

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person's reasoning can we know the mind of another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart's good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God's word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock.



For the Week of March 3rd through
March 10th

Sunday

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



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 2nd

4:00 p.m. Pamela Prue

Sunday, March 3rd

8:00 a.m. Antoni Jankowski

10:00 a.m. Jonathan Arrabal

Monday, March 4th

8:30 a.m. Betty Glenn

Tuesday, March 5th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday March 6th (Ash Wednesday)

8:30 a.m. (SH) For Our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

5:00 p.m. (SJ)

7:00 p.m. (SH)

Thursday, March 7th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, March 8th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, March 9th

4:00 p.m. Henry Kuzminski

Sunday, March 10th

8:00 a.m. Father Charles Conway

10:00 a.m. Jonathan Arrabal

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF

THE PARISH: Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, 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 Elizabeth Glenn and Ann Klinefelter and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES:

Sacred Heart: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
St. John: 5:00 p.m.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home



8th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Luke 6:39-45

Reflection for Parents

The beginning of today's Gospel reading contains much food for thought for parents and all teachers of the faith. Jesus asks, "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" (Luke 6:39) and he says, "... [W]hen fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40). Today, take time to think about what you are doing to grow in your knowledge of the

Catholic faith and in your relationship with God. Realize the importance of your role as the primary teacher of the faith to your child. Ask for the help and wisdom of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling this valuable ministry.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Focus your family on the last portion of today's Gospel reading, Luke 6:43-45. Invite family members to give examples of what it means to bear good fruit. For example, "Bearing good fruit means telling the truth" or "Bearing good fruit means sharing God's love with others."

Explain that the Bible names nine fruits of the Holy Spirit that are examples of good fruit. Invite your family members to listen as you read Galatians 5:22-23. Review the Fruits of the Holy Spirit as they are named in the Galatians passage: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Discussion Starters

In place of discussion starter questions, work together to create a Fruits of the Holy Spirit poster or mobile. Invite everyone to take part in cutting out a total of nine fruit shapes from various colors of construction paper. On each shape write one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Either create a poster of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit or use hangers and yarn or string to create a mobile for display near your family prayer table or in a place where family members will see it. Then pray together, "Holy Spirit, help us always to bear good fruit!"



HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH MARCH 10, 2019

This month we will use the small group resource

Parenting With Joy as a springboard for discussion about the challenges of Christian parenting. The topic this month is "Teaching Goodness". How do you shape your children's values? Is this harder for today's parents to do in our media driven culture?

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are all invited to share your thoughts and experiences on **Sunday, March 10 following the 10:00am Mass**. Our session begins with a light meal and finishes at 1:00pm.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

This year's Lenten program, **JOURNEY TO THE CROSS**, is based on the Stations of the Cross. The fourteen stations depict Jesus' path along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, beginning with his trial and ending with his crucifixion and burial. Each Friday night during Lent, **March 15 – April 12**, we will focus on a major character or event represented in the stations. During each session we will read through the fourteen stations, learn information about a key person whom Jesus met, discuss our reactions to this person, and end with meditation or prayer. The sessions begin at 6:00 p.m. A Soup & Bread meal follows each session.



Let's make our first Lenten sacrifice one of time – join us on the Fridays of Lent!

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS - LENTEN MEALS

IT'S TIME TO CALL!

SOUP DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

for Fridays of Lent, March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12. You are asked to make a homemade, meatless soup in a personal crock pot and bring it with one loaf of artisan bread to the hall on your chosen night. If you can contribute, call Becky Davis at 410-778-3160 or e-mail her at: sacredparish@gmail.com. Your support and contributions to this effort are appreciated.

ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our parish community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United



States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at the entrances to church. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.



PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending February 24th - 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 2/24 Wk. 35	\$4,776	\$500	\$6,346	-\$1,070
YTD Wk. 35	\$169,945	\$42,673	\$222,110	-\$9,492

THANK YOU MESSAGE: *"Thank you for the mass cards, memorials and flowers given in Paul's memory. Your many kind words about Paul meant so much to us. We found great comfort in knowing that Paul had so many people that cared for him. I know that Paul also found great strength and inspiration from his friends and parishioners.*

With love,

Claire, John, Maria and Jennifer Stecher (Family of Father Paul J. Campbell)"

SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 25!!



A bus trip to Washington D.C. to visit the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land is in the works! Final details will be shared as soon as details are firm, but if you are interested please **SAVE THE DATE!**

NEW PARISHONERS: The following people have registered in our parish recently: Adam, Jessica and Elizabeth Kuperavage, of Centreville. 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!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES AND CHURCH OF LATIN AMERICA: This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



The goal of Rise Against Hunger is to end hunger worldwide by the year 2030. For the past 4 years, Sacred Heart Parish, in partnership with Christ United Methodist Church, has been part of the effort to achieve this goal. In 2018 alone, 2.7 million meals were packaged and distributed to hungry people around the world and 20,000 of those meals were packaged right here in Chestertown!

Another meal packaging event is planned for Fall 2019. Unfortunately, the cost of packaging each meal has increased from .29 cents to .34 cents. Donations to help cover the cost of the meal packaging event can be placed in the regular collection. **Please, use a separate envelope and mark it Rise Against Hunger.** Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart Parish with "Rise Against Hunger" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

To volunteer for the meal packaging event or to help with local fundraising, contact: Ann Anderson at wmandersonfamily@verizon.net or 410-778-4243. For more information about Rise Against Hunger visit their website: www.riseagainsthunger.org.

"You pray for the Hungry. Then you feed them. This is how prayer works." *Pope Francis*

SAINTS OF MARCH

Angela Guerrero Gonzalez – March 2



Ángela Guerrero Gonzalez was born in Seville, Spain, in 1846. She was one of 14 children. Her family was poor, but their faith was strong. Baptisms, First Communion, and Confirmations were a cause for great celebration. Ángela's mother encouraged the children to honor our Blessed Mother, Mary. The family prayed the Rosary together often.

When she was 12, Ángela had to quit school to work in a shoe repair shop. Her boss, Antonia Maldonado, was also a faith-filled person. During breaks from work, the employees prayed together and listened to their employer read stories of the lives of the saints. Mrs. Maldonado saw that Ángela wanted to live a holy life.

Ángela's greatest desire was to become a nun, but her health was so frail that she was rejected by one order of nuns. She was accepted by another community but was not well enough to complete her training. She had to return home to work in the shoe shop. Ángela felt that God was calling her to make private vows and to serve the poor and dying. Soon other women joined her in her mission. They formed a contemplative religious order called the Sisters of the Company of the Cross.

She died in 1932, but during Sister Ángela's lifetime, the order she founded grew to 25 convents. Their work continues today.

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