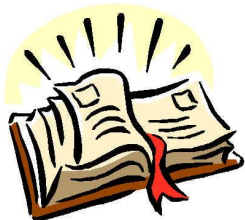


SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the “day of Midian.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10—13, 17

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be “fishers of men.”



For the Week of January 22nd through January 28th

Sunday

Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5; 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 21st

4:00 p.m. Mimi Waring

Sunday, January 22nd

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Ronald Troutman

Monday, January 23rd

8:30 a.m. Gary Kloster (living)

Tuesday, January 24th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 25th

8:30 a.m. For our parishioners, living and deceased

Thursday, January 26th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, January 27th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 28th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, January 29th

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz

10:00 a.m. John P. McMahon, Jr.

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE

PARISH: Remember in
your prayers the sick of

the parish: *John
Troffo, Valerie*

Lindyberg, Patricia

Dana, Bob Dunn,

Elizabeth Montague,

Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Jennifer Willis, Delores

Carmen, Ed Kolsun, and all those whose names

appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS
located in the front foyer.



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



Bringing the Gospel Home

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 4:12-23

Reflection for Families: There are few people in the world who understand the immediacy of today's Gospel like a parent does! The demands of the day are genuinely important, from the first stirrings of the morning, into the commitment-filled day, to the evening and bedtime routine. A huge part of our day requires a "stop-on-a-dime" reaction from us. Many things we "stop-on-a-dime" for are important, but have we thought today how the urgency of our day-to-day decisions compares to the urgency of Jesus calling his disciples? With what urgency do we call our children to discipleship? How do they recognize us as disciples of Jesus?

Bringing the Gospel into your Family: Following the evening meal or when your family gathers for bedtime prayers, share one thing about your day that indicates you are a "fisher of people." Encourage all members of the family to think about how they are disciples of Jesus – how they carry the Good News into the neighborhood, their school, or their work.

Discussion Starters

1. Other people (especially my family members) know that I follow Jesus when ...
2. One of the most important reasons I follow Jesus today is because...
3. Like the fisherman, one thing I find uncertain about following Jesus is...

Adult Faith Formation

Bishop Robert Barron's **SEVEN DEADLY SINS AND SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES** is the perfect Lenten experience!

Pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust: these "seven deadly sins" are patterns of dysfunction that keep us separated from God and ultimately lead to unhappiness. Join us as we embark on Fr. Robert Barron's exploration of these seven sinful patterns and also learn how practicing countervailing virtues can break the cycle of sin.

On **February 7th and 8th**, our parish will begin the *Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues* program. This 8 week study program will be offered on two separate days and times:

Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Or, Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. For fullest participation, a purchased workbook (\$15.00) is recommended.

To preview this 8-week study, you can visit:

<http://sevendeadlysins.wordonfire.org/#study-program>.

For more information, or to register, please contact Barbara Kelly at barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com or call 410-778-4650.

FEAST OF EPIPHANY: On January 8th, the PREP students gathered with Fr. Grasing in the Church to learn about the Church's liturgical year, specifically the Christmas season, which culminated with the Feast of Epiphany. They all received stars to remind them of the Star of Bethlehem that led the Magi to the baby Jesus, and also remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Following the lesson, everyone returned to the Parish Hall for some "King's Cake", cookies, and hot chocolate.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sean Gallo, Liam Gallo and Elena Portillo, who recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We ask you to keep these children in your prayers as they continue their faith journey with preparation for reception of Holy Eucharist in the spring.

SAINTS OF JANUARY

FRANCIS DE SALES

Feast Day: January 24

Canonized: April 19, 1665

Beatified: January 8, 1662

There is a popular saying you may have heard: "You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar." This means that if you want people to agree with you or help you, being nice to them is better than being mean or unfriendly. The person who first said that lived more than 400 years ago, and he was a very persuasive speaker – and a saint.

Francis de Sales was born in France in 1567 to a noble family. His father sent him to the best schools, and when he was 20, he decided to become a priest. Despite his wealthy background, Francis always thought it was more important to serve God than to have money or power. His father tried to persuade him to marry, but Francis was instead ordained at the age of 26.

He quickly earned a reputation for being a kind and understanding man and an excellent speaker who attracted people to the Catholic faith. Many people in his diocese, which was partly in France and partly in Switzerland, followed the teachings of John Calvin, since at one time the Catholic faith had been outlawed in the region. Francis won many of them back. He taught religion to children and helped prepare men to be ordained priests. He wrote several books and helped St. Jane Francis de Chantal to found a religious order of women, the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary, in 1610.

Francis died in 1622 and was canonized in 1664 by Pope Alexander VII. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1877. He is a patron of writers and journalists because he used his writing to teach people about faith.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory - Week Ending 01/15/16 - Week 29

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 1/15- Wk.29	\$5,587	\$760	\$6,346	\$ 1
YTD Wk. 29	\$149,950	\$ 27,595	\$184,034	-\$6,489

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.

BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S: If you have joined us for breakfast before you know how good it is. If you have not, you are in for a surprise. Bring your family to breakfast following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday February**



12th in the Hall at St. John's, and enjoy a delicious menu of fresh scrambled eggs, fried Kielbasa with eggs, peppers and cheese, crispy bacon, South Philly sausage links, 'old fashioned' home fries with caramelized onions, creamed chip beef over toast, grandmas' fluffy pancakes, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. 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!!

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.



January is **POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH!** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website (usccb.org) offers a calendar and daily reflections to encourage us to take up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor.

There is an immediate need right here in Chestertown at the **Samaritan Group Winter Shelter**. Volunteers are still needed as evening chaperones (5:30-11:00 p.m.) and as breakfast volunteers. In addition, Sacred Heart Parish is scheduled to provide the evening meal during the week of **February 12-18**.

If you would like more information about any of these opportunities, please e-mail Barbara Kelly at barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com or call 410-778-4650.

"I want a Church which is poor and for the poor."
Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

LIFE LINE SCREENING, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on **February 15, 2017**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers.**

MARCH FOR LIFE 2017: Be a voice for the voiceless! Come and March for Life on **January 27, 2017** in Washington D.C. The Rally begins at 12 noon and the March at 1:00 p.m.



The District 26 Knights of Columbus have provided us with a free bus to the Rally. The bus will be leaving Sacred Heart Church at 9:30 a.m. with stops in Centreville, Chesapeake College, and Kent Island, returning to Chestertown by 5:00 p.m. For reservations, please contact Kenny Platt at plattkpc@aol.com or call 443-926-2801.



