

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.



Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline, and attempt to learn something from them.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.



For the Week of August 25th through September 1st

Sunday

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

Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mk 6:17-29

Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

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 24th

4:00 p.m. Charles Churchill

6:00 p.m. Vera Profaci

Sunday, August 25th

8:00 a.m. Julie Ann Resele

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

Monday, August 26th

8:30 a.m. Robert H. Thompson, Jr.

Tuesday, August 27th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 28th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 29th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, August 30th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, August 31st

4:00 p.m. Jerry Peterson

6:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, September 1st

8:00 a.m. Our Parishioners, Living And Deceased

10:00 a.m. Tim Kern



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, Michael and Lena Yirka 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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Luke 13:22-30

Reflection for Parents

We are cautioned in this Gospel to be more than mere acquaintances with Jesus. We are challenged to have a deep and loving relationship with him. What's the difference between the two? We are probably best at answering that question ourselves, but perhaps we attend worship services every week to fulfill an obligation. That might be acting like an acquaintance whereas participating in that mass, gathering with other worshipers afterwards, or participating in scripture study, service, or enrichment offerings of the parish would definitely deepen that relationship. Our children look to us as guides for developing their own relationship with Christ. What they see us do will be significant in their own spiritual development.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Think of the people you know (or know about) who are standing outside the doors of the Kingdom. Who are the people who are at risk of not entering? Go over your list and decide on some action you can take either individually or as a family that might help this person get through the narrow door. Is there something you can say or an action you can take to bring the person closer to Jesus? Perhaps you can serve them in some way that will help them recognize God's love for them. In some cases we may need to *stop* an action such as participating in ethnic jokes. Praying is also one thing we can do if we think a person will not be open to our other efforts. Remember too that we may not know the results of our actions until we all are at the banquet!

Discussion Starters

1. I believe that I will get through the narrow door Jesus speaks of because . . .
2. I probably won't be one of the first ones through the door because . . .
3. The thing I notice about people who have a deep relationship with the Lord is . . .



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

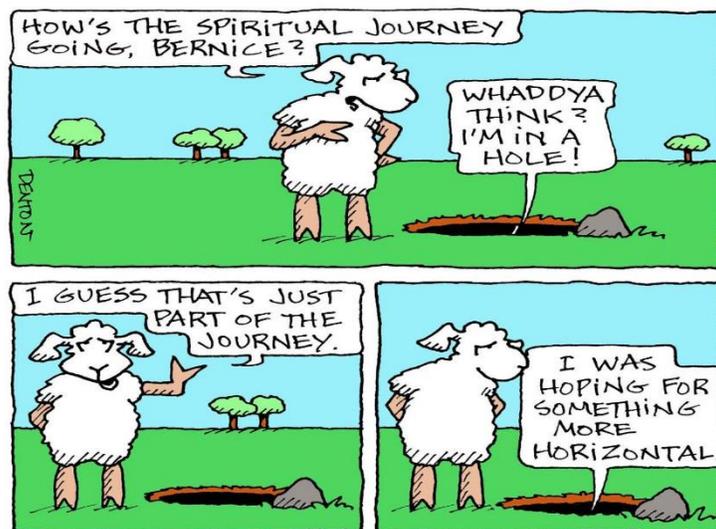


OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA – AUGUST 26

Our Lady of Czestochowa, or the Black Madonna of Poland, is a very famous painting of the Blessed Virgin holding the Child Jesus. Under this title, Mary is the Patron and Protector of Poland. Since the face of Mary is very dark, she is referred to as the Black Madonna. This darkening of the image comes from centuries of being hidden and the many years of soot and smoke from candles illuminating the icon. The picture follows the traditional form of an icon. Mary gestures toward Jesus, directing the attention away from her and pointing to Jesus as the source of salvation. The child Jesus extends his right hand in blessing to the viewer of the painting and holds a book of the gospels in his left hand. As in many icons Jesus looks like a small man, reminding us that Jesus, while still a child, is fully mature in his Divine nature.

The painting of the Madonna has a long history. Legend has it that it was painted by Saint Luke on a piece of a cedar tabletop built by Saint Joseph. Some even say it is part of the table used at the Last Supper. Saint Helen found this painting when she went to Jerusalem in search of the true cross. She gave the painting to her son, Constantine. When the city of Constantinople was invaded by the Saracens, the people prayed to Mary and the city was saved. This began the great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary attached to this painting.

There is even a modern legend from the time Russia invaded Poland in 1920. The Russian army was ready to attack when an image of Mary was seen in the clouds. At this vision, the troops withdrew and Poland was again saved. The Church honors Mary, the Mother of God, in various ways. Mary can intercede for us, as is evidenced by the many healings and miracles that have been attributed to prayers to Our Lady of Czestochowa over the years.



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“Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.”

Sheepish Question:

What recent setback do I now recognize as a moment of spiritual growth?

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending August 18th Week 8

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 8/18 Wk. 8	\$3,874	\$704	\$6,635	-\$2,057
YTD Wk. 8	\$36,648	\$11,859	\$53,080	-\$4,573

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

HELP NEEDED: Each year, the Salvation Army distributes approximately \$20,000.00 to families in need, in the Chestertown area. A team of volunteers interviews these individuals two mornings a week, at the First United Methodist Church. Presently, we are in need of a volunteer to help interview clients, one to two mornings a month. These clients have been pre-screened and referred by Kent County Department of Social Services. No experience is needed. Training is provided.

Please call Pat McDonald at 410-9028-5160 if interested in helping our neighbors in need.

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).



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are being sent directly to your home, bi-monthly. If you are not receiving envelopes and wish to do so, please contact Becky Davis at 410-778-3160.

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. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR GARNETT AND ROCK HALL 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 and St. John for the next several weekends.** Questions – for Sacred Heart, please contact Joanne Whalen at 410-708-7064 or jwhalen2016@gmail.com, or for St. John, please contact Jack Bigelow at 410-708-2966 or jnabigelow@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

