

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas addressed many people, and large crowds gathered to hear them. Some of the Jews became jealous, and argued with whatever Paul said. But Paul and Barnabas continued preaching their message of salvation and everlasting life, until they were eventually forced to leave the town.

#### Second Reading: Revelation

7:9, 14b-17

John saw a vision of many people surrounding a throne and the Lamb. One of the elders told him these were the people who had survived great periods of trial, but maintained strong faith in God. Now they would receive eternal protection and comfort from God as reward for their loyalty.



#### Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus states that his sheep know his voice and follow him, and will receive eternal life. Jesus also says that no one can snatch his followers away, because God is greater than anyone who might try, and Jesus is one with God.

For the Week of April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Sunday

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

#### 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

#### Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

#### 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 16<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Robert A. Resele

10:00 a.m. Paul A. Damico

Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Barbara Lewis

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

3:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. Alex Rasin

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Robert A. Resele

10:00 a.m. Jack DePoulter



### 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, 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*

**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 24<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.

**SACRAMENT OF 1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST:** Please pray for the following young people as they prepare to receive Eucharist for the first time in May...that they might come to know and love Jesus more deeply through this sacrament:

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

### PREP CALENDAR:

#### APRIL:

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – RE CLASSES**

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – RE CLASSES – 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Family of Faith Meeting**

#### MAY:

**Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> – RE CLASSES – Sacrament of Eucharist at the 10:00 a.m. Mass**

**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. – Followed by Reception Celebration.**

**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.

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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.

## JOURNEY OF Faith

### 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: April 17: ECUMENISM**

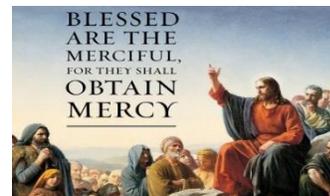
*Facilitator: Dick Swanson*

Paul set out to evangelize Israel. Israel rejected the message. Paul then took his message to the Gentiles—to the entire world. We are called to foster a spirit of Christian unity when it comes to the universal message of salvation in Christ. Thus, today's session will focus on ecumenism.

*Next Week: The Church and Its Structure*

### 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.**

*Thank you for your generosity and support.*

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) and click on “Giving” then “Annual Catholic Appeal.”

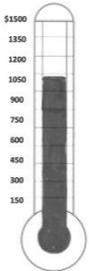
## STOP HUNGER NOW

**CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC:** You are invited to a Concert of Sacred Music on **Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** hosted by Christ United Methodist Church, 401 High Street, Chestertown.



Sacred Heart/St. John's/Christ United Methodist Church Yard Sale: Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Wanted: Clean, gently used items, treasures, vintage items, furniture (no clothes or electronics, please). Collection weekend: April 16 and 17<sup>th</sup> after all Masses – look for a vehicle in the parking lot displaying a smiley balloon. Please come to the yard sale - **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO STOP HUNGER NOW.** For information, contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 or [wmandersonfamily@verizon.net](mailto:wmandersonfamily@verizon.net).

**BAKE SALE:** Please donate homemade baked goods to sell at the yard sale on **Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Individually wrapped cookies and brownies plus bread, cakes, and pies would all be appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Lindyberg at 410-490-6196 or [mydrexel@verizon.net](mailto:mydrexel@verizon.net).



**UPDATE: As of 4/4/16, we have collected \$1,055.00 towards the \$1,500.00 goal.** Thank you to all who have volunteered and/or donated. Donations for this project should be placed in the regular collection in an envelope marked "Stop Hunger Now." For information, go to [www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org).

**TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS!**

## 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 4/10/16 Week 41

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 04/10 Wk.41	\$4,860	\$765	\$6,442	-\$817
YTD Wk. 41	\$216,340	\$44,719	\$264,122	-\$3,063

## PARISH NEWS



**WELCOME:** The people of Sacred Heart Parish welcome into our family Kate Debra Carroll who was baptized this past weekend. Congratulations to you, your parents & godparents. God bless you as you begin your faith journey.

**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:** The next Breakfast of the season is **this Sunday, April 17th 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!!



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**USHER/GREETER Ministry:** There will be a short 20 minute training **this Sunday, April 17th at 11:05 a.m.** at Sacred Heart Church for anyone interested in joining this ministry team. You can choose to volunteer to one or both of these ministries and you have full control over your schedule. Please contact Ann Ashe at [ann.ashe.md@gmail.com](mailto:ann.ashe.md@gmail.com) or 410-778-4650 if you intend to participate in the training.

