

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words "open" and "shut" refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.



Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God's plan for his people. In him, he writes, "all things are."

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock" upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power "to bind" and "to loose."



**For the Week of August 27th through
September 2nd**

Sunday

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

First Friday

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

First Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30



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 26th

4:00 p.m.

**For Our Parishioners, Living
And Deceased**

6:00 p.m.

Marie Gruber

Sunday, August 27th

8:00 a.m.

Helen Guastavino

10:00 a.m.

Owen Pierce

Monday August 28th

8:30 a.m.

Tess and Patrick Sweeney

Tuesday, August 29th

8:30 a.m.

**For Our Parishioners, Living
And Deceased**

Wednesday August 30th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 31st

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Friday, September 1st

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, September 2nd

4:00 p.m.

Helen Guastavino

6:00 p.m.

Jack DePoulter

Sunday, September 3rd

8:00 a.m.

**For Our Parishioners, Living
And Deceased**

10:00 a.m.

Tim Kern

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Elizabeth Montague, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Jennifer Willis, Laurenson Ward*, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.



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

Our Sacred Heart PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM is undergoing some exciting changes!



The *Parent Information and Orientation Meeting* will be held on **Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. Family registrations will be taken at this time.

Bringing the Gospel Home Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time Matthew 16:13-20

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES: Sometimes it seems like an awesome responsibility, but our children look to us as the rock on which they build many things: their trust in other people, their hope, and certainly their faith in God's promises. The way our children see us respond to others, what they hear us say, and what they see us do, will shape who Jesus is in their lives. Taking a moment to pray for guidance and wisdom before we act or react to a situation may be just enough to let Jesus in.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY: Take this opportunity to learn more about our pope. Find photographs of the Pope, where he lives, who helps him, and information suitable to the ages of all family members. Help each person understand that our pope has followed Peter as leader and decision-maker for the Catholic Church. While all people are human and capable of error, God promises to be with us in our responsibilities.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. Sometimes I think about the question that Jesus asked Peter: Who do you say I am? I know how I would answer Jesus today. He is...
2. The most important thing for me about being Catholic is...
3. There are people who have authority over me. I pray for them that they...



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SAINTS OF AUGUST

AUGUST 30 – JEANNE JUGAN



From the time she was a little girl, Jeanne Jugan knew how it felt to be in need. She was born in revolutionary-era France in 1792, and her father was a fisherman who was lost at sea. Her mother struggled to find ways to support her family in their small village. Jeanne's mother raised her children with faith and love.

When Jeanne was a teenager, she took a job as a maid in the home of a wealthy Christian family. The woman of the house often took Jeanne with her when she went to visit the sick and elderly people in the village. The woman taught Jeanne the importance of putting her faith in practice by showing love for her neighbor.

Later, Jeanne worked in a hospital, but after six years, the demands of the job had exhausted her. She went to work for an elderly woman. Jeanne and the woman prayed together every day and performed charitable works. They also invited the neighborhood children into the home to teach them the Catholic faith.

After the woman died, Jeanne and two other women rented a room in a small cottage. They devoted themselves to daily Mass and caring for people in need, especially old people who were alone and sick. In 1839, at the age of 47, Jeanne brought home a sick and blind elderly widow, giving the woman her own bed. Eventually, caring for the abandoned elderly became the primary focus of her religious order, and remains so today for the approximately 2,700 Little Sisters of the Poor.

She died in 1879 and the Church declared Jeanne a saint in October of 2009. Today she is the patron saint of the elderly, and her Little Sisters of the Poor serve more than 13,000 elderly persons in 32 countries.

POPE FRANCIS CORNER



Pope Francis calls for a shared response to challenge of contemporary migration

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In the message for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, the Pope calls for a shared response to the challenges of contemporary migration, adding that "in order to achieve the desired outcome, the contribution of political communities and civil societies is indispensable.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending –August 20th – Week 8

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.”

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Offertory 8/20 Wk. 8	\$3,566	\$765	\$6,058	-\$1,727
YTD Wk. 8	\$45,085	\$7,795	\$48,464	\$4,416

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.

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.

SPECIAL MASS FOR HOMESCHOOL

FAMILIES: Please join your fellow area Catholic homeschool families for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother's birthday, **Friday September 8th. Mass will be celebrated by Father John Gabage at 11:00 am at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Ridgely, Maryland.** Pack a lunch for your own family and, after Mass, we will eat lunch together, either in the church hall or at a local park, depending on the weather. Anyone who is interested in learning about Catholic homeschooling is very welcome to join us as well. You might even have some of your questions answered by the other families in attendance. Please RSVP to carnpowell@gmail.com by September 1st.

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.

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.

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.



**CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH IN
OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**

**Masses beginning the weekend of
September 9th/10th:**

**Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart
(Reconciliation 3:15 p.m.)
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. at St. John
10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart**