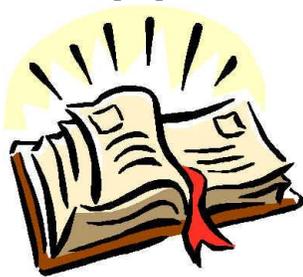


SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk.



Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He

discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.

For the Week of September 6th through September 12th

Sunday

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Monday

Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2; 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49



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, September 5th

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

Monday September 7th (Labor Day)

8:30 a.m. Mass for All Workers

Tuesday, September 8th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday September 9th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, September 10th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Friday, September 11th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Saturday, September 12th

8:30 a.m. Charlie Moloney

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, September 13th

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. Owen Pierce

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, Tim Sullivan, 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

PREP CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY!

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

NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR

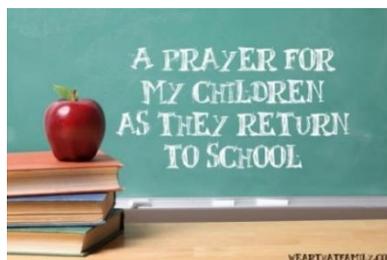
PREP! Registration Forms for all students grades K - 10th are available online at www.sacredparish.org and at the doors of the church. Please send your registration forms and payment in to the office *prior* to the start of classes. This helps us to be better prepared for the children on day one. Thank 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, Sept. 6: A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints, Part II

Facilitator: Mary Jo Frolich

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.

PARISH LIFE

ATTENTION CURRENT LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

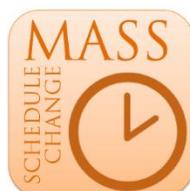
**Ushers, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors,
Commentators and Greeters**
(Altar Servers will have a separate meeting in the
near future)

Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 26th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Our parish will be conducting a Fall Formation Session for all existing volunteers that evening. Any current liturgical minister who is unable to attend is asked to call the Parish Office and let us know.

The various ministries have an essential role in the celebration of Mass. These roles require preparation, formation, and a degree of competency and confidence that formation sessions can help provide. In addition, ongoing formation allows each minister to remain up to date and well informed regarding what is expected of them.

Formation for new liturgical ministers will soon be announced. Anyone interested in becoming involved as a liturgical minister is asked to contact the Parish Office so that we can be in touch when the formation date is announced.

PARISH MEETING: The next parish meeting is on **Thursday September 10th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Hall. Everyone is welcome.



MASS TIMES for Sacred Heart / St. John's will change next weekend - September 12th/13th to the following:

Saturday: Sacred Heart - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: St. John - 8:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart - 10:00 a.m.

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.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offertory - Weeks Ending 8/30/15 (Week 9)

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	\$5,046	\$423	\$6,442	-\$973
YTD Wk. 9	\$46,507	\$10,087	\$57,978	-\$1,384



—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.

