

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord urges Moses to tell the Israelite Community to love their neighbors as themselves. They should bear no grudge or hatred against another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul, once again, reminds the Corinthians that they are the temple of God, and, as such, must avoid internal disputes and wrangling. He tries to make them realize that they belong to Christ and that the Spirit of God dwells within them.



Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to do an extraordinary thing — to love their enemies and to pray for their oppressors. He reminds them that there is nothing laudatory in loving those who love them for even the “pagans” do this. He urges them to “turn the other cheek” and to “walk the extra mile.”



For the Week of February 23rd through February 29th

Sunday

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday

Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2;

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32



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 22nd

4:00 p.m. George and Betty Glenn

Sunday, February 23rd

8:00 a.m. John and Mary Bigelow

10:00 a.m. Joe Dawson

Monday, February 24th

8:30 a.m. Robert and Geneva Spray

Tuesday, February 25th

8:30 a.m. Jerry Peterson

Wednesday, February 26th (Ash Wednesday)

8:30 a.m. (SH) For Our Parishioners, Living and Deceased

5:00 p.m. (SJ) For Our Parishioners, Living and Deceased

7:00 p.m. (SH) For Our Parishioners, Living and Deceased

Saturday, February 29th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, March 1st

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners, Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Benson Gieser



REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne, Tom Blum, Betty Ann Strong, Joan Szwajkowski*, 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



Bringing the Gospel Home

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Matthew 5:38-48

Reflection for Parents

When difficult times and strife occur in family life, what are our natural tendencies? Taking the perspective of the other person is a great challenge, yet a necessary skill for a healthy relationship.

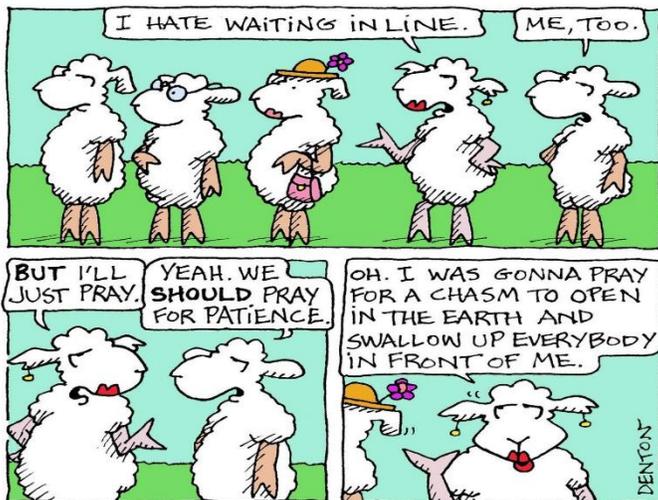
Consider the challenge of Jesus to turn the other cheek during difficult times. Jesus is not asking us to accept or tolerate abuse, but to consider the perspective of the other person in how we relate to him or her. So next time when the family is challenged, or an argument occurs, how might you consider the perspective of the other person? How might you show your spouse or children the love that God shows all of us?

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

During mealtimes this week as you eat, talk together about how each member of the family is important. Share with one another the goodness and beauty that each family member has. Highlight special talents and skills which have made a difference in the life of the family. Take the time to specifically discuss the qualities you cherish about one another.

Discussion Starters

1. As a disciple of Jesus, I need to learn how to love others by . . .
2. I know I am loved by others when . . .
3. The greatest challenge I have in loving like God is . . .
4. Today I decided to . . .



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"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people."

Sheepish Question:

Who are the people hardest for me to love, and what is my prayer for them today?

FEBRUARY SAINTS

FEBRUARY 6 – FRANCESCO SPINELLI



Francesco Spinelli was born in Milan, Italy, on April 14, 1853. As a child, he would join his mother in visiting and helping the poor and the needy of Milan. He entertained other children by putting on puppet shows.

Francesco studied for the priesthood in Bergamo, Italy, and was ordained a priest in 1875. It was later in 1875 that he had a vision of women perpetually adoring the Blessed Sacrament. He was faithful to the duties of his ministry, teaching in the seminary during the day and running evening classes for the poor by night. In 1882, he helped found a religious order that dedicated itself to the Eucharist and to Eucharistic adoration. But this effort failed, and Father Spinelli left Bergamo greatly saddened by what had happened.

He moved to Cremona, Italy, and in 1892 he founded the Sisters Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. They were given diocesan approval in 1897. This order continues its ministry of adoring and praying before the Blessed Sacrament throughout the world.

Father Spinelli died on February 6, 1913. On the path to sainthood, he was known for the way he lived the Theological and the Cardinal Virtues. On October 14, 2018, Pope Francis declared him a saint of the Church.

PANCAKE SUPPER



SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER: The Father George S. Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Pancake Supper on **February 25, 2020 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Adults are \$9.00, children 4-12 are \$4.00, and under 4 are free. If you have any questions, please call Bill Taylor at 443-553-0700.



PARISH NEWS

LENTEN ACTIVITIES:

Fridays of Lent

An opportunity to look more closely at the readings for the coming weekend
 4:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Hall
Soup will be served at 5:30 p.m.
Come for the 4 o'clock session and stay for soup
or
come for soup and stay for 6:30 p.m. session.



SOUP DONATIONS ARE NEEDED for Fridays of Lent -
from March 6th through April 3rd. You are asked to
 make a homemade, meatless soup in a personal crock pot
 and bring it with one loaf of artisan bread to the hall on your
 chosen night. If you can contribute, call Becky Davis at
 410-778-3160 or e-mail her at: sacredparish@gmail.com.
 Your support and contributions to this effort are
 appreciated.

Lenten Regulations on Fast and Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good
 Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14
 years and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all
 Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by
 this rule may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted
 as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating
 between meals is not permitted.

Offertory – Week Ending February 16th - Week 34

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 02/16 Wk. 34	\$3,097	\$894	\$6,635	-\$2,644
YTD Wk. 34	\$167,809	\$60,495	\$225,190	\$3,114

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 Mary Jo Frohlich with any questions at 410-778-3160, or mfrohlich@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

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.

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.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 26TH LITURGIES:

8:30 a.m. – Sacred Heart

5:00 p.m. – St. John

7:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart

