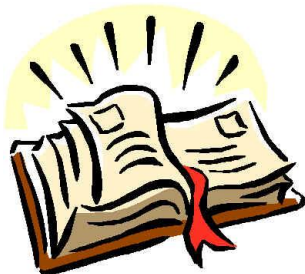


SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

God tells Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet to the nations before he had even been born. He also promises him strength and protection, providing Jeremiah does as God asks.



Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:31—13:13

Paul discusses the importance of love and claims that one who possesses any gift, but lacks love, has nothing. He explains that true love never fails, although knowledge or other talents can fail to endure in the same manner.

Paul says that three things last: "faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these being love."

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. But he knew that they would be expecting him to do the things he had already done in other towns. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled him from town.



For the Week of January 31st through February 6th

Sunday

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

First Friday

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

First Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34



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 30th

4:00 p.m. Matthew Lamond

Sunday, January 31st

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Patricia Lee Schultz

Monday February 1st

8:30 a.m. Florence McNerney (living)

Tuesday, February 2nd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday February 3rd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, February 4th

8:30 a.m. Van Thomas

Friday, February 5th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 6th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

4:00 p.m. Ann R. Sullivan

Sunday, February 7th

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Phil Mench

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,

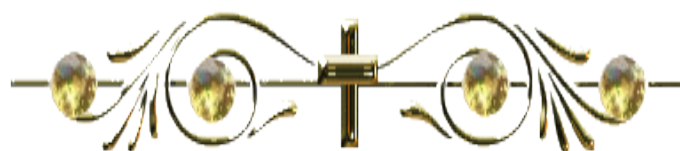
Edith Follin, Elizabeth

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

"Write My commandments on your hearts. Hold them inside of you and then convey them to your children." Deuteronomy 6:6-7

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION: Next weekend, **February 6/7**, there will be a second collection for the RE program at all masses. Donations will be used to subsidize Religious Education events such as the Confirmation Retreat for high school students & the Day Apart Retreat for our Catechists. Please consider directly supporting these efforts through the second collection next Sunday.

PARENTS OF 2ND 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.



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 31st – THE CREED

Facilitator: Dick Swanson

JOURNEY
OF
Faith

Today's liturgy affirms our belief in Jesus, the Messiah. He came to bring salvation to the world. He came to bring God's word to the world. He came to teach us the truths of the universe. He began by teaching in the synagogue. The Church teaches us the foundational truths of Christianity—the Christianity he died to establish. Christ's salvific resurrection from the dead, and our own overall belief in the afterlife. Such beliefs are foundational

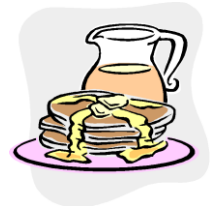
Next Week: Miracles

Facilitators: Ted Kremer and Steve Sappey

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.



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LENTEN PROGRAMS: Soon we will be preparing for the Liturgical Season of Lent, which means *Soup & Bread Fellowship* nights. If you would like to volunteer to help coordinate these events, please contact Ann Ashe at ann.ashe.md@gmail.com or 410-778-4650. A planning meeting will be scheduled for the first week of February.

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!

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

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 Senta Burton with any questions at 410-778-3160, or senta.burton@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

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 1/24/16 Week 30

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 01/24- Wk.30	\$0 (no Masses)	\$730	\$6,442	-\$5,712
YTD Wk. 30	\$152,984	\$33,479	\$193,260	-\$6,797

DIOCESAN NEWS

RETROUVAILLE 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: God speaks to His people through the prophet Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I dedicated you." Our God knows us and has a plan for each of us. What are you doing to discover God's plan for your life? 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

