

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**

Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept.

Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but

David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.



**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

**Gospel: Luke 6:27-38**

Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us.

Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.



**For the Week of February 24<sup>th</sup> through  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **Sunday**

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

#### **Monday**

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

#### **Tuesday**

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

#### **Wednesday**

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

#### **Thursday**

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

#### **First Friday**

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

#### **First Saturday**

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

#### **Sunday**

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



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, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber**

**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. Father Paul Campbell**

**10:00 a.m. Jerry Meehan**

**Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m. Marilyn Schaaf**

**Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m. Mass for Our Parishioners  
Living and Deceased**

**Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m. Communion Service**

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**8:30 a.m. Communion Service**

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**4:00 p.m. Pamela Prue**

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. Antoni Jankowski**

**10:00 a.m. Jonathan Arrabal**



**REMEMBERING THE  
SICK OF THE PARISH:  
Remember in your prayers  
the sick of the parish: *John  
Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg,  
Patricia Dana, Angela  
Wilmer, Faith King,  
Rosemary Keating, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne,*  
and all those whose names appear in the PARISH  
BOOK OF INTENTIONS.**

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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).

### **ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES:**

**SACRED HEART: 8:30 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.  
ST. JOHN: 5:00 P.M.**

# PREP

## Parish Religious Education Program

### Bringing the Gospel Home



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time –  
Luke 6: 27-38

#### Reflection for Parents

Today is a good day to take a love inventory. Jot down the eight practical directions given in the Gospel Summary regarding honoring the Commandment of love: love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you; stop judging; stop condemning; forgive; and give. On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being “living in love,” rate yourself as a parent, as a spouse, and as a follower of Jesus Christ. Where are you living in love? Where is there room for growth and change?

#### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Create a family love inventory that includes four of the practical directions given in today’s Gospel: do to others as you would have them do to you; lend expecting nothing back; forgive; and give. Explain the scale of 1-5, with 5 being “living in love.” Rate yourselves two times. First, rate yourselves as a family according to how you show love to one another. Second, rate yourselves as a family according to how you show love to those outside of your home—for example, how you show love to neighbors, friends, other family members, and so forth. Ask yourselves where you are living in love and where there is room for growth and change. Make a family action plan and follow the plan.

#### Discussion Starters

1. Someone who loves others like Jesus asks us to love is . . .
2. For me, the hardest part of Jesus’ Commandment to love is . . . because . . .
3. This week I will show love to . . . by . . .

### ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our parish community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United



States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl at the entrances to church on **March 2-3**. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.



**CONFIRMATION:** We congratulate the following young people who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend:

**Emily Collison**

**Delayne Hemingway**

**Aubrey Clarke**

**Marissa Owens**

**Keelen Hanley**

**Natalie Walls**

We pray that as this Sacrament strengthens the gifts of the Holy Spirit in them, that they may find new ways to serve the people of God in this Parish and community.

## LENTEN ACTIVITIES



This year’s Lenten program, **JOURNEY TO THE CROSS**, is based on the Stations of the Cross. The fourteen stations depict Jesus’ path along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, beginning with his trial and ending with his crucifixion and burial. Each Friday night during Lent, **March 15 – April 12**, we will focus on a major character or event represented in the stations. During each session we will read through the fourteen stations, learn information about a key person whom Jesus met, discuss our reactions to this person, and end with meditation or prayer. The **sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.** A Soup & Bread meal follows each session.

*Let’s make our first Lenten sacrifice one of time – join us on the Fridays of Lent!*

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### JOURNEY TO THE CROSS - LENTEN MEALS



**SOUP DONATIONS ARE NEEDED** for Fridays of Lent, **March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12**. You are asked to make a homemade, meatless soup in a personal crock pot and bring it with one loaf of artisan bread to the hall on your chosen night. If you can contribute, call Becky Davis at 410-778-3160 or e-mail her at: [sacredparish@gmail.com](mailto:sacredparish@gmail.com). Your support and contributions to this effort are appreciated.

## PARISH NEWS

### Offertory – Week Ending February 17<sup>th</sup> - Week 34

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 2/17 Wk. 34	\$4,679	\$500	\$6,346	-\$1,167
YTD Wk. 34	\$165,169	\$42,173	\$215,764	-\$8,422



**PANCAKE SUPPER:** The Father George S. Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Pancake Supper on **March 5, 2019 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Adults are

\$9.00, children 4-12 are \$4.00, and under 4 are free. If you have any questions, please call Bill Taylor at 443-553-0700.

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**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 Mary Jo Frohlich with any questions at 410-778-3160, or [mfrohlich@sacredparish.org](mailto:mfrohlich@sacredparish.org). Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

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### FLOWER DONATIONS:

Parishioners are invited to donate flowers in celebration of weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and other special events. If you would like to donate flowers or place flowers in memory of a loved one, please inform Becky Davis for Sacred Heart, at 410-778-3160; or Mary Johnson for St. John's at 410-778-2230. Thank you.

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**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.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**— Time is running out to register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Let a cozy weekend focused on your marriage keep you warm on these long winter nights! The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be **March 1-3, 2019** in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For information, visit our website at [www.me.delmar.org](http://www.me.delmar.org) or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don't delay! Your marriage deserves this gift!

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**SUSQUICENTENNIAL CLOSING MASS:** You are cordially invited to join Bishop Malooly at the Diocese of Wilmington's Sesquicentennial Closing Mass on **Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South Broom Street in Wilmington. Gather with Catholics from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore to celebrate the conclusion of our year-long anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington by Blessed Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868.

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**CATACHETICAL DAY:** ("Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ") with Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be held on **Saturday, March 23, 2019 at St. Thomas More Academy.** Bishop Malooly will individually recognize DREs and Catechists celebrating significant anniversary years. The day includes refreshments beginning at 8:30 am and lunch at 12 noon. The Presenter is Father Christopher Walsh. The day concludes at 2:00 pm. The final registration deadline is March 1, 2019. Please go to [www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay2019](http://www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay2019) to find out more about the day and how to register.

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**RETROUVAILLE:** Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **The next program in your area begins on the weekend of April 26 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** Another weekend will be held in August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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**RACHEL'S VINYARD CATHOLIC RETREAT:** The next retreat is **May 3-5, 2019** at Malvern Retreat House. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more info contact Nan Freeman at 302-333-1904 or visit [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org).

