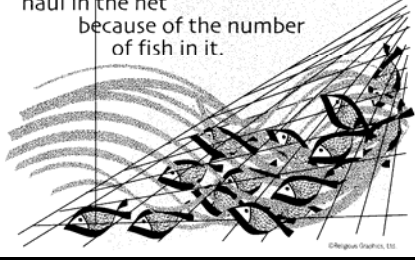


Cast your net off to the starboard side and you will find something, said the Lord. So they made a cast and took so many fish they could not haul in the net because of the number of fish in it.



Third Sunday Of Easter April 18, 2010

Bring us to the glory
of the Resurrection, Lord!

Offertory

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| Sacred Heart | \$ 5276 |
| St. John's | \$ 1624 |

2010 Annual Catholic Appeal -- This year the theme is *"One in Heart and Mind with Jesus"*. The Lord's command to Peter, "feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my sheep" applies to each of us. As the Second Vatican Council stated in *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, "the laity are called in a special way to make the Church present and operative in those places and circumstances where only through them can it become the salt of the earth." One of those ways, of course, is by providing the financial support that allows the Church to function and that permits it to carry out its essential charitable activities helping those in need.

HomePorts -- is the new local non-profit organization whose goal is to help senior citizens safely "age in place". Operated by local people, HomePorts acts as a "broker" for its members by putting them in touch with services providers in the areas of home health care, yard work, carpentry, house cleaning, roofing, etc. It also

maintains an extensive list of volunteers who are ready to help members with needs such as pet care, local transportation, computer assistance, food shopping, etc. Further information is available at www.homeports.org or by calling 443.480.0940.

NEED HELP ? Understanding Annulment -- The Diocese has many resources available for those seeking assistance with completing marriage annulments. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Fr. Paul.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

You can submit your specific prayer requests on our web site. Just go to www.sacredparish.org and click on "eCommunity" and click "Submit Prayer Request" Persevere in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; (Col 4:2.)

Home Bulletin Announcement, April 18, 2010 –Tip 30: Every home should have a sacred, holy place; a place where you can take a moment to say a prayer, have a quiet thought or remember the departed loved one. You don't need a lot of room to create such a space; a shelf or a small table is all you need. You can decorate it with small statues of saints, candles and other religious items. Have your children pick out symbols and items that represent their idea of prayer, God, or their spirituality. You can use this area for family prayer, stressful times, or even to remember loved ones who have gone before us.

The Chester River Corale's Spring Concert -- "The Three B's: Beethoven, Bernstein and the Beatles" will be held Friday April 30th, 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 2nd, at 3:00 p.m. at Hotchkiss Recital Hall, Gibson Fine Arts Center, Washington, College. Tickets: \$15, Available at Compleat Bookseller and Scotties in Chestertown and Java Rock in Rock Hall, as well as at the door. Student tickets \$10; Children under 12 free.

"We must obey God rather than men ..." Would the way you live your marriage or priesthood convict you of being Christian? Receive strength and the tools to live a more Christ-centered Sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is April 30 – May 2. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.me.org or to register for the weekend call Jack and Bridget O'Connell @ 302.653.0593.

Changes in the Office e-mail addresses. If you want to reach the office, the e-mail is still the same: sacredheartsf@verizon.net. If you wish to address

Mary Ann Coleman, the e-mail is: admin@sacredparish.org

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P.R.E.P.

Parish Religious Education Program

Children preparing for First Holy Communion will participate in a retreat experience on Saturday, April 24th, from 9:00-12:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Children should bring their completed banners. Thank you to those families who have made a contribution toward Sacramental expenses!

The Parish self-study (Called to Excellence) of our religious education programs continues. It is vitally important that all interested parishioners take this opportunity to voice their opinions regarding religious education offerings for all age groups. During the next two weekends, there will be a brief survey available in the pews and at the tables near the doors of the church. Please take the time to complete one so that we can identify the areas needing improvement or enhancement in the coming years.

Also, on Wednesday, April 28th, you are invited to join with other interested parishioners in a review of findings to date, along with a beginning look at future possibilities for catechesis in our Parish. Over the past year, many people have indicated that there is a need for improved adult educational opportunities. Now is the time to make sure your voice is heard! Join us in the Parish Hall on April 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Tip for Parents -- Dinnertime can be a wonderful chance to connect with your family. If your family schedule does not allow you to sit down together each night, try to designate one night a week to be the night that you do so. Begin your meal by having each person announce the greatest blessing in his or her life as part of your prayer. If you family is able to sit down together each night, you can use daily alternatives like having someone different lead

prayer each evening, discussing each person's spiritual moment of the day, etc.

Today's Focus: Yet More Easter Gifts

As we said last week, the risen Lord brought gracious gifts to his followers, beginning with the gift of the Holy Spirit and the power of forgiveness. Today we look at the Acts of the Apostles for an account of other gifts the apostles received.

Understanding the Word -- Last Sunday we saw the Apostles' courage and the numerous conversions that resulted from it. Today we hear about the sustaining strength of their witness. The authorities decide to put into practice their threat against the apostles, should they continue to witness to the resurrected Lord. They put the proverbial thumbscrews to them. First, they claim that they had given the apostles "strict orders" to stop teaching about Jesus, orders that the apostles completely disobeyed (5:28). In response, the apostles not only deny the right of the leaders to tell them to do so, they even start teaching the leaders themselves about Jesus (5:39-32).

The reaction of the leaders is predictable. They want to kill the apostles (5:33). It is only the intervention of Rabi Gamaliel that dissuades them from this plan (5:32-39). They do beat the apostles, however, before repeating their order and dismissing them (5:40).

Masses for the Week

Saturday, April 18th

5:00 p.m. Ken Burns

Sunday, April 19th

7:30 a.m. Larry Reni

9:15 a.m. Bill & Betty Fahrman

11:30 a.m. Dr. Keisha DePass

Monday, April 20th

8:30 a.m. Hilda Dukes

Tuesday, April 21st

8:30 a.m. Anita Gelderman

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, April 23rd

8:30 a.m. Kathleen Kolsun

Friday, April 16th

8:30 a.m. Jim Rock



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