

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes "to be freed from this life and to be with Christ," but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full days wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, "I am free to do as I please, am I not?" Jesus reminds us through this parable that "the last shall be first and the first shall be last."

For the Week of September 21st through September 27th

Sunday

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Monday

Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

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>.

FLOWER DONATIONS

FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND AT SACRED HEART ARE IN MEMORY OF JOHN P. ONINICK.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 20th

4:00 p.m. Edward Johnston

Sunday, September 21st

8:00 a.m. Wesley Johnson

10:00 a.m. Geraldine Ashe

Monday September 22nd

8:30 a.m. Thomas Ward

Tuesday, September 23rd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday September 24th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, September 25th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, September 26th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, September 27th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, September 28th

8:00 a.m. Charles Wojciehowski

10:00 a.m. George Schaubert

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY 09/14/14:

SACRED HEART:	\$	3,766
ST. JOHN:	\$	1,544
ELECTRONIC GIVING:	\$	370

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT: Next weekend, parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of a Catholic education a reality for struggling Catholic families. Monies raised through this collection provide financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but cannot afford it. Please consider supporting next weekend's *Share in the Spirit* collection.

The second collection this weekend is for Religious Education. Funds collected help with supplies, retreats and resources to support the faith formation program for grades K-10. Please give generously.



PARISH-WIDE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ALL

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

"Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: This Sunday, **Sept. 21st** is Catechetical Sunday! All across the country, Catechists will be blessed and commissioned for their important work in the year ahead. Please join us in support of these "faith filled" people who have answered "yes" to God's call to serve by committing to pray for them this year.

GREAT START : We've had a really great start to the Parish Religious Education Program. What a blessing it is to see so many families making Religious Education a priority in their lives. Thank you for the support of such committed parents for bringing almost 90 students to PREP. We are truly honored to be a part of your child's Faith Formation.

REGISTRATION: It is not too late to register to have your child involved in PREP. Register online at sacredparish.org.

HIGH SCHOOL / CONFIRMATION PROGRAM: For those in grades 9 and 10, PREP classes will begin on **Sunday, October 5th**. Please register before classes begin.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Altar servers assist the priest in the celebration of the Mass. This ministry helps to develop a sense of participation in parish life and offers an opportunity to



Altar Servers

understand the rewards of service. Children must be in 3rd-12th grade and have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Being an altar server is a

commitment made by both the server and his/her parents. Families must be ready and willing to attend the trainings and be faithful to the service schedule. If your child has an interest in this type of service, please contact Kathy Clark at gdclark2@verizon.net or 410-778-2548. Training will begin in October.

REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD meets the **first and third Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** in the Upper Room of Sacred Heart Church Hall.

Participants read and discern the lessons of the previous Sunday's Gospel. Each small group discussion session stands "on its own" and you may come as often as you can to allow God to teach you through His Word during these sessions.

Coordinator: Deacon John Davis.

Feed your spirit with the word of God

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH: This Adult Formation activity meets **each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass** in the front foyer of Sacred Heart Church. Participants in this small group discussion review a range of teachings of the Church in order to understand how these teachings impact our daily lives. Each session is self-contained so that you may come whenever you have the time to spend an hour to add to your understanding of our faith.

TODAY: Are we our brothers' keepers? Can you name the basic principles of Catholic Social Teachings? Our topic of discussion today is **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS**. Come join us to talk about the relevancy of these teachings in our world today. **Next Week: SIN AND GRACE**

Coordinator: Barbara Kelley.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Weekly at the 10:00 a.m. Mass



The Children's Liturgy of the Word is an adapted liturgical experience that shares God's Word in ways that children can understand.

This special Religious Education Program is designed for children Grades Pre-K – 2nd grade. Older siblings are most welcome to join in with younger brothers and sisters.

FALL ACTIVITIES

FALL FESTIVAL & CHILI COOK OFF: Saturday, October 4th at 5:00 p.m. - Join our parish community for a fun family evening with pumpkin decorating, games, crafts and homemade chili!

This is a free event sponsored by the Catholic Family Network. If you would like to enter your best recipe for the Chili Cook Off Competition, please contact Annette Walls at walls4today@gmail.com or 410-778-3505. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and share fellowship with friends and families from our church community.



Fall Festival

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENT

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: The Catholic Campus Ministry, along with the Institute for Religion, Politics, and Culture at Washington College is hosting an event on the assaults on the religious liberty of service personnel in the US Military. This event is led by a leading army chaplain, who is an international expert on protecting religious freedom. The event will be on **September 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** in Hynson Lounge, Hodson Hall. This is free and open to the public.

DIOCESAN NEWS



40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN:

Next Wednesday, **September 24, 2015**, Bishop Francis Malooly will kick-off the fall *40 Days for Life Campaign* in Wilmington, DE with a special Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter (500 N. West St.) at **8:00 a.m.**

Immediately following the Mass, there will be a Rosary procession to Planned Parenthood at 7th and Shipley's Streets. Special speakers

will be on hand to reflect on the effects of abortion on our community and nation and what we as Christians are called to do about it. A sidewalk concert featuring area musicians will cap off the program. *All are invited to join us for this faith empowering and inspirational event!*

BISHOP'S ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th or 50th wedding anniversary or any anniversary beyond 50 are welcome to attend. The Mass is at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday September 28th** at St John the Beloved Parish, 907 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE. A reception will immediately follow. Reservations are required. Please call 302-295-0657 for reservations.

HEALING RETREAT FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS:

The weekend is a combination of workshop and retreat with information/formation sessions, group sharing and activities and quiet time for prayer and reflection. The focus is on getting to the root thinking of wounded emotions and returning into the embrace of Christ. The retreat is on **October 17th and 18th** at St. Michael Catholic Church in Mt. Airy Maryland. Cost: \$45.00/person and \$35.00/person if pd. By October 10th. For more information e-mail StMHealingHearts@gmail.com or visit the diocesan website: www.cdow.org.

PRO-LIFE WORKSHOP: The diocesan Respect Life Committee again this year is sponsoring a workshop for parish pro-life leaders. This year's focus should be of interest also to teachers, catechists, parents and others. The theme is *The Hazardous Results of the Sexual Revolution*. The main speaker will be Gloria Purvis who was the host of the EWTN program "Authentically Free at Last." Several workshops will address ways to respond to the moral and cultural challenges of the sexual revolution. The Program will take place on **Saturday, October 18th** at St. Polycarp Church in Smyrna. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and the program ends at 4:00 p.m. There is no charge and a free will offering is taken to cover the costs of lunch. Register any time by contacting Fr. Leonard Klein at: lrklein45@comcast.net.

DIocese OF WILMINGTON WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

Saturday, November 1st at St. Joseph's in Middletown, DE. The Conference Speaker is Johnnette Benovic, who travels internationally as a popular conference speaker, published author retreat director, and seminar presenter. She has developed the internationally recognized Women of Grace Foundational Study Series which has transformed thousands of women worldwide through the healing love of Jesus Christ. The Conference includes Mass, Presentations, Lunch and Inspirational Music. Cost: \$30.00 (lunch on your own) or \$40.00 (box lunch). There are registration forms at the doors of the Church.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

The second reading calls us to "conduct yourself in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ." The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend helps your marriage to be a sign for the world. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is **November 7th through 9th** in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information, visit the website at: www.wwwme-delmar.org, or to register for the weekend, call Dave and Cyndi Germack at 302-220-9833.



MEN'S RETREAT: November 14-16th at Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. This weekend is open to men from all walks of life and focuses on unique male issues on the spiritual journey. The retreat will consist of Eucharist and other prayer, input, quiet time, small group sharing, socializing, and fun within a supportive intentional community of men. Cost is \$125.00/person double occupancy. Call 609-884-3829 or go to: www.capemaymarianists.org.