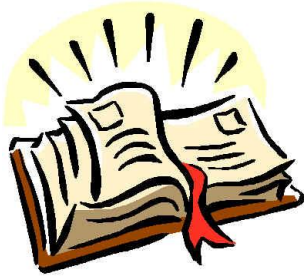


## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.



#### Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

#### Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.



For the Week of January 3<sup>rd</sup> through  
January 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

#### Monday

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17,  
23-25

#### Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

#### Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

#### Thursday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

#### Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

#### Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30



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, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

4:00 p.m. Jack DePoulter

Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. Jim Beck

Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Anne and Jack Hartnett

Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Phil Mench

Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Fran Dersy

Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. David Schaubert

4:00 p.m. William E. Redman

Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Betty Davies

10:00 a.m. Jack DePoulter

## 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

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; .... His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah 9:6

#### CONFIRMATION RETREAT PRAYER

**SUPPORT:** We ask the community to please pray for the young people who will be attending the Confirmation Retreat in January. This time away is a continuation of their preparation for the reception of the sacrament which will take place in April. Also, please pray for the committed catechists who are journeying with these students...Dana Squares and Dan Ashe.

#### PREP Class Schedule:

Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup> – NO CLASSES  
Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – CLASSES RESUME

## 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??*

*There will be no session this weekend. We will resume sessions on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January.*

*January 10<sup>th</sup> – The Baptism of the Lord  
Facilitator: Mary Jo Frohlich*

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## PARISH LIFE

#### 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.

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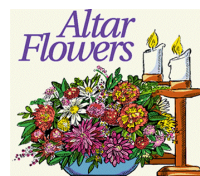
**HOSPITAL VISITS:** We are not able to access patient records from the Chester River Hospital Center. If you or someone in your family is a patient, and you wish to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office at 410-778-3160, and provide us with the patient's name and room number and we will 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.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** - We have not budgeted for flowers or floral supplies. If you would like to make a donation please call Louise Shearer at 410-490-3595 or Mary Johnson at 410-778-2230. Thank you to those who have donated garden flowers.



## SALT AND LIGHT MINISTRIES



For us Catholic Christians, our season of giving should last all year! There are so many opportunities for us to share our faith by volunteering in our community.



During the months of **January, February and March**, we have an opportunity to help those in our community who have no permanent housing, by serving as volunteers at the **Samaritan Group Winter Shelter**. Many of you volunteered last year and can speak to others about how rewarding this experience is. Two volunteers are needed each night from 5:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Dinner and conversation with the residents of the shelter is a bonus! To select your night(s) please contact Barbara Harrison at [barbara.hrrsn@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.hrrsn@gmail.com)

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**St. Martin's House in Ridgely**, a transitional shelter for women with young children, is in need of volunteer drivers to help these young moms get their little ones to doctors' appointments, etc. Volunteers are also needed to help the paid staff, or just to come and play with the little ones to give these frazzled moms a little time off! Contact Barbara Kelly at [bksquared01@aol.com](mailto:bksquared01@aol.com) for more information.

## 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE



It is time to sign up for the March For Life for 2016 in Washington D.C. The Knights of Columbus will once again be providing a bus to the event on **Friday, January 22, 2016**. While the bus is free, a \$10.00 contribution per seat will go to Choices Pregnancy Center in Easton to further their good works. Contact Craig Clagett at 301-266-0669 or [clagett994@aol.com](mailto:clagett994@aol.com), or Kenny Platt Sr. at 443-926-2801 or [plattkpc@aol.com](mailto:plattkpc@aol.com).

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** The offertory envelopes for 2016 are at the back of the Church in Sacred Heart and St. John's. *Please note that even if you are contributing through Electronic Giving, you will still need to pick up envelopes because special and second collections are not part of Electronic Giving.* We have sent envelopes up to St. John's for anybody with a Rock Hall address. If you do not attend the church where the envelopes were placed, give our office a call at 410-778-3160, and let us know. **PLEASE BE ADVISED, WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A TAX STATEMENT FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IF YOU USE ELECTRONIC GIVING OR THE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES.** PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ENVELOPES AND THERE ARE NO ENVELOPES WITH YOUR NAME AND WE WILL MAKE SURE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A SET. Call Becky Davis, 410-778-3160 if you wish to start receiving envelopes or, with any questions. If you have questions about Electronic Giving please call Senta Burton at 410-778-3160.

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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.

### Offertory - Week Ending 12/20/15 Week - 25

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 12/20-Wk.25	\$5,211	\$1,640	\$6,442	\$409
YTD Wk. 25	\$133,588	\$28,664	\$161,050	\$1,202

**OFFERTORY TOTALS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 12/27/15 WILL BE POSTED IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.**

