

August 1, 2021 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 18, 2021:
Regular: \$3,725.44
Tithing income for the week of July 25, 2021:
Regular: Not available

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 1, 2021

"I declare and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. That is not how you learned Christ, assuming you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, as you put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."

A rather long sentence in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, but also to us today. How often he uses expressions like 'I urge you' or 'challenge you' to correct error or direct attention to Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

To be a true disciple, we must listen and learn from the words of this letter. We have heard and been taught of Christ, but for many it does not make a real difference in their lives. Discipleship and Catholic is only a label. My personal relationship with Christ is so much more. As the letter unfolds ask whether hearing of Christ, and learning His teaching, makes us different. It should. Consider what steps you might take to continue to hear Him speak and grow in your love of Him.

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

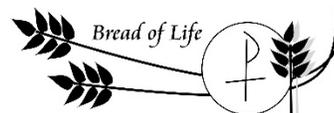
The Israelites complain that Moses led them to the desert and there is no food for them there. Then the Lord told Moses he would rain down bread from heaven so the people might know that I, the Lord, am your God. God did as he had promised and in the morning the people found the bread that he had given them.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Paul tells the Ephesians that they must give up their old way of life and live in accordance with the truth that Christ has brought them. He reminds them to acquire a spiritual way of thinking, and to remember that they are made in God's image and act accordingly.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

The people Jesus had fed on five loaves of bread follow him, and Jesus tells them they should not be looking for perishable food, but for spiritual food. The people want a sign that they should believe in him. He explains that he is the bread of life, and anyone who believes will not experience hunger or thirst. The people did not fully understand that he was speaking in the spiritual sense, and not of actual food.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Saturday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Memorial)

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;
Matthew 14:1-12

5:30 PM Mary Ann Truitt from Trudy Ober

Sunday, August 1: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

9:15 AM Nicholas and Roseann Spak from Ralph and Jill Perez

Monday, August 2: Weekday

Numbers 11:4b-15; Psalm 81: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Matthew 14:13-21

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 3: Weekday

Numbers 12:1-13; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday, August 4: St John Vianney, Priest (Memorial)

Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35;
Psalm 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23;
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, August 5: Weekday

Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Matthew 16:13-23

Friday, 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; Mark 9:2-10

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, August 7: Weekday

Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51; Matthew 17:14-20

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, August 8: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 43:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

9:15 AM Patrick Marshall from Scott and Alice Arnold

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 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.



Do you love SHS? Has SHS touched your life in any way?

We are looking for a few monetary sponsors for some SHS families that are in need of tuition help. If you are interested in helping a Catholic child receive a quality catholic education in a safe and nurturing environment, please call Ashley Henry at the Parish Office 717-242-2781 or email at development@sacredheartsschool.com.

Our families appreciate your support!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: will be held on Friday, Aug. 6th at 9:00 AM, followed by one hour of Adoration.

CCD: There will be a meeting for anyone who is teaching or interested in helping to teach CCD on **Sunday, August 8, 2021** in the Social Hall immediately following mass. Please reach out to Shane or Elizabeth Armstrong if you are unable to attend this important meeting. seararmsstrong@pa.net or 717 994 0845.

CARD REQUESTS FROM ST. VINCENT dePAUL:

Our friend, Kelly Casner, needs words of encouragement. She is overwhelmed and scared with the medical issues confronting her. Please mail to:

Kelly Casner
Shadyside Hospital
Room 735 West
5230 Centre Avenue
Pittsburgh PA 15232

Diocese Reinstates Obligation to Attend Mass

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Along with the other bishops of Pennsylvania, I give thanks to Almighty God for the progress our country has made in curbing the coronavirus pandemic. Each of us has felt the impact of COVID-19 in many ways as individuals and families, among friends and at work. This has been a time of hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation that has impacted our lives of faith as well. Our Lord Jesus has been near to us throughout this difficult period,

especially when we encounter Him in the Holy Eucharist. There He offers us His healing and peace, His mercy and reconciliation. Now the time has come for everyone to return joyfully to the celebration of the Eucharist with thanksgiving and renewed faith. As life returns to normalcy in many ways, each bishop will reinstate in his diocese the obligation of attending Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass has been in place since March of 2020 when the developing coronavirus pandemic required people not to assemble in group settings. Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is possible for the faithful to assemble again for the Eucharist and fitting to restore the obligation. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days arises from our Baptism which compels us to unite ourselves with Christ at the altar in His saving Sacrifice of the Cross (Code of Canon Law, canon 1247). "Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2182)." The obligation expresses the Christian way to observe the Third Commandment, to keep holy the Lord's Day (Deuteronomy 5:12; Exodus 31:15; Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2180-2181). As is always the case, this obligation does not apply to those who are seriously ill, who have a serious health risk, such as those receiving therapies that suppress immunity, as well as those who have serious anxiety because of large groups. Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for loved ones who cannot attend Mass in person (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2181). Whenever legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, you are urged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting yourself to Christ in His worship of the Father of us all. Also, you are encouraged to view a broadcast of the Mass. As your Bishop, I welcome this moment that reinstates the obligation for all Catholics in the Diocese of Harrisburg on August 15, 2021. For all of us, it is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Holy Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus in His Holy Body and Blood as well as for the joy of gathering together as a believing community of faith. May God continue to bless you and your families, and may Mary continue to intercede with Her Son to keep us safe and renewed in our love for the Eucharist.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Harrisburg



Ministry Schedule: August 7-8

Sat. 5:30 PM

Lector: M. Tonge

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Altar Server: J. Zarnowski

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sun. 7:30 AM

Lector: T. Kromel

EMHC: K. Graham

Altar Server: D. Treaster, D. Best

Cantor: R. Perez

Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

Faith Matters with Fr. Peter Rettig

Does Faith even matter??? We have science to explain everything...right? NOT! Science can only explain **how** things happen in the physical world. Faith answers the "why" questions, like "what is my purpose in life?" and "why do I exist?" **Faith Matters** is a bi-weekly column written by Fr. Peter Rettig in the Sacred Heart and St. Jude bulletins. Its purpose is to apply the teachings of the Catholic Church to modern trends in a practical way. Please check in next time for a full length post. I look forward to hearing your feedback when you see me next!



FAITH MATTERS

With Fr. Peter Rettig



themodernCatholic:

Strike while the iron's hot! Since I am fresh out of seminary, I thought it would be a good idea to focus on stuff that is still fresh in my mind. As Catholics living in a well-developed society, we must always have two principals at the forefront of our minds: *solidarity* and *subsidiarity*. These two concepts are the core of Catholic social doctrine for a modern world. *Solidarity* is the mutual support of all humans as our brothers and sisters, and actively working for their good. Solidarity highlights in a particular way the intrinsic social nature of the human person, the equality of all in dignity and rights and the common path of individuals and peoples towards an ever more committed unity. *Subsidiarity* is the belief that when a smaller entity (social, political, economic, etc.) is able to contribute at a local level, a larger, more distant, entity mustn't interfere. *The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church* states that the principle of subsidiarity protects people from abuses by higher-level social authority and calls on these same authorities to help individuals and intermediate groups to fulfil their duties. This principle is imperative because every person, family and intermediate group has something original to offer to the community. The principles of solidarity and subsidiarity

were applied and expounded upon in public statements by Popes Leo XIII and Pius XI in reaction to the corporate dehumanization and deadly working conditions of the industrial revolution. These two terms also resurfaced in reaction to the dehumanization of the individual human person seen fascist and communist Europe of the 20th century. Let's remember that without solidarity or subsidiarity we cannot have proper respect for the dignity of the individual human person.



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 or contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.

Open Position

Sacred Heart School is in need of an elementary school teacher for the upcoming school year. Applicants may send a letter of interest and resume to the school Co-Administrators at 110 N. Dorcas St., Lewistown or call the school office at 717-242-2781. Clearances will need to be provided prior to job offer.



Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of:

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| Genevieve Gregos | John T. Kromel |
| Steven Graham | William Nash |
| Nicholas Spak | Roseanne Spak |
| Frances Schilling | Mary Tonge |
| Mary Ann Truitt | |

ST. JUDE OFFICE HOURS:

Beginning August 2, 2021 the office will be open on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 (Noon).



Hey TEENAGER! Did you know that you're awesome??? And, do you know how much God loves you??? In fact, when I was praying the other day, God told me how awesome YOU are. That's why I'm reaching out to you personally to invite you to the "St. Jude Parish Youth Kickoff." Come and enjoy **music, food, wholesome fun, and the love of Christ.** Plus, you can hang out with the new priest, Fr. Peter Rettig!

Who: You, and many other teenagers!

What: A kickoff party for the St. Jude Parish Youth Group.

Where: We will meet in the St. Jude Parish **rectory** – 3918 William Penn Highway, Mifflintown, PA 17059.

When: Sunday, Sep. 12 @ 6:30-8:30 *** (2nd and 4th Sundays of every month).***

Why: Come and make Christ your personal friend while having fun with other guys and girls your age.

Moms and Dads, we will meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday, beginning Sep. 12, so mark it on your calendars as a reoccurring event! Fr. Peter kindly asks that, if possible, at least one other adult (parent, family member, or friend 18 years or older) remain present during each meeting as a chaperone.

Christ is your best friend. Get ready to know Christ on a level you've never imagined. Come, and see...

- Fr. Peter Rettig

Register NOW for the 2021-22 School Year!

Registrations are still 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. For additional information call the school at 717-248-5351. For more information visit our website at www.sacredheartschool.com. **All faiths are welcome!**