

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."



For the Week of March 12th through March 18th

Sunday

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



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, March 11th

4:00 p.m.

Frederick McCall

Sunday, March 12th

8:00 a.m.

Ray Brilz, Sr.

10:00 a.m.

Dorthea Miller

Monday March 13th

8:30 a.m.

Frederick Cunningham (living)

Tuesday, March 14th

8:30 a.m.

Ken Cole

Wednesday March 15th

8:30 a.m.

Charlie Moloney

Thursday, March 16th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Friday, March 17th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, March 18th

4:00 p.m.

Anita Gelderman

Sunday, March 19th

8:00 a.m.

For our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m.

Frederick McCall

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE

PARISH: Remember in your prayers the sick of

the parish: *John*

Troffo, Valerie

Lindyberg, Patricia

Dana, Bob Dunn,

Elizabeth Montague,

Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Jennifer Willis, Delores

Carmen, Ed Kolsun, Laurenson Ward, and all

those whose names appear in the **PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the front foyer.



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.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home



Second Sunday of Lent

Matthew 17:1-9

Reflection for Families: Children adapt to change. They love the excitement of something new. As parents, however, we'd like to slow down the changes we see – changes in our community, our jobs, government, and even the changes in our growing children. As it was for the disciples, it's hard sometimes for us to understand and accept things changing in front of our eyes. However, change and constant motion are part of the divine plan as we journey to God. Today, instead of digging in our heels to slow the change, try lightening your heart as a child and accept with joy, the changes you face.

Bringing the Gospel into your Family – Consider your community, family, relatives, and people at work or school. Who is struggling right now because of a recent change? How is this change darkening their world? Once you have identified the person (or people) and their situation, think of one way as a family you can be a light to them. Our action is our response to listening to Jesus.

Discussion Starters

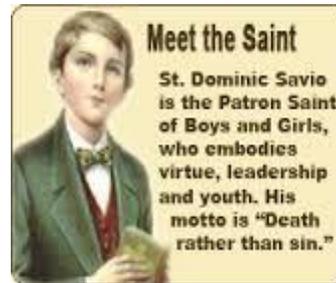
1. I know the reason I am reluctant to accept change. The reason is...
2. One action I will take this week to better accept change is...
3. I witnessed a kind of transfiguration when...

A LENTEN JOURNEY

SCRIPTURAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Join us this Friday evening, **March 17th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sacred Heart Church for a *Way of the Cross* based on those celebrated by Pope Saint John Paul II on Good Friday, 1991. They are presented as a way of reflecting more deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Christ's passion.

SAINTS OF MARCH



DOMINIC SAVIO

Feast Day: March 9
Canonized: June 12, 1954
Beatified: March 5, 1950
Venerated: July 11, 1933

It isn't always easy to be different from others, but Dominic, who was born in 1842, was different. Even as a young boy, he had great faith. His parents taught him how important it was for him to put Jesus first in his life. They had one other goal for Dominic. They wanted him to learn to read and write, something they could not do. They could not afford to send Dominic to boarding school, and there were no public schools in his small Italian village of San Giovanni di Riva. Dominic spent his days on the streets. It did not look like he would have a good future.

A priest named Father John Bosco devoted his life to educating poor boys. He helped them to learn a trade so that they could earn a living when they grew up. When Father Bosco met Dominic, he was impressed by Dominic's faith and his eagerness to learn.

When Dominic was 14, he became very sick. Today, we have medicines to treat the illness Dominic had, but there was nothing that could help him in those days. He died peacefully just before his 15th birthday after receiving the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Father John Bosco, who was later canonized a saint, wrote the story of Dominic's life. Dominic was named a saint in 1954, almost 100 years after he died.

He was the youngest non-martyr to be declared a saint in the Church. Some people thought that he had not lived long enough to be considered for sainthood.

But Dominic's example teaches us that no matter how old we are, we can serve the Lord in small ways every day.



PARISH NEWS

Offertory - Week Ending 03/05/16 - Week 36

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 3/05- Wk.36	\$5,089	\$1,580	\$6,346	\$323
YTD Wk. 36	\$183,539	\$35,375	\$228,456	-\$9,542



Since 1998, Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) has partnered with nonprofit organizations (including Catholic Relief Services) around the world to distribute 300 million meals in 37 countries. 40% of these meals were distributed through school feeding programs. The meals encourage school attendance and help put these children and their families on a path out of poverty.

The goal of Rise Against Hunger is to end hunger worldwide by the year 2030. We can be part of the effort to achieve this goal:

Sacred Heart Parish in partnership with Christ United Methodist Church is again sponsoring a meal packaging event here in Chestertown.

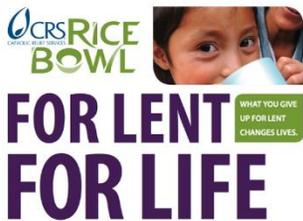
Save the date: Saturday, October 20, 2017

We have pledged to raise \$1,500.00 to cover the cost of this event. Donations in support of this project can be placed in the regular collection. Please, use a separate envelope and mark it *Rise Against Hunger*. If you would like to help with fundraising, volunteer for the meal packaging event or have questions, please contact Ann Anderson 410-778-4243/wmandersonfamily@verizon.net or visit the website: www.riseagainsthunger.org.

Each meal costs .29 cents. No donation is too small when the need is so great.

THANK YOU: The Father George Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus want to thank everyone who supported the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. A special thank you to the PREP students who helped serve. The success of the dinner will help the council with its charitable contributions this year. We are proud to be able to help our parish, give scholarships to graduating seniors, "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest, and offer support to a seminarian, just to name a few.

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.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL - FOR LENT, FOR LIFE

The season of Lent is marked by many traditions among Catholics in the United States. Symbolized by its ubiquitous cardboard box, CRS Rice Bowl has been a tradition for generations of Catholics. Beginning in 1975 as a response to a growing famine in Africa, CRS Rice Bowl today shines a light on the Catholic community's commitment to poor and vulnerable families - our brothers and sisters. Their lives are improving in meaningful, measurable ways through the humanitarian programs and services provided by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Church around the world.

This year, CRS Rice Bowl provides a path for Catholics in the United States to build, what Pope Francis calls "a culture of encounter". By following the daily Lenten calendar, sharing the weekly stories of hope, and making the meatless meals, participants will follow a personal journey that leads to us seeing ourselves in the faces of our neighbors, cultivating a spirit of global solidarity and encountering God's love anew.

Please take a CRS Rice Bowl home with you this week!

BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S: If you have joined us for breakfast before you know how good it is. If you have not, you are in for a surprise. Bring your family to breakfast following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday March 19th** in the Hall at St. John, and enjoy a delicious menu of fresh scrambled eggs, fried Kielbasa with eggs, peppers and cheese, crispy bacon, South Philly sausage links, 'old fashioned' home fries with caramelized onions, creamed chip beef over toast, grandmas' fluffy pancakes, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. And of course, we welcome any 'family favorite' breakfast dish you would like to share alongside this traditional breakfast menu!



