

April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of
April 23, 2023: \$2,962.00
Votive: \$22.00

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023

“Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth... For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.”

How beautiful the message of St. Peter to the newly baptized, and to us. As we experience the joy of Easter time on this Good Shepherd weekend, we acknowledge the fact that we belong to His flock, walk in company with Him, and know of His care and protection. As I reflect upon Jesus' 'figure of speech' we resolve to listen to His voice in a society and culture that still seems far distant.

As the beautiful prayer poem of St. Teresa of Calcutta states: 'this is between you and God anyway.'

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have "returned to the shepherd."

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheep gate and promises that "Whoever enters through me will be safe."



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

**Saturday, April 29: Saint Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)**

1 John 1:5 – 2:2; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 13-14,
17-18; Matthew 11:25-30

5:30 PM Arthur Montrey from James Fitzgerald

Sunday, April 30: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

9:15 AM People of the Parish

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, May 1: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3,
4; John 10:11-18

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**Tuesday, May 2: Saint Athanasius, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church (Memorial)**

1 John 5:1-5; Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 30-31;
Matthew 10:22-25

**Wednesday, May 3: Saints Philip & James,
Apostles (Feast)**

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5;
John 14:6-14

Thursday, May 4: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-
22, 25 & 27; John 13:16-20

Friday, May 5: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9,
10-11ab; John 14:1-6

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, May 6: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4; John 14:7-14

5:30 PM John Smith from Mary Casey

Sunday, May 7: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-
19; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

9:15 AM Ralph Hepner from Ruth Hepner

1:30 PM People of the Parish



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

SATURDAY, May 6, 2023

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

SUNDAY, May 7, 2023

Lector: G. Hazard
Cantor: R. Perez
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boyd

SATURDAY, May 13, 2023

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

SUNDAY, May 14, 2023

Lector: J. Hazard
Cantor: M. Miller
Altar Servers: E. Miller, J. Schall
C. Schall
Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

Please continue to pray for the souls of:

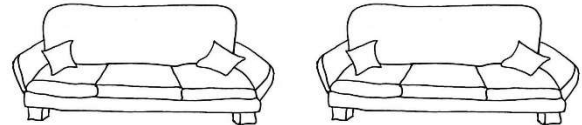
Thomas Cargill Robert Burda

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY DATES
May 6th 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.
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.

July – tba – Kayak trip

YOUTH GROUP REQUEST!



St. Jude Youth Group is in need of a used loveseat for their meeting room. Anyone who can help, please message the office at rectory@stjudemifflintown.org.

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

April 30, 2023	JODI
May 7, 2023	MEGAN
May 14, 2023	KNIGHTS OF
May 21, 2023	LADIES

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!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

I have scheduled a certified instructor, Joshua Pennypacker, to teach the Youth Group how to perform CPR in the event of an emergency. After this session, those who attend will be officially certified to perform CPR. CPR stands for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, which can save the life of someone who goes into cardiac arrest, a condition where a person's heart stops beating suddenly.

The date is **Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** A four-hour commitment. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Please plan to bring the money that day. This class will be held in the Sacred Heart Church basement.

Parents are welcome to attend, however, we ask that you allow the kids to do the hands-on training since it is a youth group event. The maximum number is 9 people for this class. Please respond to Father Peter through the email chain if you plan to attend.

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@stjudemifflintown.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.

FORMED – ON-LINE RESOURCES

We are pleased to provide all Parishioners a FREE subscription to formed.org. Discover all the best Catholic content in one place, Enlighten programs, entertaining movies, inspiring talks and a great selection of popular e-books for everyone in the family all just a click away.

To sign up for free visit: signup.formed.org

Enter our parish zip code: **17059**

Select: **St. Jude and Sacred Heart and Next**

Enter your **Name** and your **email address**

and select **Sign Up After you sign up all the content is available through PC through FORMED.ORG, and Smart TVS, Roku, I-Phone or Android with the FORMED App**

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.**

In gratitude for all the prayers and support that I have received from you since my time at the parish last summer, I am excited to announce my upcoming ordination to the transitional Diaconate. This is the last major step before priesthood ordination. There are four of us seminarians being ordained deacons on:

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
CATHEDRAL PARISH OF SAINT PATRICK
212 STATE STREET
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA — Please pray for us!

Also, on Sunday, May 21st, I will preach at the 9:30am Mass at St. Margaret Mary at 2800 Paxton Church Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17110. Parish reception to follow in the pavilion at the Church. I would be happy to see you at the ordination and first preaching.

Please know of my continued prayers for you as I make my final preparations for ordination.

May God bless you,
Tom Kappes



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.



Sacred Heart School Angel Fund



In the Narthex, you will find student decorated Sacred Heart School apples attached to envelopes in hopes that you will make a gift to the SHS Angel Fund. 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!

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.

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.

Juniata County Food Pantry

May Update

In March 2023 the Food Pantry served 212 families - 537 of your neighbors!

We thank Lower Tuscarora

Presbyterian Church for sending volunteers for the month of March.

The Food Pantry's Summer Backpack Program will begin its 11th year starting in June. This program provides lunches throughout summer vacation to school students who normally receive free and reduced-price lunches at school. These students often face hunger in the summer months as their families struggle to provide the extra meals. See below for the kind of donations we need for the Backpack Program. **Volunteers are also needed to help with the Backpack Program!** Call the Food Pantry, 436-9718, to sign up.

BACKPACK PROGRAM NEEDS:

Single-serve, non-perishable lunch items such as 15 oz cans of pasta meals or ready-to-heat soup, microwaveable meals, fruit cups, and pudding cups. Monetary donations are also appreciated.