

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.



Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."



For the Week of March 8th through
March 15th

Sunday

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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, March 7th

4:00 p.m. Jerry Peterson

Sunday, March 8th

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Joe Szwajkowski

Monday, March 9th

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 10th

8:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

Wednesday, March 11th

8:30 a.m. Rebecca Marquardt

Thursday, March 12th

8:30 a.m. Carolyn Pape

Saturday, March 14th

4:00 p.m. Jerry Peterson

Sunday, March 15th

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Joe Dawson



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, Betty

Ann Strong, Joan Szwajkowski, Joseph Williams 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

Second Sunday of Lent – Matthew 17:1-9

Reflection for Parents

Children adapt to change. They love the excitement of something new. As parents, however, we'd like to slow down the changes we see - changes in our community, our jobs, government, and even the changes in our growing children. As it was for the disciples, it's hard sometimes for us to understand and accept things changing in front of our eyes. However, change and constant motion are part of the divine plan as we journey to God. Today, instead of digging in our heels to slow the change, try lightening your heart as a child and accept with joy, the changes you face.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Consider your community, family, relatives, and people at work or school. Who is struggling right now because of a recent change? How is this change darkening their world? Once you have identified the person (or people) and their situation, think of one way as a family you can be a light to them. Our action is our response to listening to Jesus.

Discussion Starters

1. I know the reason I am reluctant to accept change. The reason is . . .
2. One action I will take this week to better accept change is . . .
3. I witnessed a kind of transfiguration when . . .



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“Peace be with you.

...Do not be unbelieving, but believe.”

Sheepish Question:

How would you describe the peace you seek through your belief in Jesus?

MARCH SAINTS

March 7 - Felicity

In the Opening Prayer on March 7 we pray, “Father, your love gave the saints Perpetua and Felicity courage to suffer a cruel martyrdom. By their prayers, help us to grow in love of you” (Sacramentary).



Perpetua and Felicity lived in Carthage, Africa, during a time of the persecution of Christians. Both women were catechumens who were preparing for their initiation into the Christian community. They were arrested and sentenced to death. While they were in prison, they were baptized and received new life in Christ. Perpetua kept a diary while in prison that tells us about her life and death.

Perpetua came from a wealthy family. Her father was a pagan and begged her to give up her faith. Perpetua told him that she would not lie about her belief in Jesus. Her father came and collected her infant son from the prison before his mother was put to death. Felicity was a slave who worked in Perpetua's house. She gave birth to a daughter shortly before she was killed, and the child was adopted by a Christian.

The women were executed in the year 203, mauled by wild animals and then killed by a gladiator. Their faith was such an example that one of their guards became a Christian because of them.

The Church honors Perpetua and Felicity as saints. Their example reminds us to thank God for making us his children in the sacrament of Baptism. We pray for the grace and faith to live our faith each day.

CATHOLIC FAMILY NETWORK



FAMILY GAME

NIGHT: The Catholic Family Network is hosting a Family Game Night at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall on **Saturday March 28th at 5:00 p.m.** Food and beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite game!!

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN ACTIVITIES:

Fridays of Lent

An opportunity to look more closely at the readings for the coming weekend

4:00 p.m. *or* 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Soup will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Come for the 4 o'clock session and stay for soup or come for soup and stay for 6:30 p.m. session.



SOUP DONATIONS ARE NEEDED for Fridays of Lent -**from March 6th through April 3rd**. You are asked to make a homemade, meatless soup in a personal crock pot and bring it with one loaf of artisan bread to the hall on your chosen night. If you can contribute, call Becky Davis at 410-778-3160 or e-mail her at: sacredparish@gmail.com.

Offertory – Week Ending March 1st - Week 36

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 03/01 Wk. 36	\$4,031	\$894	\$6,635	-\$1,710
YTD Wk. 36	\$176,433	\$62,283	\$238,460	\$256

FROM THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON:

"Amid the growing concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, it is important to be mindful of common sense practices that should be observed at all times.

The faithful of the Diocese of Wilmington are urged to observe standard precautions, including practicing good hygiene, washing hands frequently and covering your mouth when sneezing or coughing.

Parishioners are also reminded that if they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others. If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. The faithful should also be reminded that they should not receive from the chalice if they are feeling ill."

The Diocese of Wilmington will continue to monitor all information and updates provided by federal, state and local government officials.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SINGERS: the Mid-Shore Maryland Chapter of the American Guild of

Organists is sponsoring a program of music celebrating the 150th birthday of Louis Vierne, the principle organist at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris for thirty seven years (1900-1937). Among his compositions is the *Messe Solennelle, Op. 16*. On Sunday, March 22, a program beginning at 4 pm at Christ Church in Easton, will feature performances by Dale Krider, Ken Brown, and David Lang. A combined choir will present two movements from the *Messe Solennelle*, the powerful and dramatic Kyrie and the Agnus Dei. If you would like to sing, please contact Wes Lockfaw, Director of Music at Christ Church, Easton (weslockfaw@christchurcheaston.org or 410.822.2677). There will be one rehearsal on Saturday, March 21 at 10 am at Christ Church.

