

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water.



Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.



For the Week of September 9th through September 15th

Sunday

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

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Friday

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35



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 8th

4:00 p.m. (SH) Louise Mastroddi

Sunday, September 9th

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

10:00 a.m. Frank Amling

Monday, September 10th

8:30 a.m. Raymond Schmidt (living)

Tuesday, September 11th

8:30 a.m. Kwang Cho

Wednesday September 12th

8:30 a.m. Charlie Moloney

Thursday, September 13th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, September 14th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

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

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.

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



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Reflection for Parents

In the *Rite of Baptism* we pray: The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen. (*Rite of Baptism* 101)

Read again today's Gospel. Listen—truly listen—for its meaning in your life and in the life of your family. What do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to your heart? Who needs to hear the Good News of this reading? How will you share this Good News with those who need to hear?

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Begin by inviting family members to respond to the following open-ended statements.

1. With my ears I can . . .
2. With my voice I can . . .

Invite family members to share what they think it would be like to not be able to hear or speak. What sounds would they most miss hearing? What would they most miss doing with their voices? Together, offer spontaneous prayers of thanks to God for the gifts of hearing and speech, and pray for all who need healing of body, mind, or spirit.

Discussion Starters:

In place of questions, create two lists for the family fridge or two posters to place on or near the family prayer table. Label the lists or the posters *With My Ears I Heard* and *With My Voice I Said*. Invite family members to write things they hear and say in the coming week that express faith in God and love for God and neighbor. For example: "With my ears I heard the birds singing" or "With my voice I said thanks to Dad."

PARENTING POINTERS: The commandments tell us not to lie, steal, murder, or commit adultery. That's pretty clear. However, sins of greed, selfishness, or general meanness are not always as clear. What actions and attitudes create unhappiness in your family? Ask your kids.



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"Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...
he comes to save you."

Sheepish Question:

What is my part in the work of God's grace?

SAINTS OF SEPTEMBER



ANTOINE-FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM – SEPTEMBER 9

Antoine-Frédéric Ozanam was born into a large family in Milan, Italy, in 1813. His parents were originally from France, and the family returned there in 1815.

Frédéric believed that faith should be put into action by serving the poor. In 1833, he founded the St. Vincent de Paul Society, an organization that serves the poor. Today, the Society is active in 131 countries of the world and offers services such as thrift stores, home visits, food pantries, and shelters.

In 1841, Frédéric married, and four years later he and his wife welcomed their only child, a son. The last five years of Frédéric's life were spent serving the poor through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He died in 1853 of exhaustion and tuberculosis.

At World Youth Day in Paris in 1997, Pope John Paul II beatified Frédéric Ozanam.



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PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending – September 2 – Week 10

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 9/2 Wk. 10	\$5,387	\$2,760	\$6,346	\$1,801
YTD Wk. 10	\$50,381	\$12,138	\$63,460	-\$941



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).



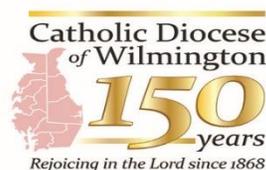
**Saturday, September 29,
2018:**

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.



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>.

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?

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER– Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be **November 2-4, 2018** in Rehobeth Beach, DE. For more information, visit our website at www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don't Delay!