

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."



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

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

#### Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."



For the Week of January 10<sup>th</sup> through  
January 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

#### 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, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17



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 9<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. William E. Redman

Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Betty Davies

10:00 a.m. Jack DePoulter

Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Phil Mench

Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Phil Mench

Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

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

Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Alex Rasin

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Mandie Generson

10:00 a.m. Paul Davis

## REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:  
*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

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; .... His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah 9:6

#### PREP Class Schedule:

#### Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – CLASSES RESUME

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT PRAYER SUPPORT:** Please pray for the young people who will be attending their Confirmation Retreat in January. This time away is a continuation of their preparation for the reception of the sacrament. Also, please pray for the catechists who are journeying with these students.

**PARENTS OF SECOND GRADERS:** There will be a Sacramental Prep Parent Meeting on **Sunday, January 31st at 11:00 a.m.** in the upper room of the hall. Please plan to attend this important meeting to begin preparation for the reception of First Eucharist. The children will have RE class as usual.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Parents, please review the RE attendance policy that was presented in September... Since we have the privilege of only one hour per week with your child, please make every effort to have your child attend PREP as often as possible. This is important to help build relationships, as well as, teach content. *We ask that you ensure your child/children attend at least 80% of classes that is no more than 6 absences through the year.* Please make regular attendance at RE on Sundays a priority. Thank you for the privilege to work with your children.

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**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?*

#### JANUARY 10 – BAPTISM

**Facilitator: Mary Jo Frohlich**

God acknowledges Jesus as his Beloved Son and Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan. What better time would there be to reflect on what the Church teaches about the sacrament that incorporates us into the Paschal Mystery of Christ than the feast of the BAPTISM OF THE LORD?

*Next Week: Sacraments*

## PARISH LIFE

**PARISH MEETING:** The monthly Parish Meeting will be this Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please come and share ideas with your fellow parishioners.

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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 Burrirt at 410-708-8048 with any questions.

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**REMINDER TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT SACRED HEART:** Thank you to the ministers who volunteer to serve weekly at our liturgies. Please remember to "check in" before mass in the foyer of the church. Simply highlight your name on the schedule so that priest and deacon know in advance if we need to fill positions or make changes. All ministers should check in...Lectors, Greeters, Cantors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers. Thank you for your attention to this request.

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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.

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**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** For those who have lost a loved one, there will be a Grief Support Group meeting every Wednesday, from **January 13<sup>th</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup>** in the Sacred Heart Hall from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Our group will give you tools for handling grief, plus the support of others with similar losses. If you are interested in being a participant, please call Ann OConnor at 443-262-4100, ext 124, or e-mail at [aconnor@compassregionalhospice.org](mailto:aconnor@compassregionalhospice.org), or Wayne Larrimore, at [wllarrimore@compassregionalhospice.org](mailto:wllarrimore@compassregionalhospice.org).



## SALT AND LIGHT MINISTRIES



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.

### THE SAMARITAN GROUP WINTER

**SHELTER:** opens on **Monday, January 4** and the following dates still need evening volunteers (5:30-11:00).

So come on your own and meet someone new or sign up with your spouse or your best friend or neighbor! Contact Barbara Harrison at [barbara.hrrsn@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.hrrsn@gmail.com) or 410-778-0165. Don't forget that this time slot includes dinner!

#### *Presbyterian Church of Chestertown:*

January 17, 23, 30

#### *First United Methodist Church:*

February 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24, 27, 28.

March 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30.

There is also a need for the following:

Overnight Volunteer 11:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. (Bring bedding and you usually can sleep until 6:00 a.m.) all Sundays and Thursdays are open.

Breakfast (bring something hot from home or serve the cold cereal on site) 7:00-8:00 a.m. on:

January 11, 18 (Presbyterian Church)

February 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 29 (First UMC)

March 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 29

Questions about any of the volunteer positions? Contact Barbara Kelly at [bksquared01@aol.com](mailto:bksquared01@aol.com) or 410-778-5849.

## 42<sup>ND</sup> 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](mailto:clagett994@aol.com), or Kenny Platt Sr. at 443-926-2801 or [plattkpc@aol.com](mailto:plattkpc@aol.com).

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR FUEL AND HEAT – PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.**

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**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.

**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](mailto:senta.burton@sacredparish.org). Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

### **Offertory - Weeks Ending 12/27/15 and 1/3/16 - Weeks 26 and 27**

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 12/27-Wk.26	\$3,781	\$460	\$6,442	-\$2,201
YTD Wk. 26	\$137,369	\$29,124	\$167,492	-\$999
Offertory 1/3-Wk. 27	\$4,817	\$2,040	\$6,442	\$415
YTD Wk. 27	\$142,186	\$31,164	\$173,934	-\$584

