

April 7, 2024 Sunday of Divine Mercy

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of

March 24, 2024	\$3,345.00
Regular	\$1,672.00
Loose	\$1,191.00
Good Friday	\$5.00
Palm Sunday	\$332.00
Easter	\$100.00
Easter Flowers	\$45.00

The details of the collection will appear in the bulletin one week later than previously published. For example, the collection for Sunday, March 24th will be counted March 29th and published in the bulletin on April 7th. If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Zannino.

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 7, 2024

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held 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."

As we live the joy of the Easter season, let's pause and take a test. I ask myself if our Parish can identify with the description of Saint Luke of the first followers of Jesus. Do I recognize that everything I have is a gift God has given me? He wants me to use it for the benefit of someone else. Maybe I am the person in need, and I will discover how I can contribute it to our parish community, or small group with whom I share? Whatever gift or talent I possess is not for me, but to be brought and used for the benefit of someone else. The corporal works of mercy are the perfect way to begin: an invitation to someone to return to the sacraments, a donation for the food pantry or a gift card to the supermarket, a get well card or phone call to a homebound person, a prayer intention - how important yet easy. As I do my part, the community of the Acts of the Apostles becomes mine - food pantry or gift card. My need is to do something. This is divine mercy in action.

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



Saturday, April 6: 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 People of the Parish

Sunday, April 7: 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 Juan Vega from the Melisio Family

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, April 8: The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38

9:00 AM Lauren Elizabeth Barger-Lamas

From Ralph & Jill Perez

Tuesday, April 9: Easter Weekday

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

Wednesday, April 10: 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 11: Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)

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

Friday, April 12: Easter Weekday

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

Saturday, April 13: 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 14: 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 William & Deb Flint

From Shane Armstrong

1:30 PM Juan Vega from the Melisio Family

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th, 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 next Sunday with a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 3-4 PM at Sacred Heart Church.



*****FOR EMERGENCIES FROM 3/31 AT 12:00 PM THROUGH 4/2 AT 8:00 PM, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE NUMBER 717 242-2781 AND YOUR CALL WILL BE FORWARDED TO BOTH FATHER BILL AND FATHER RICH'S CELL PHONES. ALL CALLS WILL BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.*****

Year-End Tax Statements

Please contact the Parish Office at 717-436-6722 if you are in need of a year-end tax statement or see the Parish Secretary. In addition, the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Diocese will be happy to send, via email, a donor's record of giving if it is requested. The Diocese will no longer automatically send statements and their preference is to send statements electronically via email if it is on file. If you need a statement, please call the Office of Stewardship and Development at (717) 657-4804 ext. 336.

SPONSOR A CHILD FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Sponsor a child by providing clothing and shoes for school.

Contact Juniata County Children and Youth Services for more information and to sign up.

Phone: 717-436-7707

Sign up Deadline: July 19, 2024

Item Drop Off: August 13, 2024

CHICKEN & WAFFLE BENEFIT DINNER SUPPORTING THE JAY B. ERNEST SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Where? St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

When? Saturday, April 13th

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Adults: \$12.00

Children Under 12 \$8.00

Chicken & Waffles – Gluten free options

Mashed Potatoes

Salad Bar

Cake

BASKET RAFFLE!



COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

April 7th LYDIA

April 14th KAREN TORNAMBE

April 21st LADIES

April 28th GARY

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who made our Easter Celebration beautiful! Your hard work and willingness to give of your time and talent is appreciated so very much!

THANK YOU!

To the Ladies' Guild and for all those who helped make our Easter coffee hour and Easter Egg hunt a success!

CONFIRMATION CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Confirmation Class is reminded there is no class on Sunday, April 7th.
Classes resume on Sunday, April 14th!

MOWING SCHEDULE

April 1-5	Ralph Perez
April 8-12	Daryl Best
April 15-19	Joe Boyd
April 22-26	Dan Ames

A LETTER FROM ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH

March 12, 2024

Congregation of St. Jude's Catholic Church

Just a note to let you know that next week from Sunday, March 17, to Saturday, March 23, our congregation will be lifting you up in prayer.

We trust that God is and will continue to bless you as you labor for Him in your area of His vineyard.

If there are any areas of special concern you would like us to pray for, please let Pastor Bailor know.

In Christ

Pastor Ray Bailor and
Congregation of St. John's United
Methodist Church

2024 Diocesan Annual Campaign

The 2024 Diocesan Annual Campaign, **Nourished by Faith**, has begun. Because of the generosity of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg, our 2023 effort was remarkable with 75 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.

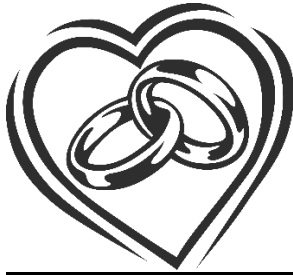
MASS INTENTIONS

Requests for Mass Intentions are welcome for all Masses celebrated at St. Jude Thaddeus Parish. In order to make the request of Mass Intentions more convenient, we now have Mass Intention envelopes which can be completed and placed in the offering box found in the entrance of the church. To request a Mass, please fill out the front of the envelope, indicate if you would like a Mass Card in the sheet provided and include the customary offering of \$10.00 for the Mass and place it in the box in the Narthex. You may also request a mass via email rectory@stjudemifflintown.org or by making arrangements with the Parish Secretary on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or after the Sunday 9:15 a.m. Mass.

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

WERE YOU MARRIED IN 1974???

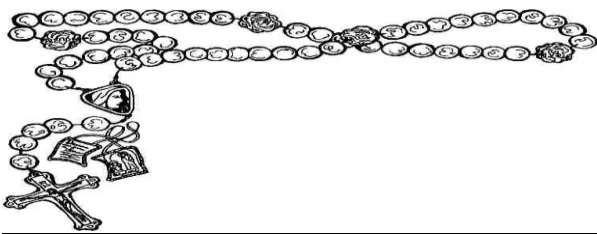


Celebrate your Golden Jubilee with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Sunday, July 7th at 2:00 p.m., Good Shepherd Church, Camp Hill.

The Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior will be the Celebrant/Homilist

Please contact the parish office with your name and address if you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year by April 5th!

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



SATURDAY, April 6, 2024

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

SUNDAY, April 7, 2024

Lector: C. Fitzgerald
Cantor: M. Miller
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
Usher: J. Boyd, R. Auken

SATURDAY, April 13, 2024

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

SUNDAY, April 14, 2024

Lector: E. Armstrong
Cantor: R. Perez
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

SATURDAY, April 20, 2024

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

SUNDAY, April 21, 2024

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

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 Thome to purchase your cards and support the Guild's charitable works!



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MEMORIALIZE FLOWERS:

If you wish to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Dave Treaster for information on availability of dates. (717) 436-2968.

Youth Protection Program

Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal

To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the toll free PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313. To report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee or volunteer, also please call the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection toll free number: 1-800-626-1608 or email: ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org.

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.



The St Vincent DePaul Society has published a commemorative, fundraising cookbook, celebrating their 25th Anniversary with the National Chapter. These cookbooks contain delicious recipes from fellow parishioners and friends. **Extra copies are available to buy at \$20 each. Support our local SVDP society with your purchase. St. Vincent dePaul is currently facing a critical financial shortfall. Please consider a monetary donation or a donation of personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant etc. Also needed are hats and gloves. For more info, call us at (717) 363-4812. Thank you.**

Sacred Heart School Angel Fund

You will find nicely decorated apples in the Narthex. These apples were decorated by the students of SHS 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 basket, 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!**

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 \$87.80; our price is **\$43.95** (ALL ages 3+) valid until 1/1/2025.

*ADD-ON discount Hersheypark Single Use Meal Deal Tickets for **\$19.06 each** and *ADD-ON Parking Pass - **\$25.00 pre-ordered** or pay \$30.00 onsite

Tickets purchased in 2024 are valid for any single day of operation throughout the 2024 calendar year, expiring on our final day of operation, January 1, 2025.

Refunds, extensions or upgrades will not be offered.

Orders must be received at the parish **by Friday, April 26, 2024.**

Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of **May 20, 2024.**

Register NOW for the 2024-25 Academic Year!



Sacred Heart School is now accepting registrations for grades

K-5 for the 2024-2025 school year! Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2024. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available.** To schedule a visit or to learn more please call SHS at 717-248-5351 or email development@sacredheartschool.com.

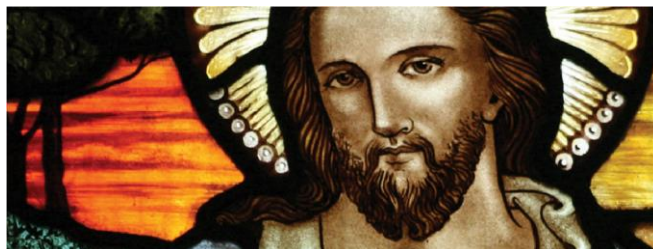
All faiths are welcome.

Save the Date! SHS Benefit Auction weekend: October 12-13 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

2022SHS 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.



Prayer for the Return of Non-Practicing

Catholics

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring (names) back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home. For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen

Please cut out the above prayer and incorporate it into your daily prayers.

SAVE THE DATE

MEN'S CONFERENCE

ST. JOSEPH: THE CARPENTER'S TABLE

FEATURING

JON LEONETTI

CATHOLIC SPEAKER,
BEST-SELLING
AUTHOR, RADIO HOST

KEYNOTE

REVEREND JOSHUA CAVENDER

BREAKOUT

DEACON ARMANDO TORRES

BREAKOUT



APRIL 20, 2024

7:30 AM - 3:30 PM | DIOCESAN CENTER

REGISTER TODAY: WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/MEN



To request an accommodation, visit www.hbgdiocese.org at least 30 days prior to event.

