

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

God became very angry with the Israelites for worshipping a molten calf and making sacrifices to it. The people had so quickly violated his commandments that he planned to destroy them. But Moses pleaded with God for mercy and God relented.



Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul considered himself a former blasphemer and persecutor, and expressed his gratitude for the mercy Jesus showed him. Paul felt that he was a perfect example of Jesus' patience toward sinners and his desire to reconcile them with God.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

The Pharisees grew angry because of the Jesus' compassion toward sinners. In response, Jesus tells of a son who squandered his inheritance, then returned to his father and asked to be treated as a hired hand. The father rejoiced, angering his older and more obedient son. The father explained that everything he owned belonged to his older son; but he had to rejoice for the son who was lost and had been found.



For the Week of September 15th through September 22nd

Sunday

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday

1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Sunday

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



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, September 14th

4:00 p.m. (SH) Jerry Peterson

Sunday, September 15th

8:00 a.m. Betty and Jim Spring

10:00 a.m. Edna Shearer

Monday, September 16th

8:30 a.m. Barbara Weigel (Living)

Tuesday, September 17th

8:30 a.m. Martha Masone

Wednesday, September 18th

8:30 a.m. Rita Ferrandino

Saturday, September 21st

4:00 p.m. Mary Lynn Gladding

Sunday, September 22nd

8:00 a.m. Terry Collyer

10:00 a.m. Fr. Richard Roach, S.J.



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.

NEW PARISHONERS: The following people have registered in our parish recently: Marian Waterman of Centreville, The Vujanic Family of Millington, and James Burton, II of Church Hill. We pray that you will become closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community. We look forward to getting to know you. Welcome!

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Bringing the Gospel Home

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Luke 15:1-32

Reflection for Parents

If you have ever lost a child either at a shopping mall, amusement park, or outside playing, you know the anguish of losing something beyond measure. The joy you experienced when you found each other is often something you can't even put into words. Part of you wants to be angry because the child caused you so much grief, but mostly you are just so happy to see the child, you can hardly speak. If we've had experiences like this, then we have an indication about how God feels when we are truly sorry for our sins and want to be part of God's family.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

What is an irreplaceable or valuable item that belongs to your family? Perhaps you have an item that belonged to someone who has died, or something that has been passed down through the generations. Try to trace the item's history through your family and then make a connection to it and today's Gospel. What would happen if you lost the item, or it turned up missing? How hard would you look for it? How would you feel when you found it? Finally, consider how your experience might help illustrate the joy Jesus described in this Gospel when one sinner repents.

Discussion Starters

1. I lost something really important one time. I remember feeling . . .
2. I think the people who are lost today are . . . One thing that I could do to help them be found is . . .
3. The one person I need to forgive is . . .



HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH, our Parish intergenerational religious education program, begins again on **Sunday, September 22 in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 am liturgy.**

This year's theme is **THE CREED**. We will be examining each statement contained in the Nicene Creed, the profession of faith that we recite each Sunday. As Catholic Christians, what do we profess to believe in? What is your understanding of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit? What exactly is the Communion of Saints? Who or what is the Holy Catholic Church?

We will be using Bishop Robert Barron's series "**Catholicism**" to enhance our understanding of the concepts that form our most basic beliefs. Each week the parish bulletin Calendar section will list the topics for discussion. One session will be a whole household group activity/discussion session, while the next session for that topic will use the "**Catholicism**" video series. Put the dates on your calendar and join your fellow parishioners in this opportunity to learn more about our one, holy, catholic and apostolic faith. vc



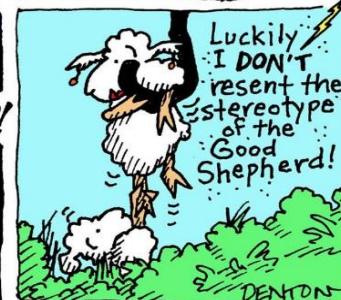
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD begins **Sunday, September 22, at the 10:00 am liturgy.** This ministry is designed for children in grades K-3 (ages 5-8).

This children's celebration of the Church's Liturgy of the Word parallels the content, structure and symbol of the Liturgy of the Word being conducted simultaneously in the larger adult faith community. That is, children will hear the same readings (adapted for children), give the same responses, stand, sit and sing at appropriate times. They will hear an age appropriate 'homily' to help them understand God's Word and will participate in the Profession of Faith and Prayers of the Faithful. In all aspects the children experience the beauty and richness of the Liturgy of the Word at a level designed to facilitate their understanding of God's Word. In order to enable families to share the Word that has been proclaimed on that Sunday, children will receive a handout with a summary of the Gospel and associated family activities to be completed together at home. Please encourage your children in grades K-3 to participate in this celebration of the Liturgy of the Word!

FIRST RECONCILIATION - PARENT ORIENTATION – Monday, September 23,

6:30-8:00 pm in the upper meeting room of the Parish Hall. All parents of children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year must attend.

Diocesan policy states that children must receive the Sacraments in their home parish, regardless of the school attended.



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"Rejoice with me for I have found my lost sheep."

Sheepish Question:

Hmm...how can I be a good shepherd?

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending September 8th Week 11

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 9/8 Wk. 11	\$4,613	\$779	\$6,635	-\$1,243
YTD Wk. 11	\$50,393	\$17,558	\$72,985	-\$5,034

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT: Next week, parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of a Catholic education a reality for struggling Catholic families. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition.

Through this collection, our Bishop is reaching out to believing and worshipping Catholics like you to assist him in ensuring that the Catholic commitment to total education of our children does not fade away because people cannot afford it. Since the Church has the mission to educate and since this mission directly affects the quality of life we experience as Catholics, all of us have a stake in Catholic education. It is in light of this reality that we ask you to consider supporting next week's *Share in the Spirit* collection. God bless you for your goodness.

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 410-928-5160 if interested in helping our neighbors in need.

Here's an opportunity to develop your talents for design & decor! No experience required. The Art & Environment group needs more members! We teach and learn together. Projects and tasks to fit your skill & time. Volunteer when convenient for you. We will meet on **Thursday, September 12 at 9:30 in the Sacred Heart Hall**; please come and bring a friend. Questions? contact: Emily Moseman at 443-282-0198 or emilymoseman@pobox.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION: The second collection this weekend is for Religious Education expenses. Our religious education expenses include resources and instructional materials for both children and adult faith formation opportunities. Please be as generous as you are able.



~WEEKLY COFFEE SOCIALS~

are held in the front foyer of
Sacred Heart Church
each Sunday morning, following the 10:00 AM Mass.
Come socialize with other parishioners and parish guests
over coffee, tea, and pastries.

SEPTEMBER SAINTS

SEPTEMBER 9 - PETER CLAVER



Peter Claver walked to the dock. He saw the ship that came from Africa. Peter saw guards outside the ship. He had to get on that boat. The guards tried to stop him, but Peter went inside anyway.

Peter couldn't believe what he saw. He had never seen so many people before. The inside of the ship was very small. The people were so crowded they couldn't move. The ship was hot and dirty.

The people had no water to drink. They had no water to wash with. Many of them were very sick. They were all afraid. These people had been taken from their homes in Africa. They were going to be sold as slaves. These people had no freedom so they were very sad. Peter knew this was wrong. He decided to help.

Peter Claver was born in Spain in 1580 and entered the Jesuit order at an early age, making vows in 1604. Six years later he was sent to what is today Colombia, where thousands of African slaves landed each month to labor in the New World.

For 33 years, Father Claver ministered to these slaves, nursing the sick ones, baptizing them, and reminding them that God loved them. He often traveled to the plantations where they worked to offer them spiritual comfort and instruction and to be sure their owners treated them well.

He died in 1654 after bringing the sacraments to hundreds of thousands of slaves. St. Peter Claver was canonized in 1888.

