

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord urges Moses to tell the Israelite Community to love their neighbors as themselves. They should bear no grudge or hatred against another.



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul, once again, reminds the Corinthians that they are the temple of God, and, as such, must avoid internal disputes and wrangling. He tries to make them realize that they belong to Christ and that the Spirit of God dwells within them.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to do an extraordinary thing — to love their enemies and to pray for their oppressors. He reminds them that there is nothing laudatory in loving those who love them for even the “pagans” do this. He urges them to “turn the other cheek” and to “walk the extra mile.”



For the Week of February 19th through
February 25th

Sunday

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16



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 18th

4:00 p.m. Judy Redinger

Sunday, February 19th

8:00 a.m. Antoni Jankowski

10:00 a.m. Frederick McCall

Monday February 20th

8:30 a.m. Frederick McCall

Tuesday, February 21st

8:30 a.m. Thomas Hartnett

Wednesday February 22nd

8:30 a.m. Frederick McCall

Thursday, February 23rd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, February 24th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 25th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, February 26th

8:00 a.m. For our Parishioners, living
and deceased

10:00 a.m. Jack DePoulter

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, Laurenson Ward, and all

those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK
OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer.



NEW TO THE PARISH: The following family has registered in our parish recently: Edmund and Veronica Gordon of Kennedyville. We pray that you will become closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community. We look forward to getting to know you. Welcome!

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Bringing the Gospel Home

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:38-48

Reflection for Families: When difficult times and strife occur in family life, what are our natural tendencies? Taking the perspective of the other person is a great challenge, yet a necessary skill for a healthy relationship. Consider the challenge of Jesus to turn the other cheek during difficult times. Jesus is not asking us to accept or tolerate abuse, but to consider the perspective of the other person in how we relate to him or her. So next time when the family is challenged, or an argument occurs, how might you consider the perspective of the other person. How might you show your spouse or children the love that God shows all of us?

Bringing the Gospel into your Family – During mealtimes this week as you eat, talk together about how each member of the family is important. Share with one another the goodness and beauty that each family member has. Highlight special talents and skills which have made a difference in the life of the family. Take the time to specifically discuss the qualities you cherish about one another.

Discussion Starters

1. As a disciple of Jesus, I need to learn how to love others by...
2. I know I am loved by others when...
3. The greatest challenge I have in loving like God is...

CONFIRMATION CLASS

CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS: The young people in our 2017 Confirmation class had a busy weekend on February 11th and 12th! On Saturday, February 11th they attended a full day retreat experience with their parents here at Sacred Heart Hall. The retreat was facilitated by Dan Ashe and Dana Squares and was a day filled with fun, fellowship and spirit filled discussion! Thank you to all the parents who gave an entire day to share faith with their teens. Time is precious in today's families, and the gift of that time on Saturday spoke volumes about just how much these parents valued this formative experience. On Sunday, February 12th, seven of our young people returned to Sacred Heart Parish Hall to prepare a meal to take to the Samaritan Group Winter Shelter. Under the capable direction of Missy Hollis, a delicious chicken/rice casserole, a nutritious salad and a fabulous dessert came together. The students took the meal to the shelter and shared the meal and conversation with the eight shelter guests who were in attendance that evening. This was really putting faith into action!



SAINTS OF FEBRUARY

FRA ANGELICO

Feast Day: February 18
Beatified: October 3, 1982



Growing up in a small town in Italy, Guido di Pietro was interested in two things. He wanted to follow Christ's example in all things and he wanted to develop his talent for painting. God showed him how these two things were his vocation. Our vocation is God's call to share in Jesus' life and work.

Guido was born in 1387, and when he was 18, he joined the Dominican order as a religious brother. Brothers are not priests. Religious brothers serve their community through prayer and work. In Italy, religious brothers are called "Fra."

Religious brothers are often given a new name. Guido's religious name was "Fra Giovanni" or Brother John. His work in his community was painting beautiful religious art, initially for manuscripts, which at the time were each copied by hand. The moment the members of his religious community saw his beautiful paintings they said that he "painted like an angel." This is how he became known as "Fra Angelico."

Every day before he began to paint, Fra Angelico prayed that God would guide his hand and help him to create a painting that would inspire people to grow closer to God.

Fra Angelico became very famous. He painted holy figures and angels and was even called to Rome to paint portraits of the saints on the walls of the chapel of Pope Eugenius IV and then Pope Nicholas V. His work can be found in museums and churches and holy buildings throughout the world.

He died in Rome in 1455 and was beatified in 1982 by Pope John Paul II. The Pope declared him the patron saint of Catholic artists in 1984.

We call Fra Angelico "Blessed." His life helps us to understand that we are called to use the gifts we have been given to serve others and to give glory and praise to God.



PARISH NEWS

Offertory - Week Ending 02/12/16 - Week 33

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 2/12- Wk.33	\$4,674	\$455	\$6,346	-\$1,217
YTD Wk. 33	\$170,111	\$32,715	\$209,418	-\$6,592

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.

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.



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Every month 150-175 families come to the Food Pantry. They can only come once a month! They receive a bag of food--- averaging 60 pounds---determined by the size of the family.

Members of Sacred Heart Parish donate approximately 70 pounds per week---only enough for one family. Can we increase this amount? Of course we can! Consider "buy one get one free" promotions. Make food donation a part of coming to Mass.

Thank you in advance.

PANCAKE SUPPER: The Father George S. Bradford Council Knights of Columbus is holding its annual Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 28, 2017 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Heart Church Hall.



Tickets are \$9.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children 4-12 years old; and free for children under 3. For more information, please contact Bill Taylor at 443-553-0700.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY.

ASH WEDNESDAY (March 1st) MASSES:

8:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart

5:00 p.m. at St. John's

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart

DIOCESAN NEWS

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Malooly invites youth and young adults from all parishes and schools to join him for the eighth annual Pilgrimage on **Saturday, April 8, 2017**. Young people from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and his journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Cooper Ray at 10:30 a.m. We conclude with the 5p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). For more information, visit www.cdowcym.org. *Registration deadline is April 2, 2017.*

CATECHETICAL DAY: Attention all Catechists – Please join Bishop W. Francis Malooly at St. Thomas More Academy on **March 11th** for Catechetical Day. John Collins, William H. Sadlier's National Speaking Consultant, is the keynote speaker for the event. For more information on the day, please call the Diocesan Office of Religious Education at 302-573-3130 or to register, please visit: www.cdow.org/catecheticalday.com.

