

# SACRED HEART PARISH



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## *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

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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-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME › SEPTEMBER 5, 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water.

#### Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

#### Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.

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### For the Week of September 5<sup>th</sup> through September 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11

#### Tuesday

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

#### Wednesday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

#### Thursday

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

#### Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

#### Saturday

1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

#### Sunday

Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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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>.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Patricia L. Young-Gruber

Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Mass for Our Parishioners  
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. James Barry

Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass for All Workers

Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. James Barry

Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Rev. Urban Voll, OP

Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Rev. Reginald Foster, OCD

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Kwang Cho

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Lena Hoover

10:00 a.m. Mass for Our Parishioners  
Living and Deceased

## CRITICAL NEEDS FUND

### Committee Update 8

Although we continue to patiently await the initiation of our HVAC/ flat roof project, we are encouraged by plans to begin preparatory work in the peripheral areas of Sacred Heart, including the gathering space, the chapel, and the bathrooms. This preparation will not necessitate moving the office and should not affect daily or weekend masses in the main church.

We are grateful to the parishioner who has volunteered to dig the trench necessary to run fiber optic from Sacred Heart to the rectory.

Please continue to pray for the success of our critical needs resolution.

**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 29 <sup>th</sup> Week 10				
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.”				
	<b>Received</b>	<b>ACH</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Diff.</b>
<b>Offertory 8/29 Wk. 10</b>	<b>\$3,537</b>	<b>\$864</b>	<b>\$6,346</b>	<b>-\$1,945</b>
<b>YTD Wk. 10</b>	<b>\$39,744</b>	<b>\$19,094</b>	<b>\$63,460</b>	<b>-\$4,622</b>

**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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**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**

**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](mailto: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.

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**BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME**  
**Mark 7:31-37**

**Reflection for Parents**

In the *Rite of Baptism* we pray: The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen. (*Rite of Baptism* 101)  
Read again today’s Gospel. Listen—truly listen—for its meaning in your life and in the life of your family. What do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to your heart? Who needs to hear the Good News of this reading? How will you share this Good News with those who need to hear?

**Bringing the Good News Into Your Family**

Begin by inviting family members to respond to the following open-ended statements.

1. With my ears I can . . .
2. With my voice I can . . .

Invite family members to share what they think it would be like to not be able to hear or speak. What sounds would they most miss hearing? What would they most miss doing with their voices? Together, offer spontaneous prayers of thanks to God for the gifts of hearing and speech, and pray for all who need healing of body, mind, or spirit.

# 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.

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## REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

**Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:**  
*Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne, Tom Blum, Betty Ann Strong, Joseph William, Millie Moseman, Benjamin Ellingsworth, Father Ted Tempel, Adam Voshell, Bob and Donna House, Virginia Ellingsworth and Helena Perry.*

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## REMINDER TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT SACRED

**HEART:** Thank you to the ministers who volunteer to serve weekly at our liturgies. Please remember to "check in" before mass in the foyer of the church. Simply highlight your name on the schedule so that we know in advance if we need to fill positions or make changes.

**FROM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
THROUGH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>,  
CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE OPEN  
FROM 9 a.m. UNTIL 12 Noon.**

**CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE  
OF LABOR DAY.**

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**There will be a Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart for  
Camille Olinick on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
at 12 noon.**

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**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.**

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**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](http://sacredparish.org).

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**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

Thank you for your generous response to our collection for the *Little Sisters of the Poor*. Our parish contributed \$2,639.00 to the Sisters and their work among the aged poor. I received a letter from Mother Margaret Regina, I.s.p. expressing her gratitude. Mother writes:

Thank you so much for your recent donation and for sharing in our work of love. Your contribution will be used to help us continue the work of our Foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan who, in 1839, carried a poor, blind, elderly lady up the stairs to her rented home and placed her in her own bed.

The Elderly have so many gifts to share, and it is up to us, as Christians, to remind the world of the precious experience, wisdom, vision and spiritual energies of the Aged.

Thank you for being a part of it through your gift to others and may God keep you and your family in His circle of light and love always.

I join Mother Margaret in expressing thanks for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

As we begin a *new academic year* let us keep all students, faculty, staff and parents in our prayers. May this be a year of growth in wisdom and grace. Our parish welcomes students from *Washington College* and we pray the students find Sacred Heart a place of prayer and a bit of a home away from home. The presence of collegians is always a welcomed addition to our assembly.

As we pause this weekend to celebrate *Labor Day* let us be sure that this is more than a long weekend or the “unofficial end of summer.” The holiday, made a national holiday on 28 June 1894, was dedicated to the achievements of labor and laborers. We pause from labor to celebrate what work has achieved and how our labors unite to advance our society as a whole. We should also remember in our prayers all those who are seeking employment. The Catholic Church has a history of supporting the rights of workers as well as the duties and responsibilities of employers. It is important for us to be reminded that work serves the common good and that prayer must be part of all aspects of our lives. Following is a prayer you may wish to use at home on Labor Day.

“O God, who through human labor never cease to perfect and govern the vast work of creation, listen to the supplications of your people and grant that all men and women may find work that befits their dignity, joins them more closely to one another and enables them to serve their neighbor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

From the Mass “For the Sanctification of Human Labor, #26B,” *The Roman Missal*. © Catholic Book Publishing Corp., New Jersey. 2011.

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