

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus had appeared many times to his disciples after his resurrection. On this final occasion, Jesus' departing message is that they will soon receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work. No sooner does he say this, he is taken up to heaven before their eyes.



Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may grant wisdom and enlightenment to the Ephesians so that they may know the great hope to which they are called. Every power has been given to Christ who now reigns in heaven. He is the "head of the church, which is his body."

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus tells His disciples that with His death and resurrection scripture has been fulfilled. As witnesses, when the Holy Spirit comes upon them, they will go out and teach in the name of Jesus, repentance and forgiveness to all nations. Then Jesus led them out, raised His hands and blessed them and was taken into Heaven.



For the Week of June 2nd through
June 9th

Sunday

The Ascension of the Lord:
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or
4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter:
Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

First Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

First Saturday



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, June 1st

4:00 p.m.

Pam Graziano

6:00 p.m.

Betty Glenn

Sunday, June 2nd

8:00 a.m.

Fr. Howard T. Clark

10:00 a.m.

Linda Foresta

Monday, June 3rd

8:30 a.m.

For Our Parishioners
Living and Deceased

Tuesday, June 4th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 5th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 6th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Friday, June 7th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, June 8th

4:00 p.m.

Donald Solowski

6:00 p.m. (SH) Betty Glenn

Sunday, June 9th

8:00 a.m.

Mary Meyer

10:00 a.m.

Dr. Lauren Birch (living)

**REMEMBERING THE SICK
OF THE PARISH: Remember
in your prayers the sick of the
parish: *John Troffo, Valerie***

***Lindyberg, Patricia Dana,
Angela Wilmer, Faith King,***

***Rosemary Keating, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne,*
and all those whose names appear in the PARISH
BOOK OF INTENTIONS.**

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



Bringing the Gospel Home

The Ascension of The Lord – Matthew 28:19a, 20b

Reflection for Parents

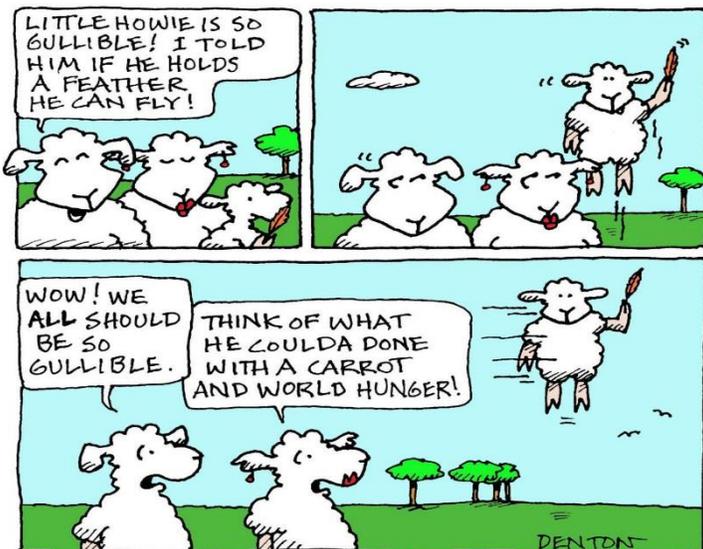
It is more accurate to think of Jesus' ascension as his being with us rather than his departing from us. As he promises in this scripture, the power of the Holy Spirit is with us to help us even though Jesus is no longer among us in his human form. Jesus remains by our side as a helper. We can show others that Jesus is with us by reflecting Jesus' love. In the same way, we see Jesus in the kindness and love of other people.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Find the local section of your newspaper today. Pick out people in the news who stand with the first disciples as someone who continues the ministry of Jesus. How do they reveal Jesus' presence by their words and actions? Where do they show joy in what they do? Consider the people in your own family, either immediate or extended. What similar qualities do they have to those in the news?

Discussion Starters

1. Even though I can't see him, I know Jesus is with me when...
2. I brought the Good News of Jesus to someone when I...
3. The greatest joy I find in knowing Jesus is...



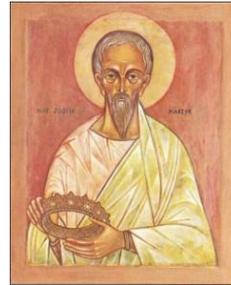
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“He who made the promise is trustworthy.”

Sheepish Question:

How does hope in God's promise affect my willingness to step out in faith?

MAY SAINTS



JUSTIN MARTYR – JUNE 1

Justin was born in Palestine around the year 100. He was well educated and became a professor of philosophy. He was interested in the meaning of life and why the world and people exist. He studied and taught about the great philosophers of his day, but nothing made sense to him until he followed the advice of a wise man who told him to study the Old Testament, especially the writings of the prophets who foretold the coming of Christ.

Justin then began to learn about Jesus' teachings. He believed that Christianity was the answer to all his questions. Justin was baptized and became the first Christian philosopher. He opened a school of Christian studies in Rome. He was not able to teach about Christ from any book. Instead, he used the teachings of the Apostles that the Christian community shared with one another orally because the New Testament had not yet been written.

Justin was arrested for being a Christian during the persecution that occurred under Marcus Aurelius. He refused to offer a sacrifice to the pagan gods worshipped by the Romans and was executed around the year 165 with six other Christians.

The Church honors Justin as a saint. He helped us to understand that only our faith in Jesus gives meaning to our lives. We can pray to Saint Justin and ask him to help us to believe and live the truths of our faith.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

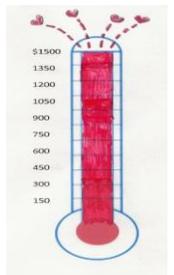


Thanks to your generous donations to Rise Against Hunger, we have reached our goal of \$1500!!! On Saturday, October 26,

2019, we will gather at the Christ United Methodist Church hall in Chestertown to package **15,180 meals** that will go around the world as a sign of God's love. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us. More details will be in the bulletin as we get closer to the meal packaging date.

For more information about Rise Against Hunger, visit their website at www.riseagainsthunger.org. To volunteer for the packaging event, contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243/wmandersonfamily@verizon.net.

Let us not forget the hungry right here in our own community by continuing to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry as well as contributions to the Poor Box. Together we can do great things!



PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending May 26th Week 48

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 5/26 Wk. 48	\$5,304	\$525	\$6,346	-\$517
YTD Wk. 48	\$237,250	\$59,498	\$304,608	-\$7,860

ART AND ENVIRONMENT: Spring has definitely sprung and summer will be here before we know it. Gardens everywhere are blossoming. Our local environment could not be more beautiful. The Art & Environment group is wondering if you'd like to share any of your garden success for either/both Sacred Heart and/or Saint John church decor. If so, please contact: for St. John : Millie Strong overton@hughes.net or 410-639-7365 and for Sacred Heart: Emily Moseman at emilymoseman@pobox.com or 443-282-0198 and we can arrange a convenient time to discuss what and how much you have to share. In advance, many thanks.



2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL –

Our partnership with area churches continues this year with the 2019 Vacation Bible School theme "To Mars and Beyond".

VBS will again be held at Presbyterian Church of Chestertown from **June 24-27th**. Dinner for the whole family is served at 5:15, the program is 6:00-8:15 p.m.

Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards of church or online at myvbs.org/PCctown.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK takes place from **June 22**, the **Memorial of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher**, through June 29, the **Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul**. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. **Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek)**

CARMELITES: If you have been experiencing a desire for a deeper relationship with God through a more intimate prayer life, God may be calling you to the spirituality of the Carmelite Saints and Doctors of the Church, Teresa of Jesus (Avila), John of the Cross and Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, among many others. You are invited to explore this call as a lay person with the Annunciation Community of the Discalced Secular Carmelite Order. Meetings are held the **third** Saturday of the month at Sacred Heart Parish Church and Hall in Chestertown, Md. You are cordially welcome to join us for a Communion Service and Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 8:30 a.m. We are joined monthly by our Spiritual Assistant, Brother Bryan Paquette, O.C.D. from the Carmelite Monastery in Washington, D.C. For further information, please call or email prior to attendance: Carol Keyser 302-757-5973 or sistercarol@comcast.net.

“JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR”

Sacred Heart Parish is going to the Church Hill Theatre!

Sunday, June 23 at 2PM Ticket Cost \$15.

(Limited Carpooling Available) Bring your friends!

Please place filled form below with check or cash in the amount of \$15.00 p.p. IN AN ENVELOPE into the collection basket or send check made out to: Sacred Heart Parish to: 508 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620 or Contact Mary Frohlich at mfrohlich@sacredparish.org or 410-778-3160.

YES! I want to go to the Church Hill Theatre to see “Jesus Christ Superstar.”

Cost of Ticket is \$15. Last day to register is June 9th (However, get tickets early because we can sell out)

Name(s): _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Here is my check or cash in the amount of \$ _____

_____ I cannot go but I would like to sponsor someone for the trip. My check is enclosed.

