

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

The Jews were complaining against God and Moses of the tiring journey through the desert. The Lord punished them for such complaints with the bite of deadly serpents. After hearing the prayers of Moses for his people, the Lord instructed Moses to cure those who became ill with a bronze serpent mounted to a pole for them to see.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In this letter to the Philippians, Paul tells us how Jesus set aside his form of equality to God and took on a humble, human form - obedient even unto death. God the Father greatly exalted Jesus because of this.

Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

As today's first reading tells us of Moses raising the bronze serpent in the desert for those to be cured, Jesus says, too, that the Son of Man should be lifted up for all to see so the world might be saved and he who believes in him might enjoy eternal life.

For the Week of September 14th through September 20th

Sunday

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Monday

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15



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, September 13th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, September 14th

8:00 a.m. Rita Elburn

10:00 a.m. Ken Burns

Monday September 15th

8:30 am. John Miconi

Tuesday, September 16th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday September 17th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, September 18th

8:30 a.m. Joanne Weingarden

Friday, September 19th

8:30 a.m. Sister Mary Ancilla Kasarda

Saturday, September 20th

8:30 a.m. Merle Bates

4:00 p.m. Edward Johnston

Sunday, September 21st

8:00 a.m. Wesley Johnson

10:00 a.m. Geraldine Ashe

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY 09/07/14:

SACRED HEART:	\$	3,728
ST. JOHN:	\$	1,571
ELECTRONIC GIVING:	\$	2,065

VICTIMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

SACRED HEART:	\$	795
ST. JOHN:	\$	408

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

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.

PARISH-WIDE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ALL

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

“Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14

THE PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, SEPT. 14TH!

PREP REGISTRATION: It is not too late to send in your registration forms and fees. The forms are available on our church website at sacredparish.org or at the doors of the church.

PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING: Parents of PREP students should plan to attend the Orientation Meeting following the 10:00 a.m. Mass from 11:00a.m. - 12:15 p.m. this Sunday. Everyone will meet in the Parish Hall - children and parents.

HIGH SCHOOL / CONFIRMATION

PROGRAM: Preparation for Confirmation is a two year formation program which begins in the 9th grade year and then the Sacrament is received in the 10th grade. All 9th and 10th graders who feel the call to receive the sacrament should enroll in the PREP program and prepare to join together every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. The Catechists for this year's program are Deacon John Davis, Annette Walls, Joyce Hale and Angelo Moore. Please call or e-mail Ann Ashe if you have any questions or you need to register. **The first PREP Class for the 9th and 10th graders this year will be on October 5th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, where the confirmands will receive a special blessing for their preparation.**

CATACHETICAL SUNDAY: Next Sunday, Sept. 21st is Catechetical Sunday! All across the country, Catechists will be blessed and commissioned for their important work in the year ahead. Please join us in support of these "faith filled" people who have answered "yes" to God's call to serve by committing to pray for them this year.

Go and teach all people



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REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD meets the **first and third Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** in the Upper Room of Sacred Heart Church Hall.

Participants read and discern the lessons of the previous Sunday's Gospel. Each small group discussion session stands "on its own" and you may come as often as you can to allow God to teach you through His Word during these sessions.

Coordinator: Deacon John Davis.

Feed your spirit with the word of God

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. Participants in this small group discussion review a range of teachings of the Church in order to understand how these teachings impact our daily lives. Each session is self-contained so that you may come whenever you have the time to spend an hour to add to your understanding of our faith.

Coordinator: Barbara Kelley.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Weekly at the 10:00 a.m. Mass



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 in with younger brothers and sisters.

VOCATIONS

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans (and us) that "None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord." While that is true for all of the baptized, some are called to live lives consecrated for the service of the Church as priests, deacons or religious. If you think God might be inviting you to some form of consecrated life, please call or write Father David Kelley, Diocesan Director of Priestly and

Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.CalledByTheLord.com.

PEOPLE AND PARISH LIFE

SACRAMENT OF WELCOME

We welcome the following into the Christian Community with great Joy through the Sacrament of Baptism:

June 29, 2014 – **Margaret Marie Parker & Charles Long Parker**, twin children of **Jeffrey & Christina Parker**.



July 13, 2014 - **Joseph Peter Esplana Hickey**, son of **John & Sheila Marie Hickey**.

August 3, 2014 - **Hayden Spencer Coleman**, son of **Brian & Donna Coleman**

August 10, 2014 – **Anna Uy Luu** daughter of **Vinh Luu and Thanh Thanh Nguyen**.

August 10, 2014 – **Matthew Cooper Williams, Jr.**, son of **Matthew and Bonnie Williams**.

Congratulations



Timothy Schaefer & Catherine Yetter

June 14, 2014

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.



HOSPITAL VISITS: We are not able to access patient records from the Chester River Hospital Center. If you or someone in your family is a patient, and you wish to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office at 410-778-3160, and provide us with the patient's name and room number and we will do our best to accommodate the request.

ST JOHN'S BREAKFASTS: The schedule for Breakfasts at St. Johns' will begin in October, 2014. Dates for the breakfasts are October 19th, November 16th, December 14th; 2015- January 18th, February 15th, March 15th, April 19th, and May 17th. All



breakfasts will start after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please come and join us for wonderful food and fellowship.

LET'S DANCE for fun, smiles and exercise!! Zumba Gold[®] 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[®] 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. *Please note: There will be no Zumba on September 25th or October 16th.*

JOYFUL NOISE

SING A "JOYFUL NOISE": Music at the 10 a.m. Mass is led by the contemporary group "Joyful Noise" on the first three Sundays of the month. Faithful volunteer cantors lead music at all other masses. Our role as leaders of music is to "promote active participation of the assembly in the mass.



Make a Joyful Noise
unto the Lord
Psalm 100:1

"I have learned that churches get exactly what they want. Right now, if we do not change, most parish churches in North America will lose the majority of their youth in twenty years or so. There's an old saying that goes, "If you're not careful, you'll end up where you're headed!" So one of the things you can do if you really

*want to keep the youth of our Church is to **actually sing at Mass**. Make it an event. Make it engaging. It's physical, folks! You must breathe in air and push it out with your diaphragm through your voice box, and make it a joyful noise to the Lord. It takes a little effort, but it is your choice"* John Michael Talbot.