

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans.



Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

For the Week of March 15th through March 21st

Sunday

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53



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 14th

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, March 15th

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Bob Sparre

Monday March 16th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, March 17th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday March 18th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, March 19th

8:30 a.m. Charlie Maloney

Friday, March 20th

8:30 a.m. William Thomas

Saturday, March 21st

8:30 a.m. Clare Griffin

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, March 22nd

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Clare Griffin

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.

Please pray for the following young people as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **March 21st at the 4:00 p.m. Mass:**



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

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.



Easter Egg Hunt

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.



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

LENTEN JOURNEY – Session # 4
Friday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.*
Reconciliation Service and Sacrament

We have a God of mercy and love who offers us forgiveness of sins because of His compassion.

You are invited to experience healing and receive the grace to move forward in your spiritual journey. There will be a short service of reconciliation followed by the opportunity to receive the Sacrament.

Several visiting priests will be present to hear confessions.

***PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR THIS SERVICE:**

We will meet in the Sacred Heart Hall at 6:00 p.m. for Soup & Bread Fellowship, which will be followed by the Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Catechism CONNECTION

“ ‘By the grace of God’ Jesus tasted death ‘for everyone’ (Heb 2.9). In his plan of salvation, God ordained that his Son should not only ‘die for our sins’ (1 Cor 15:3) but should also ‘taste death,’ experience the condition of death, the separation of his soul from his body, between the time he expired on the cross and the time he was raised from the dead.”

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 624*

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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 (March 15): The Sacrament of Baptism

Facilitator: Deacon John Davis

What does baptism mean to us in our everyday lives? Are you living according to the call of your baptism?

Next Sunday, March 22: Sacrament of Holy Eucharist: Symbols of Bread and Wine
Facilitator – Fr. Paul Campbell

BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S: Please join us this **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!!



DIALOG: In addition to the newspaper edition of The Dialog that's available in church every two weeks, the newspaper's website, www.thedialog.org, is updated every weekday with stories from the diocese and around the world, including many that don't appear in the newspaper due to space considerations. Stay on top of national and international issues of concern to Catholics, each Sunday's Scripture reading commentaries by Dialog columnists and the work of the church in the nation and world by visiting www.thedialog.org.

HOSPITAL VISITS: We are not able to access patient records from the Chester River Hospital Center. If you or someone in your family is a patient, and you wish to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office at 410-778-3160, and provide us with the patient's name and room number and we will do our best to accommodate the request.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY:

SACRED HEART	\$	3,733
ST JOHN'S	\$	713
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$	653

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:

SACRED HEART	\$	1,499
ST JOHN'S	\$	223

RELAY FOR LIFE: There is an upcoming Relay for Life event held on **Saturday March 28th** by the Washington College Catholic Youth Ministry Team. The event will be held at the Johnson Fitness Center, Washington College, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the 28th. At Sacred Heart / St. John's, we will be taking up a second collection to support this Relay for Life on the weekend of **March 21st/22nd**. This collection will help support the efforts of the College Youth Ministry Team. Your generosity to support the fight against cancer is appreciated!

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.