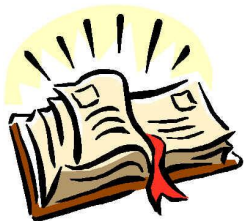


SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."



**For the Week of March 5th through
March 11th**

Sunday

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48



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, March 4th

4:00 p.m.

Frederick McCall

Sunday, March 5th

8:00 a.m.

Florence Jankowski

10:00 a.m.

Frederick McCall

Monday March 6th

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 7th

8:30 a.m.

For our Parishioners, living and deceased

Wednesday March 8th

8:30 a.m.

For our Parishioners, living and deceased

Thursday, March 9th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Friday, March 10th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, March 11th

4:00 p.m.

Frederick McCall

Sunday, March 12th

8:00 a.m.

Ray Brilz, Sr.

10:00 a.m.

Dorthea Miller

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: 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



First Sunday of Lent

Matthew 4:1-11

Reflection for Families: One of our primary goals as parents is to help our children discover their gifts and use them generously in a way that glorifies God. From a very early age we can remind our children of the source of their gifts and encourage them to use them humbly.

Bringing the Gospel into your Family – There are many opportunities in the media for your family to recognize the gifts of other people. There are movie and television stars, musicians, entertainers, and sports figures to name a few. As you watch television, listen to songs and observe these figures, discuss as a family what the gifts of these people are. Consider today's Gospel story and share ideas about how these people are following God's will (or how they might avoid temptations by Satan). Compare how they use their gifts with the way others (such as teachers, grandparents, etc.) use their gifts.

Discussion Starters

1. One time I remember being tempted to use my gifts for the wrong purposes...
2. I need to take some time away to be with God like Jesus did. This is my plan...
3. Jesus knew the angels would protect him. I was protected, too, when...

A LENTEN JOURNEY

LECTIO DIVINA: Come on out to experience a time-honored but ever fresh way to read and pray the Scriptures! Join Ed Gordon on *Friday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m.* in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall to experience Lectio Divina. This is a beautiful way to deepen your relationship with our Lord through Scripture reading. Bibles will be available for your use.

SAINTS OF MARCH

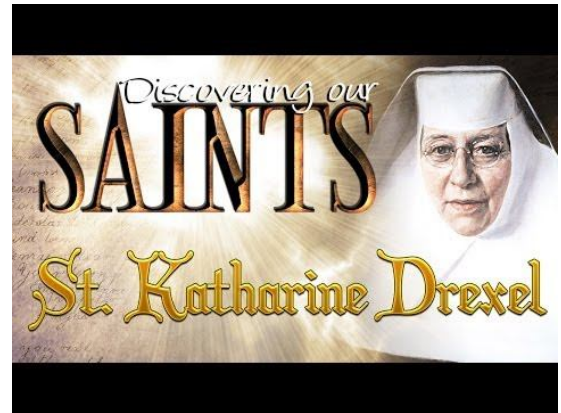
KATHARINE DREXEL

Feast Day: March 3

Canonized: October 1, 2000

Beatified: November 20, 1988

Venerated: January 26, 1987



Katharine Drexel was born to a well-known Philadelphia family in 1858. Her mother died just a few weeks after her birth, but her father remarried, and she and her sisters were raised in a family of deep faith. Katharine was taught from a young age to share what they had with others in need.

As she grew, so did her love for God and others. She focused her energy on the material and spiritual well-being of blacks and Native Americans, whose plight she became aware of on a trip out West. She began by donating money, but could see that more needed to be done.

During an audience with Pope Leo XIII in Rome, Katharine asked him to send missionary priests to the United States to minister to Native Americans. The Pope asked her why she did not become a missionary herself....

So Katharine founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People in 1891. She and the Sisters worked to improve the lives of those they served. From age 33 until her death in 1955, Katharine dedicated her life and a fortune of 20 million dollars to this work.



PARISH NEWS

Offertory - Week Ending 02/26/16 - Week 35

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 2/26- Wk.35	\$4,448	\$570	\$6,346	-\$1,328
YTD Wk. 35	\$178,450	\$33,795	\$222,110	-\$9,865

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.

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 March 19th** in the Hall at St. John, 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. And of course, we welcome any 'family favorite' breakfast dish you would like to share alongside this traditional breakfast menu!



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES AND LATIN AMERICA: This weekend is the collection for the Church in Latin America! Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to those in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Please support this most worthy collection. To learn more about it, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

HOSPITAL VISITS: We are not able to access patient records from the Chester River Hospital Center. If you or someone in your family is a patient, and you wish to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office at 410-778-3160, and provide us with the patient's name and room number and we will do our best to accommodate the request.



Stop Hunger Now has a new name but its mission remains the same - to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid for the world's most vulnerable people, to build strong resilient communities, and to promote sustainable solutions to meet future needs.

Once again, we have been invited to partner with Christ United Methodist Church to sponsor a meal packaging event here in Chestertown on **Saturday, October 21, 2017.**

Each meal costs 29 cents. We have pledged to raise \$1,500.00 toward the cost of these meals and provide volunteers on the day of the packaging event, as we did in 2016.

Donations in support of this project can be placed in the regular collection. Please mark them for *Rise Against Hunger*.

If you would like to help with fundraising, volunteer to help at the meal packaging event, or have questions, please contact Ann Anderson 410-778-4243 / wmandersonfamily@verizon.net or visit the website www.riseagainsthunger.org

