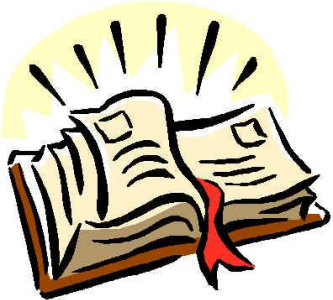


SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.



Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We

have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

For the Week of February 22nd through February 28th

Sunday

Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48



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 21st

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, February 22nd

8:00 a.m. Anthony Jankowski

10:00 a.m. Connie Wagoner

Monday February 23rd

8:30 a.m. Chip P. Arena

Tuesday, February 24th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday February 25th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, February 26th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Friday, February 27th

8:30 a.m. Clare Griffin

Saturday, February 28th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. Alison Lane Murphy

Sunday, March 1st

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. John Joseph Stack

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

Julia Ridgely, Barron Scott, Thomas Parson, Barbara Darrah, John Troffo, Valerie

Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, and Jim Kestell, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF

INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of Sacred Heart and St. John's.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

PREP 7th GRADE OUTREACH PROJECT: Thank you for your support of the PREP students and their outreach project. Water Step is a non-profit organization whose mission is to "Save Lives with Safe Water" by providing training and technology to support safe water projects to communities in developing countries.

To assist in funding their mission, they are collecting new and gently used shoes. Water Step then sells them to an exporter who in turn sells them to entrepreneurs from developing countries. This enables them to provide for their family's needs and collect money for their water purification and health education projects. The shoe collection boxes will be available at the doors of the church until the end of February.

GOOD FRIDAY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN: We are preparing a unique Stations of the Cross experience for children and their families for Lent. Please *mark your calendars* for **Friday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** in the Church. Following the Stations everyone is invited to our Soup & Bread Fellowship in the Hall. Come and walk with your children grades K - 8 through Jesus' journey to the cross.

PREP SCHEDULE

March:

Sunday, 1st – Last Day for the Water Step Shoe Collection Drive.

Sunday, 1st – PREP Sunday – All students attend 10:00 a.m. Mass.

April:

Sunday, 5th – NO CLASSES – Happy Easter.

Sunday, 12th and Sunday, 19th – Diocesan Assessments.

Sunday – 26th Family of Faith for 1st Eucharist Families – 11:00 a.m. (Parents and Children).



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

LENTEN JOURNEY – Session # 1

Friday, February 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Facilitators: Father Paul and Ann Ashe

It's Lent – What Does That Mean To Me?

Our first session begins with considering the basics of the Lenten experience. Through video, Father Barron, a Roman Catholic Priest and outstanding Catechetical leader, will share insights into the meaning of Lent and the purpose of our Lenten practices. Father Paul Campbell will then share his thoughts and challenges for Lent.

Afterwards, we will break into small discussion groups with facilitators who will lead us in sharing and reflecting on the Lenten disciplines and our own personal Lenten experiences.

Our hope is that this venue will provide an opportunity for authentic sharing and learning with one another. We will meet in Sacred Heart Church at 6:00 p.m. The session will be followed by a Soup & Bread Fellowship in the Sacred Heart Hall.

Catechism CONNECTION

“The seasons and days of penance in the course of the Liturgical Year (Lent and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works).”

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1438

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PARISH LIFE

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH:

This Adult Formation activity meets **each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass** in the front foyer of Sacred Heart Church. *Coordinator: Barbara Kelly*

Today's topic: Overview of Lent
Facilitators: Ted Kemer and Steve Sappey

What if someone asked you to explain the meaning of Lent and why you observe it in the first place, how would you answer him or her?
What does it mean to you?

Next Week: Sacrament of Reconciliation
Facilitators: Barbara Foster and Mary Jo Frohlich

RESCHEDULED BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S:
This Sunday, **February 22nd following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's Church Hall.** There is no charge - received donations help those with need in our Parish. We look forward to seeing you there!!

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.

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.

RCIA ANNOUNCEMENT: It is an honor to share the news with our community that **Janyce Turner, Missy Hollis and Brett VanZant** are preparing to be received



into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter. Please remember them in your prayers as they participated this past weekend in the *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion of*

Candidates in Wilmington. At this rite, upon the testimony of sponsors and catechists and their affirmation of their intention to join the Church, the Church made its "election" of these candidates to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. The bishop formally announces that from this point forward, the candidates are called "the elect". These candidates will be welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Service.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The new Ministry Schedule has been created for February - April. Please take a moment to review your schedule early, especially regarding Holy Week Services, and make requests for changes now. Thank you for your continued commitment to service in our church community.

LENTEN REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE



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

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.