

## April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday

### Stewardship is a Way of Life. Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

#### Income for the week of March 16, 2020:

Regular:	\$ 2,941.48
Capital Improvements	\$ 200.00
Poor Missions	\$ 45.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 70.00
Donation	\$10,000.00

#### Income for the week of March 30, 2020:

Regular: \$ 1684.00

#### Income for the week of April 3, 2020:

Regular: \$ 1081.96

During the past several weeks, the coronavirus/COVID-19 situation has rapidly changed. I wish to reassure you that our Parish and the Diocese have responded promptly to this ever changing situation by implementing the recommendations from our public health professionals in order to prevent the spread of this virus. While it breaks my heart that the doors to our parish are closed and that I am apart from each of you, I understand the reasons behind this temporary, albeit difficult, decision. **Please know that all of us at Sacred Heart of Jesus are praying for all the members of our Parish and our community during this time.** But I need your help. While we work hard to be financially sound during typical times, we do not have the deep cash-reserves to absorb the economic impacts of the once-in-a-lifetime event of COVID-19. Without your gifts, our Parish will struggle to continue our most basic functions and we will be unable to continue our charitable works in our community. I know these times are challenging, but I humbly ask for your continued financial support so that we may continue our vital functions. **Gifts can be made through Online Giving, by mailing your check to the Parish Office at 9 N. Brown St., Lewistown or dropping your envelope off at the office between the hours of 8:30-Noon. Please ring the doorbell since the doors are now locked.** Thank you to those who have already opted to sign up for Online Giving or have already sent their envelopes to the parish office.

#### **Father Bill**

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Palm Sunday  
April 5, 2020

"The Lord God has given me a well trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them....The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."

May the Word of God stir us to begin this Holy Week with a deep desire to grow closer to the Lord. The events we recall are not to be seen as a story of how great was Jesus' love for us then, but to seek and find Him and discover His unending love for us today.

The saving work of Jesus is taking place right now. As I begin this week, I look for His saving grace in my life, my home, our world. We enter into this saving work as He entered the holy city. We unite ourselves to Him, as we sit at the last supper, weep in Gethsemane, walk to Calvary, and await the good news of the resurrection.

Holy Week does not just happen; it calls me to live the drama of the paschal mystery with Him. We never learned how Lazarus felt when Jesus touched him. How will you feel?

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

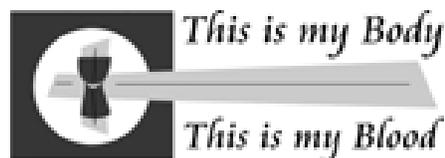
In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

#### **Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66**

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son of God!"



### *A Prayer of Spiritual Communion*

Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. Amen

**Good Friday and Easter Liturgies with Bishop Gainer to be on ABC 27** - Using technology to stay connected to the faithful during the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Ronald Gainer invites the faithful to join him remotely for our first ever digital Holy Week and Easter. **Good Friday and Easter liturgies will be broadcast on ABC 27.** All Holy

Week and Easter liturgies will also be live streamed to the Diocesan YouTube channel. Please see the schedule below.

### Holy Week Livestream/Broadcast Liturgies with Bishop Gainer

All liturgies are live streamed to the Diocesan YouTube channel

([www.youtube.com/user/hbgdiocese](http://www.youtube.com/user/hbgdiocese))

Palm Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday at noon (also broadcast on ABC 27 at 3 p.m.)

Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (also broadcast on ABC 27 at 1 p.m.)



### LITURGICAL NOTES:

*Mass Intentions for the Week*  
*And Weekly Readings*



#### Saturday, April 4: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56

People of the Parish

#### Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66

Walter Treaster

#### Monday, April 6: Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11

People of the Parish

#### Tuesday, April 7: Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38

People of the Parish

#### Wednesday, April 8: Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25

People of the Parish

#### Thursday, April 9: Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

People of the Parish

#### Friday, April 10: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

People of the Parish

#### Saturday, April 11: The Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10

No Mass posted.

#### Sunday, April 12: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

David & Gale Treaster – Wedding Anniversary



The Parish Office will be closed Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for the Easter holiday.

## Calendar of Events

### Check Out Our Websites & Facebook Pages

Keep checking the Sacred Heart Website at [www.sacredheartlewistown.com](http://www.sacredheartlewistown.com) for daily postings.

During Holy Week, subject to change, we are hoping to live stream on our website the following:

- Daily Mass, 7:00 AM on Mon. & Tue., April 6 & 7 and 7:00 PM Wed., Apr. 8.
- Office of Readings & Prayer, 8:00 AM on Thur., Fri. & Sat., April 9, 10 & 11
- Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 PM on April 9
- Stations of the Cross, 3:00 PM on April 10
- Easter Sunday Mass, 11:00 AM on April 12

Watch Sacred Heart's Palm Sunday 11:00 AM Mass on their Facebook page **Sacred Heart of Jesus Lewistown** and St. Jude's Sat April 4., 5:30 PM Mass on our Facebook page **St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church**. Click on Posts. **Easter Vigil Mass is cancelled. Easter Sunday Mass will be posted.**

### Temporary Suspension of Mass

Today and effective immediately until further notice, Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, out of great concern for the health of the faithful and in union with the Bishops of Pennsylvania, has temporarily suspended all daily and weekend Masses in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Additionally, Bishop Gainer has suspended all public liturgies and devotions, and has asked that



all churches and chapels be closed, including all perpetual adoration chapels. Bishop Gainer made this decision after careful consideration of the recommendations from public health officials, and out of great concern for the health and well-being of the faithful, our clergy and parish staffs, given the current coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. "For Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our life in Christ, strengthening us to remain firm in our faith as we journey through this life. **"Making this difficult decision to temporarily suspend Masses and close our churches was not made lightly,"** said Bishop Gainer. "Rather, this decision has been made after careful discussions and considerable reflection on the advice being provided from healthcare professionals. I deeply care for all those members of my flock. As chief shepherd, it is my duty to see to their spiritual health, and now in these challenging times, also to their physical welfare. I continue to pray for all those impacted by this virus, for our medical professionals caring for the ill and for all people facing these uncertain times. I also pray for the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mary, health of the sick." **A listing of live broadcasting and/or recordings of Masses from parishes throughout the Diocese is available on the Health Alerts page of the Diocesan website, [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org).** Daily and Sunday Masses are also available from EWTN on Comcast channel 291 in the Harrisburg area, or online at <https://video.ewtn.com/daily-mass>. Additional resources for parishes and the faithful will be available, also on the Diocesan website, in the coming days. These resources will include ways the faithful can continue to keep holy the Lord's Day. **Please visit the Health Alerts page of the Diocesan website, [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org), for the most up-to-date information regarding the Diocese's response to COVID-19,** including a listing of Diocesan event cancelations and postponements, as well as additional COVID-19 prevention measures and recommendations.

### Bible Study

The Bible Study group that began in the fall has been cancelled until further notice.



If you are in need of some help or know of someone who is in need of assistance, please contact the St.

Vincent dePaul Society at 717-242-2781.  
**Requests for help are kept confidential.**

### Lenten Fish Dinners

**St. Jude Knights' of Columbus have cancelled the remainder of its Lenten Fish Dinners as a precautionary measure against the threat of the Corona Virus.**

### COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

**\*\*\*\*\*We are still accepting Hersheypark ticket forms. No decision has been made to postpone the sale. If this sale is cancelled, all monies received at the parish office will be returned.\*\*\*\*\***

Discount tickets to *Hersheypark* are available to the friends and families of the parish at **significant savings**. Gate admission for Regular admission is \$74.80; our price is **\$38.95 (ALL ages 3+)**. \*ADD-ON discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets, at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices, allow you to enjoy the flexibility of purchasing a meal at multiple locations with a variety of menus are **\$12.99 each** and \*ADD-ON Snack Vouchers are **\$4.50 each**. Prepaid Parking Passes are 50% off and only **\$10.00 each**. Orders **must** be received at the parish by **Wednesday, April 29, 2020**. Ticket holders may also take advantage of the **FREE Preview Plan**. Present a pre-purchased ticket the day before your planned visit, and visit *Hersheypark* for 2 ½ hours prior to park closing when the park closes at 10 PM and 3 ½ hours when the park closes at 11 PM. **Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church**. Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of, May 25th. Order forms are available in the Narthex and Parish office. For questions or additional information please contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.

The annual **Knight at the Races**, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus, has been **rescheduled to May 16, 2020** at the Reedsville Fire Company located beside Super Shoes on Rt. 655. **Pre-Race Social time will be 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Post Time is 7:00 PM.** Single social tickets are \$25. Buy a Horse for \$50 and receive 2 tickets.



Sponsor a race for \$100 and receive 4 admission tickets plus a horse. Price of all tickets include all you can eat and drink. Race Sponsor forms are available from any Knight, at the Parish Office or by contacting Larry Sutusky at 717-667-3104. Tickets will also be available at the door. **If you are a ticket holder and unable to attend the rescheduled date of May 16<sup>th</sup> please call Rick Berich at 717-667-3373 for a refund.**

a tour. Additionally, there is plenty of information about the school, the application process, and financial aid on our website at [www.sacredheartschool.com](http://www.sacredheartschool.com). **All faiths are welcome!**



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Help Wanted



A **Substitute Cook** is still needed in the SHS Cafeteria. This **paid position** requires you to work minimally monthly and as needed. Training will be provided. In addition, parents and grandparents of SHS students can earn service hours by helping out in the cafeteria. Pick the day you can help, arrive by 11:15 AM and work till approximately 12:15 PM. Serve lunch, clean up, run the dishwasher...no experience required!

### SHS Benefit Auction



**Stay tuned for updates on our 2020 Benefit Auction.** We are accepting raffle tickets and money at the parish office or in the drop box located at the Rectory. In addition, we are still looking for donations of handmade, new, and gently used unique items. **While you are practicing social distancing now is the time to put those talents to work!** Thank you for your support of the auction!! Don't forget to follow us on Facebook! Thank you!

### Register NOW for the 2020-21 Academic Year!

Registrations are now being taken for any student interested in attending Sacred Heart School next academic year. Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2020. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted until March 1, 2020.** Call the school to schedule