

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel and told them if it did not please them to serve God, then they must decide who they would serve. The people claimed that God had brought them out of slavery and protected them on their journey. Therefore, they would serve the Lord their God, and no one else.



Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loved the Church. They should nourish and care for each other as Christ cared for the church. Through the union between the two, they become one.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' followers were still disturbed by his teaching of the living bread, which they could not yet fully understand.

Jesus explained that the Spirit gives life, and flesh is unimportant. Some of the disciples decided to leave. Jesus asked if the Twelve also wanted to leave. Although they do not completely understand yet, they have enough faith in Jesus to stay because they believe he is God's holy one.

For the Week of August 23rd through August 29th

Sunday

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

Monday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29



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, August 22nd

4:00 p.m.

Kathleen Mariano

5:30 p.m.

Wesley Johnson

Sunday, August 23rd

8:00 a.m.

Mass for the People

10:00 a.m.

Thomas Spence

Monday August 24th

8:30 a.m.

Owen Pierce

Tuesday, August 25th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Wednesday August 26th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Thursday, August 27th

8:30 a.m.

Jack DePoulter

Friday, August 28th

8:30 a.m.

Mass for the People

Saturday, August 29th

8:30 a.m.

Mass for the People

4:00 p.m.

Marie Gruber

5:30 p.m.

Eleanor P. Thomas Ramey

Sunday, August 30th

8:00 a.m.

Maureen Byrne

10:00 a.m.

Tim Kern

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

Julia Ridgely, Alex Tubman, Barron Scott, Thomas Parson, Barbara Darrah, John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Jim Kestell, Ryan Elizabeth Quintero, Elizabeth and Barrie Montague, Edith Follin,



and all those whose names

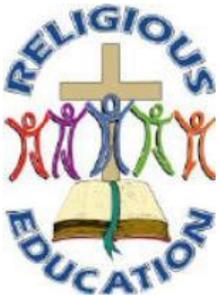
appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of Sacred Heart and St. John's.

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

TIME TO REGISTER FOR PREP! Registration Forms for all students grades K - 10th are available online at www.sacredparish.org and at the doors of the church. Please send your registration forms and payment in to the office *prior* to the start of classes. This helps us to be better prepared for the children on day one. Thank you.



HIGH SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION PROGRAM: Information specific to the 9th and 10th grade students who are preparing for Confirmation will be available next week. Information will be mailed to those families who are registered with PREP and will also be available online at www.sacredparish.org.

FIRST DAY OF PREP: Classes will begin for Grades K - 8 this year on **Sunday, September 13th**. This is also the day for the Parent Orientation Meeting from 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Please plan to have at least one parent attend this meeting. Catechists are preparing with joy for the start of the year! Please pray for our catechists and for the children who will share their faith together this year.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Did you know that there are children (in pre-school through 8th grade) from this parish and the surrounding communities that attend Immaculate Conception School? If you are looking for high academic standards

in a Christ centered environment, ICS is for you. Visit www.icschoolweb.org for more information. *The Sacred Heart bus transports children to and from ICS.*

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL: Are you looking for a school for your children to attend that offers a Higher Education, and an Excellent Sports and Activities Program with a Family Atmosphere? *Busing is now available from Chestertown to Saints Peter and Paul School in Easton.* Please contact Rosie Lobley at phillyfordchick@hotmail.com with questions.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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.

VOCATIONS: In today's first reading, Joshua tells the tribes of Israel "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." All of us are called to serve the Lord, though not in the same way. Some are called to give witness to the Kingdom of God through vows of poverty, chastity and obedience; some are called to feed God's people at the table of the Eucharist; some are called to provide ministry through proclamation of the Gospel. Is God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon or religious. If you think so, please call or write Father David Kelley, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 302-573-3113, or vocations@cdow.org. Be sure to visit our website: www.CalledByTheLord.com!



CATHOLIC FORUM: Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next **Sunday, August 30th**, Margrit Anna Banta, author of the book, "What Do I Say: Talking and Praying with Someone who is Dying" will be the guest. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: In the second reading today St. Paul talks about the special kind of love between a husband and a wife. Through the sacrament of Matrimony we are called to live in love as Christ loved us. Does our marriage relationship reflect the love of Christ for all to see? **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for November 6-8 in Rehoboth Beach, DE.** For more information, visit our website at www.wvme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony & Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offertory - Weeks Ending 8/16/15 (Week 7)

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	\$3,525	\$1,428	\$6,442	-\$1,489
YTD Wk. 7	\$35,762	\$8,976	\$45,094	-\$356

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. Thank you.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

Support the Cathedral of Saint Peter



Special Collection for its maintenance and preservation August 22/23 2015

The Cathedral of Saint Peter is the Seat of the Diocese of Wilmington and the Bishop's own church. This beautiful and historic church is

in need of our help. This weekend a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more information, including a letter from Bishop Malooly, a message from the Cathedral's Administrator, and a video tour of the Cathedral, go to www.cdow.org.

UPDATE INFO: Please contact the Church office if you have a new address, phone number, or e-mail, so that we can keep our records current.

PARISH LIFE



ALTAR FLOWERS - We have not budgeted for flowers or floral supplies. If you would like to make a donation please call Louise Shearer at 410-490-3595 or Mary Johnson at 410-778-2230. If you have garden flowers to share, please contact Louise Shearer.

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.

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.

REMINDER TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT SACRED HEART: Thank you to the ministers who volunteer to serve weekly at our liturgies. Please remember to "check in" before mass in the foyer of the church. Simply highlight your name on the schedule so that priest and deacon know in advance if we need to fill positions or make changes. All ministers should check in...Lectors, Greeters, Cantors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers. Thank you for your attention to this request.



BOOK OF INTENTIONS: The Book of Intentions is at the front foyer of the Church. Please feel free to list family members and friends who are sick or deceased, and for whom you wish the Community to offer prayers.

