

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Peter explains to the elders that his healing of a cripple was done in the name of Jesus Christ. He reminds the elders that they crucified Jesus, but God rose him up so that all people could be saved in his name.



Second Reading: I John 3:1-2

John expresses amazement at the fact that God allowed us to be called his children. Although we are unsure exactly what we will be after this life, we do know that we will see God as he is and be like him.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus speaks of a shepherd working only for pay, with no real concern for the sheep being well cared for. But Jesus is our shepherd and would lay down his own life for all those in his flock. God loves him for his willingness to sacrifice himself for the sake of all God's children.

For the Week of April 26th through May 2nd

Sunday

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

First Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

First Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14



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 25th	4:00 p.m.	Marie Gruber
Sunday, April 26th	8:00 a.m.	Filomena Steele
	10:00 a.m.	Libby Stoops
Monday April 27th	8:30 a.m.	Mass for the People
Tuesday, April 28th	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday April 29th	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Thursday, April 30th	8:30 a.m.	Mass for the People
Friday, April 31st	8:30 a.m.	John G. McDougall
Saturday, May 1st	8:30 a.m.	John G. McDougall
	4:00 p.m.	Julia Rosenwald
Sunday, May 2nd	8:00 a.m.	Ray Brilz II
	10:00 a.m.	Clare Griffin

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 1ST EUCHARIST

FAMILIES: We will meet in the Parish Hall from **11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. this Sunday, April 26th**. 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 MAY:

Sunday May 3rd - RE Classes – SACRAMENT – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 10:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, May 17th – CLOSING MASS AND CELEBRATION – 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST: Please pray for the following children and families in our parish community who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, May 3rd:

Jamie Baldwin	AJ Besse	Kate Cannon
Laurel Clarke	John Connolly	Robert Fink
Garett Hemingway	Sarah Lapointe	Ellie Macielag
Emma Melvin	Lawrence Peach	Mia Tucker
Maverick Woodward		

PREP CLOSING MASS PARENT NOTE: It would be a blessing if all PREP students would be prepared to attend the Closing Mass for PREP so that we could have 100% participation to close out our year. This will be a Children's Mass with the liturgical roles filled by the children. Let's finish strong with good attendance for end of year classes. Students will be sitting together with their PREP Catechists and fellow students in the front and center pews of the church.

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.

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 26th

Holy Eucharist – the Communion Rite

Facilitator: Dan Ashe

The Church teaches that the presence of Christ is made present in four ways in the eucharistic liturgy. Do you know what those four ways are?

Next Week: Sunday May 3rd

Sacrament of Confirmation

Facilitator: Fr Paul Campbell

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 31st. The postmark must be May 30th if mailing. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Sappey at 410-778-5979 or Bill Taylor at 410-778-0845. Thank you.



VOCATIONS

Referring to Jesus, today's responsorial psalm declares that "the stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone."

Religious women and men take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience – values often rejected by the dominant culture. Their lives and

ministry have been magnificently used by God in the building up of the Body of Christ. Is God calling you to join them? Call or write Father David Kelley, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org.



PARISH LIFE

SPAGHETTI DINNER: The Fr. George Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a Spaghetti Dinner on **this Saturday April 25th 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.



Spaghetti Dinner

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.

FLOWER DONATIONS: Parishioners are invited to donate flowers in celebration of weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and other special events. If you would like to donate flowers or place flowers in memory of a loved one, please inform Becky Davis for Sacred Heart, at 410-778-3160; or Mary Johnson for St. John's at 410-778-2230. Thank you.

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 Burrirt at 410-708-8048 with any questions.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Everyone is welcome to flock by Jesus. As followers of Christ, we too must act faithfully to reach out to others. As Christ committed His life to being the "one shepherd", we too must commit ourselves to providing service to all.



He Reveals Himself...
IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Annual Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal last weekend. 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 baskets. Thank you for your generosity and support.

You can learn more about the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting the diocesan website at www.cdow.org and clicking "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal."

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP



—SIGN UP FOR 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 Deacon John Davis with any questions at 443-875-6898, or deaconjohn@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION: Next weekend, **May 2nd/3rd**, there will be a second collection for the Religious Education program at all masses. Donations will be used to subsidize Religious Education events such as the Confirmation Retreat for high school students, the Day Apart Retreat for our Catechists, and special catechetical purchases such as the Youth Catechism, children's bibles, and rosary rings for students. Please consider directly supporting these efforts through the second collection next Sunday.

OFFERTORY 4-19-15:

SACRED HEART	\$	3,716
ST JOHN'S	\$	1,708
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$	1,303