

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

God has appointed the prophet as a watchman over his people. If he fails to give them warning against sin, he will be held responsible.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

In this beautiful letter, Paul says that all commandments are contained in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus explains to his disciples how to respond to those who wrong them – with gentleness and practical wisdom. He promises that whenever "two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."

For the Week of September 7th through September 13th

Sunday

Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Monday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49



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, September 6 th	4:00 p.m.	Ann R. Sullivan
Sunday, September 7 th	8:00 a.m.	Rita Elburn
	10:00 a.m.	Mary Trumbauer
Monday September 8 th	8:30 am.	Terry Mauk
Tuesday, September 9 th	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday September 10 th	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Thursday, September 11 th	8:30 a.m.	Mass for the People
Friday, September 12 th	8:30 a.m.	Charlie Maloney
Saturday, September 13 th	8:30 a.m.	Mass for the People
	4:00 p.m.	Marie Gruber
Sunday, September 14 th	8:00 a.m.	Rita Elburn
	10:00 a.m.	Ken Burns

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY 08/31/14:

SACRED HEART:	\$	3,492
ST. JOHN:	\$	2,258
ELECTRONIC GIVING:	\$	360

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST: We will have a special second collection this weekend to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in the Middle East. The impetus for the special appeal is a great concern for the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, the cradle of Christianity. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Iraq, Syria and Gaza who are struggling to survive, protect their children and live with dignity in dire conditions. 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



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.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

"Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

PREP BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY!

PREP REGISTRATION: Parents, please send in your registration forms and fees **as soon as possible**.

Receiving registrations before PREP begins is very helpful to us in planning and preparing for the classes.

The forms are available on our church website at sacredparish.org or at the doors of the church.

FIRST DAY OF PREP: We will begin this year of Religious Education for students grades K - 8 at **11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 14th**. This is also the day for the opening **Parent Orientation Meeting from 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** Everyone will meet in the Parish Hall - children and parents.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM: This is a special time in the faith development of our young Catholic Christians in 9th and 10th grades. Preparation for Confirmation is a two year formation program. Preparation begins in the 9th grade year and then the Sacrament is received in the 10th grade. All 9th and 10th graders who feel the call to receive the sacrament should enroll in the PREP program and prepare to join together **every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** The Catechists for this year's program are Deacon John Davis, Annette Walls, Joyce Hale and Angelo Moore. Please call or e-mail Ann Ashe if you have any questions or you need to register. **The first PREP Class for the 9th and 10th graders this year will be on October 5th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass where the confirmands will receive a special blessing for their preparation.**

Feed your spirit with the word of God

REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD meets the **first and third Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** in the Upper Room of Sacred Heart Church Hall. Participants read and discern the lessons of the previous Sunday's

Gospel. Each small group discussion session stands "on its own" and you may come as often as you can to allow God to teach you through His Word during these sessions.

Coordinator: Deacon John Davis.

MUSIC MINISTRY: The Contemporary Music group "Joyful Noise" will begin leading the music at the **10:00 a.m. Mass beginning on Sunday, September 7th** and we truly consider it a privilege to lead this ministry for our community. Generally we intend to lead music the first three



weekends of each month. The group's mission is to lead our church community in glorifying God and encouraging "full, active participation" in the liturgy. We seek not to entertain but

to engage the entire congregation in song. We make music with contemporary instruments and contemporary music choices. Our sincerest hope is to invite, inspire and encourage prayerful, musical participation in the liturgy. We purposefully repeat musical selections so that participants can learn songs deeply and enter more fully into praise. *Please join us as we sing to praise our God!*

Did you know that the Bible is filled with over 400 references to singing and more than 50 direct commands to sing; many of which command us not only to sing but to do so with joy and gladness. *"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"* Psalm 98:4.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Weekly at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is an adapted liturgical experience that shares God's Word in ways that children can understand.



This special Religious Education Program is designed for children Grades Pre-K – 2nd grade. Older siblings are most welcome to join in with younger brothers and sisters.

The celebration of the Mass is at the heart of the Catholic faith and the Liturgy of the Word (Readings, Psalm, Gospel, Homily and Prayers of the Faithful) is the living God speaking to us through Sacred Scripture. During the Children's Liturgy of the Word, the children process out from the main assembly to the chapel where Catechists present God's Word on their level so that they can have a genuine liturgical experience and participate fully in the Mass.

PARISH LIFE



The New Mass times beginning this weekend, September 6th/7th, are as follows:

Sacred Heart: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

St. John: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation will be at Sacred Heart at 3:15 p.m. on Saturdays or by appointment.

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, St. John will have a Saturday evening Mass at 5:30 p.m. All other Mass times will remain the same during the summer months.

All Mass Intentions previously set for Sacred Heart on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. will be changed to Saturday at 4:00 p.m. All Intentions set for 9:15 a.m. on Sunday will be changed to 10:00 a.m. Intentions for St. John set for 7:30 a.m. will be changed to 8:00 a.m. If you have set in a Mass Intention for the 12:00 noon Mass, you will be contacted to reschedule. Thank you.



PARISH MEETING: There is a Parish Meeting each month on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be *this Thursday, September 11th* at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please come and share ideas with your fellow parishioners.

WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS: Any lectors wanting the 2015 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word, please contact Becky Davis by September 15th, at 410-778-3160.



PARISH CALENDAR: The Parish is updating our Annual Calendar of Events. We'd like to gather information from anyone who is planning a church related event or meeting in the upcoming year. If you have any information to contribute, please e-mail that to Ann Ashe no later than Monday, September 8th. The Parish Calendar is

published on the church website for all to access at www.sacredparish.org. Thank you for your help with this project.

FLOWER DONATIONS

Parishioners are invited to donate flowers in celebration of weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and other special events. If you would like to donate flowers or place flowers in memory of a loved one, please inform Becky Davis for Sacred Heart, at 410-778-3160; or Mary Johnson for St. John's at 410-778-2230.



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.

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. *Please note: There will be no Zumba on September 25th or October 16th.*

