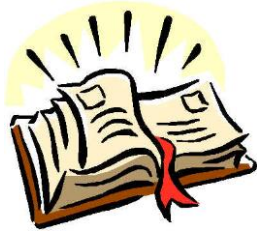


SCRIPTURE READINGS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."



Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

For the Week of January 11th through January 17th

Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Monday

Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17



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 10th

4:00 p.m.

Monsignor Bohdan Olesh

Sunday, January 11th

8:00 a.m.

William Steele

10:00 a.m.

Mary Trumbauer

Monday January 12th

8:30 a.m.

Mary Hamilton

Tuesday, January 13th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Wednesday January 14th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Thursday, January 15th

8:30 a.m.

Mass for the People

Friday, January 16th

8:30 a.m.

Julia Rosenwald

Saturday, January 17th

8:30 a.m.

Mass for the People

4:00 p.m.

Anita Gelderman

Sunday, January 18th

8:00 a.m.

Rita Elburn

10:00 a.m.

Matthew Lamond

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,
Joan Szwajkowski,
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

CONFIRMATION RETREAT PRAYER

SUPPORT: Please pray for the young people who will be attending the Confirmation Retreat on January 17th. 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)

POSTER CONTEST: The Fr. George S. Bradford Council, Knights of Columbus wishes to thank all the PREP students who participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The winner in the 1st – 3rd grade was Kate Cannon. The winner in the 4th – 6th grade was Emily Collison and the winner in the 7th – 8th grade was Maisy Will. Congratulations to those 3 PREP students on their winning entries. Thanks also to the parents, PREP teachers, and Ann Ashe who helped inspire the children with the "Reason for the Season"

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*

Today's topic: Jesus Christ

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As Jesus is baptized, he is empowered for his public mission. The voice from heaven proclaims Jesus as the Son of God. We are

similarly empowered by virtue of our baptism. Are we living our "public mission"?



Next Week: Church as the Body of 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 2nd at the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown and moves to First United Methodist Church on February 1st, 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 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 23rd Street, Wilmington, DE 19802.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES is also 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.

PARISH LIFE

FUEL AND HEAT – The second collection this weekend is for Fuel and Heat – please give generously.



BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S:

Mark your calendars for the next Breakfast of the season scheduled for next **Sunday, January 18th**, 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!

42ND ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Come, March for Life!! The 42nd 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 or 443-926-2801.



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.



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.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL: If you have a family member who has served our country and is interred in St. John's Cemetery, please call Bob House at 410-778-7587 with the veteran's name and branch of military service. Thank you.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY 12/28/14:

SACRED HEART:	\$	3,842
ST. JOHN:	\$	872
ELECTRONIC GIVING:	\$	403

OFFERTORY 1/4/15:

SACRED HEART:	\$	3,508
ST. JOHN:	\$	1,305
ELECTRONIC GIVING:	\$	2,193

CHRISTMAS OFFERING:

SACRED HEART:	\$	9,042
ST. JOHN:	\$	1,410

NEW YEAR'S OFFERING:

SACRED HEART:	\$	950
ST. JOHN:	\$	822

ST. JOHN'S:

POOR BOX:	\$	607
CANDLES	\$	243

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.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The offertory envelopes for 2015 are in the Church Office. If you have not gotten yours, please call 410-778-3160.