

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Amos denounces the selfish attitude of those who surround themselves with luxuries with no concern for others. He goes on to warn that because these people lacked interest in the state of their society, they would be the first to be exiled.



### Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul tells Timothy to seek integrity, faith and love. Paul urges him to attain everlasting life by maintaining strong faith in Jesus and in God until Jesus returns.

### Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells of a rich man who feasted daily, while a beggar named Lazarus went hungry outside his gates. When both men died, Lazarus was taken to Abraham, but the rich man was in torment. When he begged for mercy, Abraham reminded him that Lazarus had lived in torment, while the rich man lived in selfish luxury. The man then asked if Lazarus could be sent to his brothers to warn them. But Abraham said if they had not heeded Moses or the prophets, they would ignore even the warning of one risen from the dead.



For the Week of September 25<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>

### Sunday

Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

### Monday

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

### Tuesday

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

### Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

### Thursday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;

Jn 1:47-51

### Friday

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

### First Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24



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 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Mass for our parishioners, living and deceased

10:00 a.m. Edith Follin

Monday September 26<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass for our parishioners, living and deceased

Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass for our parishioners, living and deceased

Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass for our parishioners, living and deceased

Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

4:00 p.m. Bennett Lamond

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 a.m. Steve Belcak, Sr.

10:00 a.m. Bill Coleman

## REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE

PARISH: Remember in your prayers the sick of

the parish: *Barron*

*Scott, John Troffo,*

*Valerie Lindyberg,*

*Patricia Dana, Ryan*

*Elizabeth Quintero,*

*Elizabeth Montague, Angela Wilmer, Faith King,*

*Ray Brilz, Jennifer Willis, Agnes Knoedler, Saylor*

*Willis, and Delores Carmen, and all those whose*

names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer.



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**NEW TO THE PARISH:** The following families have registered in our parish recently: Patricia Nelson of Chestertown and Quyen Vu of Chestertown. We pray that you will become closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community. We look forward to getting to know you. *Welcome!*

## PREP

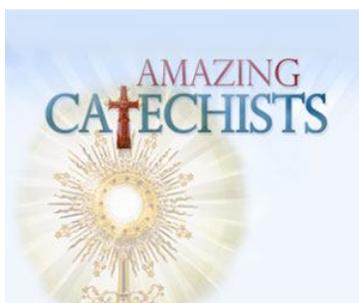
### Parish Religious Education Program



Our **Parish Religious Education Program** has opened this month with a total registration to date of 60 young people in grades K through 10. Our theme for this year is

**Discipleship.** Students will come to know the Saints as role models, and each grade is challenged to participate in at least two service activities which will enable them to put their faith into action. We will keep you posted about their efforts!

**Please continue to pray for our Parish Catechists who so willingly give their time and talents to share faith with the people of our parish community:**



Lu Atwell	Vince Higgins
Julie Armstrong	Kitty Neff
Susan Brush-Harr	Chrissy Nelson
Marcie Cooper	Lauren Pierce
Dominique Ellingsworth-Mohen	Justin Poole
Mary Jo Frohlich	Allison Provonche
Sheila Gierisch	Dana Ramirez
Maria Grimes	Steve Sappey
Emily Grimes	Erin Schweinsburg
Linda Keating	Ally Shearon
Ted Kremer	Dana Squares
Allison LaPointe	Dick Swanson
Nancy Lindyburg	Rosie VanZant
Matthew Atao	Brett VanSant
Dot Mench	Kris Vollmer

Sharla Moore

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD** - Would you like to know more about Scripture and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Using the readings of the day, we try to understand what God is revealing to us and how it impacts our lives as Catholic Christians.

**Join us in the church foyer immediately following the 10:00 Mass at Sacred Heart.**

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### **BIBLE STUDY! First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community**

This Bible study began on Monday September 19, but it's not too late to join. The study will continue on **Mondays, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. The study will conclude on November 28<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$24.00 materials fee. Registration forms are at the doors of the church. For more information please contact Barbara Kelly at [barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com), or call 410-778-4650.

### **ARCHANGELS: MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL**

*Feast Day: September 29  
Canonized: Pre-Congregation*

Angels are messengers from God. Three of the special messengers mentioned in the Bible are the archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. The names of each of these archangels tell us about the work God gave them to do.

Michael's name means "who is like God." God gave Michael the responsibility of protecting us as God protects us.

Gabriel's name means "hero of God." Gabriel is God's hero because he communicates God's message to people. We remember Gabriel best for being the angel who announced to Mary that she would be the mother of God's only Son.

Raphael's name means "God has healed." In the Bible, Raphael heals a blind man and is said to have stirred the water in a pool where Jesus healed a paralyzed man.

On the feast day of the archangels, we remember that God's messengers guide us in our journey to everlasting life with our Father. We can pray to Michael when we face temptation. We can ask Gabriel to help us say "yes" to God as Mary did so many years ago. We can pray to Raphael when we are ill or know someone who is in need of healing.

We honor the archangels as saints. They remind us that God is always with us and that God loves so much about us that he gives us special helpers to light and guide us to him.

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive



and painless health screenings at

Sacred Heart Catholic Church on **October 11<sup>th</sup>**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### ANNUAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

Families with children of all ages, parishioners, the faithful and their guests are invited to join Bishop Malooly and pilgrims from across the Diocese of Wilmington to honor Our Lady Queen of Peace in our annual pilgrimage, **Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9-5** at Holy Spirit Church, New Castle, DE. Dr. Anthony Esolen, Professor of English at Providence College, author of *Reflections on the Christian Life* and *Defending Marriage*, translator of Dante's *Divine Comedy*, and contributor to *Magnificat* magazine will be the Keynote speaker. Events include Mass for First Saturday at 9 a.m., recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration. Families with children encouraged to attend. Children's activities provided.

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### BISHOP'S ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS -

Bishop Francis Malooly invites all couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50<sup>th</sup>, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at **2:00 PM on Sunday, October 23, 2016** at St. Joseph's, Middletown, at 371 E. Main Street, Middletown, DE 19709. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by October 15** by filling out the information below and returning it to the Office for Marriage and Family Life, 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806 or [ljackson@cdow.org](mailto:ljackson@cdow.org).

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Offertory - Week Ending 9/18/16 Week 12

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 09/18 Wk.12	\$4,287	\$630	\$6,346	-\$1,429
YTD Wk. 12	\$65,662	\$12,595	\$76,152	\$2,105

### 2016 SHARE IN THE SPIRIT TUITION ASSISTANCE COLLECTION

This weekend, parishioners throughout the diocese are asked to help make the dream of a Catholic education a reality for struggling Catholic families. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition.

Through this collection, our Bishop is reaching out to believing and worshipping Catholics like you to assist him in ensuring that the Catholic commitment to total education of our children does not fade away because people cannot afford it. Since the Church has the mission to educate and since this mission directly affects the quality of life we experience as Catholics, all of us have a stake in Catholic education.

If you are prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution into the green second collection baskets, or drop off at the Church office this week. For information go to: [www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html](http://www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html).

## PARISH NEWS

**THANK YOU:** We received the following note from Sue Becker, Director of the Food Pantry in Rock Hall: "Dear Members of St. John's Catholic Church - I am overwhelmed by your continuous support of the Rock Hall Food Pantry. Every month your donations of food contain enough cereal, canned goods and boxed/packaged items to supplement our distribution to approximately 18 families and 20 elderly residents in our community. This additional food allows us to provide more generously to those who depend on our assistance. Your partnership in this Christian outreach to the less fortunate gives us encouragement to serve. Thank you so much."

