

SCRIPTURE READINGS



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into His people and will let them live.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.



For the Week of April 2nd through
April 8th

Sunday
Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,
33b-45
Monday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11
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
First Friday
Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday
Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56



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, April 1 st 4:00 p.m.	Judy Redinger
Sunday, April 2 nd 8:00 a.m.	Roselma Jayne
10:00 a.m.	Jack DePoulter
Monday April 3 rd 8:30 a.m.	Frederick McCall
Tuesday, April 4 th 8:30 a.m.	Michael Minney
Wednesday April 5 th 8:30 a.m.	J.R. Alfree (living)
Thursday, April 6 th 8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday, April 7 th 8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, April 8 th 4:00 p.m.	Joseph and Jane Gencavage
Sunday, April 9 th 8:00 a.m.	Helen and Albert Hanger
10:00 a.m.	Harry Coleman

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.*



MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE: Please remember in your prayers Roselma Jayne and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home



Fifth Sunday of Lent

John 11:1-45

Reflection for Families: The healing power of Jesus brings new life to all of us. Are there some things in our lives that cause us to die to others?

Perhaps we are impatient, ungrateful, critical, or quick to anger. Maybe we're proud, boastful, or envious. Jesus promises us new life if we trust in him and allow our actions to follow his ways.

Bringing the Gospel into your Family – If there are members of your extended family who have died, share with one another what this passage might mean for them. What hope does the reading give us for ourselves and for our loved ones. How does new life that we can see this spring help us know what Jesus promised? As you did last week, bring some symbol of God's promise to your prayer table.

Discussion Starters

1. The best example I saw of the new life Jesus promises was...
2. Like Mary and Martha, my faith was strengthened when...
3. This story brings me hope because...

A LENTEN JOURNEY



RECONCILIATION SERVICE: On Thursday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, all are invited and encouraged to attend an evening of

reflection and reconciliation at our Parish Reconciliation Service. This is perfect preparation to enable us to enter fully into the observance of Holy Week and a joyful Easter.

SAINTS OF APRIL

SAINT JULIE BILLIART

Feast Day: April 8th

By the time Marie Rose Julie Billiard was 7 years old, she had memorized her catechism and would explain the lessons to her young friends. As she grew older she was known by people as the "saint of Cuvilly," which was the name of her French town. Her family were farmers, and she helped them with farm work to earn money. But in her spare time, she taught religion to children and to workers.

In 1773, when she was 22, Julie suffered a shock that paralyzed her legs. She was eventually confined to her bed for more than two decades. But throughout those many years, she received Communion every day and often prayed for as many as six hours each day. She sewed altar linens and vestments for the church, and taught religious education to the children of the village from her bed.

When the French Revolution began in 1789, Julie initially hid priests in her home so they would not be imprisoned or killed by the government. But eventually she became hunted herself for those actions. She took refuge with a noblewoman who engaged in good works in the name of her faith. By 1803, they had formed the Institute of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur to help poor children, particularly young girls in need of Christian education. They also trained others to serve as religion teachers.

Julie made her vows in 1804 and her paralysis was cured, allowing her to walk for the first time in 22 years.

In the years until her death in 1816, she founded 15 convents. She also nursed starving and wounded people following the battle of Waterloo.

She was made a saint in 1969 by Pope Paul VI.

"Look to God as a sunflower looks to the sun for life"
~St. Julie Billiard

PARISH NEWS



Offertory - Week Ending 03/26/16 - Week 39

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."

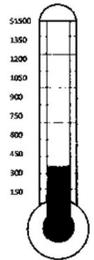
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Offertory 3/26- Wk.39	\$4,380	\$580	\$6,346	-\$1,386
YTD Wk. 39	\$197,687	\$36,940	\$247,494	-\$12,867

YOU ARE INVITED:

When: Saturday, October 20, 2017

What: Rise Against Hunger Meal packaging Event – A joint project of Sacred Heart Parish and Christ United Methodist Church.

Our parish has pledged to raise \$1,500.00. As of March 20, 2017, we have collected \$325. This is a great start! Each meal costs .29 cents so a donation of just \$29 will cover the cost of 100 meals. The more money we collect, the more meals we can package and send to hungry people around the world.



Donations for this project can be placed in the regular weekly collection. Please put all donations in a separate envelope and mark them "Rise Against Hunger".

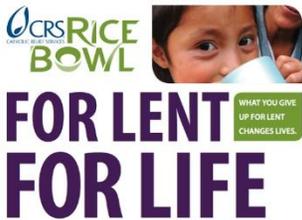
If you would like to help with fundraising, volunteer for the meal packaging event or have questions, contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 or wmandersonfamily@verizon.net or visit the website at www.riseagainsthunger.org.



Christ United Methodist Church is hosting a "Concert of Sacred Music" on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at 401 High Street, Chestertown. There will be a love offering taken up at this concert to benefit the Rise Against Hunger Meal packaging event. All are invited to attend. Bring a friend!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP: The Father Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus will be awarding its Charter Member Scholarship to a deserving high school senior or seniors to assist with their college educational needs. The application forms are located in the front areas of Sacred Heart or St. John's. **The completed application forms must be received by May 22, 2017.** If you have any questions, please contact Steve at (443) 480-4368.

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.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL – FOR LENT, FOR LIFE

The season of Lent is marked by many traditions among Catholics in the United States. Symbolized by its ubiquitous cardboard box, CRS Rice Bowl has been a tradition for generations of Catholics. Beginning in 1975 as a response to a growing famine in Africa, CRS Rice Bowl today shines a light on the Catholic community's commitment to poor and vulnerable families – our brothers and sisters. Their lives are improving in meaningful, measurable ways through the humanitarian programs and services provided by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Church around the world.

This year, CRS Rice Bowl provides a path for Catholics in the United States to build, what Pope Francis calls "a culture of encounter". By following the daily Lenten calendar, sharing the weekly stories of hope, and making the meatless meals, participants will follow a personal journey that leads to us seeing ourselves in the faces of our neighbors, cultivating a spirit of global solidarity and encountering God's love anew.

Please take a CRS Rice Bowl home with you this week!

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.

