

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days.

The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.



### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

### Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become “fishers of men.” They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.

**For the Week of January 25<sup>th</sup> through  
January 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### Sunday

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

#### Monday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:22-30

#### Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

#### Wednesday

Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

#### Thursday

Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

#### Friday

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

#### Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41



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 24<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Rose Brugnetti

10:00 a.m. Peggy Larrimore

**Monday January 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Mary Jo Brenneman

**Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

**Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Matthew Lamond

**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. John Olinick

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Rosetta Lins

10:00 a.m. Carlo and Elsa Fasol

## 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, and  
Jim Kestell and all  
those whose names*



appear in the  
**PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the  
front foyer of Sacred Heart and St. John's.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### PREP

#### Parish Religious Education Program

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for good and not for evil, to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

**PREP 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE OUTREACH PROJECT:** Our students are embarking on a social outreach project called Water Step and they will need your help. Water Step is a non-profit organization whose mission is to "Save Lives with Safe Water" by providing training and technology to support safe water projects to communities in developing countries.

To assist in funding their mission, we will be collecting new and gently used shoes. Water Step then sells them to an exporter who in turn sells them to entrepreneurs from developing countries. This enables them to provide for their family's needs and collect money for their water purification and health education projects. The Shoe Drive will run for a 2 week period beginning in February. Please watch for more details and begin going through your shoe closet.

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**SPECIAL CLASS FOR 6, 7, 8 GRADES:** This Sunday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, the middle school grades will be led through the Diocesan Curriculum "For the Sake of God's Children". This is a personal safety curriculum that includes topics such as keeping secrets, trusted adults, and appropriate physical, emotional and cyber boundaries.

**PARENTS OF SECOND GRADERS:** There will be a Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting on **Sunday, Feb. 1st at 11:00 a.m.** in the upper room of the hall. Please plan to attend this important meeting to begin preparation for First Eucharist. The children will have RE class as usual.

**LITURGICAL CATECHESIS:** Sunday, February 1st is our next special class on Bible Literacy for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Please make every effort to have your child attend the 10:00 a.m. mass on this PREP Sunday and sit with PREP classmates and catechists in the first row in church. The topic this week will be "How can we use the Bible everyday of our lives? Why should we read it?"

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** The 12 high school students preparing for Confirmation and their parents wish to thank all of you for your prayers and words of support for last weekend's retreat. It was a great day together processing the real meaning of the Confirmation of our faith. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

## 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: FAITH: Facilitator – Dan Ashe**

**Have you ever had the sense that God wanted you to do something but you ignored it?** Jonah's story reminds us that we are to turn our minds and hearts completely to God. Mark's Gospel continues the theme of discipleship. How do you feel about Jesus' invitation to follow his example and to be a voice for the voiceless? What does that say to us about our role in dealing with immigrants, the plight of the poor, health care issues that impact the most vulnerable in our midst? Where would Jesus fall in relationship to such issues?

**February 1: The Sacraments.  
Facilitator – Fr. Paul Campbell**

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### NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**January 25th - 31st, 2015**  
**Immaculate Conception School is holding their Open House on January 27, 2015 from 8:30-11:00 a.m.** If you cannot attend you can call to schedule a tour:

452 E. Bow St. Elkton, MD. 21921.  
410-398-2636

*Transportation is available from Chestertown*



## 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 is open now 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.

## PARISH LIFE

**PHOTO DIRECTORY SURPRISE:** Not long ago we published our Parish Photo Directory. We have taken the liberty of having all your portraits framed. See the photos displayed in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church. We think you'll be surprised!

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**CFN MOVIE NIGHT:** The Catholic Family Network is sponsoring a free "Movie Night" for children in 1st - 8th grade.



After mass on **Saturday, Jan. 31st**, bring you children to view "Despicable Me 2" on the big screen in the church hall while enjoying pizza, popcorn and fun with friends from our parish community. Children will be

supervised by adult chaperones so you can have a night out if you'd like. See the flyers on the bulletin boards for more information.

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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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**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.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**SOLIDARITY GATHERING WITH LOCAL GUATEMALANS:** Our Wilmington Diocese has a special partnership with sisters and brothers from the Diocese of San Marcos, Guatemala. All are welcome to celebrate *Shared Experiences, Enriched Lives* on **Saturday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m.** in the lobby of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 7906 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD. There will be story-telling and faith-sharing with local Guatemalan immigrants. Wilmington Diocese parishioners will present accounts about their visits to San Marcos. All are welcome. If you plan on attending or for further information, please contact Brother Chris Posch at 302-655-0518 or [chrisposch@gmail.com](mailto:chrisposch@gmail.com).

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### OFFERTORY 1/18/15

SACRED HEART:	\$	4,430
ST. JOHN:	\$	1,205
ELECTRONIC GIVING:	\$	1,293

### GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND OF KENT COUNTY:

SACRED HEART:	\$	1,073
ST. JOHN:	\$	305

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION:** Next weekend, **January 31<sup>st</sup>/February 1<sup>st</sup>**, there will be a second collection for the Religious Education program at all masses. Donations will be used to subsidize Religious Education events such as the Confirmation Retreat for high school students, the Day Apart Retreat for our Catechists, and special catechetical purchases such as the Youth Catechism, children's bibles, and rosary rings for students. Please consider directly supporting these efforts through the second collection next Sunday.

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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.

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**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** The offertory envelopes for 2015 are in the Church Office. If you have not gotten yours, please call 410-778-3160 or stop in during office hours from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon Mon.-Fri.

