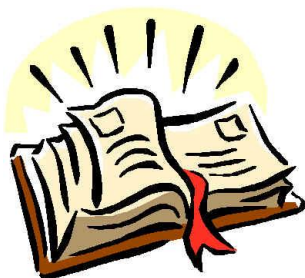


SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Jeremiah speaks of God reuniting the people of Israel after their exile. He states that although they departed in tears, God will lead them all back and protect them, because he is father to Israel.



Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Each high priest is taken from among people and offers sacrifices for their sins. High priests do not choose to take on this honor, but are chosen by God. Even Christ did not choose this office, but was chosen by God to be a priest forever.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

A blind beggar approached Jesus and pleaded that Jesus heal him. Jesus called the man over and said, "Your faith has healed you." The man immediately received his sight and proceeded to follow Jesus up the road.

For the Week of October 25th through October 31st

Sunday

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Monday

Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday

Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35

Friday

Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11



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, October 24th

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

Sunday, October 25th

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. Owen Pierce

Monday, October 26th

8:30 a.m. Catherine Landry

Tuesday, October 27th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, October 28th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, October 29th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Friday, October 30th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Saturday, October 31st

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, November 1st

8:00 a.m. John Stockstill

10:00 a.m. Fritz McCall

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *Julia Ridgely, Barron Scott, Barbara Darrah, John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Jim Kestell, Ryan Elizabeth*



Quintero, Edith Follin, 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

"I will teach your children, says the Lord, and great shall be their peace."
Isaiah 54:13

PREP COMMUNICATION: Please help your child remember to bring his/her blue folder every week to PREP. It is our best way of keeping you informed. Thanks for your help with this.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM

RESOURCE FOR PARENTS: This year Catechists in Grades K - 8 are using *The Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Program* as a curriculum resource. This program bases the lesson each week on the message of the gospel that was proclaimed at Mass. Parents can sign up to receive automatic weekly emails that give a brief summary of the gospel message and offer age appropriate discussion questions for you and your children. This is an easy way to keep your faith in focus for your children.

Visit http://www.pflaumweeklies.com/new_page/parent_guide.php to sign up and stay connected.

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS

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??*

OCTOBER 25TH – FAITH

Facilitator: Dick Swanson

Jesus has been presenting his catechism on what it means to live in the kingdom. It requires that we follow the example of Jesus, the Suffering Servant, who walks the way to Jerusalem and the Cross. It is only through faith that we will remain steadfast to follow Jesus to the Cross.

Faith is a freely given gift of God, one that must be embraced. Jesus has been giving us a catechism on what it means to have committed faith in the kingdom of God for the past weeks.

Next Week: Feast of All Saints

DIOCESAN NEWS



CATHOLIC CHARITIES is now accepting donations of cars and other motor vehicles to

support its programs benefiting the most vulnerable in our communities. Catholic Charities will accept all vehicle donations regardless of condition or registration status, arrange for vehicle pickup, if necessary, and provide the donor with an IRS tax receipt for their records. In addition to automobiles, Catholic Charities accepts donated trucks, boats, RVs and motorcycles in any condition. The Thrift Center also accepts donations of new or gently used clothing, shoes, household goods, furniture and working appliances. For more information about the donation program, or to make arrangements for donation, please call 302-764-2717 or e-mail ThriftCenter@ccwilm.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Today is World Priest Day. We are called to treat one another with the same love and compassion that Jesus gives to us. Let the Lord strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for **November 6-8** in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information, visit our website at www.wme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

VOCATIONS: According to the Letter to the Hebrews, a priest is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness. Do you know your weaknesses? Have you found your strength in the Lord? Are you willing to work with His grace to use even your weakness as a tool for His glory? If you believe God may be calling you to the priesthood, call or write Fr. David Kelley, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org.

PARISH LIFE

The flowers at Sacred Heart this weekend were donated by Erin and Justin Poole in honor of the Baptism of their son, Henry Logan.

FLOWERS: Foster Homes are needed for Peace Lilies. Please consider taking home one or more peace lilies from Sacred Heart. If you would be so kind as to care for them over the winter, we can take them back for the spring/summer season. They are located in the foyer next to the chapel. *Thank you!*

Flowers next weekend will be donated by Joe and Marianne Hickman celebrating the baptism of Alice Anne Hickman.

LAST CHANCE FOR BIC Building Intercultural Connections (B.I.C.), a program developed by the U.S. Bishops' Conference to provide church leaders with cultural training for the growing diversity in the Church, will be presented on **Saturday, November 7** at St. Margaret of Scotland in Newark, DE from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.. The conference will conclude with a 5:30 p.m. multi-cultural mass which fulfills Sunday obligation.

Admission is free. A \$5.00 donation will be requested for a magnificent multi-cultural lunch. Highlights include traditional prayer, music, and dance of Native Americans, Cameroonians, Filipinos, Mexicans, and immigrants from India. This conference is for all Catholics interested in building stronger, unified parishes and a more joy-filled Church!

To register or seek further information, contact Br. Chris Posch, at (302) 655-0518 or chrisposch@gmail.com, or go to www.cdow.org/bic. **The registration deadline has been extended to November 2.** Space is limited, so register today.



Sunday, October 25 is **PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY!** Please join us in showing our appreciation to our

pastor. *Thank you, Father Grasing, for all that you do for us!* A message from the Diocesan Vocations Guild, cdow.org/dvg.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS

WEEK begins on Sunday, November 1. Do your part to encourage vocations – join the Diocesan Vocations Guild. The Guild is open to Catholics from within or with ties to the Diocese of Wilmington who pray for, encourage and support the bishop, priests, religious, deacons and seminarians of the diocese. The objectives of the Guild are achieved through prayer, service and the affirmation of the importance of the priesthood, diaconate and the religious life to the mission of the diocese. For more membership information visit cdow.org/dvg.

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.

CALENDARS: 2016 Calendars are at the doors of the Church. Please take one per family.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

SALT & LIGHT SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY: *The Good Neighbor Fund* and *The Samaritan Group* provide financial assistance to Kent County residents who need help with housing issues (homelessness, eviction, etc.), utility cutoff notices, medical bills and other emergencies. The Good Neighbor Fund is almost totally dependent upon individual donations from Kent County residents. The Samaritan Group does receive some grant monies from larger organizations, but most of that goes to fund the Winter Shelter during the months of January, February and March. Your help is needed to continue the support that these two groups give to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. **The second collection this weekend will support the efforts of these two Kent County groups. 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 the Church office to sign up or with any questions at 410-778-3160. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

Offertory - Weeks Ending 10/18/15 (Week 16)

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."

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Offertory	\$5,407	\$1,420	\$6,442	\$385
YTD Wk. 16	\$86,500	\$18,814	\$103,072	\$2,242