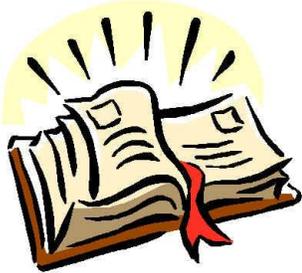


SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted the law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.



Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-30

Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.



For the Week of January 24th through
January 30th

Sunday

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Monday

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41



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, January 23rd

4:00 p.m. David Schauber

Sunday, January 24th

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Jack DePoulter

Monday January 25th

8:30 a.m. Elsa and Carla Fasol

Tuesday, January 26th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday January 27th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, January 28th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Friday, January 29th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 30th

8:30 a.m. Emma Gentle

4:00 p.m. Matthew Lamond

Sunday, January 31st

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Patricia Lee Schultz

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

Barron Scott, Barbara

Darrah, John Troffo,

Valerie Lindyberg,

Patricia Dana, Ryan

Elizabeth Quintero,

Edith Follin, Elizabeth

Montague, Sandy

Bugni, Angela Wilmer,

Amy Rhodes, and all

those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK
OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of
Sacred Heart/St. John's.



PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6*

CONFIRMATION RETREAT PRAYER

SUPPORT: Please pray for the young people and their parents who will be attending the Confirmation Retreat this weekend that they may all be open to the Holy Spirit's leading.

PARENTS OF SECOND GRADERS: There will be a Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting on **Sunday, January 31st at 11:00 a.m.** in the upper room of the hall. Please plan to attend this important meeting to begin preparation for the reception of First Eucharist. The children will have RE class as usual.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Parents, please review the RE attendance policy that was presented in September... Since we have the privilege of only one hour per week with your child, please make every effort to have your child attend PREP as often as possible. This is important to help build relationships, as well as, teach content. *We ask that you ensure your child/children attend at least 80% of classes that is no more than 6 absences through the year.* Please make regular attendance at RE on Sundays a priority. Thank you for the privilege to work with your children.



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?

JANUARY 24 – SALVATION

Facilitator: Barbara Foster

Jesus tells his audience in the synagogue that the Messiah they had been waiting for had finally arrived and that he was that Messiah. He was there to usher in the salvation God has promised, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. Sadly the Messiah they were looking for is not the Messiah they received. Many missed what God was doing right under their noses. We are saved by the power of his sacrifice. Jesus continues to save us.

Next Week: The Creed
Facilitator: Dick Swanson

PARISH LIFE

SAVE THE HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN: As most of us know, there is an active effort to encourage citizens of Kent and Queen Anne's counties to express their desire to keep our hospital with inpatient services in our community, now and into the future. Petitions are available for signature at the Chestertown, Rock Hall and Betterton town halls. In addition, everyone who is concerned about this issue is encouraged to write to the CEO or Board Chairman of UM Shore Regional Health and contact our legislators. If you wish to express your concern about this, here are the contacts for decision makers: Mr. Ken Kozel, President and CEO, UM Shore Regional Health, 219 S. Washington Street, Easton, MD 21601, (kkozol@umm.edu), or Mr. John Dillon, Chairman, Board of Directors, UM Shore Regional Health at the same address. To e-mail our legislators, Senator Stephen Hershey and Delegates Jay Jacobs, Steve Arentz and Jefferson Ghrist, you may do the following: Google "Maryland General Assembly" and click on the "Legislators" tab which is near the top of the page. Click on "who represents me?" and type in your address and zipcode. Click on "Find" and you'll instantly be on the form where you can write a message.

PANCAKE SUPPER: The George Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus is holding their annual Pancake Supper in the Sacred Heart Church Hall on **February 9th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Adults are \$9.00; children 4-12 are \$4.00; and children under 3 are free. For additional information contact Bill Taylor at 410-778-0845 or Mike Messix at 410-778-0422.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: For those who have lost a loved one, there will be a Grief Support Group meeting every Wednesday, from **January 13th through March 16th** in the Sacred Heart Hall from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Our group will give you tools for handling grief, plus the support of others with similar losses. If you are interested in being a participant, please call Ann OConnor at 443-262-4100, ext. 124, or e-mail at aconnor@compassregionalhospice.org, or Wayne Larrimore, at wlarrimore@compassregionalhospice.org.

POSTER CONTEST: The Father George Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of the PREP students who participated in the annual "Keep Christ In Christmas" poster contest. We would like to congratulate the winners: 1st-3rd grades – Ellie Macielag; 4th-6th grades – Noah Ashe; and 7th-8th grades – Liam Peregoy. Thank you also to the parents, teachers and Ann Ashe for this year's very successful contest.

SALT AND LIGHT MINISTRIES



THE SAMARITAN GROUP

WINTER SHELTER: is

currently open and the following dates still need evening volunteers (5:30-11:00). So come on your own and meet someone new or sign up with your spouse or your best friend or neighbor! Contact Barbara Harrison at barbara.hrrsn@gmail.com or 410-778-0165. Don't forget that this time slot includes dinner!

Presbyterian Church of Chestertown:
January 30

First United Methodist Church:

February 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24, 27, 28.
March 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30.

There is also a need for the following:

Overnight Volunteer 11:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. (Bring bedding and you usually can sleep until 6:00 a.m.) all Sundays and Thursdays are open.

Breakfast (bring something hot from home or serve the cold cereal on site) 7:00-8:00 a.m. on

February 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 29 (First UMC)
March 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 29

Questions about any of the volunteer positions? Contact Barbara Kelly at bksquared01@aol.com or 410-778-5849.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION WILL SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN. YOUR GIFT WILL PROVIDE FUNDS TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS THROUGH RADIO, TELEVISION AND OTHER MEDIA AND HELP SUPPORT CHRISTIAN SCHOLARY STUDIES AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The offertory envelopes for 2016 are at the back of the Church in Sacred Heart and St. John's. 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. Call Becky Davis, 410-778-3160 if you wish to start receiving envelopes or, with any questions. If you have questions about Electronic Giving please call Senta Burton at 410-778-3160.

Offertory - Week Ending 1/17/16 Week 29

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 01/17- Wk.29	\$4,486	\$820	\$6,442	-\$1,136
YTD Wk. 29	\$152,984	\$32,749	\$186,818	-\$1,085

DIOCESAN NEWS

RETOUVAILLE WEEKEND: If you are looking for a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage, the next Retrouvaille weekend will be on **February 12th** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. To register, or with questions, call 1-800-470-2230 or go to www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARY: The Cathedral of St. Peter, 5th and West Streets is celebrating its 200th year. Bishop Malooly will celebrate the anniversary Mass on the Third Sunday of Easter, **April 10, 2016**. All are invited, especially former members and school alumni. For information call 302-654-5920 or visit the Cathedral website, <http://www.cathedralofstpeter.com>.

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 writes, "as a body is one though it has many parts, and all parts of the body, though many, are on body, so also Christ." In the body of Christ some are called to be parents, teachers, doctors, priests, or religious sisters and brothers. If you think God is calling you to serve as a religious sister, brother, deacon or priest, call Fr. Norman Carroll at 302-573-3113 or go to vocations@cdow.org.

