

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”



Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.



For the Week of January 8th through January 14th

Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17



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, January 7th

4:00 p.m.

Mimi Waring

Sunday, January 8th

8:00 a.m.

Ray Brilz

10:00 a.m.

Sister Barbara Fitzgibbon

Monday, January 9th

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 10th

8:30 a.m.

Parishioners, living and deceased

Wednesday, January 11th

8:30 a.m.

Parishioners, living and deceased

Thursday, January 12th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Friday, December 13th

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, January 14th

4:00 p.m.

Anita Gelderman

Sunday, January 15th

8:00 a.m.

Parishioners, living and deceased

10:00 a.m.

Suzanne Street

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, Joe

Fick, 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

January 8, 201
Feast of the Epiphany

Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection for Families:

Children love this story because it's filled with things they treasure: gifts, adventure, danger, mystery.

Through these elements, Matthew has made it clear that the magi are foreigners – from the Gentile world in Matthew's day. It is reassuring for us to know and to help our children come to understand that God welcomes all people of the world to the family of God. By our Baptism, we are part of a family of faith, and as parents we spend our lives leading our children in that faith and demonstrating to them how we live our own faith.

Discussion Starters

1. The greatest gift our family has been given is...
2. I know how the magi must have felt because once we went somewhere and had no idea where we were going. The best lesson I learned from the magi and my experience was...
3. I am not always quick to accept the foreigner, but I will use God's example by...

MARCH FOR LIFE



MARCH FOR LIFE 2017: Be a voice for the voiceless! Come and March for Life on **January 27, 2017** in Washington D.C. The Rally begins at 12 noon and the March at 1:00 p.m. The District 26 Knights of Columbus have provided us with a free bus to the

Rally. The bus will be leaving Sacred Heart Church at 9:30 a.m. with stops in Centreville, Chesapeake College, and Kent Island, returning to Chestertown by 5:00 p.m. For reservations, please contact Kenny Platt at plattkpc@aol.com or call 443-926-2801.

SAINTS OF JANUARY

JOHN NEPOMUCENE NEUMANN

Feast Day: January 5

Canonized: June 19, 1977

Beatified: October 13, 1963

Venerated: December 11, 1921

The new Bishop of Philadelphia had just about had it with the unfair treatment of Catholic students in the public school system of his city.

We can hardly imagine such an occurrence today, but in the middle 1800s, school boards,

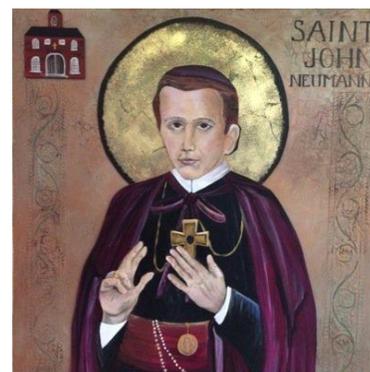
administrators and teachers were mostly Protestant and forced their beliefs on all the students. Catholic children were pressured (often with whippings) to read the Protestant Bible and participate in Protestant worship services in their schools.

Bishop John Neumann worked hard to change this practice in the Diocese of Philadelphia. In some cases it took lawsuits; in others, he built schools and organized a diocesan school system in 1852. Even so, he was not a particularly popular bishop and faced discouragement when enemies burned down the convents and schools he built.

John worked hard in several areas. First, he helped immigrants feel comfortable in their new home. He provided parishes where they could worship in their native language and he gave them food, clothing, and housekeeping items when they could not afford their own. He helped the Sisters of Notre Dame establish themselves in the United States. The Notre Dames taught in Baltimore, Pittsburgh, New York, Buffalo, and Philadelphia. Education was always dear to John's heart. He built Catholic schools, organized Catholic school boards, and assigned Catholic teachers to these schools. During the time he was bishop, schools in his diocese grew from one to 200, and enrollment boosted from 500 Catholic school students to 9,000.

John worked hard and tirelessly. This may be in part the cause of his death on January 5, 1860, at the age of 48. He crumbled to the snow a few blocks away from his Philadelphia cathedral. Priests rushed to him with oils, but he was already dead. He is buried in a glass crypt under the main altar of St. Peter's Church in Philadelphia.

In 1977, Pope Paul VI declared him a saint, and he is the patron saint of immigrants and sick children.



PARISH NEWS

Offertory - Week Ending 01/01/16 - Week 27

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 1/1- Wk.27	\$4,415	\$295	\$6,346	-\$1,636
YTD Wk. 27	\$141,141	\$ 26,230	\$171,342	-\$3,971

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. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

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 January 15th** 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. And of course, we welcome any 'family favorite' breakfast dish you would like to share alongside this traditional breakfast menu!

FLOWER DONATIONS: Parishioners are invited to donate flowers in celebration of weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and other special events. If you would like to donate flowers or place flowers in memory of a loved one, please inform Becky Davis for Sacred Heart, at 410-778-3160; or Mary Johnson for St. John's at 410-778-2230. Thank you.

PARISH MEETING: The monthly Parish Meeting will be this Thursday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. Please come and share ideas with your fellow parishioners.

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.

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.**

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 we 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.

