

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our “dawn,” our “rear guard,” our “light” if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called “wisdom” of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be “the salt of the earth.” They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.



For the Week of February 5th through February 11th

Sunday

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Monday

Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gn 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10



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 4th

4:00 p.m. Betty Coleman

Sunday, February 5th

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

10:00 a.m. Jack Depoulter

Monday February 6th

8:30 a.m. Frederick McCall

Tuesday, February 7th

8:30 a.m. Charlie Maloney

Wednesday February 8th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, February 9th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, February 10th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 11th

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, February 12th

8:00 a.m.

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, and all those whose names

appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS

located in the front foyer.



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.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Feb. 4/5, 2017

Matthew 5:13-16



Reflection for Families: Imagine taking your child(ren) on a hike in the woods at night. A small flashlight will never do. Not even the type that takes “C” batteries will give enough light. No, you will need the

heavy-duty-light-up-the-next-mile type of camping lantern. This is so you and your children don’t trip on any roots or uneven ground or lose the trail. In just the same way, we are light for our children. What they see us do and how we live our faith exhibits the magnitude of the flashlight we choose.

Bringing the Gospel into your Family – Gather all the candles in the house and set them on the table at meal time. Try to have enough candles burning so that theirs is the only light you have in the room. As you eat, talk about how each member of the family is a light to one another and to others. You might get the conversation going by asking what difference the candlelight makes in your otherwise dark room.

Discussion Starters

1. As a Christian witness, I could use a little more salt in ...
2. I know I am a light to others when...
3. The greatest challenge I have ever faced in my call to be a light for Jesus was when...

Adult Faith Formation

Bishop Robert Barron’s **SEVEN DEADLY SINS AND SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES** is the perfect Lenten experience!

Pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust: these “seven deadly sins” are patterns of dysfunction that keep us separated from God and ultimately lead to unhappiness. Join us as we embark on Fr. Robert Barron’s exploration of these seven sinful patterns and also learn how practicing countervailing virtues can break the cycle of sin.

On **February 7th and 8th**, our parish will begin the *Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues* program. This 8 week study program will be offered on two separate days and times:

Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Or, Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. For fullest participation, a purchased workbook (\$15.00) is recommended.

To preview this 8-week study, you can visit:

<http://sevendeadlysins.wordonfire.org/#study-program>.

For more information, or to register, please contact Barbara Kelly at barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com or call 410-778-4650.

SAINTS OF FEBRUARY

SAINT BLAISE

Feast Day: February 3

Canonized: Pre-Congregation



Blaise lived so long ago that we know nothing about his early life. We do know that he was both a doctor and a bishop in the area that is today either Armenia or Turkey. In the beginning of the fourth century, Christians were being persecuted by the Romans. The Roman emperor believed that arresting and punishing important leaders like Blaise would prevent other people from becoming followers of Christ.

Blaise’s prison was a dark cave. One of the legends that is told about him is that wild animals came to the cave so that he could treat their wounds. It is said that a mother brought her young son to Blaise. The boy was choking on a fish bone. Blaise saved the boy’s life by saying a prayer and blessing him with candles crossed upon his throat.

Tradition tells us that the grateful mother visited Blaise’s prison to bring him food and candles. During his time in prison, Blaise was sentenced to death. He was martyred in the year 316.

St. Blaise is the patron saint of people with diseases of the throat. On St. Blaise’s feast day, many parishes bless the throats of their parishioners in a special ceremony. Two unlit candles are held next to each person’s throat as the priest or deacon says, “Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

St. Blaise reminds us of the importance of taking care of our health and also to thank God for doctors and medicines that can help us to recover from illnesses. We honor St. Blaise for his faith and care for his people.



PARISH NEWS

Offertory - Week Ending 01/29/16 - Week 31

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 1/29- Wk.31	\$4,618	\$405	\$6,346	-\$1,323
YTD Wk. 31	\$159,632	\$29,970	\$196,726	-\$7,124

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION: This weekend, **February 4/5**, there will be 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. Please consider directly supporting these efforts through the second collection this weekend.

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 **Sunday February 12th** 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 welcome any "family favorite" breakfast dishes that you would like to share alongside the traditional breakfast menu! There is no charge - received donations help those with need in our Parish. We look forward to seeing you there!!



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.



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE MEAL THAT YOU ENJOY MAKING? How about sharing that meal with the Samaritan Group Winter Shelter guests and volunteer staff? We need volunteers to provide meals for the shelter on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 14th; Thursday, February 16th; Friday, February 17th; and Saturday, February 18th.

The students in our Confirmation class are preparing and serving the meal on Sunday, February 12th. This is a wonderful experience for families! Or maybe you have a friend who will share this charitable work with you! If you can help on one of the dates above, please contact

Barbara Kelly at 410-778-4650, or e-mail barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com



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.**

STS. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL: All are welcome to attend a TOWN HALL MEETING sponsored by the SS. Peter and Paul School Advisory Board on **Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m.** in the School Gymnasium on 900 High Street Easton Maryland. Please join us for an update on our Elementary School and High School, meet our School Advisory Board Members, and hear the exciting plans and progress towards our new High School. Questions may be submitted in advance to advisoryboard@sspeaston.org.

PARISH MEETING: The monthly Parish Meeting will be this **Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m.** Please come and share ideas with your fellow parishioners.

NEW TO THE PARISH: The following family has registered in our parish recently: Stephen and Kristina Semonick of Queen Anne. 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!

