

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Isaiah describes the willingness of the Suffering Servant to submit to the persecution of his enemies. This willingness stems from true faith in God, and the knowledge that the Lord will always be his help.



Second Reading: James 2:14-18

James states that if someone is hungry and you wish them well but do not help them, you have done them no good. He compares this to stating your faith, without backing it up with your actions. He reminds us that we must show our faith through our good works.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus taught his disciples that as the Messiah, he had to suffer much, be put to death, and rise three days later. Peter began to disagree and Jesus reprimanded him for judging by human standards rather than by God's. He told them that whoever would be willing to lose their life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel, will in fact preserve their life forever.



For the Week of September 16th through
September 22nd

Sunday

Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Monday

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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 15th

4:00 p.m. Heather McFadden

Sunday, September 16th

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishoners,
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Ronald Herman

Monday, September 17th

8:30 a.m. George Shibley

Tuesday, September 18th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday September 19th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 20th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, September 21st

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, September 22nd

4:00 p.m. Tom Fellin

Sunday, September 23rd

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Owen Pierce

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers
the sick of the parish:

*John Troffo, Valerie
Lindyberg, Patricia Dana,
Elizabeth Montague, Angela
Wilmer, Faith King,*

*Laurenson Ward, Rosemary Keating, Jean
Tubman, Eugenia Brooks, and all those whose*

names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF
INTENTIONS.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION: This weekend, **September 15/16**, there will be a second collection for the Religious Education program at all masses. Donations will be used to subsidize Religious Education events such as the Confirmation Retreat for high school students & the Day Apart Retreat for our Catechists. Please consider directly supporting these efforts through the second collection this weekend.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home



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Mark 8:27-35

Reflection for Parents

As a parent you want what is best for your child. You make sacrifices to provide opportunities for your daughters and sons. Those sacrifices might include sacrificing a career in order to be home with your children or taking on an extra job to save for your child's college tuition. Those sacrifices are everyday examples of what it means to "deny [yourself], take up [your] cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34).

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

At the dinner table throughout the coming week, ask family members to answer the question posed in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that [Jesus is]?" Also invite family members to share the names of those who have helped them come to know Jesus.

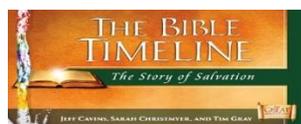
Discussion Starters:

1. People who think like God thinks...
2. Someone I know who follows Jesus is...
3. One way I can be a better followers of Jesus is...

PARENTING POINTERS: School is in full swing for most families. Even if your child is too young for school remember this maxim: It's not what the teacher says, but what the student hears, that matters. This applies to parents and children too.



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THE BIBLE TIMELINE – The Great Adventure Bible

Timeline study group resumes on Wednesday, **September 26th at 6:30 p.m** in the Parish Hall. This is the second of three 8-week segments and begins with Lesson 8, Desert Wanderings. It's still not too late to join us as we discover the story of salvation through Scripture readings, group discussions and video presentations. Contact Barbara Kelly at 410-778-4650 or barbara.kelly.dre@gmail.com for more information.



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"Who do you say that I am?"

Sheepish Question:

What realities help me stay humble before God?



SAINTS OF SEPTEMBER

**MATTHEW THE APOSTLE –
SEPTEMBER 21**

Matthew, the Evangelist who wrote the Gospel that appears first in the New Testament, was different from the other Apostles. He was not a popular man. Many people felt that he was unworthy to be chosen as a follower of Jesus. Matthew worked for the Romans as a tax collector. The Romans ruled Palestine and the Jewish people in the time of Jesus. They forced the Jewish people to pay taxes to them. Many of the tax collectors cheated the people by charging more taxes than required and keeping the extra money for themselves. The Jews considered tax collectors to be traitors.

In Chapter 9 of his Gospel, Matthew tells a story about how Jesus called him to follow him and how the Jewish people felt about tax collectors. You can read it in Matthew 9:9-13. In this story, the Pharisees, a group of Jews who strictly followed all the laws of their religion, call tax collectors "sinners." Jesus knew in his heart that Matthew was not a sinner or a cheat.

Matthew wrote his Gospel for Jewish people who had become followers of Christ. He wanted his audience to know that Jesus was the Messiah that God had promised to send to save all people. Matthew's Gospel makes clear that Jesus is the fulfillment of everything said by the prophets in the Old Testament.

After Jesus' Ascension, Matthew preached the Gospel, as Jesus asked his disciples to do. It is believed that he established Christian communities in Ethiopia and other sections of the continent of Africa.

Tradition tells us that he died as a martyr.
St. Matthew is the patron saint of accountants.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending – September 9 – Week 11

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."

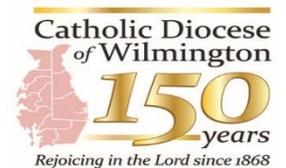


Thank you to all who contributed to the Garnett School Supplies Collection! The school administration was extremely grateful!

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 9/9 Wk. 11	\$5,569	\$1,460	\$6,346	\$683
YTD Wk. 11	\$55,950	\$13,598	\$69,806	-\$258

DIOCESAN NEWS

CONVOCATION 150 – Rejoicing in the Lord – The year 2018 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington, which comprises the State of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Convocation



150 is coming our way on **November 3, 2018** at the Ocean City Convention Center. During the year there will be numerous activities and celebrations from pilgrimages to churches throughout the diocese, commemorative Masses and special prayers to mark this milestone of faithfulness. This gathering of leaders from parishes, schools and Catholic organizations is where we as leaders can reflect on where we are, where we have been, and to **envision and embrace a pathway for mission and ministry**. Above all, Convocation 150 is our opportunity to celebrate, affirm, and deepen our ministry to missionary discipleship rooted in the Joy of the Gospel. It is an opportunity for each parish to gather their pastoral ministers and for schools to gather the leaders for a day of enrichment, fellowship and prayer. It is a day to celebrate, learn and pray together as a team from the parish but also as a community of pastoral leaders within the diocese. To register, go to:

<http://www.eventbee.com/eventmanage/Snapshot?eid=175062652>.



Each Sunday, beginning on October 7, in the front foyer --- and beyond as needed --- following the 10:00 AM Mass, Parishioners and Parish Visitors are invited to come together for an informal gathering of

COFFEE, COOKIES, AND CONVERSATION

Parishioners wishing to serve as hosts and hostesses in this *Ministry of Hospitality* --- on a schedule and frequency of their own choosing --- should contact Frank Creegan (410-778-4830 or fcreegan2@washcoll.edu).



Saturday, September 29, 2018:

This year's **Rise Against Hunger** Meal Packaging Event, in



partnership with Christ United Methodist Church, will be held in the CUMC Hall at 401 High Street. We will begin at 9 a.m. with coffee, doughnut holes and a few words of instruction. Everyone is invited to come and help us package **20,000 meals**. Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate – come for an hour or stay until the job is done (probably before noon). For more information and to volunteer, contact Ann Anderson at wmandersonfamily@verizon.net or 410-778-4243. For more information about **Rise Against Hunger** and the work they are doing to end world hunger, go to their website: www.riseagainsthunger.org.

BISHOP'S 5K WILL BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OUTREACH

Please join Catholic Charities for the 3rd Bishop's 5K Run/Walk from **9 am to 11 am on Saturday, November 10, 2018**, at Glasgow Regional Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark, DE. The totally adaptive Run/Walk will step off at 10 a.m. Pre-register for the event by visiting Bishops5K.com. Registration is \$20 plus an event fee of \$2.50. Day of registration will be \$25 plus event fee. All registered runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt, and be in the running for prizes. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities outreach efforts.

Call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624 with any questions about the Bishop's 5K.

Bishop Malooly will be at the starting line AND finish line of the 3rd Catholic Charities Bishop's 5K Run/Walk – will you?

