

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God expects us to pay our debts.
"The wicked borrow and do not repay,
but the righteous give generously." (Psalm 37:21)

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

- ✘ As we pray, let us remember Marge; Jenny; Lisa; Michael; Annette; Lacey & her family; Steve; Fred; Karley; Janet; James; Shannon; John; Lexi; Sheri; Steve; Roy; Michael; Eddie; Terri; Anthony; Lisa; Todd; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Helen; Keira .
- ✘ We pray for those who have died, especially Don Greer.

Our altar flowers are given by
Jane Brown
in celebration of Stephanie Brown's birthday
and by Ken & Linda Phillips
in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY WITH A COMBINED INTRODUCTORY CLASS FOR ALL CHILDREN 4 YRS OLD THROUGH 6TH GRADE AND THEIR PARENTS AT 10 AM IN CHILTON HALL ROOM #4. There will be no class on Sunday, September 3RD (Labor Day weekend). Sunday School will resume Sunday, September 10TH at 9:45 AM. Please see Peggy Diaz after the service in the Parish Hall to register your child for Sunday school!

TAMALES, TAMALES, TAMALES! Don't forget to order your tamales today and next Sunday. These delicious, gluten free tamales can be ordered in beef or pork. Priced at only \$15 per dozen or six for \$8. Checks or cash only. The tamales will be available for pickup at St. John's Sunday, Sept. 16 at the 6 PM performance of *The Baile Folklorico de Ninos Youth Dancers* — a performance you don't want to miss. Be sure to place your order at the FTTA table after services today or next Sunday!

BIBLE STUDIES

This Tuesday at 6 PM in the Parish Hall, our bible study discussion will be on the Old Testament books of Micah and Nahum. The study is open to all.

On Thursday at 6 PM in the Music Room, our women's bible study group will continue with a study and discussion of the book of Ruth. All women are welcome.

OUR MILITARY VETERANS MINISTRY meets NEXT Friday in the church kitchen at 10 AM to prepare & transport food, then serve approximately 80 veterans at the US Vets Center. We welcome all who would like to help.

REFUGEE MINISTRY

WE ARE IN LINE TO SPONSOR A NEW REFUGEE FAMILY so we are gathering furniture and other household items needed to furnish an apartment. There is a list of items on the Vestry Table under the Refugee Ministry sign. Please take a copy, let us know if you can supply any of these items. Contact Kurt Gruenberg, azkurtgrue@q.com or 623-376-0776 to coordinate any donations.

GARDEN MINISTRY/RAFFLE We are selling tickets for a wall hanging titled "The Pledge of Allegiance". Proceeds go to add an arbor with planters on each side of the walkway from Chilton Hall. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The drawing will be held Sunday, September 10. Thank you for helping make the garden a place of "Quiet Contemplation" and beauty.

2018 FLOWER DEDICATIONS

IF YOU LIKE PLANNING AHEAD, THE DEDICATION SIGN UP SHEETS FOR 2018 ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

IF YOU NEED PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE, a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry can be found in our Library during Communion at both services, for 10 minutes before & after the first service, and for 10 minutes after the second service.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Joyful Noise practice	5 PM
	Old Testament in Review/Bible Study	6 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study	6 PM
Sat.	Veteran's Ministry meeting (PH)	9 AM
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Sunday School (CH 4)	10 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM

FOOD PANTRY

soups; spaghetti pasta; spaghetti sauce;
instant potatoes; peanut butter; jelly

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

bottled water; candy (no chocolate);

Cheez-it crackers; chips;

cracker & cheese packets;

Pop Tarts