

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

#### Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14



Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

#### Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

#### For the Week of March 13<sup>th</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup>

##### Sunday

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

##### Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:12-20

##### Tuesday

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

##### Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

##### Thursday

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

##### Friday

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

##### Saturday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a



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 12<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. William F. Sullivan, Sr.

### Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Sister Linda Anne Greenburg

10:00 a.m. Pesce and DePoulter Families

### Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

### Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

### Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

### Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Charlie Moloney

### Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

### Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

### Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Mike Maristch

10:00 a.m. Tim Kern



### REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

*Barron Scott, Barbara Darrah, John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Ryan Elizabeth Quintero,*

*Edith Follin, Elizabeth Montague, Sandy Bugni, Angela Wilmer,* and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the front foyer of Sacred Heart/St. John's.

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**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](http://sacredparish.org).

## 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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROJECTS:** Sharing our Christian witness in the world continues through our "Flat Francis Project." Be sure to take a look at the images received so far from RE families on the bulletin board just inside the door of the Hall. Also, the collection of monetary donations to the CRS "Operation Rice Bowl" continues through March 20<sup>th</sup>.

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**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND SPONSORS:** Important preparation class and rehearsal for the Sacrament is scheduled for next **Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** We will meet in the Church Hall.

Please pray for the following young people as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in April: **Cassidy Braver, Nick Hale, Lauren Pierce, David Alexander, Ally Shearon, Mathew Antao, Ana Pavon, Cody Walton, Ryleigh Paskoski, and Cassy Blake.**

**FAITH IN ACTION:** This past Sunday, several of our 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Graders who are preparing for Confirmation came together to cook and serve a meal to the guests of our local homeless shelter. It was an amazing night of Christian service by the young people in our parish. Their actions truly inspired the adults present and challenged us all to live our faith out loud. Please join me in being abundantly proud of our young people as they continue to grow in faith and in relationship with Jesus.

#### PREP SCHEDULE:

##### MARCH:

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> - RE CLASS**

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> - RE CLASS - Confirmation Sponsors & Students Class / CS Rice Bowls Due today**

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> - NO CLASSES – Happy Easter!**

## OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

**LENTEN PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>**  
This Friday come and spend an hour of reflection with our Lord by experiencing "The Way of the Cross" through Shadow Stations. **This prayerful and uniquely powerful presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Soup & Bread Fellowship** in the Hall at Sacred Heart. Perhaps you might reach out and bring a friend.....all are welcome.

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#### CHRISTIAN MOVIES TO CONSIDER FOR LENT...

**Miracles from Heaven** (Rated PG) Based on a true story, this film highlights the experience of faith and hope the Beam family encounters in God's unfailing love and constant presence during an incredible journey from hardship to healing.

**Risen** (Rated PG 13): This is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius, a powerful Roman Military Tribune, and his aide Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus following the Resurrection.

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**LENTEN SOUP AND BREAD FELLOWSHIP:** We are now coordinating volunteers to make and bring soup & bread next Friday. If you would like to contribute, please call or email

Becky Davis at 410-778-3160 or [sacredparish@gmail.com](mailto:sacredparish@gmail.com). Thank You.

## TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS



#### TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

We meet weekly **following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday.**

The readings of the day are discussed so that we can better apply them to our daily lives; and a particular piece of Catholic doctrine is then presented and explored. This is a wonderful way to grow in knowledge of our faith!

*Won't you join us?*

#### MARCH 13 – MORALITY

**Facilitator: Dick Swanson**

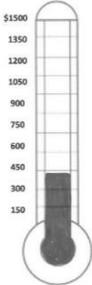
Today's liturgy is an invitation to consider the moral life. Yes, the adulterous woman was a sinner. Jesus did not deny her sin; he challenged it, offered forgiveness and saved her life. The Pharisees were culpable of sin in that they sat in judgment of the woman. We are all called to live the moral life. It is important that we take time out during Lent to discover what that means for our lives.

**NEXT WEEKEND: The Triduum**  
**Facilitator: Barbara Kelly**

## STOP HUNGER NOW

Congratulations to the Kent County High School students who raised \$5,361.00 for **Stop Hunger Now** and packaged 20,000 meals on March 2, 2016.

Chestertown's packaging event will take place on **October 22, 2016**. This is a joint project with Christ United Methodist Church. [www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org).



Our parish has pledged to raise \$1,500.00, and, as of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we have raised \$444.00. ***This is a great start. Each meal costs .29 cents - \$29.00 will pay for 100 meals!*** Donations for this project can be placed in the regular collection. Please put them in a separate envelope and mark them "***Stop Hunger Now***". *In this Year of Mercy, let us heed Pope Francis' call to care for the least among us.*

For information or to volunteer to help, contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 or [wmandersonfamily@verizon.net](mailto:wmandersonfamily@verizon.net).

## HOLY WEEK MASSES

**HOLY THURSDAY (3/24): 7:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart**

**GOOD FRIDAY (3/25): 3:00 p.m. Service at Sacred Heart**

**HOLY SATURDAY (3/26): 7:30 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart**

**EASTER SUNDAY (3/27):**

**St. John's – 8:00 a.m.**

**Sacred Heart – 10:00 a.m.**

## PARISH NEWS



## RECONCILIATION

**RECONCILIATION:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent (through March 18<sup>th</sup>) at 9:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Additional local Lenten Reconciliation Services available in the Diocese of Wilmington are:

**St. Dennis, Galena – Fridays at 4:00 p.m.**

**St. Benedict, Ridgely – Fridays at 6:00 p.m.**

**St. Peter, Queenstown – Fridays at 7:45 p.m. (March 18).**

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP



### ELECTRONIC GIVING

**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](mailto:senta.burton@sacredparish.org).

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

### Offertory - Week Ending 3/6/16 Week 36

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 03/06-Wk.36	\$4,769	\$2,390	\$6,442	\$717
YTD Wk. 36	\$184,434	\$40,739	\$231,912	-\$6,739

*5th Sunday in Lent*

**MINISTRY INVITATION:** Sacred Heart is in need of volunteers for Ushers and Greeters. We will provide training and you have control over when you are scheduled. If you can help with these ministries of hospitality, please contact Ann Ashe at [ann.ashe.md@gmail.com](mailto:ann.ashe.md@gmail.com).

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**ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY:** Please remove all Christmas decorations from the graves on or before March 15<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to help remove decorations from the plots on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Please call the office you can help.

*Thank you.*

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**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.

