

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.



Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

For the Week of February 21st through February 27th

Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

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



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, February 20th

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, February 21st

8:00 a.m. Mandie Generson

10:00 a.m. Alex Rasin

Monday February 22nd

8:30 a.m. Thomas Hartnett

Tuesday, February 23rd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday February 24th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, February 25th

8:30 a.m. Elsa and Carla Fasol

Friday, February 26th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Saturday, February 27th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. Jim Bennette

Sunday, February 28th

8:00 a.m. Mike Maristch

10:00 a.m. Frank Blahosky



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, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of Sacred Heart/St. John's.

NEW TO THE PARISH:

The following family has registered in our parish recently: **Nancy and Scott Cowdrey, of Chestertown.**

We pray that you will become

closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community. We look forward to getting to know you.

Welcome!



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



for collection were distributed to the children last week and are available at the doors of the church. Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

OPERATION RICE

BOWL: Operation Rice

Bowl: PREP families will be participating

in *Operation Rice Bowl*, Catholic Relief Services'

Lenten Program for almsgiving. "Rice Bowls"

PREP SCHEDULE:

FEBRUARY:

Sunday, 21st – RE CLASS

Sunday, 28th – RE CLASS - Confirmation Sponsors & Students Class

MARCH:

Sunday, 6th - RE CLASS

Sunday, 13th - RE CLASS

Sunday, 20th - RE CLASS - Confirmation Sponsors & Students Class

Sunday, 27th - NO CLASSES – Happy Easter!

CATECHIST RETREAT: Please remember all our Catechists in prayer for the work they do. This weekend we will spend a "Day Apart" on retreat focusing on the theme of *Mercy and Reconciliation*. This is a day of personal spiritual growth for our catechists. Your prayers of support are appreciated.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: Lent is the season of the Christian year forty days before Easter when we focus on simple living, prayer and fasting in order to grow closer to God. Our parish offers the opportunity each Friday in Lent to come together in community for prayer and reflection. Afterwards, everyone is invited to a simple meal of Soup & Bread and a time of fellowship. The schedule for the Friday Lenten programs is located on the postcards at the doors of the church. Please consider yourself invited and plan to join us for one or all our Friday Lenten Programs.

LENTEN PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY

26th: This Friday, come experience the *Stations of the Cross* at St. John's in Rock Hall [No program at Sacred Heart in Chestertown]. The Stations are an ancient prayer practice that invites the participant to go on a "pilgrimage" to recall and meditate on Jesus' journey to the cross. The Stations will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Soup & Bread Fellowship in the Hall at St. John's.

LENTEN COMMUNITY PROJECT: Our parish will be participating in *Operation Rice Bowl*, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten Program for almsgiving. Rice Bowls will be at the church doors if you would like to take one and participate in the giving for the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We will collect the Rice Bowls on March 20th - Palm Sunday. For more information on this program, go to crsricebowl.org.

LENTEN SOUP AND BREAD FELLOWSHIP: We are now coordinating volunteers to make and bring soup & bread. You are asked to make a homemade, meatless soup in a personal crock pot and bring it with one loaf of artisan, unsliced bread to the hall on your designated night. If you would like to contribute, please call or e-mail Becky Davis at 410-778-3160 or sacredparish@gmail.com. Your support and contributions to this community effort are appreciated.

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

We meet 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?



FEBRUARY 21ST – PRAYER

Facilitator: Dick Swanson

PRAYER The story of Transfiguration is a story of the intimacy between Jesus and his Father. We are all invited to share that same intimacy. Lent is a time we focus on the discipline of prayer and recommit to be more diligent in our prayer efforts.

Next Week: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Facilitators: Ted Kremer and Steve Sappey

SALT AND LIGHT MINISTRIES



CALLING ALL COOKS! It is our privilege once again to provide the evening meal for the guests at the Samaritan Group Winter Shelter during the week of March 6-12. You can make it a family affair, team up with friends, or cook solo. Most volunteers provide a hot entrée and sides (where appropriate), and a dessert. Beverages, plates and cutlery are provided at the shelter. The number of guests varies, and we will try to let you know that day approximately how many to prepare for. If you are interested in performing this corporal work of mercy (feeding the hungry) or need more information, please call or e-mail Barbara Kelly at 410-778-5849 or bksquared01@aol.com. Don't miss out on this rewarding opportunity! We already have three nights spoken for!!

STOP HUNGER NOW: The Mission of *Stop Hunger Now* is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and lifesaving aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources. Each packaged meal costs about 29 cents to produce and distribute and feeds six people. Donations for this project can be placed in the regular collection. Please put them in a separate envelope and mark them "Stop Hunger Now". For more information go to www.stophungernow.org. Save the date of October 22, 2016 for the meal packaging event in Chestertown in partnership with Christ United Methodist Church. For questions or to volunteer to help, contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 or wmandersonfamily@verizon.net.



PARISH NEWS



RECONCILIATION

Lenten Reconciliation Services available in the Diocese of Wilmington are:

St. Dennis, Galena – Fridays at 4:00 p.m.

St. Benedict, Ridgely – Fridays at 6:00 p.m.

Our Mother of Sorrows, Centreville – Fridays at 7:45 p.m. (Feb 12, 26, March 11)

St. Peter, Queenstown – Fridays at 7:45 p.m. (Feb 19, March 4, 18).

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent (February 12th through March 18th) at 9:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Additional local

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

EASTER FLOWERS: The second collection today is for Easter Flowers. If you do not have an envelope, there are envelopes at the doors of the Church. We will keep these envelopes at the doors until Easter for your flower offering.

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 ENVELOPES: The offertory envelopes for 2016 are in the Church Office. If you have not gotten yours, please call 410-778-3160 or stop in during office hours from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon Monday through Friday.

Offertory – Week Ending 2/14/16 Week 33

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 02/14- Wk.33	\$4,611	\$615	\$6,442	-\$1,216
YTD Wk. 33	\$168,906	\$36,949	\$212,586	-\$6,731

LENTEN RULES ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59.

Those bound by this rule may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

