

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

#### Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.



#### Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.



For the Week of April 7<sup>th</sup> through  
April 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

#### Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;  
Jn 8:12-20

#### Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

#### Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

#### Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

#### Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

#### Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

#### Sunday

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49



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, April 6<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m.

Betty Glenn

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.

Albert and Helen Hanger

10:00 a.m.

Sallie Bohlen (living)

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

For Our Parishioners,  
Living and Deceased

Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Pamela Prue

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m.

Charlie and Doris Moloney

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.

Father John Farrington

10:00 a.m.

Father Paul Campbell

#### 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).

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
**Lent**  
We prepare

## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program



## Bringing the Gospel Home

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – John 11:1-45

### Reflection for Parents

Of course we will never fully know what Jesus drew in the sand. Whether his drawing was with purpose or not has been lost to history and most likely would not change the story. An important lesson we can gain from his action is that he took the time to gather his thoughts before speaking. How often do we say the first thing that comes to mind and end up regretting it? Thinking first helps us present a Christ-like presence to others even if we are dealing with a serious conflict.

### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Ask each family member to help create a list of “pet peeves” or annoying habits in others. Give each member a chance to consider the list and see if they claim ownership of any of the actions listed. Ask one another how this exercise is like the woman and the Pharisees in today’s Gospel. What will you do to “throw a stone” at the guilty person? What action can you take that resembles the action of Jesus? Pray for support to accomplish this action.

### Discussion Starters

1. I received a second chance that made a difference in my life when . . .
2. One judgment I hold from the past still causes me pain. In order to let go of it, I need to . . .
3. The person I most identify with in this Gospel story is . . . because . . .

## 2019 DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL DAY



Two of our Parish catechists were honored at the recent Diocesan Catechetical Day held at St. Thomas More Academy. Bishop W. Francis Malooly presented Nancy

Lindyberg and Alison Provonche with certificates honoring ten years of service as catechists in Sacred Heart Parish! Congratulations Nancy and Alison! We are truly blessed to have these women among our many dedicated volunteers in our Parish Religious Education Program.



## LENTEN ACTIVITIES

## JOURNEY TO THE CROSS April 12: The Journey Into Hope - Jesus is Crucified



Beginning at 6:00pm – Parish Soup & Bread Lenten Meal Follows

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## JOURNEY TO THE CROSS - LENTEN MEALS

SOUP DONATIONS ARE NEEDED for April

12th. 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.



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## Encounter Ona

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information.

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

At Sacred Heart:

Holy Thursday (April 18<sup>th</sup>) – 7:00 p.m. Liturgy  
Good Friday (April 19<sup>th</sup>) – 3:00 p.m. Service  
Holy Saturday (April 20<sup>th</sup>) – 8:30 p.m. Vigil

Easter Sunday Liturgies (April 21<sup>st</sup>) :  
8:00 a.m. at St. John  
10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

## PARISH NEWS

### Offertory – Week Ending March 31<sup>st</sup> Week 40

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 3/31 Wk. 40	\$4,877	\$500	\$6,346	-\$969
YTD Wk. 40	\$195,898	\$48,423	\$253,840	-\$9,519

### 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

**"AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU, YOU SHOULD ALSO DO"**

Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. During this time of Lent we make every effort to distance ourselves from sin and more aggressively live out the Gospel in our daily lives.

As recipients of God's love and compassion, we fervently make our way through life expressing our gratitude for Christ's enduring presence and forgiveness. As Disciples of Christ, we demonstrate our gratitude through acts of love, compassion and kindness to others. One way we do this, is through our support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The theme of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal is, "*As I have done for you, you should also do.*" Those words recall the act of service Jesus performed for His Disciples on the night before He died. He took the role of the servant and washed their feet, and then asked them to follow His example by doing the same for others. Jesus wanted the Disciples to understand the importance of humble service and that to glorify God means to respond to the needs of others.

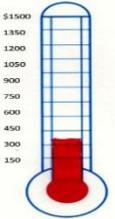
As believers and followers of Our Lord, let us realize the true meaning of serving the least among us. Please give generously to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

To learn more about the 37 ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal).



Sacred Heart Parish, in partnership with Christ United Methodist Church is sponsoring another meal packaging event to be held in the Fall of 2019.

Each meal costs 34 cents to process and deliver. Sacred Heart has pledged to raise \$1,500 to help cover the cost of the meals. As of the end of March, \$375 has been collected. Thank you to all who have already donated. Donations in support of this project can be placed in the regular weekly collection. Please, use a separate envelope and mark it Rise Against Hunger.



**Christ United Methodist Church is hosting a "Concert of Sacred Music" on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at 401 High Street, Chestertown. There will be a love offering taken up at the concert to benefit the Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event. All are invited to attend. Bring a friend!**

For more information about Rise Against Hunger, visit their website at [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org), or contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 [wmandersonfamily@verizon.net](mailto:wmandersonfamily@verizon.net). **Together we can do great things!**

## SAINTS OF APRIL

### APRIL 7 – JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE



John Baptist is responsible for many changes in education, things that we take for granted today. But education was not his first choice for a career. Born in Rheims, France, in 1651, he was only 11 when he decided to become a priest.

John was ordained a priest in 1678 and was assigned to the cathedral in Rheims. One day, he met Arian Nyel, a man from another part of France who had opened four schools for poor boys. In those days, only wealthy children could afford an education. Nyel convinced John Baptist that he must establish schools for poor boys in Rheims.

John's first school attracted so many students that a second school had to be started. But John was disappointed with the teachers. They were not well educated and were often cruel to the children. It is said that he fired all of them and began to train new teachers who would do a better job. Soon he formed a religious community called the Brothers of the Christian Schools. They were the first religious order established to educate the poor.

John founded a college for the training of teachers. Every teacher trained by John and every Brother of Christian Schools had a mission: to help the students come to know Christ and to teach the students to live their Christian faith in their daily lives. He decided that only religious Brothers would teach in his schools, since men ordained to the priesthood might be distracted by their other sacramental obligations. There were many hardships for John Baptist de la Salle over the early years as his congregations and schools grew, but his faith in God kept him from discouragement.

St. John Baptist de la Salle is the patron saint of teachers, and there are more than 1,000 schools in 84 countries that exist because of his work and faith.

