

# SACRED HEART AND SAINT JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### **First Reading: Acts 6:1-7**

During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

#### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9**

Citing many uses of the word "stone" in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be "living stones...an edifice of spirit."



#### **Gospel: John 14:1-12**

In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."



**For the Week of May 10<sup>th</sup> through  
May 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Sunday**

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

#### **Monday**

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

#### **Tuesday**

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

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Thursday**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

#### **Friday**

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

#### **Saturday**

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

#### **Sunday**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21



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**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>.**



**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, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne, Tom Blum, Betty Ann Strong, Joseph William, Benjamin Ellingsworth* and all those whose names appear in the **PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.****

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**NEW PARISHONERS:** The following people have registered in our parish recently: Margie Gross of Rock Hall. We pray that you will become closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community. We look forward to getting to know you. Welcome!

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**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 Mary Jo Frohlich with any questions at 410-778-3160, or [mfrohlich@sacredparish.org](mailto:mfrohlich@sacredparish.org). Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

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**FLOCK NOTES:** Do you want to know what's going on in our parish?? Sign up for Flocknotes. It's easy. You can choose what info you would like to receive – via email or text message and you can unsubscribe at any time. There are two easy ways to connect:



**\*Visit [flocknote.com/SHParish](http://flocknote.com/SHParish) on your computer  
OR**

**\*Text SHPARISH508 to 84576 from your phone to  
subscribe to updates.**

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**MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE:**

Please remember in your prayers William Baldt, and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program

## Bringing the Gospel Home

Fifth Sunday of Easter – John 14:1-12

### Reflection for Parents

Often it is easier for our children to trust the words of Jesus than it is for us. Like the disciples, we can be a bit apprehensive not seeing Jesus. After all, it would be easier to follow someone if we could actually see where he is going! Instead, the words of Jesus challenge us to have faith in him and trust where the journey leads. The example of our lives should always point us and our children toward the rooms Jesus prepares for each of us.

### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Think for a moment about a road map. You may even like to draw one on a large piece of paper. Consider the "You-Are-Here" point on your map. How would you define the spirituality of your family? At an opposite point on the map, write "destination." Where are you going? Consider some of the things you will need to do along the way. There might be some mountainous roads with stopping points such as forgiveness, honesty, sharing. You may find some detours called righteousness, greed, anger. Where are the rest-areas, and what do you do while you're resting? What will you take with you on the journey and how will you nourish yourselves? Look in your parish bulletin for ideas on how your church helps you persevere on the journey.

### Discussion Starters

1. The person who has guided me the most on my journey toward Jesus is . . .
2. As a family we need to pay attention mostly to the detour of . . .
3. One time the only way I could see through a difficulty was to trust. It was hard but in the end . . .

## MAY SAINTS

### NUNZIO SULPRIZIO – MAY 5

Nunzio Sulprizio was born on April 13, 1817, in Pescara, Italy. His father died when Nunzio was only three years old. Nunzio's mother remarried, but his stepfather paid no attention to him. Still, Nunzio faithfully attended Mass, prayed, and studied the lives of the saints. Their stories helped him learn how to live a holy, faith-filled life.



When his mother died, Nunzio was sent to live with his grandmother. She encouraged Nunzio to remain strong in his faith. But she, too, soon died, and Nunzio was sent to live with and to work for his Uncle Domenico. His uncle was a cruel man who did not see to Nunzio's physical comfort or health and who overworked him. Domenico would beat or curse Nunzio if his work was unsatisfactory. Eventually Nunzio became very ill. He offered his pain and suffering to God.

In time, another uncle introduced him to a fellow soldier who provided for Nunzio's care and for his needs. Nunzio made some progress, but the pain persisted, and he eventually died from his injuries. He was nineteen years old.

On his path to sainthood, Saint Nunzio Sulprizio was known for his gentleness, holiness, and patience. On October 14, 2018—during the Synod of Bishops on Youth—Pope Francis named him a saint of the Church.

### SUNDAY LITURGIES:

Sunday liturgies will be streamed on Facebook at 10:00 each Sunday morning. Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartforyou/>.



# PARISH NEWS

## Offertory – Week Ending 5/03/20 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.
<b>Offertory 05/03 Wk. 45</b>	<b>\$4,217</b>	<b>\$5,391</b>	<b>\$6,635</b>	<b>\$2,973</b>
<b>YTD Wk. 45</b>	<b>\$201,735</b>	<b>\$84,780</b>	<b>\$298,575</b>	<b>-\$12,060</b>

**NEED LEGAL HELP:** During the COVID-19 emergency, Mid-Shore Pro Bono is taking clients and placing cases. Even though the courts are physically closed, the legal system hasn't stopped. Cases can still be filed and low-income individuals needing legal assistance with family law, elder law, consumer debt, landlord/tenant, bankruptcy, and immigration can get free legal help through local volunteer attorneys. Call Mid-Shore Pro Bono at 410-690-8128 to schedule a consultation or complete an online intake at [www.midshoreprobono.org](http://www.midshoreprobono.org). To reach a staff member about Family Law matters call 443-496-5011. To reach a staff member about Elder Law matters call 410-200-5027. Habla español? Llame por teléfono 443-998-9425.

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**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are being sent directly to your home, bi-monthly. If you are not receiving envelopes and wish to do so, please contact Becky Davis at 410-778-3160.

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**DIALOG:** In addition to the newspaper edition of The Dialog that's available in church every two weeks, the newspaper's website, [www.thedialog.org](http://www.thedialog.org), is updated every weekday with stories from the diocese and around the world, including many that don't appear in the newspaper due to space considerations. Stay on top of national and international issues of concern to Catholics, each Sunday's Scripture reading commentaries by Dialog columnists and the work of the church in the nation and world by visiting [www.thedialog.org](http://www.thedialog.org).



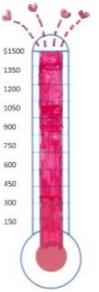
Thank you to all who have donated for Rise Against Hunger. **Despite these difficult times, generous donations have continued to be made and we have reached and surpassed the Sacred Heart Parish goal to raise**

**\$1500 to help cover the cost of the Meal Packaging Event, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2020. A total of \$2007 was raised by the parish. Together we can do great things!**

This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> year of our partnership with Christ United Methodist Church in sponsoring this event. More details will come in the fall.

For more information about Rise Against Hunger, visit their website [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org).

**Now, more than ever, let us not forget the hungry right here in our own community by continuing to support our local food pantries.**



## FOOD PANTRY

An initiative that is helping to feed seniors and hundreds of children in Kent County during the pandemic induced shutdown is being expanded to include a less visible population here, those that are homeless. The Social Action Committee for Racial Justice has started a program to provide grab and go breakfast bags to people who are homeless. In addition to breakfast bags, which consist of a granola bar, fresh fruit, a fruit cup and snack items, there will be non-perishable food, bottles of water, toilet paper, personal hygiene items and a face mask provided to each recipient. SACRJ has been providing food to children for five weeks in partnership with Kent County Public Schools. The group is making porch deliveries twice a week to seniors, who earlier this month started receiving meals prepared by chefs at local restaurants. **Donations are welcome.** Food and personal hygiene items can be dropped off at the Kent County Community Center in Worton from 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on weekdays.

In addition to the variety of food items already being collected, the food pantry at Worton could use instant oatmeal packets, pasta, jarred pasta sauce, and canned ravioli. They are currently servicing 170 households. They make two deliveries per week; one with non-perishables and the other they take meat, chicken, etc.