

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.



Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.

For the Week of March 20th through March 26th

Sunday

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

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 19th

4:00 p.m. Anita Gelderman

Sunday, March 20th

8:00 a.m. Mike Maristch

10:00 a.m. Tim Kern

Monday March 21st

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Tuesday, March 22nd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday March 23rd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, March 24th (Holy Thursday)

7:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Friday, March 25th (Good Friday)

3:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Saturday, March 26th (Holy Saturday)

7:30 p.m. Mass for the People

Sunday, March 27th (Easter Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People

10:00 a.m. Mass for the People

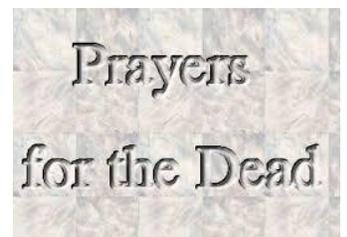


REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

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.

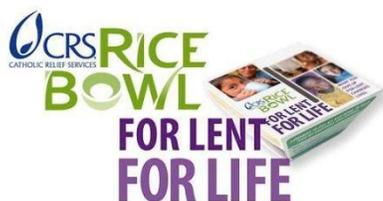
MAY THE ANGELS LEAD YOU INTO PARADISE: Please remember in your prayers *Arthur Engle* and all our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

"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



CRS Rice Bowls are DUE THIS WEEKEND: Rice Bowl donations will be collected this weekend at all masses. Please bring the cardboard

bowl forward at the offertory of the mass and place in the basket on the altar. Please put some tape over the money slot to keep coins from falling out. Thank for your generous giving to those in need in our world.

CONFIRMATION: 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: Recently several of our 9th/10th 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.

EASTER SUNDAY - EGG HUNT: The Catholic Family Network will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for children after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday for all children ages 10 and under.



We will gather at the rectory side entrance of the church after mass. Bring Your Own Basket for some Spring fun!

PREP SCHEDULE:

MARCH:

Sunday, 20th - RE CLASS - Confirmation Sponsors & Students Class / CS Rice Bowls Due today
Sunday, 27th - NO CLASSES – Happy Easter!

Christian Movies to Consider this 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-12) 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.

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 20 – THE TRIDUUM Facilitator: Dick Swanson

Today's session will focus on what we are about to celebrate in the liturgies of Holy Week. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

NEXT WEEKEND: Easter Sunday
There will be no Session



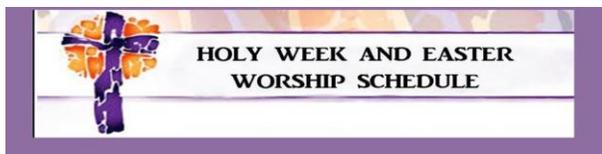
STOP HUNGER NOW

EVENTS COMING IN APRIL:

Sunday, April 17th at 4:00 p.m. – Christ United Methodist Church is hosting a concert of sacred music. A free will offering will be taken up to benefit *Stop Hunger Now*.

Saturday, April 23rd from 8:00 a.m. until noon – Sacred Heart/St. John's Parish has been invited to participate in a yard sale to be held in the CUMC Hall. Please look around your house for items you no longer want or need and would like to donate (no clothing or electrical appliances, please). If you would like to have your items picked up, contact Ann Anderson.

For more information or to volunteer to help with either of these events, or the meal packaging event on October 22, 2016, you may contact Ann Anderson at wmandersonfamily@verizon.net or 410-778-4243. Monetary donations for *Stop Hunger Now* can be placed in the regular collection in a separate envelope marked "*Stop Hunger Now*". Thank you to all who have already donated.



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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARY: The Cathedral of St. Peter, 5th and West Streets, is celebrating its 200th year. Bishop Malooly will celebrate the anniversary on the Third Sunday of Easter, **April 10, 2016**. All are invited, especially former members and school alumni. For additional information, call 302-654-5920 or visit the Cathedral website at www.cathedralofstpeter.com.

VOCATIONS: Jesus tells his disciples "I am among you as the one who serves." And in every age, He calls some from among His disciples to serve as religious sisters and brothers, as deacons, and priests. Have you considered that He might be calling you? If so, please contact Father Norman Carroll, Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations at 302-573-3113, or go to vocations@cdow.org.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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.



Offertory – Week Ending 3/13/16 Week 37

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 03/13-Wk.37	\$5,025	\$615	\$6,442	-\$802
YTD Wk. 37	\$189,459	\$41,354	\$238,354	-\$7,541

PARISH NEWS

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.

BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S: Mark your calendars for the next Breakfast of the season scheduled for **Sunday, April 17th following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's Church Hall**. We welcome any "family favorite" breakfast dishes that you would like to share alongside the traditional breakfast menu! There is no charge - received donations help those with need in our Parish. We look forward to seeing you there!!

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.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH AND EASTER MONDAY, MARCH 28TH.

