

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how “darkness covers the earth” but light and glory appear over God’s chosen people.



#### Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

#### Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus’ birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod’s true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

### For the Week of January 4<sup>th</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

#### Monday

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

#### Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

#### Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

#### Thursday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

#### Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

#### Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30



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, January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4:00 p.m.	Libby Stoops
Sunday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	Rosetta Lins
	10:00 a.m.	Kathleen Moore
Monday January 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Tuesday, January 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday January 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Thursday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Mass for the People
Friday, January 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Betty Davies
Saturday, January 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Mass for the People
	4:00 p.m.	Monsignor Bohdan Olesh
Sunday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	William Steele
	10:00 a.m.	Mary Trumbauer

## 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, Ed  
Yianakis, Valerie  
Lindyberg, Patricia  
Dana, and Jim  
Kestell and all*

those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of the Sacred Heart and St. John’s.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### PREP

#### Parish Religious Education Program

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; .... His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*

#### PREP Class Schedule:

Sunday, Jan. 4th - RE Class

#### CONFIRMATION RETREAT PRAYER

**SUPPORT:** Please pray for the young people who will be attending the Confirmation Retreat in January. This time away is a continuation of their preparation for the reception of the sacrament. Also, please pray for the catechists who are journeying with these students.

**"...by the sacrament of Confirmation, you are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence you are, as witnesses of Christ, more obliged and better equipped to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."** (from

The Introduction to the Rite of Confirmation)

**BIBLE LITERACY CATECHESIS: Sunday, January 4th** is our next special class on Biblical Literacy for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. The topic this week will be "Who wrote the Bible? It is so old... Is it really important to us today?"

**PREP SUNDAY:** Our next PREP Sunday will take place on this **Sunday, Jan. 4th**. Please make every effort to have your child attend the 10 a.m. mass and sit with PREP classmates and catechists in the first row in church.

*The PREP Catechists are wishing every family a very Happy New Year!*

#### 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*

#### JANUARY 4 TOPIC: EVANGELIZATION

**If someone were to ask you what the word "evangelization" means, what would you tell them?  
What feelings does the word evoke in you?**

January 11 Topic: Jesus Christ

## SOCIAL OUTREACH

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT WINTER SHELTER IN CHESTERTOWN:** The Winter Shelter is in urgent need of volunteers to help staff the shelter in January, February and March. This is an important ministry for our whole community. The shelter opens on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown and moves to First United Methodist Church on February 1<sup>st</sup>, staying until the end of March. **They are in need of two volunteers each night for the 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift. They need one sleeper from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. each evening (bring your own bedding). They need one breakfast person from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. each morning.** If you can help, please e-mail [barbara.hrrsn@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.hrrsn@gmail.com) or call 410-778-0165. Thank you so much.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES THRIFT CENTER:** Are you planning a household remodel or facelift? Don't discard your gently-used household goods - donate them! Catholic Charities Thrift Center in Wilmington is in great need of furniture, mattresses, and working appliances. Demand for these items continues to outpace our supply. We will accept used bedding as we are licensed by the State of Delaware to sanitize bedding and offer for resale or redistribution. We do ask that the items be gently used, clean and in good working order, and we reserve the right to refuse a donation if it is in poor condition. To schedule a pick up of these items, call the Thrift Center at 302-764-2717. The Thrift Center is located at 1320 E 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Wilmington, DE 19802.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** is now accepting donations of cars and other motor vehicles to support its programs benefiting the most vulnerable in our communities. Catholic Charities will accept all vehicle donations regardless of condition or registration status, arrange for vehicle pickup, if necessary, and provide the donor with an IRS tax receipt for their records. In addition to automobiles, Catholic Charities accepts donated trucks, boats, RVs and motorcycles in any condition. The Thrift Center also accepts donations of new or gently used clothing and shoes. For more information about the donation program, or to make arrangements for donation, please call 302-764-2717 or e-mail [ThriftCenter@ccwilm.org](mailto:ThriftCenter@ccwilm.org).

## PARISH LIFE

**BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S:** Mark your calendars for the next Breakfast of the season scheduled for **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 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!



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**PARISH MEETING:** Our next Parish Meeting is scheduled for **January 8th at 6:30 p.m.** in the hall. This is an open meeting for anyone who would like to be involved in the planning and future direction of our church community. The agenda for the meeting will include topics such as: - Parish Welcome Packets and Social Outreach Efforts. Everyone is welcome.

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**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.

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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.



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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.

### 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Come, March for Life!! The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual March for Life is scheduled for **January 22, 2015** in Washington D.C. There is a **free bus** leaving Sacred Heart Church at 9:30 a.m. making stops in Centreville, at Chesapeake College, and on Kent Island. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m. The bus is compliments of District 26 Knights of Columbus. If you are interested in joining us for the March, please contact Kenny Platt at [plattkpc@aol.com](mailto:plattkpc@aol.com) or 443-926-2801.



## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### OFFERTORY 12/21/14:

SACRED HEART:	\$	3,850
ST. JOHN:	\$	1,412
ELECTRONIC GIVING:	\$	403

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**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** The offertory envelopes for 2015 are at the back of the Church in Sacred Heart and St. John's.

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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. Thank you.



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be your new years resolution  
may God bless you  
we wish you the happiest of years  
God is all you need to succeed

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