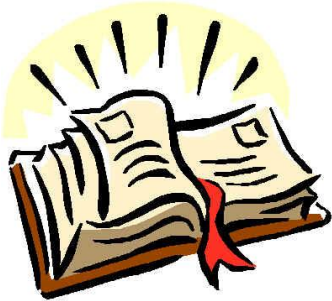


SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

For the Week of March 8th through March 14th

Sunday

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14



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, March 7th

4:00 p.m. Rosetta Lins

Sunday, March 8th

8:00 a.m. Florence Jankowski

10:00 a.m. Heinz Gallatti

Monday March 9th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, March 10th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday March 11th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, March 12th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, March 13th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, March 14th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, March 15th

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Bob Sparre

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

Julia Ridgely, Barron Scott, Thomas Parson, Barbara Darrah, John Troffo, Valerie

Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, and Jim Kestell,

and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF

INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of Sacred Heart and St. John's.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

"I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26

ATTENTION PARENTS: Save the dates...We will be administering the Diocesan Assessments to the PREP students on **April 12th and April 19th**. Please make every effort to have your child present for these two days of classes. If you know ahead of time that your child will not be present on those two days, please let us know in advance so that we may make special accommodations. Thank You. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND SPONSORS: Important preparation class and rehearsal for the sacrament is scheduled for **Sunday, March 15th from 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** We will meet in the church hall.

Please pray for the following young people as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this month:



Jamie Nicholson
Emma Peterson
Kenny Platt
Zachary Reed
Matthew Shearon
Cade Terrill
Scott Walton
Genna Wilson

CATECHIST RETREAT: Please remember all our Catechists in prayer as we prepare to spend a "Day Apart" on retreat learning about and experiencing "Prayer". This is the one yearly opportunity we have to come together and focus a whole day on personal spiritual growth, and preparation for the important work we do. Your prayers of support are appreciated.

GOOD FRIDAY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN: We are preparing a unique Stations of the Cross experience for children and their families for Lent. Please *mark your calendars* for **Friday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** in the Church. Following the Stations everyone is invited to our Soup & Bread Fellowship in the Hall. Come and walk with your children grades K - 8 through Jesus' journey to the cross.



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

LENTEN JOURNEY – Session # 3
Friday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m.
Make Lent Matter More
Facilitator: Anita Wood*

Are there places in your life that feel dry or dead? Perhaps there's a sandstorm whirling! Discover how to make the desert experience of Lent's 40 days REALLY MATTER. Let it lead you to finding springs of life-giving Water!

Spend an evening hour deepening your trust that the Paschal Mystery of suffering, death, and resurrection is a reality at the heart of all life, including yours. Be open to receive some practical ideas on how to deepen your "prayer without ceasing."

We will meet in Sacred Heart Church at 6:00 p.m. The session will be followed by a Soup & Bread Fellowship in the Sacred Heart Hall.

**Anita Wood is Director of Evangelization and Mission at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Bear, DE. She holds a Masters Degree in Religious Education from Boston College. Anita has been a Director of Religious Education in several churches and spent nearly 20 years teaching, mostly in public elementary schools. She has been a spiritual director for 10 years, having completed the Individual Spiritual Direction Program at Shalem Institute in Washington DC and the program in Ignatian spiritual guidance and retreats at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Wernersville, PA.*

CatechismCONNECTION

"In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path; we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord's Cross."

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1785*

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PARISH LIFE

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH:

This Adult Formation activity meets **each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass** in the front foyer of Sacred Heart Church. *Coordinator: Barbara Kelly*

Today's topic: Moral Decision Making
Facilitator: Dan Ashe

How do we make good moral choices? What is an informed conscience? Is there more than one model of moral decision making?

Next Week: March 15: The Sacrament of Baptism
Facilitator: Deacon John Davis

PARISH MEETING: Our next Parish Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m.** in the hall. Our agenda will include planning for the following: Lenten Programs; Parish Welcome Packet; Small Group Study; Music Matters; and Special Liturgical issues. This is an open meeting where any interested parishioner may attend.

EASTER EGGS NEEDED: We are asking for donations of plastic eggs for our yearly Easter Egg hunt - new or used will do. You may bring your donation of plastic eggs to the PREP office upstairs in the hall on any Sunday or drop them off at the church office during the week.

Thanks for your help.

BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S: Mark your calendars for the next breakfast of the season scheduled for next **Sunday, March 15th, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's Church Hall.**



We welcome any "family favorite" breakfast dishes that you would like to share alongside the traditional breakfast menu! There is no charge - received

donations help those with need in our Parish. We look forward to seeing you there!!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

SACRED HEART	\$	3,958
ST JOHN'S	\$	2,148
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$	1,853

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Relief Services. Your contribution funds several national Catholic organizations that: aid victims of natural disasters and armed conflict; provide agricultural assistance, water programs and health care; resettle newcomers to the United States; help alleviate poverty in developing countries by providing credit to small entrepreneurs; and advocate for policies and programs that promote global justice and peace.

Please give generously.

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 Deacon John Davis with any questions at 443-875-6898, or deaconjohn@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

RCIA ANNOUNCEMENT

It is an honor to share the news with our community that *Janyce Turner, Missy Hollis, and Brett*

VanZant are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church this

Easter. Please remember

them in your prayers. These candidates will be welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Service.

Journey through
RCIA

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS