

April 16, 2023 Sunday of the Divine Mercy

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of
April 9, 2023: Not available

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY

READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 16, 2023

"Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

The Acts of the Apostles describe the life of the first Christian community. May we take a minute to apply this example to our parish community, parish societies or bible study groups. We celebrate the Eucharist weekly, but we live the entire week, conscious of the needs of others, the sick, the lonely, the homeless; for after being fed by the Lord, we become His presence to others.

Pope Francis asks us to see the face of Christ in the suffering and vulnerable. He has been quoted saying, 'God's last name is Mercy.' Pope Saint John Paul II dedicated this second Sunday of Easter as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Reflecting upon the words describing the first disciples, may we paint the same image by our thoughts, words and deeds.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

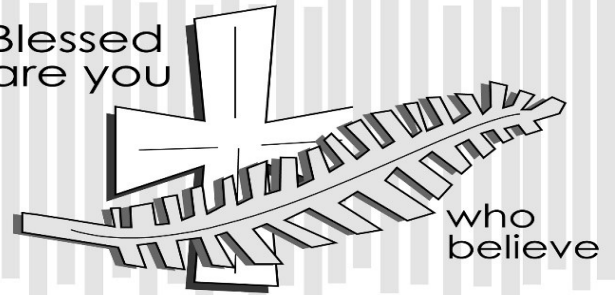
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ's resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

After his resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, "You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and believed."

Blessed
are you



who
believe

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week



Saturday, April 15: Easter Saturday

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

5:30 PM Charles & Ellen Fitzgerald
From James Fitzgerald

Sunday, April 16: Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

9:15 AM William & Deb Flint
From Shane Armstrong

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, April 17: 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 18: Easter Weekday

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

Wednesday, April 19: 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 20: Easter Weekday

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

Friday, April 21: Easter Weekday

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

Saturday, April 22: Easter Weekday

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

5:30 PM Woodrow & Catherine Montrey
From James Fitzgerald

Sunday, April 23: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

9:15 AM In Honor of John Kromel's Birthday from
Terri Kromel

1:30 PM People of the Parish

WEEKEND
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 15, 2023

Lector: C. Hazard
Cantor: M. Kerchusky
Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski
Usher:

SUNDAY, April 16, 2023

Lector: T. Ober
Cantor: M. Miller
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
Usher: S. Arnold, R. Auken

SATURDAY, April 22, 2023

Lector: C. Fitzgerald
Cantor: M. Kerchusky
Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski
Usher:

SUNDAY, April 23, 2023

Lector: J. Fitzgerald
Cantor: R. Perez
Altar Servers: D. Miller, E. Miller,
C. Schall
Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boyd

SATURDAY, April 29, 2023

Lector: T. Kromel
Cantor: M. Kerchusky
Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski
Usher:

SUNDAY, April 30, 2023

Lector: J. Hazard
Cantor: A. Arnold
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

Please continue to pray for the souls of:

Thomas Cargill Robert Burda

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th, commemorating Our Lord's Appearances to Sister Faustina in the 1930's, where He emphasized God's



great mercy over all humankind. We will honor His Divine Mercy this Sunday with a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 3-4 PM at Sacred Heart Church.

A BIG THANK YOU!

I find it hard to express my thanks to everyone that made the Fish Dinners a big success. It takes alot of people to be able to do the Fish Dinners. The bakers, kids, the people that gave of themselves and their time. This is truly God at work in our Parish.

Thank you!
-Joe Zarnowski

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY DATES

April 22nd – Personal March for Life in Harrisburg. Leave at 9:00 a.m. return by 2:00 p.m.

**May 5th – Campfire at the home of Ralph & Jill Perez
1054 Flint Road
Mifflintown PA**

**June 3rd – Knoebles Grove Trip.
Meet at church at 9:00 a.m. return to church by 4:00 p.m.**

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

April 16, 2023 COLLEEN & JAMES
April 23, 2023 ARMSTRONGS
April 30, 2023 JODI
May 7, 2023 MEGAN

WEIS GROCERY CARDS

Saint Jude's Women's Guild will have Weis Grocery cards for sale in the Social Hall after Mass on Sundays. Please see Karen Tornambe to purchase your cards and support the Guild's charitable works!

ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the Rosary each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. before the 9:15 a.m. Mass. "The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life.

It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."
- Pope Leo XIII

UPDATE REQUEST

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or have any other changes you would like made to your information at the parish office, please contact the office at 717-436-6722 on Thursdays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or email the office at rectory@stjudemiffintown.org.

Register NOW for the 2023-24 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, 2023. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted until March 1, 2023.** For additional information call the school at 717-248-5351. Additionally, 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.



CARD REQUEST!

Colt Matz has recently been diagnosed with relapsed leukemia and has been readmitted to the hospital awaiting a second bone marrow transplant. He is unable to have visitors at this time and his family is requesting cards for Colt.

Please send cards for Colt to:

Colt Matz, Colt 45 Strong
c/o Jennifer Williams
P.O. Box 182
Allegany, NY 14706

2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign

The 2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign, **Together in Faith, Together in the Eucharist**, has begun. Because of the generosity of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg, our 2022 effort was remarkable with 79 parishes reaching and exceeding their goals. As we come together in the faith, the combined gifts of the faithful in our Diocese provide the needed financial support for the more than 90 ministries and programs offered throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg. These programs which received funding are humbled by the interest in and support of their efforts. From Evangelization efforts, to the many social service programs offered by Catholic Charities, to ongoing education and formation for our seminarians, clergy and ordained deacons, to support for Catholic education, your gift does make a difference. Please prayerfully consider your gift this year to ensure that the mission of the Church is fulfilled.

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RCIA Classes

Sharing is the basis for our religion—sharing God’s love with those around us, but most of all, sharing the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ and becoming One with Him. Paul tells us that we don’t get into heaven alone. What could be more rewarding than to know that you took the initiative to ask and **someone accepted** the invitation to share our faith? Your mission is to love and serve the Lord. That “**someone**” is waiting to be asked! **If you know anyone who would be interested in Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes, please contact Dan Swigart at 717-446-5099 or the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.** RCIA is a program of 1 time per week classes, usually for about 9 months, for those interested in entering the Catholic faith. Also, Catholics who have been “away”, for whatever reason, are invited to attend and find answers in these sessions to re-establish their receiving of the Sacraments. **A new class is set to begin on Thursday, September 22nd at 7 PM.**



Knights of Columbus – Knight at the Races

Save the Date: Saturday, May 20th

More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

Save the Date! SHS Benefit Auction weekend: October 14-15 at the Mifflin County Youth Park! Stay tuned for more information in future bulletins!

Do you have a unique talent like woodworking, painting, cross stitching, quilting, etc.? If so, we would love to have your handmade donation as part of the 2022 SHS Benefit Auction. Each year, these items have proven to be the most sought after and cherished by our generous bidders. If you are willing to share your talent with us, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office 717-242-2781 or by email at development@sacredheartschool.com.

EMERGENCY EXITS

Designated emergency exits are found in the front of the church to the left and right of the altar, and in the back of the church through the main entrance and the hallway by the restrooms.

We request in case of emergency you select the closest exit to your seat.

Those sitting in the front half of the church should exit using exits found on their respective side. Those sitting back half of the church should exit through the center doors and the doors to the right of the main entry door of the church.

Those in the cry room or the restrooms should exit through the hallway and to the exit door at the end of the hallway.

Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish for **significant savings**. Gate admission for Regular is \$85.80; our price is **\$40.95** (ALL ages 3+).

Ticket valid April – September 10, 2023

Gate admission for Regular is \$85.80; our price is **\$42.95** (ALL ages 3+).

Ticket valid April – January 1, 2024

*ADD-ON discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices - **\$14.99 each** and

*ADD-ON Parking Pass - **\$20.00 pre-ordered** or pay \$25.00 onsite

Orders must be received at the parish **by Friday, March 31, 2023.**

Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of **April 17, 2023.**

The order date for purchasing tickets has been moved up to the end of March since Hersheypark is offering a two tiered discount period with a lower price for tickets used by September and a slightly higher price which is good through the end of the year.

Registration – All parishioners should be properly registered in the parish. Please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage – Contact the parish office as soon as possible, before establishing a date for the wedding. The Diocese requires 12 months advance notice and preparation for Marriage.

Baptism, Sacrament of the Sick, Shut-ins – Please contact the parish office to register for Baptism. One sponsor (Godparent) should be a practicing Catholic (if married, married in the church; attending Mass every weekend; moral life; etc.). One sponsor may be a practicing Protestant (called a Christian witness). We strive to visit parishioners homebound and those in the hospital. Please call the parish office if you would like us to visit, or if you are preparing for surgery.

Mass Cards & Memorial contributions – Mass cards in memory of the deceased and for special intentions are available after masses at the Church Office. To make a memorial contribution, please contact the parish office.

CCD – Religious instruction for children meets after the 9:15 Mass until 11:45 from September to May. These classes are necessary before children receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact the parish office for more information or registration.

Parish Pastoral Council – Meets the third Monday of each month, from September to May. Please call the parish office for information.

Knight of Columbus – Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

Women's Guild – Meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the social hall.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – These are classes for those desiring to join the Catholic Church. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

NFP (Natural Family Planning) – This is the only Catholic-approved means of regulating birth. Classes are offered frequently and are free to all who want to learn about this spiritual & effective way to plan a family. For information, call Martin & Mary Smith, 717-935-5256.