

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

The disciples decided that someone should take the place of Judas, who killed himself in remorse for betraying Jesus. They nominated two who had been among them from the time of Jesus' baptism to the crucifixion. Then they drew lots to decide who would join them as witnesses of the resurrection.



Second Reading: I John 4:11-16

John reminds us that God dwells in those who love one another.

We have come to know God's love for us. Only by loving one another can we be sure that God will remain with us always.

Gospel: John 17:11b-19

Jesus prays for his disciples at the Last Supper. He knows that by knowing the word of God as they do, they no longer belong to the world. He asks that God consecrate them in truth and protect them from the enemies they have made because of their belief in Jesus.

For the Week of May 17th through May 23rd

Sunday

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

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, May 16th

4:00 p.m.

Rosetta Lins

Sunday, May 17th

8:00 a.m.

Marian Taggart

10:00 a.m.

Sue Kolsun

Monday May 18th

8:30 a.m.

Mass for the People

Tuesday, May 19th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Wednesday May 20th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Thursday, May 21st

8:30 a.m.

Matthew Lamond

Friday, May 22nd

8:30 a.m.

Ena Stoddard

Saturday, May 23rd

8:30 a.m.

Mass for the People

4:00 p.m.

Marie Gruber

5:30 p.m.

Maureen Bryne

Sunday, May 24th

8:00 a.m.

Dorris Emerson

10:00 a.m.

Judy Cameron

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *Julia Ridgely, Barron Scott, Thomas Parson, Barbara Darrah, John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, and Jim*

Kestell, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of Sacred Heart and St. John's.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

"God saw all that He had made, and it was very good!" Genesis 1:31

END OF THE YEAR FOR PREP: As we come to the end of our time together as a PREP community, please pray....

- For the children... that they take what they have learned of their faith forward with them into the summer and out into the world.
- For the parents... that they would consistently and effectively share their faith with their children and find ways to keep religious education a priority in their lives.
- For the catechists... that they reflect on this year of sharing and teaching the faith with a sense of satisfaction and personal growth.

We were so very blessed to have such a dedicated group of Catechists for our Religious Education Program this year. A sincere, heartfelt "THANK YOU" to each of them for their commitment to our children and their faith. They have been "good and faithful" servants for God's purpose! We sincerely look forward to seeing everyone for the program next year which will begin in September.



LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER: Sacred Heart Parish will be joining with The Presbyterian Church of Chestertown to offer a wonderful Vacation Bible School opportunity for our children on **June 22 - 26**. You can find information for the week long program on the church bulletin boards or on our website www.sacredparish.org. **Registration is now open!** You won't want to miss the fun at **G Force – God's Love in Action!** This VBS program welcomes all children grades K through entering 6th. It is held onsite at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown.

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH:

This Adult Formation activity meets **each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass** in the front foyer of Sacred Heart Church. *Coordinator: Barbara Kelly*

Sunday May 17th

Sacrament of Holy Orders

Facilitator: Deacon John Davis

What is your first impression when you hear the word Catholic priest or deacon? What do those terms mean to you? If you were a person out in the world who knew very little about the Catholic Church, how might you answer that question?

Next Week: NO SESSION



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

The Father Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus will award a \$750.00 scholarship to a college bound senior who is a member of the Sacred Heart/St. John's parish family. The scholarship is for the academic year 2015-2016. To apply, please complete an application (found at the back of each church) and either hand it, or mail it, to Steve Sappey at 104 Cedar Street, Chestertown, MD 21620 by May 31st. The postmark must be May 30th if mailing. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Sappey.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Did you know that there are children (in pre-school through 8th grade) from this parish and the surrounding communities that attend Immaculate Conception School? If you are looking for high academic standards in a Christ centered environment, ICS is for you. Visit www.icschoolweb.org for more information. ***The Sacred Heart bus transports children to and from ICS.***

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL: Are you looking for a school for your children to attend that offers a Higher Education, and an Excellent Sports and Activities Program with a Family Atmosphere? ***Busing is now available from Chestertown to Saints Peter and Paul School in Easton.*** Please contact Rosie Lobley at phillyfordchick@hotmail.com with questions.

PARISH LIFE

SUMMER SCHEDULE: All Mass times will remain the same during the summer months. Commencing on Saturday, May 23rd, and continuing through September 5th, we will have an additional Mass on Saturday evenings at St. John's at 5:30 p.m.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: Sacred Heart Church is currently seeking volunteers for the following ministries...**Greeters, Ushers** (Saturday and Sunday) and **Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechist** (Sunday 10 a.m. only). We need a few more people on our volunteer list in these roles, so if you can help our community by serving in this capacity, please contact Ann Ashe, ann.ashe.md@gmail.com or 410-778-4650. Schedules are flexible and are dictated by your availability.

LET'S DANCE for fun, smiles and exercise!! Zumba Gold[®] is being offered at Sacred Heart - for the active, older adult/beginner. There is no fee to our Sacred Heart & St. John's parishioners. The class is led by a certified Zumba Gold[®] instructor. **Classes are every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.** in the Church Hall. Please contact Sharon Burritt at 410-708-8048 with any questions. **THERE WILL BE NO ZUMBA ON JUNE 25TH**

SALT & LIGHT MINISTRY

Emmanuel Episcopal Church continues to expand their community outreach with an after-school mentoring program. Help is needed for children in school and for adults who wish to pursue their high school diplomas. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents with others please contact Steve Croker (addresses below) and indicate your preference for subject area focus (math, science, language arts/reading, or history/civics/economics) or connection with a single child on a longer term basis (elementary, middle or high school).

Last week, John's Gospel told us to "Love one another". Can we make that love visible by sharing ourselves with those in our community who need our help?

For more information:
stevecroker@verizon.net, or by phone at 410-778-1199 or 443-480-2476

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – HE REVEALS HIMSELF IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:



Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Pledge envelopes are available at the doors and can be placed in the offertory baskets. Thank you for your generosity and support. If you have made a pledge, you can expect to receive your first payment reminder on or about June 1st. Additional pledge reminders will continue through December. Please mail all payments to the Diocese in the self-addressed return envelope, along with your pledge reminder. Do not make payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND: *This weekend* at all Masses, we will hold a special collection for the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. Your donation will be used to support the many fine priests who have dedicated their lives to service of the faithful of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

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 Deacon John Davis with any questions at 443-875-6898, or deaconjohn@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

OFFERTORY 5-10-15:

SACRED HEART	\$	4,052
ST JOHN'S	\$	2,208
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$	713

ST JOHN'S:

CANDLES	\$	172
POOR BOX	\$	779