

August 2, 2020 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tithing income for the week of July 26, 2020:

Regular: \$3,092.00

Mass Attendance for July 26, 2020 8

Mass Attendance for July 28, 2019 25

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

“Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water. Come without paying and without cost... Heed me and you shall eat well. You who have no money, come receive grain and eat. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant.”

During the hot days of summer, we are constantly looking for relief. A refreshing drink, a cool breeze, a pool or lake, a break from oppression and toil. Water is often the most welcome solution.

It was the water of baptism which gave us new life, and allowed us to live the covenant the Lord made with His people. Water was a constant in the bible from creation, the flood, the Red Sea, and even the side of Jesus on Calvary.

It is the water of grace which enables us to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When we celebrate the sacraments, every time we receive the Eucharist, we are touched by God's saving grace. Maybe it is worth a minute to ask the Lord to help me appreciate the great gift He offers me constantly.

Remember this spring when the virus reminded us to wash our hands for twenty seconds? It was not only a precaution, but a remedy. May we “come to the water’ and be renewed.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

With great enthusiasm and fervor, God urges his people to come to him and to accept the gifts he extends to them.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

In words that are both stirring and courageous, Paul exclaims that nothing will separate him and his followers from the love of Christ--neither trial--nor persecution--nor death.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Matthew gives us a straightforward and convincing account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Because the crowds following Jesus were hungry, he took five loaves and two fish, blessed them, and gave them to the crowds. Although the people ate about five thousand, there was no one left wanting.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Matthew 14:1-12

5:30 PM Sr. Elizabeth Staats

Sunday, August 2: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

9:15 AM Jean Giarratana

Monday, August 3: Weekday

Jeremiah 28:1-17; Psalm 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Matthew 14:22-36

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 4: St. John Vianney, Priest (Memorial)

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday, August 5: Weekday

Jeremiah 31:1-7; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-

Friday, August 7: Weekday

Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Deuteronomy 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, August 8: St. Dominic, Priest (Memorial)

Habakkuk 1:12-2:4; Psalm 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Matthew 17:14-20

5:30 PM Donald Thome

Sunday, August 9: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

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

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(For those who are watching from home)

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

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.



Job Opportunity

A full time Maintenance Supervisor position is now open at Sacred Heart Church & School, Lewistown, PA., with full benefits available.

Please contact Fr. Weary if

interested at 717-242-2781.

COVID-19 and Your Priests

A day after a Sacred Heart July 17 funeral, concelebrated by Fr. Bill and Fr. Jay, an out of town family member of the deceased, in attendance at church that day, announced that tests he and his spouse had undergone, showed that they were positive for Coronavirus. Fr. Brill and Fr. Jay, wearing masks while in church, had briefly greeted the man and his wife, 6 feet away, without physical contact. Fr. Bill was also in the funeral car with the deceased's widower, who had sat next to the infected family member, during the liturgy. The question arose whether Fr. Jay, and especially Fr. Bill, being in the car with the widower (who tested negative) should quarantine. Fr. Bill's physician said it was not necessary, and the Diocese of Harrisburg, after consultation, has agreed. The funeral director, who drove the car, and interacted with the family, reported that his girlfriend works as a nurse in the medical tents at Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill, PA, doing nose swabs and treats COVID patients while wearing full-body protective gear. She is on "the front lines" of all this, he said, and she said quarantining for him was not necessary either given the limited contact that he had with the infected person, a member of the extended family. The funeral home is continuing full operations, without quarantining. Obviously, full precautions will continue in church as we exercise due diligence and vigilance, for the good of all. Let us pray for one another, especially for those who have died from the disease, and for grieving family members,

caregivers, and those currently suffering from COVID-19. And pray for your priests, who as clergy are considered essential workers and are very much on the front lines as well.

New 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.
- ❖ Confessions are heard in the rectory garage on Wed., 6:30-6:45 PM & Sat., 3:00-3:45 PM
- ❖ 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**. Please clean the restroom after use according to the directions posted inside. Children must be accompanied by an adult & the adult must clean the restroom
- ❖ .
- ❖ Crying room is closed.
- ❖ Collection basket will not be passed. Place your collection in 1 of the 2 locked collection boxes provided. Collection boxes are located in the Vestibule area or at the front of the church by the handicap door.
- ❖ Votive candles are not accessible at this time. If you would like a candle lit, call the parish office and they will have a sacristan light a candle for you. Your donation may be put in the collection box.
- ❖ Father will distribute Communion at the **end** of Mass from the altar area.
- ❖ Take all belongings with you and go single file up to the altar area. Right before receiving Communion drop one side of your mask and immediately put it back on after the Eucharist is in your mouth. Put one hand on top of the other palm side up. Father will try not to touch your hand. After receiving Communion proceed out the handicap door. If you are

not receiving Communion just follow the flow of people as they proceed out the door.

Diocesan Directives

We received an email from the Diocese this indicating that two parishes in the diocese reported a potential COVID-19 exposure occurring within the liturgical life of their parishes. Although they do not believe that these two incidents pose a serious concern, it does reinforce the **absolute necessity for every parish within the Diocese to strictly follow the directives that have been issued for the restoration of public worship and the safe environments of our parish offices and buildings.** We will continue to sanitize after each liturgical gathering, continue to enforce the wearing of masks the entire time while in mass, except for the reception of Holy Communion, and continue social distancing of 6 ft between individuals and family groups in the church. Parishioners are not to gather outside of church for social time and should continue to wear masks until they have left church property and distanced themselves from other congregants. **Above all, this is an act of charity and out of concern for your safety and not an infringement upon your personal right.** Thank you for your continued cooperation. Your diligence in adhering to these guidelines helps to prevent further safety concerns for our parishioners. **The protocol and directives are not optional.**



SCHOOL NEWS

SHS SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Tue., Wed. & Thur. 9AM-1PM

**If assistance is needed outside of office hours, leave a message on the school answering machine at 717-248-5351 or contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.

Enroll NOW for the 2020-21 Academic Year!



Even though SHS is closed, we are still enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year for Grades K-5.

If you or someone you know has a child entering

Kindergarten or would be interested in transferring into Grades 1-5, please email Ashley Henry at development@sacredheartshcool.com and we will get you an enrollment and information packet. Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2020.

ATTENTION PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS:

The EITC program has adjusted the threshold for income qualification for the 2020-21 school year for scholarships through the various programs that participate, making it easier for families to qualify! Please note that we just learned that the per-dependent allowance number for scholarship applications for the 20/21 school year will change. To be eligible for scholarships, families of students must have an adjusted gross income of less than \$92,160, with an additional \$16,222 adjustment for each dependent.

EITC Income Guidelines

Number of Dependents Maximum AGI

1 - \$108,382

2 - \$124,604

3 - \$140,826

4 - \$157,048

5 - \$173,270

In addition, due to the closure of a Catholic school in Berwick, PA, **we have received an additional \$20,000 in scholarships** that have not yet been assigned. If you previously did not qualify, but do now, please contact Sue Parzanese in the Business Office ASAP (717-447-2002 or shfinance@sacredheartlewisstown.com). Please reach out to any families you know who are unsure of what school to choose for their children for the fall and encourage them to check out SHS for their families, too!!

Did you know that we offer a tuition transfer grant to any child going into grades 1st through 5th?



Any public, private, charter or home-school student who transfers to Sacred Heart School is eligible to receive this grant. Each student will receive \$1,500 in grants over the course of 2 years (\$1,000 in year 1 and \$500 in year 2.) Restrictions apply and no financial aid forms are required.