

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

#### First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

#### Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurian to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.



#### Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."



### For the Week of January 12<sup>th</sup> through January 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

#### Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

#### Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

#### Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

#### Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

#### Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

#### Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

#### Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



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, January 11<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Katherine D'Angelo

### Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Arlene Moles

10:00 a.m. Joe Dawson

### Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Roberta Locascio

### Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Betty and George Glenn

### Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mary Vukich Shearer  
And Peter Vukich

### Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Frederick McCall

### Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Francis Trenda (living)

10:00 a.m. John Brian Daniels



### 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,*

*Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne, Tom Blum, 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).

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**BOOK OF INTENTIONS:** The Book of Intentions is at the front foyer of the Church. Please feel free to list family members and friends who are sick or deceased, and for whom you wish the Community to offer prayers.

# PREP

## Parish Religious Education Program



### Bringing the Gospel Home

**Baptism of the Lord - Matthew 3:  
13-17**

#### Reflection for Parents

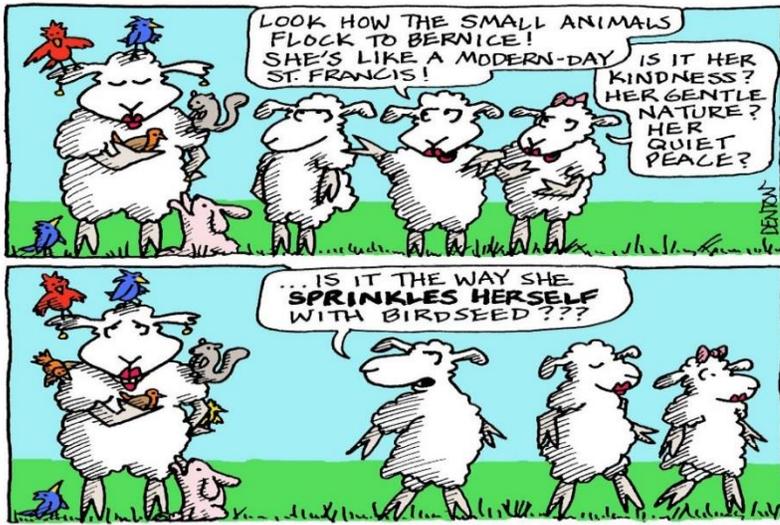
Most parents know what it means to be pleased with our children. Even when they do things that annoy, challenge, or disappoint us, we love our children. Although we experience some notion of unconditional love with our own children, it is difficult for us to grasp the magnitude of God's love for us, even when we annoy, challenge, or disappoint Him. Through our Baptism, we are members of God's family and will know the unconditional love of a parent.

#### Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Bring out pictures and memoirs of each person's Baptism—even the parents. Recall each baptism and share memories of the day with one another. Continue by sharing ways you have each continued to grow as members of God's family.

#### Discussion Starters

1. As a child of God, I know God is pleased with me because . . .
2. My own Baptism is important to me because . . .
3. One time I can recall that our family lived out our baptismal promises was when . . .



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased."

#### **Sheepish Question:**

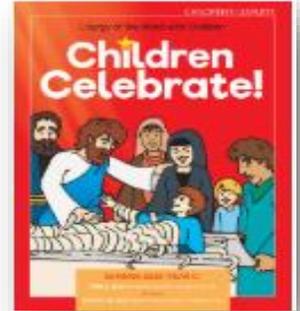
**Although we are baptized in water—not birdseed—how does my baptism with Christ empower me to live in a way that pleases God?**

### PARENTS OF CHILDREN

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Activity sheets for each Sunday's Liturgy are available on the bulletin boards as you leave Sacred Heart and St. John.

Please pick one up and use it to discuss God's Word with your children.



## DECEMBER SAINTS

### January 12 – Marguerite Bourgeoys



Hardship and danger can deter some people. But for St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, hardship and danger gave rise to an active and purposeful life.

Born in France in 1620 into a family with 12 children, Marguerite took care of many of her brothers and sisters after her mother died when Marguerite was 19. After they were older and

could care for themselves, she became involved in charitable work. The governor of Montreal, Canada, traveled to France looking for teachers willing to come to the New World. Marguerite decided to go to New France.

Once there, she oversaw the construction of a chapel. Living in the Canadian wilderness meant hardship and danger. These challenges inspired Marguerite. She chose to serve the Native Americans and the settlers. Marguerite went to the governor of Ville Marie (Montreal) and convinced him to let her open a school. When Marguerite first arrived in Ville Marie, there were no children to teach, and she realized that children did not live to an age old enough for school. So she went to work in the hospital. She aided Jeanne Mance, who ran the hospital, in helping children to survive in the harsh New World.

She made several trips back to France to recruit more teachers, and these women joined her in the Congregation of Notre Dame. Eventually some Canadian women joined the new religious order.

In 1679, the Bishop of Quebec told Marguerite she and the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame had to join with a cloistered order of Ursulines. The bishop's order would put an end to all the good work the Congregation was doing. Marguerite would not give up. She explained to the bishop that the Sisters could not do their good work in a cloister. Eventually the bishop replied, "I cannot doubt, Mother Bourgeoys, that you will succeed in moving heaven and earth as you have moved me!"

The Congregation of Notre Dame remains an active teaching order. It was one of the very first of its kind for women. St. Marguerite died in 1700 and was canonized in 1982 as Canada's first female saint.

# PARISH NEWS

## Offertory – Week Ending January 5<sup>th</sup> - Week 28

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 01/05 Wk. 28	\$6,177	\$879	\$6,635	\$421
YTD Wk. 28	\$143,183	\$50,954	\$185,780	\$8,357

**THANK YOU:** Sacred Heart Parish received a letter from the Rise Against Hunger organization thanking us for our donation of \$2,008.00 and our participation in the October 29, 2019 meal packaging event held here in Chestertown. We have also received notification via email that the meals we packaged have been shipped to Zambia for distribution through Family Legacy Missions. For more information about the work that Rise Against Hunger is doing to eliminate world hunger by the year 2030 go to [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org). Thank you for your generous support of this project.



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**LIFE LINE SCREENING**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health

screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on **February 13, 2020**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979.**



January is **POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH**. Over 40 million people experience poverty in the United States. Respond to the call to work for justice and proclaim the good news of the Gospel! Learn more about how poverty affects families and communities and how the Church is responding by visiting [PovertyUSA.org](http://PovertyUSA.org), a website of the U.S. Catholic bishops.

### Who lives in Poverty USA?

All those who make less than the Federal government's official poverty threshold... which for a family of four is about \$25,700. People working at minimum wage, even holding down multiple jobs. Seniors living on fixed incomes. Wage earners suddenly out of work. Millions of families everywhere from our cities to rural communities.



Women



Men

Poverty does not strike all demographics equally. For example, in 2018, 10.6% of men, and 12.9% of women lived in Poverty USA. Along the same lines, the poverty rate for married couples in 2018 was only 4.7% - but the poverty rate for single-parent families with no wife present was 12.7%, and for single-parent families with no husband present was 24.9%.

In 2018, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 25.7%. That's nearly 4 million people living with a disability—in poverty.

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**THANK YOU:** "Dear Sacred Heart Congregation, I just want you to know how grateful the Pantry is for your generous donation of food and winter wear. You faithfully collect and deliver food to us and now, during the cold weather, you have shared warm clothing for our clients. This amazing community of ours continues to impress me with the concern shown to those less fortunate. I know I wouldn't want to be anywhere else! I wish each and everyone of you a blessed holiday season with my heartfelt thanks. Gratefully, Sue Caswell."

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**~WEEKLY COFFEE SOCIALS~**

will resume on **Sunday, January 26, 2020**  
following the 10:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Come socialize, in the front foyer, with other parishioners  
and parish guests over coffee, tea, and pastries.

