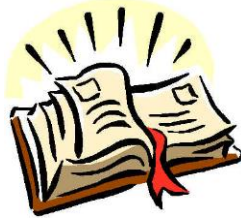


SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah urged the people of Jerusalem to surrender to the enemy. This angered the princes, who then requested that Jeremiah be put to death. The king allowed the princes to leave him in a cistern without food or water. But after Ebed Melech pleaded for Jeremiah's life, the king decided to free him.



Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

This letter to the Hebrews inspires all Christians to persevere, in spite of the trials they may face. Jesus endured much suffering and was rewarded by God. Despite our struggles, we must remember Jesus' ability to endure and maintain strong faith in him.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.



For the Week of August 18th through August 25th

Sunday

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Sunday

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30



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, August 17th

4:00 p.m. Jerry Peterson

6:00 p.m. Fr. Paul Campbell

Sunday, August 18th

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Patricia Kelly

Monday, August 19th

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 20th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 21st

8:30 a.m. Maria Einolf

Thursday, August 22nd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, August 23rd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, August 24th

4:00 p.m. Charles Churchill

6:00 p.m. For Our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

Sunday, August 25th

8:00 a.m. Julie Ann Resele

10:00 a.m. Salvatore Scotto D'Antuono



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, Tom Blum, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Luke 12:49-53

Reflection for Parents

Sometimes we have to take an unpopular stand against the ideas of others. When we say “no” to someone who wants to hear “yes,” division is created. Parents make decisions that serve a purpose and guide the formation of their children. Friends may say “no” to each other creating division. Of course, healing and reconciliation are vital to the growth of all relationships; and this is basically the same concept as today’s Gospel. There will be hard and unpopular acts associated with following Jesus. As a loving parent, God won’t compromise the plan. As loving family members, we also understand God’s motive!

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Find a family movie that illustrates this Gospel message: Doing something that’s right even though it’s difficult and sometimes unpopular. One possibility is from *Lion King* when Simba decides to return home. Share your ideas about what was hard for Simba in his decision. Who helped him? Who suffered because of his decision? Who benefited? What divisions were evident and what reconciliations took place? Think about ways our own lives are like this and share your ideas with one another.

Discussion Starters

1. One place where I have seen the results of the fire Jesus lit on earth is . . .
2. When someone challenges my religious beliefs, I generally . . .
3. One very hard decision I had to make but knew it was the right one happened when...



HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH for 2019-

2020 begins with registration and orientation on September 8th at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. A registration form and calendar have been mailed to families with children enrolled in the program during the 2018-2019 catechetical year.

Sacramental preparation schedules will be available on September 8th for the Sacraments of Reconciliation/Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. **The Confirmation class this year will be comprised of grades 8 and 9.**

PLEASE NOTE: Diocesan policy states that all children wishing to receive Sacraments during the 2019-2020 year must have been enrolled in a religious education program during the previous year. All children will receive Sacraments in their home parish.

AUGUST SAINTS



HELEN OF CONSTANTINOPLE – AUGUST 18

Helena had two wishes. She wanted to be a good mother. And she was. She wanted to find the cross on which Jesus had been crucified. And she did.

Helena lived long ago, from the middle of the third century to the early 300s. Her son Constantine became the ruler of the Roman Empire. After that, Helena traveled around the empire doing good.

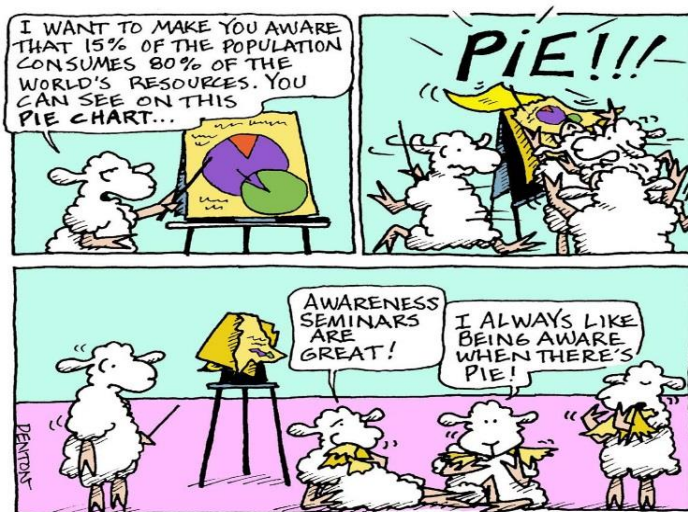
Helena became a Christian when she was 63 years old. Then she went to Palestine to see where Jesus had walked and talked and died. While in Palestine, Helena had workers dig in the ground. They found a cross. Helena believed that Jesus had died on that cross, and she brought large parts of it back to Rome with her.

On that site in Jerusalem was built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Helena also ordered a church built at the Mount of Olives. Jesus had prayed there on the night before he died. She also built a church in Bethlehem at the site where Jesus was born.

Helena helped the people of God by building churches, but she was also kind to soldiers, prisoners, and the poor. Her kindness showed them how Jesus took care of others. Her life showed everyone God’s goodness. She is also known as St. Helen and

Helena of Constantinople.



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“Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.”

Sheepish Questions:

What injustices do I see in my community?
How will I respond?

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending August 11th Week 7

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 8/11 Wk. 7	\$4,786	\$664	\$6,635	-\$1,185
YTD Wk. 7	\$32,774	\$11,155	\$46,445	-\$2,516

THE BULL ROAST WEEKEND IS HERE: Sunday, August 18 at 1:00 p.m - tickets at the doors will be \$20 for adults and \$8 for children. Children under 7 are free. We will be selling Raffle Tickets at the event for \$2 each or a book of 6 for \$10. Prizes are \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 (you do not have to be present to win). The menu includes pit beef, Italian sausage, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, tomatoes, assorted desserts, iced tea, lemonade, sodas and beer.

NOTE FROM CHESTERTOWN FOOD PANTRY:

"We want all of you to know your steady, generous support benefits the Pantry's work greatly. Your last four weeks of donations equals 294 pounds of food. Thank you for caring." Sue Basener, Food Pantry Board.

COFFEE, COOKIES, AND CONVERSATION



We plan to resume our **Sunday Coffee Socials** on **September 15, 2019**, following the 10:00 AM Mass, and continue weekly through Christmas. This can only happen if we have additional volunteers.

Parishioners wishing to serve as hosts and hostesses in this *Ministry of Hospitality* - - on a schedule and frequency of their own choosing - - should contact Frank Creegan (410-778-4830 or fcreegan2@washcoll.edu).



CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER: The Cathedral of Saint Peter is in need of our help. This weekend a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more information about the Cathedral, please visit the Cathedral's website at www.cathedralofstpeter.com. For a video tour of the Cathedral, and a tour of the Cathedral's 100 year-old pipe organ, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/cathedral.

Together, we can help assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer for generations to come.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR GARNETT ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



Having the right tool for the job makes a big difference. Let us once again help all of our local students begin the new school year equipped with all of the tools necessary for success. **Collection boxes will be at the doors of Sacred Heart on August 24/25 and August 31/Sept. 1.** Questions - Please contact Joanne Whalen at 410-708-7064 or jwhalen2016@gmail.com.

- Back Packs
- 1" 3-Ring Binders
- Composition Notebooks (**not wire-bound spiral**)
- Loose Leaf Paper Packs (**wide ruled**)
- 3 x 5 Index Card Packs
- Glue Sticks (large or small sticks in multipacks)
- # 2 Wooden Pencils (**10 packs preferred**)
- Multi-Pocket Folders (**2-pocket and 5-pocket preferred**)
- Pencil Pouches (zipper) and pencil boxes
- Crayola Crayons (**24 pack preferred**)
- Crayola Markers (multi-colored)
- Box of ZIPLOCK Baggies (sandwich or quart-size)
- Eraser Packs
- Personal Pencil Sharpeners
- Highlighters (**yellow and multi-colored**)
- Multiplication/Division Flash Cards
- Headphones (**NOT Earbuds**)
- Rounded End Scissors
- Tissues (both individual and boxes)
- Rest Mats

