

SACRED HEART PARISH



Sacred Heart Church

508 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 am

Kent Street entrance to Sacred Heart Church

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disciples*

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St. John Church

Catholic Ave. & Main Street
Rock Hall, MD 21661

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:00 am

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME · AUGUST 29, 2021

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PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all to our parish community. Parish Registration Cards for new members are available at the doors of the Church. These can also be used for updates if there are changes to family information. Please return them to the Parish Office. Please note that registration is required for Baptism, Marriage, and participation in PREP.

Current Guidelines

- If you are feeling ill, please do not enter any parish facility
- You may use all doors to enter/exit church
- Worship aids may be left in the pew at the end of Mass
- Please limit restroom use
- In each of our churches there is a section set up with 3 foot social distancing for those who feel more comfortable with a bit of space; in Sacred Heart this is the section nearest the side door where the ramp is located and in St. John this is the first several pews on the left side of the church
- Sacred Heart Church is open for personal prayer from 8am – Noon, Monday through Friday (except holidays)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses tells the people to always observe the statutes God has given them, without adding or subtracting from these laws. He reminds them that the law is just, and that any nation who heard their statutes would consider them a wise nation.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

James discusses the gifts that God has given to all people and implores them to respond by welcoming the words of truth that can save them. He emphasizes that through good deeds and pure conduct, our faith in God is proven to him.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees observed some of Jesus' disciples eating without first purifying their hands and ask the disciples why they are going against their ancestor's traditions. Jesus responds that nothing from the outside can make a person impure. The only true evil, acts such as fornication, murder, and greed among others, come from within and make a person impure.



For the Week of August 29th through
September 5th

Sunday

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

First Friday

Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

First Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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, August 28th

4:00 p.m.

Mass for Our Parishioners
Living and Deceased

Sunday, August 29th

8:00 a.m.

Julie Ann Resele

10:00 a.m.

Tim Kern

Monday, August 30th

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 31st

8:30 a.m.

Ann Tilghman

Wednesday, September 1st

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 2nd

8:30 a.m.

Joseph and Eva Hancox

Saturday, September 4th

4:00 p.m.

Patricia L. Young-Gruber

Sunday, September 5th

8:00 a.m.

Mass for Our Parishioners
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m.

James Barry

Critical Needs Fund Committee Update 7

All projects continue in a holding pattern, but we remain optimistic that the HVAC/flat roof replacement and technology upgrades will progress shortly—prayers up, fingers crossed.

We are humbled by and grateful for the generosity of our parishioners who have contributed to the critical needs of our parish homes. We have currently received over two-thirds of the revised goal of \$300,000.00. To date, our contributions total \$214,378.00.

We pray that our Lord continues to guide us in our efforts to maintain our houses of worship and to bless our faith community.

Our Financial Situation

- Currently cash on hand for operating expense: \$90,000
- The Parish maintains a renovation account with a current balance of approximately \$34,000, far less than what is needed to cover the cost of immediate needs.
- The Parish has an investment account with an approximate balance of \$360,000, from remaining funds from the sale of the Betterton property; this fund will provide a legacy for the Parish and make money available in the event of an unexpected catastrophic need*
- We are grateful for an investment fund derived from a bequest specifically earmarked for the purchase of a pipe organ at Sacred Heart. These funds were restricted by the donor

**While it is tempting to use the funds from the investment account, the Critical Needs Fund Committee does not support this approach as this diminishes the potential for a more impactful and meaningful legacy for our Parish and the community.*

**Offertory – Week Ending August 22nd
Week 9**

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 8/22 Wk. 9	\$3,282	\$864	\$6,346	-\$2,200
YTD Wk. 9	\$36,207	\$18,230	\$57,114	-\$2,677

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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are being sent directly to your home (if you signed up to receive them), bi-monthly. If you are not receiving envelopes and wish to do so, please contact Becky Davis at 410-778-3160.

**PREP
Parish Religious Education Program**

**JOB OPENING
Administrative Assistant for Religious Education**

Sacred Heart Parish in Chestertown, MD is seeking a Part-time Administrative Assistant for the Religious Education Department. The Administration Assistant works collaboratively with the Christian Formation team, clergy, parents and students to support the faith formation programs.

Minimum required qualifications will include: Practicing Catholic in good standing committed to the authentic teachings of the Catholic Faith. Proficient in Microsoft Office and Social Media. Enjoys working with school age children and adults

Email cover letter and resume to:
Sacred Heart Parish
mfrohlich@sacredparish.org

DEADLINE TO APPLY: September 15, 2021



CALLING ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN: Come get your children signed up for a great year of Religious Education and Formation. Sacred Heart Parish will have an orientation for parents and a meet and greet for children Grades 1 to 6 with their catechists on **Sunday, September 12 after the 10 AM Mass**. We will meet in the parish hall. For more information contact: Mary Jo Frohlich at mfrohlich@sacredparish.org or call the parish

PLEASE NOTE: Diocesan policy states that all children wishing to receive Sacraments during the 2021-2022 year must have been enrolled in a religious education program during the previous year. All children will receive Sacraments in their home parish.

PARISH NEWS



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

While baptisms are generally celebrated at a weekend liturgy at either of our churches, this is not possible due to restrictions related to COVID-19. Baptisms are now celebrated outside of Mass and may be scheduled by calling the parish

office. Parents are required to attend a formation session prior to the baptism; Godparents are welcome to attend as well. Please call the parish office for more information and to schedule your child's baptism.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Please contact the parish office to make an appointment to celebrate the sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Anyone seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of matrimony in either of our churches must contact the parish office at least one year in advance of the proposed date. No date may be held until the bride and groom meet with the pastor (or his designate).

COMMUNION TO THE SICK, HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED At this time in accordance with directives from the Diocese of Wilmington, we are unable to schedule visits in health care or home settings. Only those in danger of death may be visited until further notice. We will return to our regular practice of sending Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the sick as soon as possible.

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, Millie Moseman, Benjamin Ellingsworth, Father Ted Tempel, Adam Voshell, Bob and Donna House, and Virginia Ellingsworth

CHESTERTOWN FOOD PANTRY:

The Chestertown Food Pantry would like to thank Sacred Heart for their generous weekly donations. They would like to remind us to please check the expiration date on all donated foods because they cannot use anything past the date on the label.

PRIVATE PRAYER: Sacred Heart Church is open for private prayer from 9:00 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday. The Chapel will not be available.

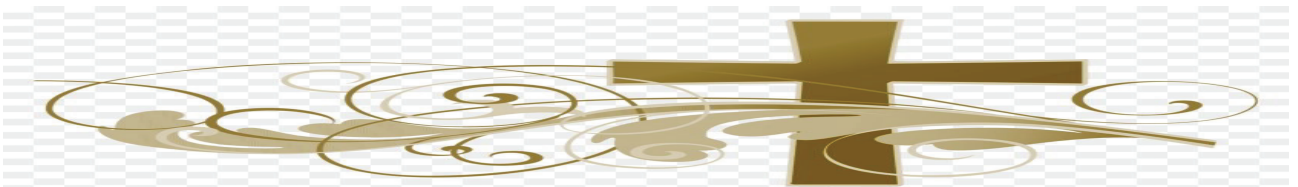
NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.

FLOCKNOTES: 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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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER GRASING

Having completed our reflection on the Bread of Life (John 6) which is particular to Year B of the lectionary cycle, we return to the “featured evangelist” Mark for the remainder of the year with one exception. The final Sunday of the year, the Feast of Christ the King, sees a return to the gospel of John for one last time. During these Sundays we will continue to reflect on what it means to live as disciples of Jesus and the cost that discipleship may bring. The last Sundays of the year turn our attention, as always, to the kingdom. Let us be open each week to the challenges placed before us. May we hear these familiar stories in a new way and deepen our commitment to Christ and the gospel as we embrace the call to live as witnesses to our faith.

From time to time the question arises regarding godparents for Baptism (and sponsors for Confirmation). Regarding godparents (and sponsors for Confirmation) the Church has certain criteria. A godparent must be: at least sixteen years of age, have celebrated all three sacraments of Initiation, and be living a life in according to the Church (this is generally understood that if married, the marriage is a valid marriage as defined by the Church). At baptisms at least one of the sponsors must be Catholic; the second may be a baptized non-Catholic. The presumption is that the non-Catholic person practices his/her faith. The role of these individuals is not simply ceremonial or an honor bestowed on a family member or friend. Godparents are intended to be role models for the child and, as they attest at the baptism, they are prepared to assist the parents in raising the child in the practice of the faith. Ideally, one of the godparents from baptism would later serve as the sponsor for Confirmation, showing the link between these two sacraments.

Using a secular analogy, if a person wanted to join a fraternity, sorority, club or organization, one who is a member in good standing serves as a sponsor; someone who is not a member, no matter how good they are, cannot serve to sponsor a new member into the group. So too with our initiation sacraments. There is no judgment by the Church on the character and goodness of a non-Catholic as some like to claim. Of course one need not be Catholic to be a person of good will and exemplary living. The issue is sponsoring someone *into* the group—or in the case of baptism, sponsoring someone into the Church. I hope this helps.

As we make our way through the heat and humidity please make sure to take care of yourselves. It is also a good time to look in on neighbors, especially the elderly and those with very small children as these two groups are particularly vulnerable to the heat.

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