

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.



### Second Reading: I John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

### Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.

## For the Week of May 3rd through May 9th

### Sunday

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

### Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

### Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

### Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

### Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

### Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

### Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21



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 2<sup>nd</sup>

4:00 p.m.

Julia Rosenwald

## Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 a.m.

Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m.

Clare Griffin

## Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Harrison Greenberg

## Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

## Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

## Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Fritz McCall

## Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Anita Gelderman

## Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Mass for All Mothers

4:00 p.m.

Mass for All Mothers

## Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.

Mass for All Mothers

10:00 a.m.

Mass for All Mothers

## 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, Jim*

*Kestell, Agnes*

*Knoedler, 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*

"We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." Pope John Paul II

#### PREP SCHEDULE FOR MAY:

**Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>** – RE Classes (Last Class for Students) –  
**MAY CROWNING CEREMONY – 10:00 a.m. Mass**  
**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** – **CLOSING MASS AND**  
**CELEBRATION – 10:00 a.m.**

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST:** Please pray for the following children and families in our parish community who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time on this Sunday, May 3rd:

Jamie Baldwin	AJ Besse	Kate Cannon
Laurel Clarke	John Connolly	Robert Fink
Garett Hemingway	Sarah Lapointe	Ellie Macielag
Emma Melvin	Lawrence Peach	Mia Tucker
Maverick Woodward		

**PREP CLOSING MASS PARENT NOTE:** It would be a blessing if all PREP students would be prepared to attend the Closing Mass for PREP so that we could have 100% participation to close out our year. This will be a Children's Mass with the liturgical roles filled by the children. Let's finish strong with good attendance for end of year classes. Students will be sitting together with their PREP Catechists and fellow students in the front and center pews of the church.

**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**. We are beginning the search for volunteers who would be interested in helping. Please contact Ann Ashe, DRE.

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**ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** The new schedule for Liturgical Ministers has been published. Please check the schedule and request a sub through the MSP System for any dates you are not able to fulfill your assignment. Sincere thanks to each of you for your continued service to our community through your ministry. As always, if you have any questions regarding the schedule, please contact Ann Ashe.

### 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 3rd**  
**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
*Facilitator: Fr. Paul Campbell*

What does the Sacrament of Confirmation mean in our faith development? Is it just a one day event or does it continue to be a source of grace for us?

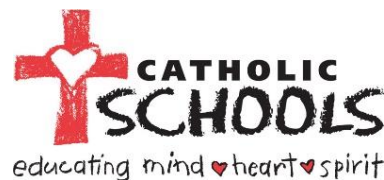
**Next Week: Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Scripture and Revelation – Part 1**  
*Facilitators: Dave Shearer and Dick Swanson*

**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 to, or mail it, to Steve Sappey at 104 Cedar Street, Chestertown, MD 21620 by May 31<sup>st</sup>. The postmark must be May 30<sup>th</sup> if mailing. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Sappey at 410-778-5979 or Bill Taylor at 410-778-0845. Thank you.



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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Did you know that there are children (in pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.icschoolweb.org) for more information. *The Sacred Heart bus transports children to and from ICS.*



## PARISH LIFE

**FATHER PAUL - NOTES OF APPRECIATION:** We are hoping to create a very personal collection of memories, stories and moments that share the impact Father Paul's presence and preaching has had on this community of faith for the last 8 years. See the enclosed insert for more information. Please share your thoughts and best wishes with him using the form provided or your own notecard. We will collect and consolidate all the notes and present them to him at the Farewell Reception on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in our church hall after the 4pm Mass.



**FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. PAUL:** Everyone is invited to a farewell

reception for Fr. Paul on the evening of Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship as we offer our best wishes and support to our Pastor. Stop by the Sacred Heart Church Hall anytime between 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We will collect your notes of appreciation that evening as well.

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**FLOWER DONATIONS:** Parishioners are invited to donate flowers in celebration of weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and other special events. If you would like to donate flowers or place flowers in memory of a loved one, please inform Becky Davis for Sacred Heart, at 410-778-3160; or Mary Johnson for St. John's at 410-778-2230.

Thank you.

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**LET'S DANCE** for fun, smiles and exercise!! Zumba Gold<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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.

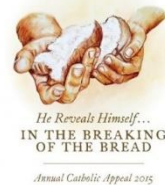
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**BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S:** There will be no May breakfast at St. John's. We will see you in October!

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**2015 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. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available at the doors and can be placed in the offertory baskets. Thank you for your generosity and support.



You can learn more about the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting the diocesan website at [www.cdown.org](http://www.cdown.org) and clicking "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal."

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION:** This weekend, **May 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>**, there is a second collection for the Religious Education program at all masses. Donations will be used to subsidize Religious Education events such as the Confirmation Retreat for high school students, the Day Apart Retreat for our Catechists, and special catechetical purchases such as the Youth Catechism, children's bibles, and rosary rings for students. Please consider directly supporting these efforts through the second collection this weekend.

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**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](mailto:deaconjohn@sacredparish.org). Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.



## OFFERTORY 4-26-15:

SACRED HEART	\$	3,858
ST JOHN'S	\$	1,279
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$	448