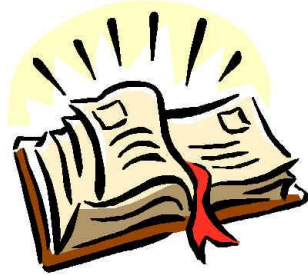


SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

A rich woman invites many guests to her home to eat and drink. She appeals to those who lack understanding to forsake foolishness and “advance in the way of understanding.”



Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Paul advises the Ephesians to abandon foolish ways and evil deeds. All Christians should concentrate on doing God’s will before all other things. He reminds them to always give thanks to God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus had just told the crowd that anyone who ate of the bread he planned to give would live forever, and that this bread was his flesh, which he would give up for the sake of the world. The people do not understand, but Jesus reassures them that his flesh is real food and that “those who feed on this bread shall live.”

For the Week of August 16th through August 22nd

Sunday

Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12



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, August 15th

10:00 a.m. (Assumption) Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. Ann R. Sullivan

Sunday, August 16th

11:30 a.m. Rita Elburn

Monday August 17th

8:30 a.m. Marian Cappello

Tuesday, August 18th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday August 19th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, August 20th

8:30 a.m. Frances Ross

Friday, August 21st

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Saturday, August 22nd

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. Kathleen Mariano

5:30 p.m. Wesley Johnson

Sunday, August 23rd

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. Thomas Spence

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

Julia Ridgely, Alex

Tubman, Barron Scott,

Thomas Parson, Barbara

Darrah, John Troffo,

Valerie Lindyberg,

Patricia Dana, Jim Kestell,

Ryan Elizabeth Quintero,

and all those whose names

appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS

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

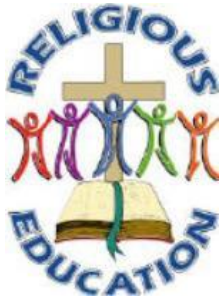


PREP

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

PREP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Registration forms have been mailed to the families of children who attended PREP classes last year. Additional Registration Forms are available online at www.sacredparish.org and at the doors of the church. Please send your registration forms and payment in to the office *prior* to the start of classes. This helps us to be better prepared for the children on day one. Thank you.



HIGH SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION PROGRAM: Information specific to the 9th and 10th grade students who are preparing for Confirmation will be available next week. Information will be mailed to those families who are registered with PREP and will also be available online at www.sacredparish.org.

FIRST DAY OF PREP: Classes will begin for Grades K - 8 this year on **Sunday, September 13th**. This is also the day for the Parent Orientation Meeting from 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Please plan to have at least one parent attend this meeting. Catechists are preparing with joy for the start of the year! Please pray for our catechists and for the children who will share their faith together this year.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Did you know that there are children (in pre-school through 8th grade) from this parish and the surrounding communities that attend Immaculate Conception School? If you are looking for high academic standards

in a Christ centered environment, ICS is for you. Visit www.icschoolweb.org for more information. *The Sacred Heart bus transports children to and from ICS.*

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL: Are you looking for a school for your children to attend that offers a Higher Education, and an Excellent Sports and Activities Program with a Family Atmosphere! *Busing is now available from Chestertown to Saints Peter and Paul School in Easton.* Please contact Rosie Lobley at phillyfordchick@hotmail.com with questions.

DIOCESAN NEWS

DIALOG: In addition to the newspaper edition of The Dialog that's available in church every two weeks, the newspaper's website, www.thedialog.org, is updated every weekday with stories from the diocese and around the world, including many that don't appear in the newspaper due to space considerations. Stay on top of national and international issues of concern to Catholics, each Sunday's Scripture reading commentaries by Dialog columnists and the work of the church in the nation and world by visiting www.thedialog.org.

VOCATIONS: In today's second reading, St. Paul admonishes us: "watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity." What opportunity? The opportunity to discover the Lord's plan for your life! Is God calling you toward priesthood, the diaconate, or religious life? If you think so, please call or write Father David Kelley, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 302-573-3113, or vocations@cdow.org. Be sure to visit our website: www.CalledByTheLord.com!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES THRIFT CENTER: Are you planning a household remodel or facelift? Don't discard your gently-used household goods - donate them! Catholic Charities Thrift Center in Wilmington is in great need of furniture, mattresses, and working appliances. Demand for these items continues to outpace our supply.

We will accept used bedding as we are licensed by the State of Delaware to sanitize bedding and offer for resale or redistribution. We do ask that the items be gently used, clean and in good working order, and we reserve the right to refuse a donation if it is in poor condition. To schedule a pick-up of these items, call the Thrift Center at 302-764-2717. The Thrift Center is located at 1320 E 23rd Street, Wilmington, DE 19802. Catholic Charities also accepts donations of cars and other motor vehicles to support its programs benefiting the most vulnerable in our communities. Catholic Charities will accept all vehicle donations regardless of condition or registration status, arrange for vehicle pickup, if necessary, and provide the donor with an IRS tax receipt for their records. Please contact us at the above number if you have a vehicle that you would like to donate.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offertory - Weeks Ending 8/2/15 and 8/9/15 - Weeks 5 and 6

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 8/2-Wk.5	\$6,011	\$1,993	\$6,442	+\$1,562
YTD Wk. 5	\$26,886	\$6,855	\$32,210	+\$1,531
Offertory 8/9-Wk 6	\$5,351	\$693	\$6,442	-\$398
YTD Wk. 6	\$32,237	\$7,548	\$38,652	+\$1,133

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. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church. Thank you.

Support the Cathedral of Saint Peter



Special Collection for its maintenance
and preservation August 22/23 2015

*The Cathedral of
Saint Peter is the
Seat of the Diocese
of Wilmington and
the Bishop's own
church. This
beautiful and*

historic church is in

need of our help. Next weekend, August 22nd and 23rd, a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more information, including a letter from Bishop Malooly, a message from the Cathedral's Administrator, and a video tour of the Cathedral, go to www.cdow.org.

PARISH LIFE

FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND AT ST. JOHN'S WERE DONATED BY GUY CALIBEY, AND ARE DONATED BY MARY JOHNSON IN MEMORY OF RITA ELBURN



Altar Flowers

ALTAR FLOWERS -
We have not budgeted for flowers or floral supplies. If you would like to make a donation please call Louise Shearer at 410-490-3595 or Mary Johnson at 410-778-2230. If you have garden flowers to share, please contact Louise Shearer.

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.

LET'S DANCE for fun, smiles and exercise!! Zumba Gold® is being offered at Sacred Heart - for the active, older adult/beginner. There is no fee to our Sacred Heart & St. John's parishioners. The class is led by a certified Zumba Gold® instructor. **Classes are every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.** in the Church Hall. Please contact Sharon Burritt at 410-708-8048 with any questions.

REMINDER TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT SACRED HEART: Thank you to the ministers who volunteer to serve weekly at our liturgies. Please remember to "check in" before mass in the foyer of the church. Simply highlight your name on the schedule so that priest and deacon know in advance if we need to fill positions or make changes. All ministers should check in...Lectors, Greeters, Cantors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers. Thank you for your attention to this request.

