

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

#### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.



#### Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.



### For the Week of November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28; 34-36

#### Monday

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

#### Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

#### Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

#### Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

#### First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

#### First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



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, November 28<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

### Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Stan Rakowsky

10:00 a.m. Sue Kolsun

### Monday November 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Sandy Bugni (living)

### Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

### Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

### Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 a.m. Shirley Gossard

### Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Matilda Romanoski

### Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Charles Liberto

4:00 p.m. Marion Ewing

### Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Stella Belcak

10:00 a.m. Judy Cameron

## 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, Ryan*

*Elizabeth Quintero, Edith Follin, Elizabeth Montague, Sandy Bugni, Angela Wilmer, Amy Rhodes, 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

*"Let us give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds toward us" Psalm 107:8*

**GIVE THANKS:** Remember to thank the volunteer catechists who have committed to live, share and nurture the faith of our children. Pray for them, encourage them and help them when you can. Words of thanks are such a blessing!

#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT CURRICULUM

**INFORMATION:** The Diocese of Wilmington requires that every Religious Education Program in the Diocese teach the "For the Sake of God's Children" curriculum to our students. The outcomes in this curriculum aim to teach students about how to recognize and live in a physically, emotionally and spiritually safe environment and about the role of the Church in helping to create and live with these values. Students in all grades K - 8 receive instruction in these areas. For more information, visit the Diocesan website at [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) and click on the icon at the bottom of the page or contact [ann.ashe@sacredparish.org](mailto:ann.ashe@sacredparish.org).

#### SACRAMENT OF FIRST

**RECONCILIATION:** Please take time to pray for the following young people and their parents as they begin their formal preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **December 5th** here at Sacred Heart:

Faith Connolly  
Chase Dolgos  
Sophie Pierce

Alida Trumbauer  
William Wilson  
Elizabeth Assante di  
Cuppillo

Brianna Antao  
Nate Peregoy  
Grace Gerstung

Jamison Kendall  
Olivia Busick  
Peter Sine

Jamison Woodward

Reminder: Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>:

- **NO PREP CLASSES** - Happy Thanksgiving!
- **FAMILY OF FAITH MEETING** for Parents and 2nd Graders preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at **11:00 a.m. in the Hall.**

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**ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** The schedule for the Christmas Masses has been finalized. Please take a moment to log into MSP and confirm that you are able to serve on the dates you've been scheduled over the holidays. Thank you for your continued commitment to service in our community.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



### COME ONE, COME ALL

**To the Annual Sacred Heart Christmas Pageant**

**Saturday, December 12, 2015 following the 4:00 p.m. Mass.**

## POSTER CONTEST

The Father Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus # 11248 is once again proud to sponsor "The Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. We solicit the help of prep teachers, parents, grandparents, and anyone else to promote this worthwhile contest to show the true meaning of the spirit of the Christmas Season. Prizes will be awarded in 3 categories: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade; and 7<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The three winners and their families will be invited to the Knights of Columbus annual Christmas party where they will receive their gifts. Informational flyers and poster board can be obtained from the PREP Office. Contact Ann Ashe with any questions.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

**LOVE IS OUR MISSION: Conversations on the Least Among Us: On Friday evening, Dec. 11th,** we will gather together as a follow up to our evening of reflection on the challenge of the message of Pope Francis. The topic will be the "least among us". We will begin at **5:30 p.m.** for a Pot Luck Supper, followed by a brief introductory presentation and then facilitated small group discussions. Please consider taking some time this Advent to consider and reflect on our calling as Catholics to respond to these real world issues. Look for more information on flyers coming out next weekend.

## DEACONATE FORMATION

The Diocese of Wilmington welcomes applicants for a new class of Permanent Deacons that will begin formation in June 2016. The five-year preparation program consists of human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral formation. Spiritual formation programs are held one Saturday a month during the initial year of discernment. Academic formation, beginning with the second year, takes place



one weekend a month from September to June.

Applicants must be 60 or younger when the program begins. Minimum ordination age is 35. Applicants must demonstrate a zeal for service to God's people; experience in some volunteer parish or diocesan ministry is preferred. Information nights are scheduled from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the following locations:

**Tuesday, January 12, 2016** Church of the Holy Child

**Thursday, January 14, 2016** Holy Cross

**Thursday, January 21, 2016** St. Francis de Sales

Wives of interested married men are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. The sessions will discuss the role of the permanent deacon, qualifications for admission, and the formation process. For further information and registration, please contact the Office for Deacons at 302-573-2390.

## GIVING TREE

**The Giving Tree**

Helping Those in Need



Sacred Heart Parish will once again support our community this Christmas through donations to the Giving Tree. Please take an ornament, read it for information about the

recipient, purchase and wrap the gift and attach the ornament securely to the outside of the gift. Please place the gift under the tree located in Church. **All gifts are needed by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will not be able to distribute any gifts brought in after that date.** Your generous giving allows us to bring Christmas joy to many families. For more information, contact Jeanne Yeager, [jyeager@mscfv.org](mailto:jyeager@mscfv.org) or 410-778-0554.

## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED** - Last year the Salvation Army distributed



**VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!**

*Ring a bell...help change a life*

over \$20,000 in aid for 404 residents of our community who were in need. We are gearing up now for our Christmas Kettle Campaign, and we really need your help. Donations have been down and we're counting on this campaign to fund us for the next year. Along with mail solicitations, this is how we collect money to help people in our community. Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts outside of Redner's, Acme, or Downtown Chestertown beginning **November 28th thru December 22nd, 2015**. If you can help with a shift on a Saturday or Sunday, please call Pat McDonald at 410-928-5160 or email at [Pat\\_eieio@yahoo.com](mailto:Pat_eieio@yahoo.com). *Students can earn community service hours and we welcome families.* So grab your coat, hat and gloves and join in a very worthy cause! It's a great way to put our faith into action and enjoy the true Spirit of Christmas.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** Next weekend's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Tens of thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to sharing their faith. Generations of Catholics recall with gratitude their work in Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies. Yet years of ministering for little or no pay came at a price, and now their religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide prescription medications, nursing care and more. *Please be generous.*

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**OFFERTORY TOTALS FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>/22<sup>ND</sup> WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.**

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**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](mailto:senta.burton@sacredparish.org). Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church. *Thank you.*

