

SACRED HEART AND SAINT JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip preaches to the people of Samaria, who accept his word after witnessing the miracles he performs. Peter and John pray that they will receive the Holy Spirit.



Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Christians are urged to remain steadfast in their allegiance to Christ, giving evidence always of gentleness and hope.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

In his words to the apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus promises to send them a comforter, a Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them always.



**For the Week of May 17th through
May 24th**

Sunday

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

Monday

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

The Ascension of the Lord:

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Friday

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

The Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20



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.



NEW PARISHONERS: The following people have registered in our parish recently: Rebecca Hyla of Millington. 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!

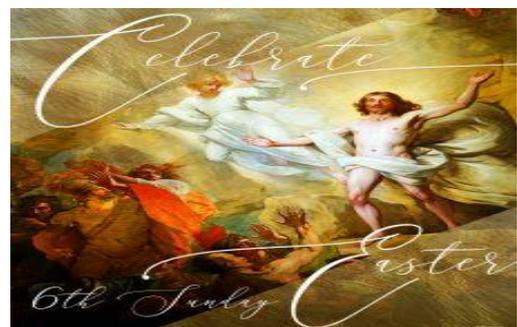
ELECTRONIC GIVING: It is possible to make your weekly financial commitment to the Parish using Electronic Funds Transfer. We are encouraging everyone to consider using this contribution method. Contact Mary Jo Frohlich with any questions at 410-778-3160, or mfrohlich@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

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:



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PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home

Sixth Sunday of Easter – John 14:15-21

Reflection for Parents

When children are orphaned, they often hold on to something to remind them of whose they are. Orphan Annie had a half of a locket, Oliver Twist had a letter, and some victims of the holocaust had smuggled photographs. Even without the physical presence of their parents, orphaned children very much felt connected to their parents. This is the image Jesus gives us in the Gospel as well. He explains that it is the Holy Spirit that is with us and helps us know we are God's. It is this Spirit that guides us to live the way God wants us to. The Spirit comes to us in a special way at our baptism and guides us, even to our surprise sometimes, and helps us follow the commandments of God.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Recall that wind is a symbol of the Spirit. Walk outside and feel the wind. Is it a gentle breeze today or is it gusting? Think about why the wind is considered a symbol of the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit leads us and guides us like the wind, are we gently moved or sometimes does it take a hurricane wind to get us moving? Think of some things your family has been guided to do by the Holy Spirit. Also consider some things the Spirit might be calling you to presently.

Discussion Starters

1. I know the Holy Spirit was guiding me directly once when . . .
2. I have felt orphaned before, but I know the Spirit was with me because . . .
3. I have seen the Spirit at work in our parish when . . .

MAY SAINTS

ISIDORE THE FARMER – MAY 15



The other farmhands thought Isidore was lazy and caused them extra work. Like them, Isidore was a day laborer on a wealthy estate in Madrid, Spain, about a thousand years ago. Because Isidore took time to go to Mass before coming to work, the other farmers thought they were doing some of his share of the work. They didn't like that. Little did they know that Isidore did have some extra help, but it wasn't them!

After hearing his farmhands complain about this praying worker, the land owner, Juan de Vargas, went to see what the trouble was all about. To his surprise, he saw two angels guiding the plow. If the angels weren't doing all the plowing in Isidore's absence, they stood next to him and plowed along side. This way Isidore did more than twice the work he could have on his own, and while he was at Mass, his work was getting done, too. Juan believed in the miracle he saw, and he and would come to see more in his lifetime. He believed that Isidore saved his daughter's life. He also believed that Isidore saved the life of a horse that was very important for the farming.

Whether or not all these miracles actually happened, we cannot know. But for sure we know that Isidore was deeply devoted to God and showed many others how God is always by our side. Nothing got in the way of his praying to God and worshiping.

He is often called St. Isidore the Farmer or St. Isidore the Laborer and is the patron saint of farmers in the United States.

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 5/10/20 Week 46

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."

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| Offertory 05/10 Wk. 46 | \$5,037 | \$894 | \$6,635 | -\$704 |
| YTD Wk. 46 | \$206,772 | \$85,674 | \$305,210 | -\$12,764 |

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, 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.

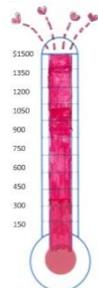


Thank you to all who have donated for Rise Against Hunger. **Despite these difficult times, generous donations have continued to**

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 6th 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.



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



SEEING CHRIST

IN THE FACES OF OTHERS

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others

Parish Announcements

May 17, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal – Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to His disciples, "*If you love me, you will keep my commandments*".

Scripture teaches us that serving Christ is a fundamental part of our Catholic faith and that serving the Lord means serving others. When we give of ourselves on behalf of others, the Holy Spirit works through us and Jesus is served.

In these continuing difficult times, it becomes clearer that our role as Church is more critical than ever in helping those in need. Bearing witness to poverty, illness and injustice and responding in the spirit of Christ are the hallmarks of the many ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

For those of you who have given to this year's Appeal, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdown.org/annualcatholicappeal. Be sure to view the brief video offering moving testimony from recipients of featured Appeal supported ministries. A direct link to video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80gz5V5VaH8&t=2s>.