

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.



Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."



For the Week of January 13th through
January 19th

Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday

Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17



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 12th

4:00 p.m. Roger Cole

Sunday, January 13th

8:00 a.m. Marilyn Corcoran

10:00 a.m. Mary Vukich Shearer
and Peter Vukich

Monday, January 14th

8:30 a.m. Raymond Goldsborough

Tuesday, January 15th

8:30 a.m. Cephas Green

Wednesday January 16th

8:30 a.m. Joseph McDonough

Thursday, January 17th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, January 18th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 19th

4:00 p.m. Frederick McCall

Sunday, January 20th

8:00 a.m. Marilyn Corcoran

10:00 a.m. Harry Burton



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, Rosemary Keating, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne*, and all those whose names appear in the **PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.**

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE: Please remember in your prayers MaryAnn Abeska, and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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

Baptism of Our Lord –
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Reflection for Parents

Most parents know what it means to be pleased with our children. Even when they do things that annoy, challenge, or disappoint us, we love our children.

Although we experience some notion of unconditional love with our own children, it is difficult for us to grasp the magnitude of God's love for us, even when we annoy, challenge, or disappoint Him. Through our Baptism, we are members of God's family and will know the unconditional love of a parent.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

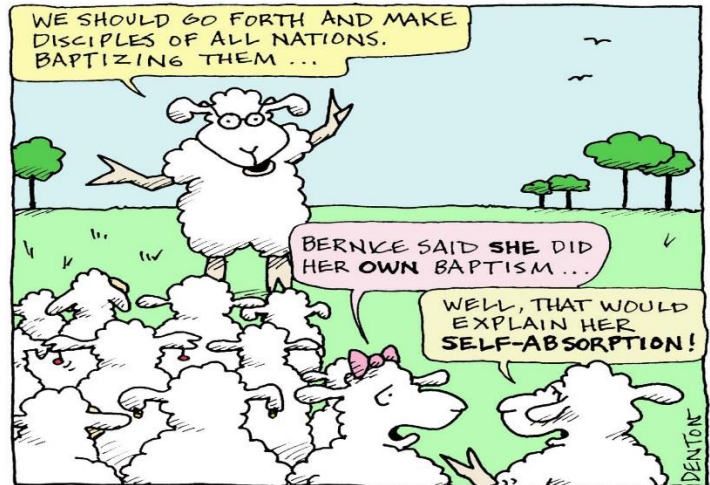
Bring out pictures and memoirs of each person's Baptism—even the parents'. Recall each baptism and share memories of the day with one another. Continue by sharing ways you have each continued to grow as members of God's family.

Discussion Starters

1. As a child of God, I know God is pleased with me because . . .
2. My own Baptism is important to me because . . .
3. One time I can recall that our family lived out our baptismal promises was when . . .

PARENTING POINTERS: If your children are old enough, recount with them the story of their baptism. Tell the story of your own baptism as you heard it from your parents.

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"I, the Lord, have called you
for the victory of justice."

Sheepish Question:

How does my baptism with Christ compel me to serve others?

SAINTS OF JANUARY

January 13 – Hilary of Poitiers

How does a pagan man eventually become one of the most important Christians of his time? The story of St. Hilary helps us to see that God can and does work through each one of us.

Hilary was born in Poitiers, France, sometime around the year 300. His parents were very wealthy and made sure he received a good education. Hilary was raised as a pagan. Pagans worshipped many gods. That did not make sense to Hilary. He thought that there could only be one true God. To learn more, Hilary read the Scriptures. Meeting Jesus in the Gospels and learning what Jesus taught about God the Father changed Hilary's heart. He was baptized and became a Christian.

Hilary was married and had a daughter, so it was surprising when he was chosen to be the Bishop of Poitiers. But in those days bishops were chosen by local priests and approved by the people. Hilary was respected for his intelligence and his modesty. People thought that he would make a good leader.

At that time, a priest named Arius was preaching that Jesus was not truly God. This was a heresy, or false teaching, but many people, including the emperor, began to believe in Arius' preaching. Hilary opposed Arius' ideas and spoke out against him. He wanted everyone to know that it is through Jesus, God's only Son, that we are saved. The emperor punished Hilary by sending him away to a part of ancient Greece that is today known as Turkey.

Hilary made good use of his four years in exile. He wrote important books and sermons about the Blessed Trinity, and he composed hymns that expressed the beliefs of our faith. When he was finally permitted to return to Poitiers, the people gathered in the town square to cheer him. He spent the rest of his life writing and preaching. He died around 368 and was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1851.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending December 30th and January 6th -
Weeks 27 and 28

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 12/30 Wk. 27	\$4,635	\$500	\$6,346	-\$1,211
YTD Wk. 27	\$132,469	\$31,483	\$171,342	-\$7,390
Offertory 1/6 Wk. 28	\$5,235	\$3,940	\$6,346	\$2,829
YTD Wk. 28	\$137,704	\$35,423	\$177,688	-\$4,561

THANK YOU to all who helped decorate St. John and Sacred Heart churches, adding to the richness of the season's liturgy, for our families and our visitors. The Art & Environment group was delighted with the turnout of helpers, in particular, on Sunday Dec. 23 at Sacred Heart Church. We hope that you share with us a sense of accomplishment. Each task was important, preparation and placement: wreaths/garlands, changing altar linens, arranging the creche, lighting trees, placing and watering poinsettias to keep them fresh throughout the long season. We hope you will return to participate as your time allows...for Sacred Heart, please contact emilymoseman@pobox.com and for St. John, please contact overton@hughes.net to be added to the contact list so you will receive upcoming information. The Art & Environment group wishes all Sacred Heart parishioners and their families a blessed 2019.



SAMARITAN GROUP WINTER SHELTER



The Samaritan Group Emergency Winter Shelter is now open at the Chestertown Church of the

Nazarene. **Volunteers are still needed for evenings (5:30-11:00pm) and there is a special need for overnight volunteers (11:00pm -7:00 am).** Overnight volunteers are provided with a cot in an area separate from the shelter guests. There is a staff overnight person who remains awake during this time. If you can volunteer for either of these positions, please contact Barbara Harrison at barbara.hrrsn@gmail.com.

If you would like to provide an evening meal for shelter guests, please contact Janet Hilty at ghjh@atlanticbb.net. Meals are delivered ready to serve (bring any needed serving utensils) and you are encouraged to share the meal and conversation with the guests. If you are an early riser, you may choose to be a breakfast volunteer, again by contacting Janet at the address above.

If you have any questions regarding the responsibilities of Shelter Volunteers, please contact Barbara Kelly at barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com.

"The life of Jesus is a life for others. It is a life of service." Pope Francis, World Youth Day, 2013



MARCH FOR LIFE 2019: Be a voice for the voiceless! Come and *March for Life* on **January 18, 2019** in Washington D.C. The Rally begins at 12:00 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 at Centreville, Chesapeake College and Kent Island and returning to Chestertown by 5:00 p.m. For reservations, please contact Larry Houch at larryhouch8@yahoo.com.

