

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."



#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

#### Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

### For the Week of November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

#### Monday

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

#### Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

#### Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

#### Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

#### First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

#### First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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 TIMES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (MONDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>):**

**SACRED HEART: 8:30 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.**

**ST JOHN'S: 10:00 A.M.**



## MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

#### Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Jane Spray

10:00 a.m. Sue Kolsun

#### Monday December 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

#### Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

#### Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

#### Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Matilda Romanoski

#### Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Jane Spray

#### Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Peggy Larrimore

4:00 p.m. Ann R. Sullivan

#### Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Stella Belcak

10:00 a.m. Bernard Folker

## REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

*Julia Ridgely, Barron Scott, Thomas Parson, Barbara Darrah, John Troffo, Ed Yianakis, Valerie Lindyberg, Rosetta Lins, and Jim Kestell*  
and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS



located in the front foyer of the Sacred Heart and St. John's.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### PREP

#### Parish Religious Education Program

"Let us give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds toward us" Psalm 107:8.

There are **NO PREP CLASSES** on **Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** -  
*Happy Thanksgiving!*

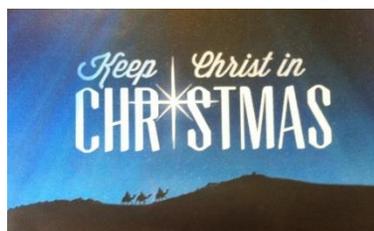
#### FAMILY OF FAITH MEETING FOR FIRST

**RECONCILIATION OF FAMILIES:** The parents and children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will meet together this **Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** in the Chapel. Please plan to have at least one parent in attendance. This important meeting is our final preparation for the Sacrament.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** The following children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us in congratulating the following children:

Robert Fink	Jamie Baldwin	Lawrence Peach
Mia Tucker	Ellie Macielag	John Connolly
Kate Cannon	Emma Melvin	Garett Hemingway
Laurel Clarke	AJ Besse	Sarah LaPointe
	Maverick Woodward	

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST:** The Father Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus #11248 is once again proud to sponsor "The Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. We solicit the help of PREP teachers, parents, grandparents and anyone else to promote this worthwhile contest to show the true meaning of the spirit of Christmas. Prizes will be awarded in 3 categories: 1-3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade; and 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade. The 3 winners and their families will be invited to the Knights of Columbus annual Christmas party to receive their gifts.



Informational flyers and poster board can be obtained from the PREP Office. **Deadline for submission is Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Ashe at [ann.ashe@sacredparish.org](mailto:ann.ashe@sacredparish.org) or Bill Taylor at [SFTaylor@atlanticbb.net](mailto:SFTaylor@atlanticbb.net).

#### TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH: THERE WILL BE NO SESSION ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30!

**Sunday, December 7 Topic: The Season of Advent**

**REMINDER:** "A Christmas Pageant Revival" practice will be **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 p.m.** and **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

## MINISTRIES

**MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:** The ministry schedule has been created for November 29<sup>th</sup> - February 15<sup>th</sup>. You should have received an email with the link to the new schedule in the MSP program. Please take a moment to check your schedule against your availability. If you cannot fulfill an assignment, simply request a sub so that the liturgical ministries are not left without ministers. We ask that all ministers honor their scheduled assignments by either being present or requesting a sub. There are people willing to step in as a sub for a ministry if they know there is a need. And finally, all ministers at Sacred Heart, please remember to sign in in the ministry binder in the church foyer before mass. Sincere thanks to all of you for your continued commitment to service in our church. Your gift of service to others helps to "Make Church Matter More".

Questions? Contact Ann Ashe, Ministry Coordinator at [ann.ashe@sacredparish.org](mailto:ann.ashe@sacredparish.org).

**USHER MINISTRY:** We are in need of a few more people to help as ushers. The task of the usher involves helping with the collection at mass and handing out materials at the church doors from time to time. Your commitment is flexible and can be tailored to your mass preference time and your special scheduling needs through our online scheduling program. Please consider stepping up to offer service in this important ministry. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Frank Creegan at [fcreegan2@washcoll.edu](mailto:fcreegan2@washcoll.edu).

**MUSIC NOTES:** This weekend begins the Liturgical Season of Advent. You will notice a few changes to the liturgy that will set this special liturgical season apart:

- In place of the prayer - "Glory To God", there will be an Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony at the beginning of the mass. We will sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

- We will sing a new and different Memorial Acclamation during the Liturgy of the Eucharist "Save Us, Savior".

- When celebrating the mass, we purposefully do not sing Christmas songs in Advent. The Catholic Church is counter cultural and while the whole world anticipates Christmas morning for worldly reasons, we wait with hope for spiritual reasons. We wait patiently in Advent for the joy of Christmas and the reality that Emmanuel "God is with Us!"

As Cantors and Leaders of Music it is our joy to provide music and prayer at mass and we take our ministry role very seriously. We remind all of you that our primary role as minister is to "promote active participation" of the



assembly in the mass. **Please join with us in song and in prayer.** We are not praying **FOR** you through song but **WITH** you. God knows what your voice is like and He loves it! Praise Him! Consider making this your Advent gift - **SING TO THE LORD, PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!**

## PARISH LIFE

**GIVING TREE:** Sacred Heart Parish will once again support our community this Christmas through donations to the Giving Tree. Please take an ornament, read it for information about the recipient, purchase and wrap the gift and attach the ornament securely to the outside of the gift. Please place the gift under the tree located in Church. **All gifts are needed by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.** Your generous giving allows us to bring Christmas joy to many families. For more information, contact Jeanne Yeager, [jyeager@mscfv.org](mailto:jyeager@mscfv.org) or 410-778-0554.

### The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need



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**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** The offertory envelopes for 2015 are at the back of the Church in Sacred Heart and St. John's. *Please note that even if you are contributing through Electronic Giving, you will still need to pick up envelopes because special collections are not part of Electronic Giving.* We have sent envelopes up to St. John's for anybody with a Rock Hall address. If you do not attend the church where the envelopes were placed, give our office a call at 410-778-3160, and let us know. **PLEASE BE ADVISED, WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A TAX STATEMENT FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IF YOU USE ELECTRONIC GIVING OR THE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ENVELOPES AND THERE ARE NO ENVELOPES WITH YOUR NAME AND WE WILL MAKE SURE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A SET.** Call Becky Davis, 410-778-3160 if you wish to start receiving envelopes or, with any questions. If you have questions about Electronic Giving or would like to sign up, please call John Davis at 443-875-6898.

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### BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S:

Mark your calendars for the next Breakfast of the season scheduled for **Sunday, December 7th following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's Church Hall.** We welcome any "family favorite" breakfast dishes that

you would like to share alongside the traditional breakfast menu! There is no charge - received donations help those with need in our Parish. We look forward to seeing you there!!

## Christmas Elves!

We are asking parishioners to join in preparation of the Sacred Heart Christmas environment. There are a variety of opportunities. On the morning of December 22<sup>nd</sup> we need four elves to help decorate the church – to fluff bows, hang wreaths, set up window candles and the gathering space Christmas tree. In addition, four volunteers are needed to create a welcoming holiday arrangement, either for one of the three Sacred Heart entrances or for the chapel. Your choice of flowers, greens, berries, etc. to be reimbursed. Church vases are available as are floral foam and ribbon.



Contact Louise Shearer: 410-490-3595;  
[shibshearer@verizon.net](mailto:shibshearer@verizon.net).

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**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.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**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 Deacon John Davis with any questions at 443-875-6898 or [deaconjohn@sacredparish.org](mailto:deaconjohn@sacredparish.org). Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

Thank you.

