

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.



Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

For the Week of March 22nd through March 28th

Sunday

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10;

Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56



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, March 21st

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, March 22nd

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Clare Griffin

Monday March 23rd

8:30 a.m. Kathleen Kolsun

Tuesday, March 24th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday March 25th

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Thursday, March 26th

8:30 a.m. Kurt Maloney

Friday, March 27th

8:30 a.m. Clare Griffin

Saturday, March 28th

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. Paul Davis

Sunday, March 29th

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz, II

10:00 a.m. Julia Rosenwald

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, and Jim Kestell,*
and all those whose
names appear in the
PARISH BOOK OF

INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of
Sacred Heart and St. John's.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

"I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS: Save the dates...We will be administering the Diocesan Assessments to the PREP students on **April 12th and April 19th**. Please make every effort to have your child present for these two days of classes. If you know ahead of time that your child will not be present on those two days, please let us know in advance so that we may make special accommodations. Thank You. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Please pray for the following young people as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **March 21st at the 4:00 p.m. Mass:**



Jamie Nicholson
Emma Peterson
Kenny Platt
Zachary Reed
Matthew Shearon
Cade Terrill
Scott Walton
Genna Wilson

GOOD FRIDAY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN: We are preparing a unique Stations of the Cross experience for children and their families for Lent. Please *mark your calendars* for **Friday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** in the Church. Following the Stations everyone is invited to our Soup & Bread Fellowship in the Hall. Come and walk with your children grades K - 8 through Jesus' journey to the cross.

EASTER EGGS

NEEDED: We are asking for donations of plastic eggs for our yearly Easter Egg hunt - new or used will do. You may bring your donation of plastic

eggs to the PREP office upstairs in the hall on any Sunday, or drop them off at the church office during the week. Thanks for your help.



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

LENTEN JOURNEY – Session # 5
Friday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m.
Shadow Stations of the Cross

You are invited to come and join us for an experience of the Stations that will include prayer, song, silence and a unique visual portrayal that will invite you into reflection.

This program would be appropriate for children to attend.

We will meet at the Church at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Soup & Bread Fellowship at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

*Catechism*CONNECTION

“It is called the **sacrament of confession**, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a ‘confession’ – acknowledgement and praise – of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.”

“It is called the **sacrament of forgiveness**, since by the priest’s sacramental absolution God grants the penitent ‘pardon and peace.’”

“It is called the **sacrament of reconciliation** because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: ‘Be reconciled to God’ (2 Cor 5:20). He who lives by God’s merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord’s call: ‘Go; first be reconciled to your brother’ (Mt. 5:24).”

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1424

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PARISH LIFE

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH:

This Adult Formation activity meets **each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass** in the front foyer of Sacred Heart Church. *Coordinator: Barbara Kelly*

Today's topic (March 22nd) **Sacrament of Holy Eucharist: Symbols of Bread and Wine** **Facilitator – Fr. Paul Campbell**

Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave bread to his followers when he fed the multitudes. This action is reminiscent of what he did at the Last Supper. He took, blessed broke and gave the bread to his disciples. He took, blessed, and shared the cup of wine, the cup of his blood, with his disciples. In order to understand the Eucharist, we must first understand the fullness of meaning behind the sacramental symbols of bread and wine.

March 29 – Holy Week: The Triduum
Facilitators: Dave Shearer and Dick Swanson

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.

DIALOG: In addition to the newspaper edition of The Dialog that's available in church every two weeks, the newspaper's website, www.thedialog.org, is updated every weekday with stories from the diocese and around the world, including many that don't appear in the newspaper due to space considerations. Stay on top of national and international issues of concern to Catholics, each Sunday's Scripture reading commentaries by Dialog columnists and the work of the church in the nation and world by visiting www.thedialog.org.

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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY:

SACRED HEART	\$	3,397
ST JOHN'S	\$	1,079
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$	1,245

EASTER FLOWERS:

SACRED HEART	\$	990
ST JOHN'S	\$	426

RELAY FOR LIFE: There is an upcoming Relay for Life event held on **Saturday March 28th** by the Washington College Catholic Youth Ministry Team. The event will be held at the Johnson Fitness Center, Washington College, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the 28th. At Sacred Heart / St. John's, we will be taking up a second collection to support this Relay for Life **this weekend, March 21st/22nd**. This collection will help support the efforts of the College Youth Ministry Team. Your generosity to support the fight against cancer is appreciated!

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 Deacon John Davis with any questions at 443-875-6898, or deaconjohn@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

RCIA ANNOUNCEMENT



It is an honor to share the news with our community that **Janyce Turner, Missy Hollis, and Brett**

VanZant are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter. Please remember them in your prayers. These candidates will be welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Service.