

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
In this passage, Peter testifies that he and his followers saw the miracles performed by Christ, witnessed His death, and believe in His resurrection. Now they will proclaim to all that Christ is the Son of God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul tells the Colossians that they will appear with Christ in glory. They should be mindful of things above rather than things on earth.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

In vivid detail, John tells us that when Mary Magdalene visited Christ's tomb, the tomb was empty. She told the apostles, who ran to the tomb, and saw the "wrappings" on the ground. The disciple who entered first "saw and believed."



For the Week of April 16th through
April 22nd

Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
or
Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15



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, April 15th 8:30 p.m.	For our Parishioners, Living and Deceased
Sunday, April 16th 8:00 a.m.	For our Parishioners, Living and Deceased
10:00 a.m.	For our Parishioners, Living and Deceased
Monday April 17th 8:30 a.m.	Bob Sparre
Tuesday, April 18th 8:30 a.m.	Shirley Tinelli
Wednesday April 19th 8:30 a.m.	Bob Gelderman
Thursday, April 20th 8:30 a.m.	For our Parishioners, Living and Deceased
Friday, April 21st 8:30 a.m.	For our Parishioners, Living and Deceased
Saturday, April 22nd 4:00 p.m.	Anita Gelderman
Sunday, April 23rd 8:00 a.m.	For our Parishioners, Living and Deceased
10:00 a.m.	Peter Emmet Curtin

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Bob Dunn, Elizabeth Montague, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Jennifer Willis, Delores Carmen, Ed Kolsun, Laurenson Ward, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.*



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.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 16,
2017

John 20:1-9

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Reflection for Families: Most parents have discovered by now that things aren't always as they seem. A poured out bottle of laundry detergent wasn't really mischievous behavior, but rather an attempt to surprise you with a generous gift of service. Or secret whispers are not an attempt to hide some wrongdoing but rather an effort to plan a surprise for you. Things weren't as they seemed to Mary Magdalene either that first Easter morning. Our errors in perception often work to remind us that God's plan is not always obvious, but that we are challenged to trust in the promise of the resurrection.

Bringing the Gospel into your Family – Place symbols of Easter such as lighted candles, eggs, and lilies at your dinner table today. Ask some “wondering” questions about how these items might have become symbols for Easter. What do they suggest to us about the Gospel story we read today? How can we be symbols of the Easter message to each other and those outside our family?

Discussion Starters

1. The symbol that means the most to me at Easter (and why) is...
2. Mary Magdalene recognized Jesus' voice when he called her name. One time I know Jesus called my name when...
3. I will share the good news of Easter this week by...



All of us involved in the ministry of Religious Education in Sacred Heart Parish wish all of you a joyous and blessed Easter season!

SAINTS OF APRIL

CATHERINE OF SIENNA

Feast Day: April 29th
Canonized: July 1461



Catherine's parents lived in Siena, Italy, and had 25 children. Catherine, who was born in 1347, was number 23. From an early age she loved to pray and at the age of seven already knew she wished to remain chaste and unmarried to devote her life to God. By the time of her death in 1380—when she was only 33—she had touched the lives of many people.

Who were these people? One was Pope Urban VI. In 1378, two men both claimed to be pope. This schism tore the Church apart. Catherine helped Christians realize that Urban was the true pope.

Catherine also helped prisoners. She walked to the gallows with them. She nursed people made ill by a plague. She worked in hospitals. Always, she gave people a simple message that God had taught her in prayer.

What was this message? That we grow into holiness. Through our words, actions, and choices, we grow closer to God. Daily we can choose, as Catherine did, to work for God's kingdom. Her letters to others are considered great spiritual writings.

She was canonized by Pope Pius II in 1461. Sometimes you will see symbols for Catherine that include a lily and book, a crown of thorns or a heart. She was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1970 and is one of two patron saints of Italy.



PARISH NEWS

Offertory - Week Ending 04/09/16 - Week 41

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 4/09- Wk.41	\$5,094	\$615	\$6,346	-\$637
YTD Wk. 41	\$208,249	\$39,430	\$260,186	-\$12,507



Begun in 1998 as Stop Hunger Now and renamed Rise Against Hunger in January 2017, this international hunger relief organization coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. Sacred Heart Parish, in partnership with Christ United Methodist Church, is sponsoring a meal packaging event on **Saturday, October 21, 2017** here in Chestertown. Each meal costs 29 cents to package and deliver. Sacred Heart Parish has committed to raise \$1,500.00 to help cover the cost of the meals. Donations in support of this project can be placed in the regular weekly collection. Please, use a separate envelope and mark it Rise Against Hunger. Together we can do great things!



CRS Rice Bowls may be deposited in the baskets at the doors of the church or in the Religious Education building any Sunday for the remainder of the month of April. Thank you for your sacrifices!

Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 8:00 am until noon: We are joining with our friends at CUMC to have another yard sale --- last year's yard sale raised over \$900.00 thanks to the generosity of Sacred Heart/St. John parishioners. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please set aside useable items you no longer want or need (no clothing or electrical appliances, please.) If you have items to donate and/or would like to have your donations picked up, contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243/ wmandersonfamily@verizon.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP: The Father Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus will be awarding its Charter Member Scholarship to a deserving high school senior or seniors to assist with their college educational needs. The application forms are located in the front areas of Sacred Heart or St. John's. **The completed application forms must be received by May 22, 2017.** If you have any questions, please contact Steve at (443) 480-4368.



Christ United Methodist Church is hosting a "Concert of Sacred Music" on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at 401 High Street, Chestertown. There will be a love offering taken up at this concert to benefit the Rise Against Hunger Meal packaging event. All are invited to attend. Bring a friend!

For more information about Rise Against Hunger, visit their website at www.riseagainsthunger.org.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Every month 150-175 families come to the Food Pantry. They can only come once a month! They receive a bag of food---averaging 60 pounds---determined by the size of the family.



Members of Sacred Heart Parish donate approximately 70 pounds per week---only enough for one family. Can we increase this amount? Of course we can! Consider "buy one get one free" promotions. Make food donation a part of coming to Mass.

Thank you in advance.

NEW TO THE PARISH: The following people have registered in our parish recently: Sabina Minney of Worton and Karyn Bongard-Terzaghi of Chestertown. 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!

