

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

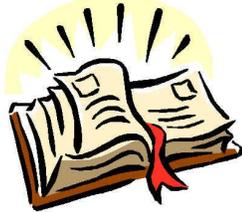
### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

#### Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."



#### Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.



For the Week of September 4<sup>th</sup> through  
September 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17;  
Lk 14:25-33

#### Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

#### Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

#### Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

#### Thursday

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

#### Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

#### Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22; 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 3<sup>rd</sup>

4:00 p.m.

Mass for our parishioners, living and deceased

6:00 p.m.

Mass for our parishioners, living and deceased

#### Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.

Mass for our parishioners, living and deceased

10:00 a.m.

Tim Kern

#### Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Mass for all Workers

#### Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Mass for our parishioners, living and deceased

#### Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Mass for our parishioners, living and deceased

#### Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

#### Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

#### Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m.

Mass for our parishioners, living and deceased

#### Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.

Mass for our parishioners, living and Deceased

10:00 a.m.

Darren Rhodes

### REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers

the sick of the parish:

*Barron Scott, John Troffo,*

*Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia*

*Dana, Ryan Elizabeth*

*Quintero, Elizabeth*

*Montague, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Ray Brilz,*

*Jennifer Willis, Agnes Knoedler, and Delores*

*Carmen, and all those whose names appear in the*

**PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer.**



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**NEW TO THE PARISH:** Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to [sacredparish.org](http://sacredparish.org).

## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program



### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

(PREP) It is such a privilege to share our faith with the young people in our parish, grades K – 10. We are so blessed by the overwhelming support of committed catechists who teach and share their faith with our children this year.

**REGISTRATION:** All students must be registered to attend PREP. Registration has begun and classes will start on **Sunday, September 11th**. Families of children who attended PREP last year have already received their forms via email. Registration forms will also be available at the doors of the church. In order for your child to participate in PREP, the family must be registered in the parish. In addition, a copy of your child's baptismal certificate must be on file with the Religious Education office.

**PARENTS, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** There will be a Parents' Orientation Meeting on the first day of classes on **September 11th, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass**. This is a required meeting where parents will complete emergency paperwork, receive PREP materials and learn about the program for this year. If you have questions, contact Barbara Kelly, Director of Religious Education [barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com)/ 410-778-4650.

## TUTORS / MENTORS NEEDED



Most of you are familiar with the Kent County Learning Center's Homework Depot program to provide a safe environment, with access to the internet and trained (one-on-one) mentors, for helping area children with after-school homework. Each mentor gets a free background check, child abuse prevention training, and mentor training before starting out. This is our second full year ... and one key essential is having a sufficient pool of mentors.

We are in need of tutors for Rock Hall Elementary School Students on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 4 - 5 p.m. and Kent County Middle or High School Students on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed for either or both days or as substitutes. If you want more information, please contact Steve Croker, at (410) 778-1199. To sign up, contact one of the following: Mary Reedy at 410-639-9008; Phil Cicconi at 410-639-2387; or Becky Glenn at 410-639-7184. Thank you.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD** - Would you like to know more about Scripture and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Using the readings of the day, we try to understand what God is revealing to us and how it impacts our lives as Catholic Christians.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 133 states: *"The Church "forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful. . . to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."*



**Join us in the church foyer immediately following the 10:00 Mass at Sacred Heart.**

### DO YOU EVER ASK YOURSELF...

What am I looking for in life?  
What is the meaning of my life?  
How can I be a better person?  
What can I do about the loneliness I feel?  
How can I come to know God's love?  
How can I know the right path God has in store for me?

If you are asking these questions, or questions like them, the Catholic way of life awaits you. For centuries, people have turned to the Church to find the answers to the deepest and hardest questions of everyday life.

**Are you interested in finding out more about how to become a Catholic?** Call Barbara Kelly at 410-778-4650, or email [barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com)



## NEW BIBLE STUDY!

**First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community**

The conflicts of early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. In response, St. Paul taught the Corinthians about the Church as the Body of Christ, introducing them to the most powerful gift of all: the Eucharist.

This Bible study will begin on **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. The study will continue for 11 weeks and conclude on November 28<sup>th</sup>. If there is sufficient interest, a second class may be offered during the day. A minimum of 10 participants will be necessary for either class to be offered. There is a \$24.00 materials fee. Registration forms are at the doors of the church. For more information please contact Barbara Kelly at [barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com), or call 410-778-4650.

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive



and painless health screenings at

Sacred Heart Catholic Church on **October 11<sup>th</sup>**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Offertory - Week Ending 8/28/16 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 08/28 Wk.9	\$5,422	\$475	\$6,346	-\$449
YTD Wk. 9	\$49,211	\$9,030	\$57,114	\$1,127

**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](mailto:senta.burton@sacredparish.org). Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

## PARISH NEWS

### **SCHEDULE CHANGES:**

**Beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup> – Weekday Liturgies at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel will be celebrated as follows:**

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – Eucharist  
Thursday and Friday – Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion  
Saturday – There will be no Liturgy

**Weekend Masses beginning the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> are as follows:**

Sacred Heart: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
St. John's: Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

**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.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Flowers this weekend at Sacred Heart are in celebration of the Anniversary of Vincent and Kathryn Higgins.

**NEW TO THE PARISH:** The following people have registered in our parish recently: Michael Jacobs and Danay Ramirez. We pray that you will become closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community. We look forward to getting to know you. Welcome!

**MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE:** Please remember in your prayers Bennett Lamond and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**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.

