

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The prophet Amos expressed disgust over people who take advantage of the poor. He describes businessmen scheming to cheat the poor, then declares that God will "never forget the things they have done."



Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul urges the Christians to pray for all people, especially those in authority. Paul even asked them to pray for the kings who denounced Christ's teachings, because God wants all people to be saved through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells a story about a servant who tries to cheat his employer. The owner is impressed because he would do the same thing himself. Jesus then describes the importance of being trustworthy in small matters, as well as in greater ones. He then states that no one can serve two masters faithfully, so people cannot give themselves completely to both God and money.



For the Week of September 22nd through September 29th

Sunday

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

Monday

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

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 21st

4:00 p.m. Mary Lynn Gladding

Sunday, September 22nd

8:00 a.m. Terry Collyer

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

Monday, September 23rd

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

Tuesday, September 24th

8:30 a.m. Wanda Rich

Wednesday, September 25th

8:30 a.m. Father John J. Reid, O.P. (living)

Saturday, September 28th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, September 29th

8:00 a.m. Richard Graziano

10:00 a.m. Helen and William White



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.

CONGRATULATIONS to

Anne and Ron Basener who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 21, 2019!

In honor of this event they have donated the Sacred Heart floral arrangements for this

weekend. On behalf of the church community we wish you continued love, blessings and good health for many years to come. CONGRATULATIONS!



WELCOME: The people of Sacred Heart Parish welcome into our family Caroline Anne Jackson and Jace Lee Pulchlopek, who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart. Congratulations to you, your parents & godparents. God bless you as you begin your faith journey.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Bringing the Gospel Home

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Luke 16:1-13

Reflection for Parents

Children learn at a young age that “buying friends” is a possibility. Even we adults use our resources to entertain friends. How often do we do things with our friends that we think will build our relationships by spending money either on food, entertainment, or gifts? The point of this Gospel is to help us remember that the most important way we can use our resources is in the service of others. From time to time, as we see our children selecting elaborate birthday gifts for a friend, or wanting to include friends in an expensive form of entertainment, we may need to remind them and ourselves of the message in today’s Gospel.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Think about the next opportunity each member will have for selecting a gift. It might be for a relative or friend’s birthday or Christmas in a few months. Spend some time and energy thinking about a gift that would have special meaning for that friend and begin now to prepare it. Perhaps you could make a collage or scrapbook of your friendship, write a poem, or reflection that speaks from your heart about how much the person means to you. Take the money you would normally have spent on the gift and apply it toward helping someone who is in need.

Discussion Starters

1. The greatest trust someone has shown in me is . . .
2. I tend to serve two masters when I . . .
3. One of the ways I use my resources to serve God is by . . .



HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH, our Parish intergenerational religious education program, begins on this **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.



CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

begins this **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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“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Sheepish Question:

What is my place in God’s house?

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending September 15th Week 12

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 9/15 Wk. 12	\$5,048	\$814	\$6,635	-\$773
YTD Wk. 12	\$55,441	\$ 18,372	\$79,620	-\$5,807

ART AND ENVIRONMENT: While the liturgical calendar continues in Ordinary Time our gardening season is changing from summer to autumn. Throughout the summer the Art & Environment group has had the wonderful fortune to have parishioners share their garden bounty with our church community. Less than \$30.00 has been spent on flowers since the end of June. We'd like to express our gratitude to the following homes for their gardening generosity: M. Broadhurst, K. Kemp-Dockstader, C. Kirk, A. O'Connor, K. O'Connor, L. Shearer, J. Updyke, in addition to the highways and byways of Kent County. Should your garden produce autumnal beauties that you'd like to share, please contact Emily Moseman, emilymoseman@pobox.com or 443-282-0198. We cut at your discretion.

NEW PARISHONERS: The following people have registered in our parish recently: Rom and Christine Catlett of Rock Hall. 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!

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE: Please remember in your prayers Leah Steppe, Wyatt Clark, and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Bull Roast Silent Auction

Thank you, Thank you,
Thank you!



I was overwhelmed with gratitude for the tremendous response to our request for baskets, donations and gift cards for our Silent Auction. The baskets were beautiful (all 50 of them!) and we also received gifts of a vacation week, a hunting day, a river cruise and some lovely framed paintings. Also, thanks to all who bid on the items. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Frohlich, Silent Auction Chair

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT: Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. 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. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html.

SEPTEMBER SAINTS

SEPTEMBER 27 – VINCENT DE PAUL

Born in 1581 in France, Vincent de Paul became a priest at the early age of 19. He became famous for his kindness and generosity.

As a young priest, Vincent was captured by Turkish pirates at sea and sold into slavery. He eventually escaped, along with his master, whom he had converted. He came into close contact with the king and queen of France in both spiritual and diplomatic roles, but eventually his concern for the poor of France became his full-time work.

Vincent began to ask wealthy people to donate money that he distributed to the sick and poor of his community. Vincent was so nice and charming that the wealthy didn't mind giving him money, especially for such a worthy cause.

Once, Vincent asked Queen Anne of Austria for a donation. Anne knew of Vincent and respected him, but she didn't agree with many things he said. Vincent told Queen Anne that they should overlook their differences because helping people was more important.

Vincent also gathered other men and women who were willing to dedicate their lives to God and help the poor. Each day he and his followers gave soup and bread to as many as 16,000 poor persons. The men formed into the religious community of priests called the Vincentians. The women became the Daughters of Charity. Many parishes today have a St. Vincent de Paul Society which carries on Vincent's work with the poor.



