

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John depicts a vision of lampstands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.



Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive people's sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

For the Week of April 3rd through April 9th

Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21



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, April 2nd

4:00 p.m. Ann R. Sullivan

Sunday, April 3rd

8:00 a.m. Helen and Albert Hangar

10:00 a.m. Alex Rasin

Monday April 4th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Tuesday, April 5th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday April 6th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, April 7th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Friday, April 8th

3:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Saturday, April 9th

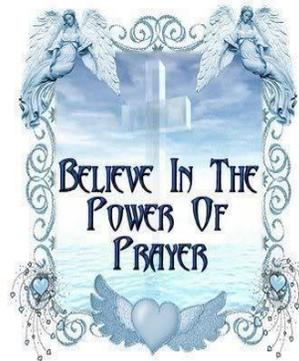
8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. Alex Rasin

Sunday, April 10th

8:00 a.m. Robert A. Resele

10:00 a.m. Harry Coleman



REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *Barron Scott, Barbara Darrah, John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Ryan Elizabeth Quintero, Edith*

Follin, Elizabeth Montague, Sandy Bugni, Angela Wilmer, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of Sacred Heart/St. John's.

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

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

FAMILY OF FAITH MEETING FOR 1ST EUCHARIST FAMILIES - We will meet in the Parish Hall from **11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 24th**. At this meeting for parents and children, we will complete our preparations for the reception of the Sacrament and rehearse for the special day.

PREP CALENDAR:

APRIL:

Sunday, April 3rd - RE CLASSES – Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday, April 10th – RE CLASSES

Sunday, April 17th – RE CLASSES

Sunday, April 24th – RE CLASSES – 1st Communion Family of Faith Meeting

MAY:

Sunday May 1st – RE CLASSES – Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday May 8th – RE CLASSES (Last Class for Students)

Sunday, May 15th – Closing PREP Mass at 10:00 a.m. – Followed by Reception Celebration.

FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S CHILDREN

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season.

There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children. The Diocese of Wilmington is committed to create a safe environment and protect children. Read more about the policies and procedures and how you can help create a culture of protection. (www.cdow.org scroll to For the Sake of God's Children link) If you have questions please call: Coordinator for Safe Environments at 302-295-0668.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SAVE THE DATE: Sacred Heart Parish will be joining once again with The Presbyterian Church of Chestertown to offer a wonderful Vacation Bible School opportunity for our children on **June 20 - 23**. We are beginning the search for volunteers who would be interested in helping. Please contact Ann Ashe, DRE.

JOURNEY OF Faith

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

We meet weekly following the **10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday**.

The readings of the day are discussed so that we can better apply them to our daily lives; and a particular piece of Catholic doctrine is then presented and explored. This is a wonderful way to grow in knowledge of our faith!

Won't you join us?

THIS WEEK (April 3rd): REVELATION Part I

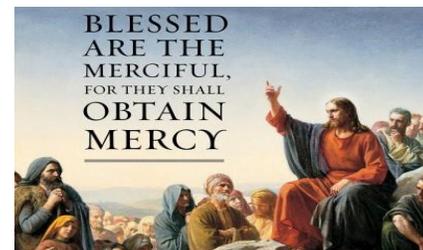
Facilitator: Mary Jo Frohlich

What better time is there than Easter season to focus our attention on God's revelation to humanity? The second reading particularly focuses on God's revelation. Today begins a two part series on REVELATION.

*NEXT WEEKEND: April 10th
Revelation – Part 2*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

2016 Annual Catholic Appeal –
“Blessed are the Merciful for They Shall Obtain Mercy”



The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal will be conducted in parishes throughout the diocese **next weekend**. Once a year, our Bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Your gift helps bring Christ to those who seek His presence - the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly. **Our parish target is \$69,500.00**. Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish since 50% of monies collected above our target will be returned for our own ministerial needs.

Please give prayerful consideration to your resources as well as the thousands of individuals and families who receive needed assistance through ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year and come to church next weekend prepared to offer your support. To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click “Giving” then “Annual Catholic Appeal”.

STOP HUNGER NOW



STOP HUNGER NOW: “The reality is that the world hunger crisis is surmountable. There are enough sustainable food resources, processing potential and distribution know-how to feed everyone. The STOP HUNGER NOW meal packing program is recognized as a viable

solution to combat hunger among the world’s most impoverished.” **Donations for this project should be placed in the regular collection in an envelope marked “Stop Hunger Now”.** Thank you to all who have already donated and volunteered. For more information: www.stophungernow.org.

To volunteer to help with local fundraising and/or the meal packaging event on October 22, 2016, contact: Ann Anderson at wmandersonfamily@verizon.net or 410-778-4243.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARY: The Cathedral of St. Peter, 5th and West Streets, is celebrating its 200th year. Bishop Malooly will celebrate the anniversary on the Third Sunday of Easter, **April 10, 2016**. All are invited, especially former members and school alumni. For additional information, call 302-654-5920 or visit the Cathedral website at www.cathedralofstpeter.com.

PARISH NEWS



Catholic Relief Services - Operation Rice Bowl: Thank you for your generosity to the

Lenten Rice Bowl Program this year! **Our parish raised \$907 for CRS.** Your participation will make a difference in the lives of those in need throughout the world. 75% of our donation will go to support programs around the world and 25% will support local programs that work to relieve hunger and poverty in our diocese.

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 25, 2016.** If you have any questions, please contact Steve Sappey at (443) 480-4368.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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 Senta Burton with any questions at 410-778-3160, or senta.burton@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

Offertory - Week Ending 3/27/16 Week 39

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 03/27- Wk.39	*\$11,324 (* Includes \$4,704 for Easter offering.)		\$6,442	\$4,882
YTD Wk. 39	\$205,821	41,864	\$251,238	-\$3,553

BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S: Mark your calendars for the next Breakfast of the season scheduled for **Sunday, April 17th following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's Church Hall.** We welcome any “family favorite” breakfast dishes that you would like to share alongside the traditional breakfast menu! There is no charge - received donations help those with need in our Parish. We look forward to seeing you there!!



PRAYER SERVICE AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST: Rev. David Ryan (Pastor of First and Christ United Methodist Churches in Chestertown) sends out the following invitation: “*Community Prayer Gathering April 5th, 7:00 at the Chapel of First UMC. You are invited to join with other persons of faith in our community for a "Prayer Gathering for Chestertown". We will plan to spend about an hour together, praying for our Schools, our elected officials, those who serve our community in law enforcement, Fire and Rescue departments, businesses, social services, and our general community.*”

