

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

During the Feast of Pentecost, tongues of fire came to rest on the heads of the disciples and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Each disciple began speaking in a different language, and were understood by people from many different regions who were amazed at what they had witnessed.



Second Reading: 1

Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul explains that we are all members of one body. We have all been baptized in one Spirit and although numerous, we are one through Christ.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

John describes Jesus' first visit to the disciples after his resurrection. He gave them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive other people or hold them responsible for their actions.

For the Week of May 24th through May 30th

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 23rd

4:00 p.m.

Marie Gruber

5:50 p.m.

Maureen Bryne

Sunday, May 24th

8:00 a.m.

Doris Emerson

10:00 a.m.

Judy Cameron

Monday May 25th

8:30 a.m.

Jack DePoulter

Tuesday, May 26th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Wednesday May 27th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Thursday, May 28th

8:30 a.m.

Carmen Achaval

Friday, May 29th

8:30 a.m.

Michael Gresch

Saturday, May 30th

8:30 a.m.

Mass for the People

4:00 p.m.

Frank Blahosky

5:30 p.m.

Archie Hardy

Sunday, May 31st

8:00 a.m.

Ray Brilz II

10:00 a.m.

Frank Blahosky

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

THANK YOU CATECHISTS: 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Registration is now open! Mark your calendars for June 22 - 26! You won't want to miss the fun at *G-Force - God's Word in Action!* this summer! This VBS program welcomes all children entering grades K through 6th grade. It is held onsite at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown. You can register online at www.sacredparish.org or pick up a registration form from the bulletin boards at the church doors. Contact Ann Ashe if you have any questions regarding this program.

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 24th
No Session

Next Week: Creed
Facilitator: Mary Jo Frohlich

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our parish is so blessed to have dedicated catechists who will continue to offer the Children's Liturgy of the Word Program year round! The children hear and learn about God's Word in an age appropriate way. We believe that God's Word speaks to all of us - even the little children.



The Children's Liturgy of the Word is an adapted liturgical experience that shares God's Word in ways that children can understand.

This special Religious Education Program is designed for children Grades Pre-K-2nd grade. Older siblings are most welcome to join with younger brothers and sisters.

The celebration of the Mass is at the heart of the Catholic faith and the Liturgy of the Word (Readings, Psalm, Gospel, Homily and Prayers of the Faithful) is the living God speaking to us through Sacred Scripture. During the Children's Liturgy of the Word, the children process out from the main assembly to the chapel where Catechists present God's word on their level so that they can have a genuine liturgical experience and participate fully in the Mass.



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.***

PARISH LIFE

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who came out to say farewell to Fr. Paul at Sacred Heart and St. John's, and a special thank you to those who helped to coordinate these events.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: All Mass times will remain the same during the summer months. Commencing on this weekend, 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 10:00a.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.

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).

The Gospel tells 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

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Annual Catholic Appeal 2015

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



ELECTRONIC GIVING

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 5-17-15:

SACRED HEART	\$	3,693
ST JOHN'S	\$	1,405
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$	1,363

SEMINARY:

SACRED HEART	\$	1,317
ST. JOHNS	\$	340