

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas traveled to many towns and found many disciples willing to help them preach. They warned their disciples of the trials they would face. Paul and Barnabas then returned to Antioch, where their journey had begun, and told the congregation there of the progress they had made.



Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

John had a vision of a new earth, and a new Jerusalem coming down from heaven. Then a voice described Jerusalem as a place where God would live among his people and comfort them. The former world had vanished, and pain, death and suffering had left the world as well.

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

After Judas left the last supper, Jesus warned the other disciples that he would not be with them much longer. Jesus gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them. He stated that their love for each other would distinguish them as his disciples.

For the Week of April 24th through April 30th

Sunday

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday

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

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

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 23rd

4:00 p.m. Alex Rasin

Sunday, April 24th

8:00 a.m. Robert A. Resele

10:00 a.m. Jack DePoulter

Monday April 25th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Tuesday, April 26th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday April 27th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, April 28th

8:30 a.m. John G. McDougall

Friday, April 29th

3:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Saturday, April 30th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. Jim Bennette

Sunday, May 1st

8:00 a.m. Charles Fiumesreddo

10:00 a.m. Miss Kitty

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.

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

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

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

Briana Antao
Faith Connolly
Grace Gerstung
Sophie Pierce
Nate Peregoy
Alida Trumbauer

Elizabeth Assante di Cupullo
Chase Dolgos
Jamison Kendall
Peter Sine
William Wilson
Jamison Woodward

PREP CALENDAR:

MAY:

Sunday May 1st – RE CLASSES – Sacrament of Eucharist at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday May 8th – RE CLASSES (Last Class for Students)

Sunday, May 15th – 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 15th** 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."

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VBS - Next Weekend April 30/May 1st, 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, 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!

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: April 24: THE CHURCH AND ITS STRUCTURE

Facilitators: Ted Kremer & Steve Sappey

Jesus tells us he will send the Paraclete to be with the Church in his absence. Throughout the Easter season the Acts of the Apostles relates the story of the development of the fledgling Church. It logically flows that today's liturgy invites further reflection on the CHURCH. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of CHURCH and its STRUCTURE.

Next Week: The Holy

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 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. There will be a report on how much was earned in next weekend's bulletin. Your generosity and enthusiasm are an inspiration!

Together we can do great things!
www.stophungernow.org

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.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL will be hosting an admissions open house for both elementary and high school prospective students and their families on **Tuesday April 26th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** This will give you an opportunity to see classes in action and to see firsthand the difference a Saints Peter and Paul School education can make for you! For further information about our program, please visit the school's website at www.sspeaston.org. Many thanks and we hope to see you on the 26th.

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.

HOSPITAL VISITS: We are not able to access patient records from the Chester River Hospital Center. If you or someone in your family is a patient, and you wish to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office at 410-778-3160, and provide us with the patient's name and room number and we will do our best to accommodate the request.

DIOCESAN NEWS

SUMMER CAMP: 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 31st. For information or to sign up go to 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. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.



Offertory – Week Ending 4/17/16 Week 42

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 04/17 Wk.42	\$4,228	\$820	\$6,442	-\$1,394
YTD Wk. 42	\$220,568	\$45,539	\$270,564	-\$4,457

