

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.

For the Week of September 28th through October 4th

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Jb 19:21-27; Mt 18:1-5, 10

First Friday

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

First Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

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, September 27th

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, September 28th

8:00 a.m. Charles Wojciehowski

10:00 a.m. George Schaubert

Monday September 29th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, September 30th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday October 1st

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, October 2nd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, October 3rd

8:30 a.m. James Mertel

Saturday, October 4th

8:30 a.m. Peter Terpeluk, Jr.

4:00 p.m. Edward Johnston

Sunday, October 5th

8:00 a.m. Steven Belcak, Sr.

10:00 a.m. Bill Coleman

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY 09/21/14:

SACRED HEART:	\$	4,474
ST. JOHN:	\$	1,115
ELECTRONIC GIVING:	\$	370

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

SACRED HEART:	\$	1,552
ST. JOHN:	\$	584

FOOD FOR THE POOR: This weekend, our pastor is from *Food For The Poor*. This organization was founded on the basis of the Gospel of Matthew: "As often as you did it to the one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." Matt. 25:40. "We seek out the poorest of the poor in 16 different countries, aiding some of the most destitute. In each face we see the living Christ, who is hungry, thirsty, a stranger and naked. Our ministry focuses on the greatest needs of the destitute. Just as our Lord served those society ignored, we are there, feeding the hungry, building water wells for thirsty villages, building houses for the homeless, aiding the impoverished elderly, raising orphans in a loving atmosphere of Christian discipline, healing the sick or overcoming illiteracy by supporting schools." Thank you for supporting this ministry.

PARISH-WIDE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ALL

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

“Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14

PREP SUNDAY: Beginning in October, the first Sunday of each month is *PREP Sunday*. All students enrolled in the Religious Education Program are invited to sit together in the front rows of church with catechists for the **10 a.m. mass**. Please encourage your children to participate in this unique experience of mass.

HIGH SCHOOL / CONFIRMATION PROGRAM: For those students in grades 9 and 10, PREP classes begin on **Sunday, October 5th**. You will meet in the church chapel for your first class. Those 10th graders who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year will be recognized and given a special blessing at the 10:00 a.m. mass on Sunday. This community will be praying for you as you begin your journey in the Spirit.

PARENTS OF 2nd GRADE PREP STUDENTS: Please be prepared to attend the Parent Meeting in preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on **Sunday, October 12th at 11:00 a.m.** in the "Upper Room" in the hall. More information will be coming home with your child next Sunday. Please mark your calendars.

*Feed your
spirit with
the word of God*

REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD meets the **first and third Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** in the Upper Room of Sacred Heart Church Hall. Participants read and discern the lessons of the previous Sunday's Gospel. Each small group discussion session stands "on its own" and you may come as often as you can to allow God to teach you through His Word during these sessions. *Coordinator: Deacon John Davis.*

TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH: This Adult Formation activity meets **each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass** in the front foyer of Sacred Heart Church. **This week's topic: SIN AND GRACE:** What is your definition of sin? Some sins we commit over and over again. Have you ever tried to stop making the same mistakes or sins over and over only to be frustrated by your efforts? What does that teach you about the nature of sin?

Next Week: SALVATION
Coordinator: Barbara Kelley.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Weekly at the 10:00 a.m. Mass
The Children's Liturgy of the Word
is an adapted liturgical experience
that shares God's Word in ways that children
can understand.



This special Religious Education Program is designed for children Grades Pre-K – 2nd grade. Older siblings are most welcome to join in with younger brothers and sisters.

FALL ACTIVITIES

BAKE SALE - Calling All Bakers and Baked Good Lovers.

There will be a Bake Sale following the **4:00 p.m. Mass October 4th and the 10:00 a.m. Mass on October 5th** sponsored by the Sacred Heart Bus to Immaculate Conception.

For more information, or if you would like to donate baked goods, please contact 410-708-4722 or indigo618@verizon.net.

FALL FESTIVAL & CHILI COOK OFF: Saturday, October 4th at 5:00 p.m. - Join our parish community for a fun family evening with



pumpkin decorating, games, crafts and homemade chili! This is a free event sponsored by the Catholic Family Network. If you would like to enter your best recipe for the Chili Cook Off Competition, contact Annette Walls at walls4today@gmail.com or 410-

778-3505. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and share fellowship with friends and families from our church community.

ALTAR SERVERS

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Altar servers assist the priest in the celebration of the Mass. This ministry helps to develop a sense of participation in parish life and offers an opportunity to understand the rewards of service. Children must be in 3rd-12th grade and have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Being an altar server is a commitment made by both the server and his/her parents. Families must be ready and willing to attend the trainings and be faithful to the service schedule. If your child has an interest in this type of service, contact Kathy Clark at gdclark2@verizon.net, or call 410-778-2548. *Training will begin in October.*



IN MEMORIAM

JAMES H. NICHOLSON, of Chestertown, Maryland, died on July 26, 2014. He was 81. He is survived by his wife: Leona “Lonnie” Suchocki Nicholson and his sister: Louise Kulesza of Philadelphia. A graveside service with military honors was held on Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Crumpton Cemetery, at which Father Paul Campbell officiated.

MARY ELIZABETH “LIBBY” STOOPS, a resident of Hillsboro, Oregon but for over 45 years a resident of Kent County Maryland and member of Sacred Heart Church, died on July 26, 2014. She was 91. Libby is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Cheryl McFadden of Hillsboro, as well as their four children and three grandchildren; her brother, Robert Goss, and sister, Mary Louise Bockstie; her two stepsons, William and Walter Grabenstein; and many nieces and nephews. For several years Libby served as a Lector at Sacred Heart Church and was an elected member of the Parish Council and served as its secretary for many years. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on August 9, 2014. Interment was held at Bond Chapel Cemetery in Pomona, MD.



PARISH LIFE

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT: Today’s second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese’s tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week’s collection basket. For more information about the diocese’s tuition assistance program, see this week’s Dialog, or visit www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html.

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 Deacon John Davis with any questions at 443-875-6898 or deaconjohn@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

DIOCESAN NEWS

HEALING RETREAT FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS: The weekend is a combination of workshop and retreat with information/formation sessions, group sharing and activities and quiet time for prayer and reflection. The focus is on getting to the root thinking of wounded emotions and returning into the embrace of Christ. The retreat is on **October 17th and 18th** at St. Michael Catholic Church in Mt. Airy Maryland. Cost: \$45.00/person and \$35.00/person if pd. By October 10th. For more information e-mail StMHealingHearts@gmail.com or visit the diocesan website: www.cdow.org.

PRO-LIFE WORKSHOP: The diocesan Respect Life Committee again this year is sponsoring a workshop for parish pro-life leaders. This year’s focus should be of interest also to teachers, catechists, parents and others. The theme is *The Hazardous Results of the Sexual Revolution*. The main speaker will be Gloria Purvis who was the host of the EWTN program “Authentically Free at Last.” Several workshops will address ways to respond to the moral and cultural challenges of the sexual revolution. The Program will take place on **Saturday, October 18th** at St. Polycarp Church in Smyrna. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and the program ends at 4:00 p.m. There is no charge and a free will offering is taken to cover the costs of lunch. Register any time by contacting Fr. Leonard Klein at: lrklein45@comcast.net.

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON WOMEN’S CONFERENCE: **Saturday, November 1st** at St. Joseph’s in Middletown, DE. The Conference Speaker is Johnnette Benovic, who travels internationally as a popular conference speaker, published author retreat director, and seminar presenter. She has developed the internationally recognized Women of Grace Foundational Study Series which has transformed thousands of women worldwide through the healing love of Jesus Christ. The Conference includes Mass, Presentations, Lunch and Inspirational Music. Cost: \$30.00 (lunch on your own) or \$40.00 (box lunch). There are registration forms at the doors of the Church.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: The second reading calls us to “conduct yourself in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.” The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend helps your marriage to be a sign for the world. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is **November 7th through 9th** in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information, visit the website at: www.wwwme-delmar.org, or to register for the weekend, call Dave and Cyndi Germack at 302-220-9833.