

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not the people.



### Second Reading: James 5:1-6

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgment day.

### Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.



For the Week of September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### Monday

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

### Tuesday

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

### Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

### Thursday

Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

### First Friday

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

### First Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

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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, September 29<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Peter Hoffman

Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m.

For Our Parishoners

Living and Deceased

Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m.

Betty and Bill Coleman

Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.

Steven Belcak, Sr.

10:00 a.m.

Ron Croisette

### REMEMBERING THE

### SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers

the sick of the parish:

*John Troffo, Valerie*

*Lindyberg, Patricia Dana,*

*Elizabeth Montague, Angela*

*Wilmer, Faith King,*

*Laurenson Ward, Rosemary Keating, Jean*

*Tubman, Eugenia Brooks, and all those whose*

names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF

INTENTIONS.

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**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](http://sacredparish.org).



## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program



### Bringing the Gospel Home

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

#### Reflection for Parents

The second teaching in today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the temptations and sources of sin in our lives. Spend time in honest conversation with God, and pray for forgiveness and the strength to overcome temptations. Make time to experience God's healing love and grace in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

#### Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Lead a family discussion of familiar sins such as telling a lie, cheating on a test, being jealous of what someone else has, being selfish, or not keeping a promise. Make a list of the family's responses. Remind family members that in today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we need to remove whatever causes us to sin from our lives so that we can one day enjoy everlasting life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Review the family's suggestions, one-by-one, and brainstorm ways to work at removing those sins from your lives. For example, you can remove telling lies by working at always telling the truth. You can remove selfishness by working at sharing more often. Conclude the discussion by praying for God's strength and help in avoiding sin and in doing good. If time allows, go as a family to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

#### Discussion Starters:

1. Someone who did something kind for me this week was...
2. An act of kindness I could do for someone else this week is...
3. One of my biggest temptations is...

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**PARENTING POINTERS:** Maybe you always (or mostly) eat dinner together. Good. If so, talk about something like favorites (food, dessert, place, toy, vacation...) If not, eat together today or as often as possible this week.



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“Are you jealous for my sake?”

#### **Sheepish Question:**

What personal change would help me quit going to the sacrament of complaining?

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** - Bishop Francis Malooly invites all couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50<sup>th</sup>, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, 2018** at St. Joseph's, Middletown, at 371 E. Main Street, Middletown, DE 19709. The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 1:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Malooly, please arrive at 1:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Call the Church office for registration forms.

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**Annual Red Mass to be held on October 1st:** The annual Red Mass, sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society, will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2018** at Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Church, 10 Old Church Road, Greenville, Delaware. Bishop Malooly will preside. The Red Mass is celebrated for judges, prosecutors, attorneys, law school professors, students and government officials. During the Mass, prayers to the Holy Spirit for guidance are offered for all who seek justice. The St. Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Wilmington has sponsored the Red Mass annually since 1988.

**Annual Blue Mass to be held on October 5th:** Bishop Malooly invites you to the 2018 Diocese of Wilmington “Blue Mass” on **Friday, October 5 at 11:00 a.m.** at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, Delaware. The “Blue Mass” honors the local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and military personnel who live and work in Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Those currently serving, the retired, and their families are invited to attend.

## PARISH NEWS

### Offertory – Week Ending –September 23 – Week 13

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 9/16 Wk. 12	\$4,118	\$460	\$6,346	-\$1,768
YTD Wk. 12	\$64,515	\$14,518	\$82,498	-\$3,465

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event on Saturday, September 29, 2108. See next week’s bulletin for a complete report.



For more information about Rise Against Hunger, go to their website: [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org).

### SAINTS OF SEPTEMBER

#### ST. FRANCIS – OCTOBER 4



Two events changed Francis Bernardone. First, enemy soldiers captured him and put him in prison. Second, he met a leper.

Francis had been born to wealthy parents in Assisi, Italy, in 1181. As a teenager, Francis wanted only money and fun. He loved parties! But in 1202, when he was 21, Francis went to war and spent a year in prison. There, he had time to think and pray.

In prison, Francis realized that money had not bought him happiness. But later, Francis went back to his old ways. Then he met a leper. Pus oozed from the leper’s sores. People turned away from him, but Francis walked right up and hugged him. He had seen God’s beauty in another human being. For Francis, life changed then and there.

In the years that followed, Francis gave away all his money. He preached and begged barefoot on the streets. A group of followers gathered around him, and he wrote a rule of life for them. They became the first Franciscans. He then founded the Order of Poor Clares, a religious order for women. He traveled to Spain and to Egypt to try to convert people there.

Francis asked his followers to praise God for the beauty of all creation. Everywhere he looked, Francis found God’s love. And so he called the earth his mother; the sun, his brother; the moon, his sister. They showed him God’s beauty. With all creatures of the earth, Francis shouted, “Praised be my Lord!”

When we see a manger scene at Christmas, it is said that we should thank St. Francis for this. Around the year 1220 he created a scene using real animals so that the local people could recall Jesus’ humble birth in a more realistic way.



BEGINNING OCTOBER 7...FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM MASS

### COFFEE, COOKIES, & CONVERSATION

Parishioners wishing to serve as hosts and hostesses in this weekly *Ministry of Hospitality* --- on a schedule and frequency of their own choosing --- should contact Frank Creegan (410-778-4830 or [fcreegan2@washcoll.edu](mailto:fcreegan2@washcoll.edu)).



**SHARE IN THE SPIRIT:** Thanks to everyone who contributed to the diocesan *Share in the Spirit* tuition assistance collection last week. For those of you who were unable to participate last weekend, you may still contribute to the *Share in the Spirit* collection for tuition assistance.

Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or at the parish office. If you have misplaced your envelope, extras can be found at the doors of the church. This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

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**ART AND ENVIRONMENT:** On Friday, October 12 at 1:00 at Sacred Heart, the Art & Environment group will gather to create the indoor and outdoor décor for autumn. We need your help! No experience necessary. Stay as long as you can. If you prefer to make a monetary donation (any time of the year), please put your donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket, be sure to have your name and ‘Flowers’ noted. In advance, a sincere thank you.

