

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses tells the people to always observe the statutes God has given them, without adding or subtracting from these laws. He reminds them that the law is just, and that any nation who heard their statutes would consider them a wise nation.



Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

James discusses the gifts that God has given to all people and implores them to respond by welcoming the words of truth that can save them. He emphasizes that through good deeds and pure conduct, our faith in God is proven to him.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees observed some of Jesus' disciples eating without first purifying their hands and ask the disciples why they are going against their ancestor's traditions. Jesus responds that nothing from the outside can make a person impure. The only true evil, acts such as fornication, murder, and greed among others, come from within and make a person impure.

For the Week of August 30th through September 5th

Sunday

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

First Friday

Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

First Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

5:30 p.m. Eleanor P. Thomas Ramey

Sunday, August 30th

8:00 a.m. Maureen Byrne

10:00 a.m. Tim Kern

Monday August 31st

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Tuesday, September 1st

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday September 2nd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, September 3rd

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Friday, September 4th

8:30 a.m. Maureen Byrne

Saturday, September 5th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. James Bennette

5:30 p.m. John Kennedy

Sunday, September 6th

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. Deborah Ostrander

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, Valerie Lindyberg,

Patricia Dana, Jim Kestell,

Ryan Elizabeth Quintero,

Elizabeth and Barrie

Montague, Edith Follin,

and all those whose names

appear in the PARISH

BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of

Sacred Heart and St. John's.



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>.

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

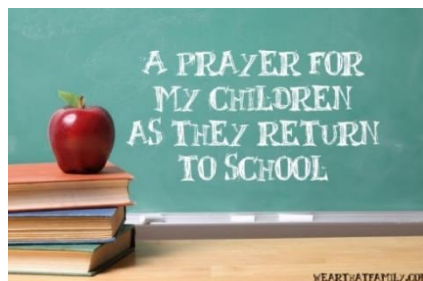
TIME TO REGISTER FOR PREP! Registration Forms for all students grades K - 10th are available online at www.sacredparish.org and at the doors of the church. Please send your registration forms and payment in to the office *prior* to the start of classes. This helps us to be better prepared for the children on day one. Thank you.

RE CATECHIST PRAYERS: Our faithful Catechists have begun preparation with joy for the start of the year with our Catechist Training this past weekend. Please pray for them and for the children who will share their faith together this year.

"...Catechists joyfully shoulder the responsibility with which the Lord has entrusted them, so that the great heritage of faith — which is the most authentic treasure of this world — may not be lost in the passage from one generation to another, but rather be renewed and strengthened, and become a guide and a stimulus on our journey toward the future. In close association with parents, they are entrusted with the noble art of forming individuals." POPE FRANCIS

FIRST DAY OF PREP: Classes will begin for ALL STUDENTS this year on **Sunday, September 13th at 11:00 a.m.** 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.

HIGH SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION PROGRAM: Information specific to the 9th and 10th students who are preparing for Confirmation has been mailed and is available on the church website at www.sacredparish.org.



Lord, I pray Your emotional, physical, and spiritual protection over my children (grandchildren) this school year. I pray You will make them courageous,

compassionate and tenacious when they need to be. Help them to remember that You are right there with them everyday in the halls and classrooms. Help them soak up good knowledge and to dismiss any negative or worldly messages that come their way. Help them treat others with kindness and respect, and to guard their hearts. Give them joy, a desire to learn and the peace that passes all understanding as they put their trust in you. Amen.

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS

JOURNEY OF Faith

Teachings and Traditions of the Catholic Faith meets weekly following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. The readings of

the day are discussed so that we can better apply them to our daily lives; and a particular piece of Catholic doctrine is then presented and explored. This is a wonderful way to grow in knowledge of our faith! *Won't you join us??*

Sunday, August 30: Facilitator: Mary Jo Frohlich.

The Catholicism Series continues with: A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints, Part I

The story of the Church is told by sharing examples of those men and women who dedicated their lives to knowing and serving Jesus Christ. Highlighting Katharine Drexel, Therese of Lisieux, Edith Stein and Mother Teresa of Calcutta, this is the story of the Church as a vast company of witnesses who are called by Christ to be a Communion of Saints.

Sept. 6: A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints, Part II

PARISH LIFE



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.

BOOK OF INTENTIONS: The Book of Intentions is at the front foyer of the Church. Please feel free to list family members and friends who are sick or deceased, and for whom you wish the Community to offer prayers.

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.

LABOR DAY: Church offices will be closed on Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day holiday.

UPDATE INFO: Please contact the Church office if you have a new address, phone number, or e-mail, so that we can keep our records current.



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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offertory - Weeks Ending 8/23/15 (Week 8)

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	\$5,699	\$688	\$6,442	-\$55
YTD Wk. 8	\$41,461	\$9,664	\$51,536	-\$411



—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

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.

