

## SCRIPTURE READINGS



### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

God created many different animals in an attempt to make a suitable partner for the first man. Then he took a rib from the man as he slept and built it up into a woman. At last God had created someone who equaled the man, as she was "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" and they proved to be suitable partners for each other.

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

This passage describes how Jesus will become perfect through his suffering. It also reminds us that Jesus' Father is our Father as well, making him unashamed to call us his brothers and sisters.

#### Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

The people began to ask Jesus if it was acceptable for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus tells them that two people who have been joined together by God should not be separated. People began bringing their children to Jesus, but the disciples tried to send them away. Jesus grew angry and told his disciples to allow the children to come to him.



For the Week of October 7<sup>th</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

#### Monday

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

#### Tuesday

Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

#### Wednesday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

#### Thursday

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

#### Friday

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

#### Saturday

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

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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, October 6<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Betty and Bill Coleman

### Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Steven Belcak, Sr.

10:00 a.m. Ron Croisette

### Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Leonard Hoover

### Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. For Our Parishoners  
Living and Deceased

### Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

### Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

### Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

### Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Bonny Basener

### Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Margaret Morris  
10:00 a.m. Owen Pierce

### REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE

PARISH: Remember in your prayers the

sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie*

*Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Elizabeth*

*Montague, Angela Wilmer, Faith King,*

*Laurenson Ward, Rosemary Keating, Jean*

*Tubman, Eugenia Brooks, and all those whose names appear*

in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.



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**MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE:** Please remember in your prayers Anthony

Younger, and Miguel O'Choa, Father of the Reverend Carlos O'Choa, and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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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



### Bringing the Gospel Home

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mark 10:2-16

#### Reflection for Parents

At the end of today's Gospel, Jesus embraces and blesses the children, placing his hands upon them. *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, © 2007), includes suggestions for daily blessings titled Daily Blessing of a Child. Consider offering one of the short blessings to your child at the beginning or end of the day, when your child leaves home in the morning, or when your child returns home at the end of the school day. Make the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as you offer the blessing.

- May God bless you.
- May God keep you safe.
- God be with you.
- God be in your heart.
- May God bless and protect you.

#### Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

In today's Gospel, the disciples *rebuked*, or "disapproved of," the children who came to Jesus. As a family, search your parish bulletin or Web site for opportunities to minister to children who are unwanted, forgotten, or in need. Such opportunities may include collecting diapers and formula for infants in need, donating gently used toys and books for children living in local shelters, or donating money to larger relief efforts for children living in poverty throughout the world. Make a family action plan and follow through on your commitment.

#### Discussion Starters:

1. As a child, someone who always made me feel welcome and loved was . . .
2. A child I know who needs kindness and friendship is . . . and I will be a friend to that child by . . .
3. A married couple I will pray for every day this week is . . .

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**PARENTING POINTERS:** During this Respect Life Month pick the life issue that you feel most strongly about (preventing abortion, supporting new mothers, helping those whose lives are mired in poverty, caring for the frail elderly, working for gun control, eliminating the death penalty, bullying...) Tell your child why this is important to you.



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“Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.”

#### **Sheepish Question:**

How can I be more conscientious about my role in God's creation?

## IMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

**High School Information Night @ Immaculate Conception School.** ICS will host an information session on **October 11th at 6:00 p.m.** in the library. Parents will speak about their experiences, what scholarships to apply for and give out a few tips and tricks. Representatives from St. Mark's, Padua, Salesianum, Archmere, St. Elizabeth and Ursuline will be available for questions.

**Story Time** begins on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Please tell anyone who has little ones that Gwen Davis will be reading classic children's stories, doing activities and playing music in the PreK-3 room at ICS. Recurs once a month. Please call 410-398-2636 for more info.

**Walk-In Wednesdays.** Immaculate Conception School will offer tours between 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday to those who are interested. Please come take a look, meet the new principal and feel the energy! Call Emily Murphy for more information: 410-398-2636.



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## PARISH NEWS

### Offertory – Week Ending –September 30 – Week 14

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 9/30 Wk. 14	\$5,117	\$485	\$6,346	-\$744
YTD Wk. 14	\$69,632	\$15,003	\$88,844	-\$4,209



**EACH SUNDAY, FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM MASS**

**COFFEE, COOKIES, & CONVERSATION**

**IN THE FRONT FOYER: SACRED HEART CHURCH**



**ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD:** Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. On this weekend, Pope Francis calls all of us – children of God – to be “voices for mission.” We will be asked to “speak up” through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the Missions – in places like Uganda where people face food uncertainty and violence...in the Philippines where local clergy face martyrdom...in Oceania where peoples’ livelihoods are threatened by climate change...and in remote regions of Latin America where people are hearing the Gospel for the first time. Please consider supporting priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need.

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**ART AND ENVIRONMENT:** On Friday, October 12 at 1:00 at Sacred Heart, the Art & Environment group will gather to create the indoor and outdoor décor for autumn. We need your help! No experience necessary. Stay as long as you can. If you prefer to make a monetary donation (any time of the year), please put your donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket, be sure to have your name and ‘Flowers’ noted. In advance, a sincere thank you.



The Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event, a joint project of Sacred Heart Parish and Christ United Methodist Church, was held on Saturday, September 29, 2108. About 70 volunteers gathered at the CUMC hall to package 2088 meals in just over 2 hours. Of the 70 volunteers, about half of them were from Sacred Heart Parish, including members of the Knights of Columbus and this year’s Confirmation Class. Thank you to all who came out to help. Sacred Heart Parish was able to present Rise Against Hunger with a check for \$2,435.33 to help cover the cost of the meals. This money was raised through individual donations and the proceeds from the yard sale that was held in June. We pray that all who receive these meals will see them as a sign of God’s love and care for them. Thank you for your support of this project.

For more information about Rise Against Hunger, go to their website: [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org)

## SAINTS OF OCTOBER

### FRANCIS SEELOS – OCTOBER 5



Francis Xavier Seelos was born in Fussen, Bavaria, in Germany in 1819. He was named after St. Francis Xavier, the famous Jesuit missionary. When he was a little boy, Francis’ mother asked him what he was going to be when he grew up. He answered by pointing at a picture of his name saint and said, “I’m going to be another St. Francis.”

Francis took the first steps toward his goal by studying philosophy and theology in Germany. While at the university he learned about the Redemptorist priests and immediately joined the order. It wasn’t long before he sailed for America. He began his studies for the priesthood and was ordained in 1844 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Father Francis was assigned to a parish in Pittsburgh. His first pastor was another famous missionary who would eventually be canonized, John Neumann. He showed Father Francis the importance of working among his people, as Jesus did.

Father Francis was able to speak three languages: German, English, and French. He celebrated the sacraments in all three languages, reaching out to as many people as possible. People came from miles away to celebrate Reconciliation with him because of his kindness and understanding. Through him, people came to know that God would never abandon them. He helped people understand that God’s love was greater than the power of sin and evil.

After working in at least 10 different states, Father Francis was assigned to New Orleans. In addition to the usual work of a pastor, he worked tirelessly among poor and neglected people, especially when an epidemic of yellow fever spread through the city. Worn out from ministering to others, the priest could not fight off the disease. He was only 48 years old when God called him into everlasting life in 1867.

