

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.



#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

#### Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”



For the Week of February 12<sup>th</sup> through  
February 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or  
5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

#### Monday

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

#### Tuesday

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

#### Wednesday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

#### Thursday

Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

#### Friday

Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34—9:1

#### Saturday

Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13



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 11<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

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

10:00 a.m. Frederick McCall

Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Andrew Allen

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Betty Coleman

Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mark Young

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Judy Redinger

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Antoni Jankowski

10:00 a.m. Frederick McCall

### REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE

PARISH: Remember in  
your prayers the sick of  
the parish: *John*

*Troffo, Valerie*

*Lindyberg, Patricia*

*Dana, Bob Dunn,*

*Elizabeth Montague,*

*Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Jennifer Willis, Delores*

*Carmen, Ed Kolsun, Laurenson Ward, 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:** Please be sure to  
register with the Parish Office and introduce  
yourself to Father Grasing after Mass.

Registration forms are available at the doors of  
the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For  
additional information, please call 410-778-3160,  
or go to [sacredparish.org](http://sacredparish.org).

## PREP

### Parish Religious Education Program

#### Bringing the Gospel Home

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:17-37



**Reflection for Families:** Life is full of choices for us and for our children. What to wear, what to cook, what to watch on television, what game to play on our computers. Every choice we make involves an exercise of free will, which is how we grow in goodness and mature in faith. Talking with our children about the more critical choices: how to treat others, how to acknowledge mistakes and own up to them, how to reach out to those in need – can never begin too early.

**Bringing the Gospel into your Family** – At mealtime, talk together about the day’s choices, from the most basic to the more complex. As a parent you might talk about choices made at work, in traffic, at a social gathering. You might talk about the American enthusiasm for freedom, and the responsibility that comes with that freedom – to make moral choices in all we do.

#### Discussion Starters

1. Today I decided to...
2. I could have done what instead? And the consequences might have been...
3. The most difficult decision I have ever faced in my call to truly follow Jesus was when...

## Adult Faith Formation



Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues program began the first of nine sessions this past week, but it is still not too late to join us! Sessions are on **Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall. If you are interested, please call Barbara Kelly at 410-778-4650, or [barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com).

## SAINTS OF FEBRUARY

### JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

**Feast Day:** February 8

**Canonized:** October 1, 2000

**Beatified:** May 17, 1992

**Venerated:** December 1, 1978

In 1869, a little girl was born in Sudan in Africa. As a child she was kidnapped into slavery. This experience was so frightening that she could not even remember her name. So, her kidnappers named her Bakhita. The name Bakhita means “fortunate.”

An Italian official, Callisto Legnani, purchased Bakhita. For the first time since she had been kidnapped, she was treated with care, rather than being beaten. When the time came for the Italian consul to return to Italy, he brought Bakhita with him. Once there, Legnani left with Augusto Michieli and his wife. When the Michieli’s daughter, Mimmina, was born, Bakhita became her caretaker and friend.

When the Michielis went to Suakin to run their large hotel, they left both Mimmina and Bakhita with the Canossian Sisters at a convent in Venice. It was there that Bakhita came to know about God. When the Michielis returned, Bakhita asked to remain at the convent with the Sisters. She became a Catholic and was given the name “Josephine.”

On Deember 8, 1896, Josephine Bakhita became a Sister at the convent and committed her life to God forever. For the next 50 years, she served the Schio convent community by cooking, sewing, and attending to the door. When she was on duty at the door, her friendly, sweet voice was pleasing to children, comforting to the poor, and encouraging to others.

As she grew older, Mother Bakhita suffered greatly in sickness. She died on February 8, 1947, at the Canossian convent in Schio, surrounded by other Sisters. She was named a saint of the Church on October 1, 2000, by Pope John Paul II.



# PARISH NEWS

## Offertory - Week Ending 02/05/16 - Week 32

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 2/5- Wk.32	\$5,805	\$2,290	\$6,346	\$1,749
YTD Wk. 312	\$165,437	\$32,260	\$203,072	-\$5,375

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS AND HOME MISSIONS:** This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Home Missions, which offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States, and in its territories and former territories. Through its annual fundraising campaign, the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**, Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith.

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**BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S:** If you have joined us for breakfast before you know how good it is. If you have not, you are in for a surprise. Bring your family to breakfast following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on **this Sunday**



**February 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Hall at St. John's, and enjoy a delicious menu of fresh scrambled eggs, fried Kielbasa with eggs, peppers and cheese, crispy bacon, South Philly sausage links, 'old fashioned' home fries with caramelized onions, creamed chip beef over toast, grandmas' fluffy pancakes, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. We look forward to seeing you there!!

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### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Every month 150-175 families come to the Food Pantry. They can only come once a month! They receive a bag of food---averaging 60 pounds---determined by the size of the family.

Members of Sacred Heart Parish donate approximately 70 pounds per week---only enough for one family. Can we increase this amount? Of course we can! Consider "buy one get one free" promotions. Make food donation a part of coming to Mass.

Thank you in advance.

**PANCAKE SUPPER:** The Father George S. Bradford Council Knights of Columbus is holding its annual Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 28, 2017 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Heart Church Hall.



Tickets are \$9.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children 4-12 years old; and free for children under 3. For more information, please contact Bill Taylor at 443-553-0700.

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**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 **February 15, 2017**. 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/advantagemembers](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers).**

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**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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**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.

