

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."



Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience.

For the Week of February 28th through March 5th

Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

First Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

First Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14



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, February 27th

4:00 p.m. Jim Bennette

Sunday, February 28th

8:00 a.m. Mike Maristch

10:00 a.m. Frank Blahosky

Monday February 29th

8:30 a.m. Thomas Hartnett

Tuesday, March 1st

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday March 2nd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, March 3rd

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Friday, March 4th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Saturday, March 5th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. Alex Rasin

Sunday, March 6th

8:00 a.m. Florence Jankowski

10:00 a.m. Kathleen Kolsun



REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

Barron Scott, Barbara Darrah, John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Ryan Elizabeth Quintero,

Edith Follin, Elizabeth Montague, Sandy Bugni, Angela Wilmer, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of Sacred Heart/St. John's.

NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

"I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROJECTS: The documentation of our Christian witness in the world continues through our "Flat Francis Project". Be sure to take a close look at the images received so far from RE families on the bulletin board just inside the door of the hall. The collection of monetary donations to CRS "Operation Rice Bowl" continues through March 20th.

PREP SCHEDULE:

FEBRUARY:

Sunday, 28th – RE CLASS - Confirmation Sponsors & Students Class

MARCH:

Sunday, 6th - RE CLASS

Sunday, 13th - RE CLASS

Sunday, 20th - RE CLASS - Confirmation Sponsors & Students Class

Sunday, 27th - NO CLASSES – Happy Easter!

CATECHIST RETREAT: Thank you for your prayers for our faithful Catechists who spent a "Day Apart" last weekend on retreat focusing on the theme of *Mercy and Reconciliation*.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENTS: On **Sunday, March 6th**, high school students from SH/SJ Parish will prepare and serve dinner for the guests at our local homeless shelter. If you would like to participate, please contact Ann Ashe, DRE before Wednesday, March 2nd.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

LENTEN PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH This Friday, come experience a *Service of Reconciliation and receive the Sacrament* at Sacred Heart. The communal service of Reconciliation is the second form of the rite where we gather in community to hear God's Word and make an examination of conscience. Individual, private confessions are then heard by several priests. Reconciliation is a powerful experience of the truth that God loves us *no matter what*. As Catholics, we are urged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year.

LENTEN COMMUNITY PROJECT: Our parish is participating in *Operation Rice Bowl*, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten Program for almsgiving. Rice Bowls are at the church doors if you would like to take one and participate in the giving for the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. **We will collect the Rice Bowls on March 20th** - Palm Sunday. For more information on this program, go to crsricebowl.org.



THE YEAR OF MERCY: Ever the pope of mercy, Pope Francis will have proposed a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration called "24 Hours for the Lord" on **March 4-5, 2016**. This year's theme is "God, rich in mercy" Ephesians 2:4. This is the second such event; the first "24 Hours for the Lord" was held in March 2015. The faithful throughout the world's parishes and dioceses worldwide are invited to join the Holy Father in prayer and penance for this 24 hour period. Sacred Heart/St. John's Parish will offer a **Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 4th** in the chapel and a **Service of Reconciliation on Friday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m.** followed by our Soup & Bread Fellowship. Please consider responding to this special call of "24 hours for the Lord" this Lenten Season.

LENTEN SOUP AND BREAD FELLOWSHIP: We are now coordinating volunteers to make and bring soup & bread each Friday. If you would like to contribute, please call or e-mail Becky Davis at 410-778-3160 or sacredparish@gmail.com. Your support and contributions to this community effort are appreciated.

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

We meet weekly **following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday**. The readings of the day are discussed so that we can better apply them to our daily lives; and a particular piece of Catholic doctrine is then presented and explored. This is a wonderful way to grow in knowledge of our faith!

Won't you join us?



FEBRUARY 28th – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Facilitators: Ted Kremer and Steve Sappey

Lent is a time we focus on the areas of sin in our lives and our need for God's mercy. It is also a time when the church offers multiple opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. The sacrament of reconciliation extends God's mercy and reconciling presence of Christ to us sinners. Today's liturgy reminds us that we are all sinners – nobody is purely righteous before God. We are blessed with the grace of this sacrament to assist us in this process of salvation.

NEXT WEEKEND: SACRAMENT OF THE ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

SALT AND LIGHT MINISTRIES

CALLING ALL COOKS! It is our privilege once again to provide the evening meal for the guests at the Samaritan Group Winter Shelter during the week of March 6-12. You can make it a family affair, team up with friends, or cook solo. Most volunteers provide a hot entrée and sides (where appropriate), and a dessert. Beverages, plates and cutlery are provided at the shelter. The number of guests varies, and we will try to let you know that day approximately how many to prepare for. If you are interested in performing this corporal work of mercy (feeding the hungry) or need more information, please call or e-mail Barbara Kelly at 410-778-5849 or bksquared01@aol.com. Don't miss out on this rewarding opportunity! We already have three nights spoken for!!



STOP HUNGER NOW: Poor nutrition causes nearly half (45%) of deaths in children under five – 3.1 million children each year worldwide. We can do something to help. **Save the date: Saturday October 22, 2016** for the meal packaging event in Chestertown in partnership with Christ United Methodist Church. Donations for this project can be placed in the regular collection. Please put them in a separate envelope and mark them “*Stop Hunger Now*”. For questions or to volunteer to help, contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 or wmandersonfamily@verizon.net.

PARISH NEWS



RECONCILIATION

Lenten Reconciliation Services available in the Diocese of Wilmington are:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent (through March 18th) at 9:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Additional local

St. Dennis, Galena – Fridays at 4:00 p.m.

St. Benedict, Ridgely – Fridays at 6:00 p.m.

Our Mother of Sorrows, Centreville – Fridays at 7:45 p.m. (March 11)

St. Peter, Queenstown – Fridays at 7:45 p.m. (March 4, 18).

ARE YOU MEDICALLY UNINSURED: If so, you can contact the Townsend Memorial Medical Clinic, located at 5585 Main Street, Rock Hall, MD, 410-639-2240.

You must call if you need an appointment.

DIOCESAN NEWS

ST JOHN'S BIBLE: The St. John's Bible is a modern bible which has been painstakingly assembled with the same “low-tech” skills that built the ancient cathedrals of Europe. This unique bible is the first hand-illuminated edition commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in 500 years! Seventy pages of this work of faith and sacred art are now on exhibit at the Biggs Museum of American Art at 406 Federal Street in Dover until March 27th. This exhibit contains 70 folios or pages of the more than 1,000 16 inch by 24 inch pages of the completed bible. The work is magnificent to behold and will enliven one's faith.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – Next weekend's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services – 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 Senta Burton with any questions at 410-778-3160, or senta.burton@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The offertory envelopes for 2016 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 Monday through Friday.

Offertory – Week Ending 2/21/16 Week 34

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John's are made possible. “Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold.”

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 02/21-Wk.34	\$5,098	\$890	\$6,442	-\$454
YT4 Wk. 34	\$174,004	\$37,839	\$219,028	-\$7,185

