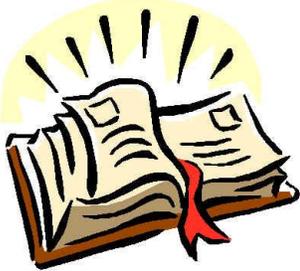


SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.



Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

For the Week of September 20th through
September 26th

Sunday

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Monday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45



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 19th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, September 20th

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. Ken Burns

Monday September 21st

8:30 a.m. Leonard Corelli

Tuesday, September 22nd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday September 23rd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, September 24th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Friday, September 25th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Saturday, September 26th

8:30 a.m. Frank Natoli, Jr.

4:00 p.m. Ann R. Sullivan

Sunday, September 27th

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People

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, Thomas Parson,

Barbara Darrah, John

Troffo, Valerie

Lindyberg, Patricia

Dana, Jim Kestell,

Ryan Elizabeth

Quintero, Elizabeth

and Barrie Montague,

Edith Follin, Tim Sullivan, and all those whose

names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF
INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of
Sacred Heart and St. John's.



PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

“Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14

CATACHETICAL SUNDAY: This Sunday, Sept. 20th, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday! All across the country, Catechists will be blessed and commissioned for their important work in the year ahead. Please join us in support of these "faith filled" people who have answered "yes" to God's call to serve by committing to pray for them this year.



GREAT START: We've had a really great start to the Parish Religious Education Program. What a blessing it is to see so many families making Religious Education a priority in their lives. Thank you for the support of such committed parents for bringing almost 100 children to Religious Education! We are truly honored to be a part of your child's Faith Formation.

REGISTRATION: It is not too late to register to have your child involved in PREP. Register online at sacredparish.org or pick up a registration packet at the doors of the church.

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE THIS WEEK: Mark 9:30–37 - This Sunday, Jesus teaches that one of His highest values is service. "The first shall be last and the last shall be first." He puts His arms around a child to show that welcoming others, even children, is welcoming Him. Jesus wants His followers to be warm and welcoming to everyone, no matter who it is, as if the person were Jesus himself.

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??*

JOURNEY
OF
Faith

KINGDOM OF GOD - Today's Gospel is a continuing catechism on what it means to be a disciple in the reign of God. Those who aspire to greatness are seeking after the wrong thing. Jesus reminds us that if we truly wish to be first in the kingdom we must serve the lowliest among us. We must become servant leaders. It is a new way of living and being in God's world.

Next Week: Sacrament of Holy Orders

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Altar servers assist the priest in the celebration of the Mass. This ministry helps to develop a sense of participation in parish life and offers an opportunity to understand the rewards of service. Children must be in 3rd-12th grade and have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Being an altar server is a commitment made by both the server and his/her parents. Families must be ready and willing to attend the trainings and be faithful to the service schedule. If your child has an interest in this type of service, please contact Kathy Clark at gdclark2@verizon.net or 410-778-2548. Trainings will begin in October.

PARISH LIFE

ATTENTION CURRENT LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

**Ushers, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors,
Commentators and Greeters**
(Altar Servers will have a separate meeting in the
near future)

Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, September
26th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Our parish will be
conducting a Fall Formation Session for
all existing volunteers that evening. Any current
liturgical minister who is unable to attend is asked to
call the Parish Office and let us know.

The various ministries have an essential role in
the celebration of Mass. These
roles require preparation, formation, and a degree of
competency and confidence that formation sessions
can help provide. In addition, ongoing formation
allows each minister to remain up to date and well
informed regarding what is expected of them.

Formation for new liturgical ministers will soon be
announced. Anyone interested in becoming involved
as a liturgical minister is asked to contact the Parish
Office so that we can be in touch when the formation
date is announced.

CALL FOR TUTORS: Parishioners from the Catholic
Community of Sacred Heart & St. John's are needed as part of
an interfaith effort to assist in tutoring children and young adults
in collaboration with local schools and churches in Kent
County. An orientation and training program for interested
participants will be provided under the auspices of the Kent
County Learning Center from **8:30 – 12:00 at Emmanuel
Episcopal Church in Chestertown on Saturday September
26th**. Please contact David Foster (410 708 8244) for
further information.

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 Burritt at 410-708-
8048 with any questions.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offertory - Weeks Ending 9/06/15 (Week 11)

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	\$5,218	\$423	\$6,442	-\$801
YTD Wk. 11	\$58,192	\$12,733	\$70,862	\$63

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION: This
weekend, September 19/20, there is a second
collection for the Religious Education program at all
masses. Donations will be used to subsidize
Religious Education events such as the Confirmation
Retreat for high school students, the Day Apart
Retreat for our Catechists, and special catechetical
purchases such as the Youth Catechism, children's
bibles, and rosary rings for students. Please consider
directly supporting these efforts through the second
collection this Sunday.



SHARE IN THE SPIRIT: Next week, parishioners
throughout the diocese will be 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. Bishop Malooly asks all
of us to consider supporting next week's Share in the
Spirit collection.

