Sunday

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5;
Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14;
Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17;
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday

Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16



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, May 14th

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, May 15th

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz II

10:00 a.m. Major Ralph K. Rothwell, Sr.

Monday May 16th

8:30 a.m. Zoe Shearer (living)

Tuesday, May 17th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday May 18th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, May 19th

8:30 a.m. Emily Russel

Friday, May 20th

8:30 a.m. Marie Gillen

Saturday, May 21st

8:30 a.m. John Seltzer

4:00 p.m. Matthew Lamond

Sunday, May 22nd

8:00 a.m. Jean Archer

10:00 a.m. Sue Kolsun

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, 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.



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.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

May you walk with God, this spring & summer...In whatever you do and wherever you go.

Religious Education classes have concluded for the year. Registration for next year's classes will be available on August 1, 2016. May God abundantly bless your family time this summer.

END OF YEAR PRAYERS: As we come to the end of our time together as a PREP community, I would ask that you pray...

- For the children...that they take what they have learned of their faith forward with them into the summer and out into the world.
- For the parents...that they consistently and effectively share their faith with their children and find ways to keep religious education a priority in their lives.
- For the catechists...that they reflect on this year of sharing and teaching the faith with a sense of satisfaction and personal growth.

We were so very blessed to have had such a dedicated group of Catechists for our Religious Education Program this year. A sincere, heartfelt "THANK YOU" to each of them for their commitment to our children and their faith.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: "Catch the Wave" of God's love at the VBS Surf Shack this summer – June 20-23rd.

Registration forms are available at the Church doors or register online at cokesburyvbs.com/PCCtownVBS.

VBS NEEDS: We are in need of several free standing shade shelters to be used Monday – Thursday, during VBS. If you have a shade shelter we could borrow, please contact Ann Ashe.

DIOCESAN NEWS

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SHRINE MASS: Founded in 1704 by Jesuit priests, St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia) is one of the oldest permanent Catholic establishments in the English Colonies and is considered the mother church of the Diocese of Wilmington. All are invited to Mass on **this Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 4 p.m.** Reverend David F. Kelley, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Middletown, DE, will be the celebrant. The gift shop will be open before and after Mass. Income assists in the upkeep and restoration of the facilities. For more information or to arrange a tour of the church and rectory, please call Old Bohemia Historical Society President Marji Matyniak at 302-328-4803. The church is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and is located at 1699 Church Road, Warwick, MD.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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!

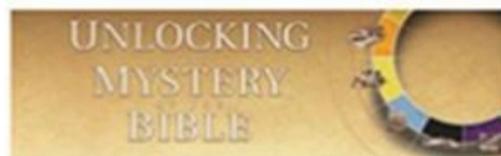
Won't you join us?

THIS WEEK: May 15: PRAYER
Facilitator: *Barbara Foster*

Jesus invites us deeply into the intimacy he shares with his Father. He prays that we might enter more deeply into union with his Father. Prayer was the hallmark of Jesus' life and he invites us into its power and purpose. Thus, today we will explore the doctrinal theme of PRAYER.

Next Week: The Church and Ecclesiology

Facilitators: Ted Kremer & Steve Sappey



If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ.

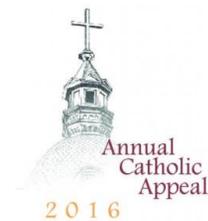
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture with its clever narrative approach and ingenious color-coded Bible Timeline. It is a great way to get the 'big picture' of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You will see how the Bible reveals God's loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice.

The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion.

The Catholic Community of Sacred Heart & St. John will begin **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** on **Sunday, June 12** immediately following the 10:00 Mass. **Pre-registration is necessary.** Registration forms are at the doors. For more information, contact Barbara Kelly at 410-778-5849 or email bksquared01@aol.com.

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.

Participants in the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal can expect to receive their first payment reminder on or about May 30th. Additional reminders will continue through December. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your mailing. Do not submit payments to the parish office or through Offertory collection. Thank you.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND: Today, we will hold a special collection for the Diocesan Priests’ Retirement Fund. Your donation will be used to support the many fine priests who have dedicated their lives to service of the faithful of Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore. We thank you for your generosity.

Offertory – Week Ending 5/8/16 Week 45

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 05/08 Wk.45	\$4,630	\$765	\$6,442	-\$1,047
YTD Wk. 45	\$236,914	\$49,124	\$289,890	-\$3,852

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.

BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN’S: Please join us this **Sunday, May 15th following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John’s Church Hall.** There is no charge - received donations help those with need in our Parish. We look forward to seeing you there!



CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Our parish community is blessed to have such dedicated catechists who work to offer the *Children’s Liturgy of the Word* program each Sunday, where the children hear and learn about God’s Word in an age appropriate way. We thank them for their commitment. Please note that the CLOW Program will not be offered for the summer months this year.

KICK OFF TO SUMMER FAMILY DINNER RAFFLE:

Luisa’s Cantina Italiana - Dinner, dessert, and drinks for 6 people. There are pasta or pizza options available. **The drawing is Sunday, June 5th.** Tickets are \$3.00; 2 for \$5.00; or 5 for \$10.00. **Tickets will be available for purchase after Masses at Sacred Heart and St. John’s parishes on May 14/15th and May 28/29th.** For more information, contact Beverly at 410-708-4722, Lanae at 443-350-5265, or Kara at 443-480-8669, or see the flyers at the entrances of the Churches

LET’S DANCE for fun, smiles and exercise!! Zumba Gold® is being offered at Sacred Heart - for the active, older adult/beginner. There is no fee to our Sacred Heart & St. John’s parishioners. The class is led by a certified Zumba Gold® instructor. **Classes are every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.** in the Church Hall. Please contact Sharon Burritt at 410-708-8048 with any questions.



