

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho.

This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.



Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

For the Week of March 6th through March 12th

Sunday

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

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>.

**4th
Sunday
of Lent**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 5th

4:00 p.m. Alex Rasin

Sunday, March 6th

8:00 a.m. Florence Jankowski

10:00 a.m. Kathleen Kolsun

Monday March 7th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Tuesday, March 8th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday March 9th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, March 10th

8:30 a.m. Amy Rhodes

Friday, March 11th

8:30 a.m. Matilda Romanoski

Saturday, March 12th

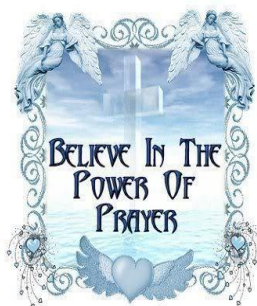
8:30 a.m. Communion Service

4:00 p.m. William F. Sullivan, Sr.

Sunday, March 13th

8:00 a.m. Sister Linda Ann Greenburg

10:00 a.m. Pesce and Depoultier Families



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:
Elizabeth and William Mohan, 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROJECTS: Sharing our Christian witness in the world continues through our "**Flat Francis Project**." Be sure to take a look at the images received so far from RE families on the bulletin board just inside the door of the Hall. Also, the collection of monetary donations to the CRS "**Operation Rice Bowl**" continues through March 20th.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND SPONSORS:

Important preparation class and rehearsal for the Sacrament is scheduled for **Sunday, March 20th 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 in April: **Cassidy Braver, Nick Hale, Lauren Pierce, David Alexander, Ally Shearon, Mathew Antao, Ana Pavon, Cody Walton, Ryleigh Paskoski, and Cassy Blake.**

PREP SCHEDULE:

MARCH:

Sunday, 6th - RE CLASS

Sunday, 13th - RE CLASS

Sunday, 20th - RE CLASS - Confirmation Sponsors & Students Class / CS Rice Bowls Due today

Sunday, 27th - NO CLASSES – Happy Easter!

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

LENTEN PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 11th

This Friday, come spend some quiet time with "*The Last 7 Words of Christ*" at Sacred Heart. This prayerful time of reflection will be facilitated by Barbara Kelly and will lead you through a meditation on those final phrases uttered by Jesus himself before He died for us. **The Service will begin at 6:00 p.m.**, followed by a Soup & Bread Fellowship in the Hall at Sacred Heart.



CHRISTIAN MOVIES TO CONSIDER FOR LENT...

Miracles from Heaven (Rated PG) Based on a true story, this film highlights the experience of faith and hope the Beam family encounters in God's unfailing love and constant presence during an incredible journey from hardship to healing.

Risen (Rated PG 13): This is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius, a powerful Roman Military Tribune, and his aide Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus following the Resurrection.



LENTEN SOUP AND BREAD

FELLOWSHIP: We are now coordinating volunteers to make and bring soup & bread each Friday. If you would like to contribute, please call or e-mail Becky Davis at 410-778-3160 or sacredparish@gmail.com. Thank You.

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?



MARCH 6 – SACRAMENT OF ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Facilitator: Barbara Foster

Jesus heals the man born blind in today's Gospel. He spit on the ground and made a mud paste with his spittle. He rubbed the spittle on the man's eyes and the man's eyes were opened. The sacraments continue Jesus' healing ministry today. Jesus used mud made with spittle; today the priest uses oil to anoint the person in need of healing.

NEXT WEEKEND: MORALITY

Facilitator: Dick Swanson

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: Poor nutrition causes nearly half (45%) of deaths in children under five – 3.1 million children each year worldwide. We can do something to help. **Save the date: Saturday October 22, 2016** for the meal packaging event in Chestertown in partnership with Christ United Methodist Church. 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 questions or to volunteer to help, contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 or wmandersonfamily@verizon.net.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – This collection supports dioceses in the United States and its territories that lack the resources to provide basic pastoral ministry to their populations. 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 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 – Week Ending 2/28/16 Week 35

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 02/28- Wk.35	\$5,661	\$510	\$6,442	-\$271
YT4 Wk. 35	\$179,665	\$38,349	\$225,470	-\$7,456

PARISH NEWS

RECONCILIATION: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent (through March 18th) at 9:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Additional local 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. (March 11)

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

THANK YOU: The Father George S. Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of St. John's and Sacred Heart Churches who supported our Annual Pancake Supper. Also, we would like to thank the parishioners and PREP students who helped serve and clean up. Without everyone's help, the Annual Pancake Supper would not have been the success it was. *Again – Thank you!*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: It is time once again to make changes to your **PROFILE** in the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) online program. All updates must be submitted by March 9th. We will be creating the ministry schedule for April through June. Thank you for taking care of this as we prepare for ministry into the spring.

MINISTRY INVITATION: Sacred Heart is in need of volunteers for Ushers and Greeters. We will provide training and you have control over when you are scheduled. If you can help with these ministries of hospitality, please contact Ann Ashe at ann.ashe.md@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY: Please remove all Christmas decorations from the graves on or before March 15th. We need volunteers to help remove decorations from the plots on March 15th at 10:00 a.m. Please call the office you can help. Thank you.

