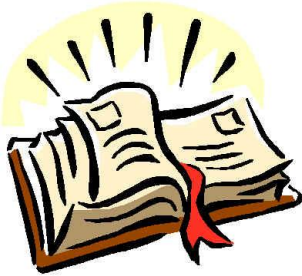


SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.



Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.



For the Week of December 27th through
January 2nd

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Monday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

First Friday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

First Saturday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28



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, December 26th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, December 27th

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Sue Kolsun

Monday December 28th

8:30 a.m. Anna Soto

Tuesday, December 29th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday December 30th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, December 31st

4:00 p.m. (SH) Mass for the People

Friday, January 1st

10:00 a.m. (SJ) Diane Wall

Saturday, January 2nd

8:30 a.m. Gerald Haley

4:00 p.m. Jack DePoulter

Sunday, January 3rd

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. Jim Beck

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:
Julia Ridgely, Barron Scott, Barbara Darrah, John

Troffo, Valerie

Lindyberg, Patricia

Dana, Ryan Elizabeth

Quintero, Edith

Follin, Elizabeth

Montague, Sandy

Bugni, Angela

Wilmer, Amy Rhodes,

and all those whose

names appear in the

PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the
front foyer of Sacred Heart/St. John's.



PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! God is with us!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT PRAYER

SUPPORT: We ask the community to please pray for the young people who will be attending the Confirmation Retreat in January. This time away is a continuation of their preparation for the reception of the sacrament which will take place in April. Also, please pray for the committed catechists who are journeying with these students...Dana Squares and Dan Ashe.

PREP Class Schedule:

Sunday December 27th – NO CLASSES

Sunday January 3rd – NO CLASSES

Sunday, January 10th – CLASSES RESUME

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS

Teachings and Traditions of the Catholic Faith meets weekly **following the 10:00**

a.m. Mass on Sunday.

The readings of the day are discussed so that we can better apply them to our daily lives; and a particular piece of Catholic doctrine

is then presented and explored. This is a wonderful way to grow in knowledge of our faith! *Won't you join us??*

JOURNEY
OF
Faith

There will be no session this weekend or next weekend.

We will resume sessions on the 10th of January.



PARISH LIFE

42ND ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE



It is time to sign up for the March For Life for 2016 in Washington D.C. The Knights of Columbus will once again be providing a bus to the event on **Friday, January 22, 2016.** While the bus is free, a \$10.00 contribution per seat will go to Choices Pregnancy Center in

Easton to further their good works. Contact Craig Clagett at 301-266-0669 or clagett994@aol.com, or Kenny Platt Sr. at 443-926-2801 or plattkpc@aol.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Giving Tree. As a result of your generous donations we were able to assist 40 families this year which included 98 children and 44 adults. Special thanks to Darlene Spurrier, her family, and the MacLeod Family for their contributions. The families wanted you to know how grateful they were for your overwhelming support. You helped make the lives of many families brighter and happier this Christmas!!

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 31ST AND FRIDAY JANUARY 1ST.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES:

December 31st – Sacred Heart at 4:00 p.m.

January 1st – St. John's at 10:00 a.m.

THANK YOU TO THE ZUMBA GOLD CLASS FOR THEIR VERY GENEROUS DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS!



ZUMBA
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LET'S DANCE for fun, smiles and exercise!! Zumba Gold® is being offered at Sacred Heart - for the active, older adult/beginner. There is no fee to our Sacred Heart & St. John's parishioners. The class is led by a certified Zumba Gold® instructor. **Classes are every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.** in the Church Hall. Please contact Sharon Burritt at 410-708-8048 with any questions.

SALT AND LIGHT MINISTRIES



It is once again the “season of giving”, but for us Catholic Christians, our season of giving should last all year! There are so many opportunities for us to share our faith by volunteering in our community.

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the Samaritan group



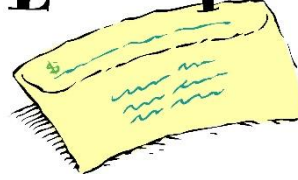
During the months of **January, February and March**, we have an opportunity to help those in our community who have no permanent housing, by serving as volunteers at the **Samaritan Group Winter Shelter**. Many of you volunteered last year and can speak to others about how rewarding this experience is. Two volunteers are needed each night from 5:30 until 11:00. Dinner and conversation with the residents of the shelter is a bonus! To select your night(s) please contact Barbara Harrison at barbara.hrrsn@gmail.com

St. Martin's House in Ridgely, a transitional shelter for women with young children, is in need of volunteer drivers to help these young moms get their little ones to doctors' appointments, etc. Volunteers are also needed to help the paid staff, or just to come and play with the little ones to give these frazzled moms a little time off! Contact Barbara Kelly at bksquared01@aol.com for more information.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Envelopes



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The offertory envelopes for 2016 are at the back of the Church in Sacred Heart and St. John's. *Please note that even if you are contributing through Electronic Giving, you will still need to pick up envelopes*

because special and second collections are not part of Electronic Giving. We have sent envelopes up to St. John's for anybody with a Rock Hall address. If you do not attend the church where the envelopes were placed, give our office a call at 410-778-3160, and let us know. **PLEASE BE ADVISED, WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A TAX STATEMENT FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IF YOU USE ELECTRONIC GIVING OR THE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES.** PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ENVELOPES AND THERE ARE NO ENVELOPES WITH YOUR NAME AND WE WILL MAKE SURE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A SET. Call Becky Davis, 410-778-3160 if you wish to start receiving envelopes or, with any questions. If you have questions about Electronic Giving please call Senta Burton at 410-778-3160.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We will be collecting for Christmas Flowers during the entire month of December. Envelopes are at the doors of the Church for your donation.



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 Senta Burton with any questions at 410-778-3160, or senta.burton@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

OFFERTORY TOTALS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 19th/20th WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.

