

April 11, 2021 Sunday of Divine Mercy

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

Tithing income for the week of March 28, 2021:

Regular Not available

Tithing income for the week of April 4, 2021:

Regular: Not available

Mass Attendance Holy Thursday	39
Mass Attendance Good Friday	21
Mass Attendance April 3, 2021	30
Mass Attendance April 4, 2021	80 (English)
Mass Attendance April 4, 2021	27 (Spanish)

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them.”

The life of the first Christian community was no different than our own. The ideal presented in the Acts of the Apostles, will later disclose the suffering, the persecution, the obstacles which confronted the first disciples of the Lord. The grace of God was truly present and manifest as they bore witness. The Spirit gave them power.

We may think that our current experience is more harsh, as we observe people suffering from war, persecution and hate. Although this reality exists, it does not permit us to give up, but rather address the cause of persecution and hardships of today. I can do at least one thing to bring about change. What is the one thing I resolve to do this week as a sign that I want to have the experience of the first Christian community to be as real for me? Easter says, ‘He lives.’

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

This passage describes the actions of the first community of Christians. They were of “one heart and one mind.” They had no rich or poor among

them, for they shared all necessary items with one another.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

John explains that we become God’s children by believing in Jesus. When we love God and concern ourselves only with pleasing God, our faith is strong enough to conquer the evil in our world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples despite locked doors, breathed on them so that they could receive the Holy Spirit, and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus appeared again when Thomas was present, and told him, “Blest are they who have not seen and have believed.”



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, April 10: Saturday within the Octave of Easter (Solemnity)

Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mark 16:9-15

5:30 PM Wilma Best

Sunday, April 11: Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

9:15 AM William and Deb Flint

Monday, April 12: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31; Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; John 3:1-8

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 13: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 14: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 15: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20; John 3:31-36

Friday, April 16: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15



Saturday, April 17: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, April 18: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

9:15 AM Anna Neri

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow) *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen

(For those who are watching from home)

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

If anybody is homebound and wishes to receive Confession or Holy Communion at home, please call the parish office at 717-242-2781 and arrangements will be made for a communion visit at home.



SAINT JUDE'S CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY: Please join us at 2:00 p.m. as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Our program will begin with a special film and will be followed by a meditation with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m.

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL:

Saint Vincent DePaul wishes to thank everyone for their past generosity. As you spring clean should you find household items of furniture you do not need, please keep us in mind. Also we accept personal care items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouth wash, deodorant, and shaving items. Monetary donations are always welcome. You can reach us by phone at 717-363-4812 or email us at stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com. Thank you!

JUNIATA FOOD PANTRY:

In February the Food Pantry served 185 families. If you can help by donating items, our needs for April include: All non-perishable foods, shampoo, deodorant, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish soap, all purpose household cleaners. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Announcements for the Bulletin:

Please have your announcements for the bulletin to the church office by Wednesday afternoon no later than 1:00 p.m.

Guidelines For Mass

- ❖ Masks **must** be worn at all times.
- ❖ Remain 6 ft. apart.
- ❖ Ushers will seat you at the beginning of Mass and dismiss you at the end of Mass.
- ❖ Only permitted to fill the church to approx. 1/3 capacity. Space is limited; please come early. Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended. You may want to consider attending a weekly Mass in place of Sunday.
- ❖ Doors are locked during Mass for your safety.
- ❖ The restroom is available but **must be sanitized after each use**. Crying room is closed.
- ❖ Collection basket will not be passed. Place your collection in the basket at the back of the church by the Baptismal font.
- ❖ Votive candles are not accessible at this time.

These guidelines are an act of charity and out of concern for your safety and not an infringement upon your personal rights. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Your diligence in adhering to these guidelines helps to prevent further safety concerns for our parishioners. **These guidelines are not optional.**

Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to *Hersheypark* are available to the friends and families of the parish at **significant savings**. Gate admission for Regular admission is \$75.80; our price is **\$40.95 (ALL ages 3+)**. *ADD-ON discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets, at a savings of up to 10% 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**. **Discounted parking passes are NOT being offered this year.** **Orders must be received at the parish by Monday, April 30, 2021.** Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church. Parishes will receive tickets by May 24th. Order forms are available at the Parish office. For questions or additional information please contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.



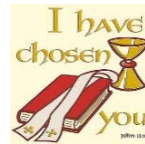
Were you married in 1971? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special **Mass and reception on Sunday, July 11, 2021** at 2:00 p.m. at

Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office at 717-242-2781.



Celebration of Fr. Bateman's 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

You are cordially invited to an **OPEN HOUSE** in Brenner Hall at St. Patrick Parish, York on **Sun., May 23 from 12 noon to 4:30 PM**. Light refreshments will be served all afternoon and all required COVID safety



protocols will be observed. Prior to and following the Open House Fr. Bateman invites you to celebrate Mass with him at 11 AM & 5 PM in thanksgiving for his 25 years of priesthood serving the people of our Diocese. In lieu of gifts, per Fr. Bateman's request, St. Patrick Parish is setting up a **CHALICE FUND** to purchase a new chalice commemorating Fr. Bateman's Silver Anniversary – the chalice will be donated to St. Patrick's. If you would like to contribute toward this gift, donations should be addressed to St. Patrick Parish, 219 S. Beaver St., York, PA 17401 – write "Chalice Fund" in the memo.

Not Willing to Let Go of Your Marriage?

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. **There is hope!** Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. **For more information about the April 9-11, 2021 Weekend for Couples, contact the registration team at 717-356-2185 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.**



SCHOOL NEWS

Sacred Heart School Angel Fund Continues



We are continuing to distribute student decorated Sacred Heart School Angel Fund apples in hopes that you will make a gift to the SHS Angel Fund. Envelopes with decorated apples attached are now available for pick-up in the Narthex. The SHS Angel Fund, provides scholarships and financial assistance to children who attend our school. If you would like to make a donation, you can make checks payable to Sacred Heart School with Angel Fund in the memo and placing it in the collection bin or mailing it to the school or you can go online to sacredheartschool.com and make an online donation. Donations to the SHS Angel Fund are accepted at any time during the year; however, if you are able, we encourage you to participate at this time. **Consider using your 5% tithe to other charitable organizations to participate, if possible. Thanks for your support of SHS!**

Sacred Heart School Job Opportunity

Sacred Heart School is looking for a full-time secretary beginning June 2021. Hours are 7:30-3:30 Monday - Friday during the school year and 9-1 Tuesday- Thursday during the summer. Communication, organization, and computer skills necessary. **If interested, please send resume to Principal, 110 N. Dorcas Street, Lewistown, PA 17044. For questions, please call 717-248-5351 or email principal@sacredheartschool.com**



Sacred Heart School All Cash Raffle

It's time for Sacred Heart's All Cash Raffle! **Don't forget to pick up your tickets in the back of the church this weekend!** Proceeds from the raffle are the single most profitable segment of the SHS Benefit Auction, and we need everyone's help and support! We are asking each family to sell at least two booklets of five tickets. If you can sell more, please contact the Parish Office at 717-242-



2781. **Please return sold/unsold tickets and money to the Parish Office or collection box no later than Monday, May 17th.** For sold tickets, please make one check payable to "Sacred Heart Parish". Thank you in advance for your help with this important fundraiser. **Winners will be drawn at the SHS Benefit Auction on Sunday, May 23. A special Thank You to Jim & Steve Dalton for sponsoring the printing of the tickets.**

Register NOW for the 2021-22 School 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, 2021. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted.** For additional information call the school at 717-28-5351. There is plenty of information about the school, the application process, and financial aid on our website at www.sacredheartschool.com. **All faiths are welcome!**

The 23rd Annual SHS Benefit Auction is now scheduled to be held May 22 & 23, 2021.

The auction committee is still looking for handmade, new, or like new donated items to be auctioned off. As you continue to practice social distancing now is the time to find a unique item or put your talent to work creating a handmade item. The committee is also looking for themed baskets for the basket raffle. If you are unable to put a basket together, but would like to donate the items, the committee would be happy to put it together for you. **All donations are to be submitted by Friday, April 16, 2021. Call the Parish Office at 717- 242-2781 for additional information.**

