

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

The city of Zion laments that God has forsaken it. God replies that a mother would not forget her baby. Yet even if she did forget, "I will never forget you."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Paul describes himself as a servant of Christ. He explains that the opinions of other people are unimportant to him. God is the only one worthy to judge us.

When God returns, he will praise those who deserve it.



Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus warns the people not to waste their time worrying about material things. He says that God provides for the birds in the sky. "Are you not more important than they?" Jesus asked. We should not worry about food and clothes. Instead we should act as God wants us to, then he will help provide for us.



For the Week of February 26th through March 4th

Sunday

Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

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

First Friday

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

First 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 25th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, February 26th

8:00 a.m. For our Parishioners, living and deceased

10:00 a.m. Jack Depoulter

Monday February 27th

8:30 a.m. James Panetta

Tuesday, February 28th

8:30 a.m. Odessa M. Jordan

Wednesday March 1st (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

Thursday, March 2nd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, March 3rd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, March 4th

4:00 p.m. Frederick McCall

Sunday, March 5th

8:00 a.m. Florence Jankowski

10:00 a.m. Frederick McCall

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, Delores Carmen, Ed Kolsun, Laurenson Ward, 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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 6:24-34

Reflection for Families: It is easy to think that the adult members of a family are the ones who bear the greatest share of anxieties and concerns. But children and youth bear their share of anxieties, too. Will they fit in at a new school, in a new neighborhood, on a new team? Will they pass the homework assignment, the test, or the year-end exam? In the spirit of the Gospel, they worry about basic things such as clothing and food, too. Listening carefully to what our children are saying about their day and their interactions with others, and creating an environment of open and honest communication do much to create a spirit of God's peace and care in the home.

Bringing the Gospel into your Family –Place a bowl on the family table, along with several strips of paper and a pencil or pen. Invite family members to write down things they are worried about, and to place their worries in the “worry bowl” all through the coming week. As the family gathers, pray: “God of peace, we place before you all things we are worried about. Thank you for caring for our every need. Amen.”

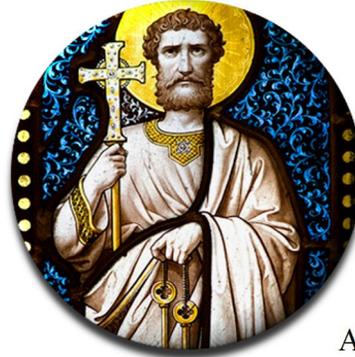
Discussion Starters

1. Something I am worried about today is...
2. God shows his care for me by...
3. This week I will show God's care for others by...

RETRouvaille MARRIAGE PROGRAM

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **The next programs are in April and August, 2017.** For more information or to register for one of the weekends, visit our web-site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

SAINTS OF FEBRUARY



PETER THE APOSTLE

Feast Day: February 22 (Chair of Peter)

Canonized: Pre-Congregation

Are you a leader or a follower? When Jesus met Simon, he recognized his leadership qualities. But he knew that Simon would need help. Jesus began by giving Simon a new name. He called him Peter, which means “rock.” Later, Jesus told Peter that he was to be the rock on which Jesus would build his Church.

Peter was the first Apostle to recognize that Jesus was the Messiah, the one promised by God to save his people. He gave up his life as a fisherman to lead others to Jesus, by being a fisher of men (Matthew 4:19) for Christ. He was a witness to the Transfiguration, when Jesus was revealed to be God's Son. He saw Jesus bring a dead child to life (Luke 8:40-56) and he was an eyewitness to Jesus' agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

After the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost, Peter was filled with all the gifts he needed to lead the young Church. That Pentecost morning, he gave such a powerful speech about Jesus to the Crowd in Jerusalem that three thousand people asked to be baptized immediately. Peter was the first Apostle to perform a miracle in Christ's name. Working with St. Paul, he recognized that the Church needed to be open to all people. Peter was also the first bishop of Rome, a title that has been given to every pope. Peter made Rome the home of the worldwide Church.



PARISH NEWS

Offertory - Week Ending 02/19/16 - 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 2/19- Wk.34	\$3,891	\$510	\$6,346	-\$1,945
YTD Wk. 34	\$174,002	\$33,225	\$215,764	-\$8,537

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.

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.

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 March 19th** 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!



PANCAKE SUPPER: The Father George S. Bradford Council Knights of Columbus is holding its annual Pancake Supper on **this Tuesday, February 28, 2017 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children 4-12 years old; and free for children under 3. For more information, please contact Bill Taylor at 443-553-0700.



ASH WEDNESDAY (March 1st) MASSES:



8:30 a. m. at Sacred Heart

5:00 p.m. at St. John's

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart

DIOCESAN NEWS

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Malooly invites youth and young adults from all parishes and schools to join him for the eighth annual Pilgrimage on **Saturday, April 8, 2017**. Young people from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and his journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Cooper Ray at 10:30 a.m. We conclude with the 5p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). For more information, visit www.cdowcym.org. *Registration deadline is April 2, 2017.*

CATECHETICAL DAY: Attention all Catechists – Please join Bishop W. Francis Malooly at St. Thomas More Academy on **March 11th** for Catechetical Day. John Collins, William H. Sadlier's National Speaking Consultant, is the keynote speaker for the event. For more information on the day, please call the Diocesan Office of Religious Education at 302-573-3130 or to register, please visit: www.cdow.org/catecheticalday.com.

