

August 29, 2021 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a Way of Life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of August 22, 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
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29, 2021

"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep yourself unstained by the world."

The letter of St. James offers us clear, practical examples for Christian living for today. He could have invented the current expression, 'Walk the walk, don't just talk the talk.' How clearly I can recall the summer school of Catholic action at Fordham in New York calling young people to apostolic action. The foundation of it all was found in the Word of God, which we read daily, listen to weekly, and discover ways to live it. Welcome that word.

The Word of God from the beginning addressed the needs of the most vulnerable. They were represented by orphans and widows, but today we might add single mothers, ex-offenders, immigrants and those marginalized in our society. If we feel uncomfortable with current examples, good. As we respond to them, we are keeping ourselves unstained by the world.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses tells the people to always observe the statutes God has given them, without adding or subtracting from these laws. He reminds them that the law is just, and that any nation who heard their statutes would consider them a wise nation.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

James discusses the gifts that God has given to all people and implores them to respond by welcoming the words of truth that

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees observed some of Jesus' disciples eating without first purifying their hands and ask the disciples why they are going against their ancestor's traditions. Jesus responds that nothing from the outside can make a person impure. The only true evil, acts such as fornication, murder, and greed among others, come from within and make a person impure.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*



And Weekly Readings

Saturday, August 28: St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9;
Matthew 25:14-30

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, August 29: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5;
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,
21-23

9:15 AM Harry Fogleman from Edith Fogleman

Monday, August 30: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Psalm 96:1 & 3, 4-5,
11-12, 13; Luke 4:16-30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 31: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Psalm 27:1, 4,
13-14; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 1: Weekday

Colossians 1:1-8; Psalm 52:10, 11; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 2: Weekday

Colossians 1:9-14; Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 3: St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;
Luke 5:33-39

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, September 4: Weekday

Colossians 1:21-23; Psalm 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Luke
6:1-5

5:30 PM Mary Ann Truitt from

Richard and Shirley Baade

Sunday, September 5: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:407a; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;

James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

9:15 AM Randall Hafer from Shane Armstrong

Flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary are in loving Memory of Mary Ann Truitt by Ray and Rosalee Blehar.

Altar Guild News: The Altar Guild will meet on **Tuesday, August 31st at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Social Hall. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend. Welcome back from your summer vacation!

Mass and Eucharistic Adoration will be held Friday, September 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Food Pantry Update:

September is National Hunger Action Month

What a blessing is all the healthy fresh produce pouring into the Food Pantry! Thank you for sharing the Lord's bounty with your neighbors in need! We also appreciate your support for our summer backpack program as we helped over 80 children spend their summer having fun instead of going hungry.

In July 2021, the Food Pantry served 134 families in need – over 300 individuals. A special thank you to Aldersgate United Methodist Church for providing volunteers for the month.

We are doing well through the COVID19, however new volunteers are always being sought. If you feel called, openings are available on Tuesday afternoons or on Saturday mornings, consider becoming a volunteer. The experience alone is so rewarding.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR SEPTEMBER:

CANNED BEETS, CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES, CANNED PINEAPPLE, SHAMPOO, OTC COLD AND PAIN MEDICINES, DISHWASHING SOAPS, LAUNDRY SOAP, AND

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BACKPACKS WHILE THEY ARE ON SALE☺

*WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS

Phone # 717-436-9718

Address: PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, PA 17059

Hours: Tues 9-12 and 1-5, Saturday 9:00-12:00

***Our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to drop off donations!**

Sacred Heart Parish Office and School will be closed Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 7th.

Catholic Bishops of PA Prioritize Safety as Mass Obligation Resumes

Jesus commanded his followers to care for the sick and to bring physical and spiritual healing to everyone. In that spirit, the Catholic bishops of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have issued this statement: Caring for the health, safety and spiritual wellbeing of parishioners and their communities is a priority of all the bishops of Pennsylvania. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, dioceses have made every effort to implement best practices in public health for every aspect of parish life. Each diocese is continuously re-evaluating coronavirus mitigation efforts, frequently consulting with state and federal healthcare experts and constantly monitoring data. Diocesan leaders are listening to input from parishioners, including those with medical expertise, as cases of the Delta and other new variants are surging. It now seems evident that this global health crisis could linger for months or years to come. **Our call as shepherds is to provide the Eucharist in a safe environment. To that end, each diocesan bishop will communicate to the faithful, asking them to prioritize their own health and the health of their neighbors and faith communities.** As previously announced, the bishops are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sun., Aug. 15, 2021. **However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply to those who are: sick, have a serious health risk, in a household with those at risk, primary caregivers to those at risk, have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19, unable to attend Mass in person.** As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants or have been exposed should stay home. Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ. They are also encouraged to investigate the numerous options to view broadcasts and streams of Mass, which are continuing across the state. **While masks are not currently mandated, each parishioner is strongly encouraged to make a responsible decision about the use of masks and vaccinations following in the examples of all Pennsylvania Bishops, Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who have all been vaccinated for the common good.** Our coronavirus mitigation efforts will continue to evolve, based on the most up-to-date public health information. Each bishop will continue to communicate with the faithful as changes become necessary.

Dear Friends,

As we respond to the current impact of the COVID-19 variants in the Commonwealth, Bishop Gainer asks all parishes to make the following adjustments to liturgical protocol until further notice:

1. **Masks are to be worn for the distribution of Holy Communion by all priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion during the celebration of Holy Mass and outside the celebration of Holy Mass. This includes visits to the sick and homebound and applies even to those who are vaccinated.**
2. **All those distributing Holy Communion are to sanitize their hands prior to the distribution. It is not necessary to sanitize during the distribution of Holy Communion unless there has been contact with the recipient. It is not necessary to sanitize hands after every person who receives Holy Communion on the tongue.**
3. **Masks are to be worn by ushers and greeters whenever they are exercising their service. When they return to their pews for the celebration of Holy Mass, they may choose to lower their masks.**
4. **There is no mask requirement for parishioners at large at this time.**
5. **Hand sanitizing stations should be made available to all who enter our churches and institutions.**
6. **Pew sanitization should continue periodically within the church buildings.**
7. **There is not a prohibition on choirs or liturgical music at this time. The consideration of choirs in the coming months will be made after more conversation and further reflection.**

These protocols are in place to ensure the safety of our parish communities and to prevent the need for further measures that would constrain public worship within the Diocese of Harrisburg. Thank you for your attention to these measures.

In His Heart,
Father Brommer



Ministry Schedule: August 28-29

Sat. 5:30 PM

Lector: M. Tonge

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Altar Server: J. Zarnowski

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sun. 9:15 AM

Lector: T. Ober

EMHC: K. Graham

Altar Server: D. Treaster, D. Best

Cantor: R. Perez

Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

Ministry Schedule: September 4-5

Sat. 5:30 PM

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Altar Server: J. Zarnowski

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sun. 9:15 AM

Lector: Gary Price

EMHC: G. Best

Altar Server: St. Michael's Guard

Cantor: M. Miller

Usher: R. Auken, S. Arnold

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

Genevieve Gregos

John T. Kromel

Steven Graham

William Nash

Nicholas Spak

Roseanne Spak

Frances Schilling

Mary Tonge

Mary Ann Truitt

ST. JUDE OFFICE HOURS:

The office will be open on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Also, immediately after Sunday services. Please have any announcements to the church office by Thursday at 10:00 a.m. rectory@stjudemiffintown.org

Catholic Charismatic Day of Renewal with Fr Weary



For all seeking healing, light, & growth in the power of the Holy Spirit, please save the date, **September 18, 2021**, from 8am-3pm, for the **Catholic Charismatic Day of Renewal** at

the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg). Mark your calendar now! The theme **Out of Darkness, Into the Light: God's Power over Pandemic** will be presented by **Keynote Speaker Rev. William Weary**. Please join us for Mass, Adoration, Talks, Prayer for Power & Healing of the Holy Spirit and More! A fee of \$20 per person will be accepted on site the same day and only by cash or check. No credit cards will be accepted. We ask that you **pre-register by Sept. 8th**. Lunch will be ordered **only** for those who have pre-registered. To pre-register call Joyce at 717-308-7245, or email charismatic.harrisburg@gmail.com. For additional information visit aliveinthespirit.net. Don't miss the grace!

CCD News:

It is time to register your children for CCD. CCD classes will commence Sunday, September 19, 2021. All children should be registered by Sunday, August 29, 2021.

Please fill out the registration forms which are available in the Narthex, complete the form and return it to one of the following people: Father Bill, Alice Arnold or Shane Armstrong.

Bishop Robert Barron's

UNTOLD BLESSING

Three Paths to Holiness

God calls each of us to become a saint, and he's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program: "*Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness*." The first path is "Finding the Center in Christ;" the second is "Knowing You Are a Sinner" and then the third, "Realizing Your Life is Not About You."

On Sunday September 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM our parish will begin the six week program the *Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness*. To find out more information or register, please contact Ralph Perez 717-543-1905 or complete the sign up sheet found in the narthex of the church.

Los tres caminos a la santidad

BENDICIÓN DESCONOCIDA

Dios nos llama a cada uno a hacernos santos, y está dispuesto a apoyarnos a lo largo del camino dándonos abundantes bendiciones. Acompañennos mientras buscamos estas bendiciones, participando en el programa basado en DVD del Padre Barron: *Bendición incalculable: Los tres caminos a la santidad*. El primer camino es "Encontrando el centro"; el segundo es "Descubriendo que eres un pecador" y luego el tercero, "Tu vida no se trata de ti".

El Domingo, 12 de Septiembre de 2021, nuestra parroquia comenzará con el programa de seis domingos, *Bendición Desconocida: Los tres caminos a la santidad*. Para más información or registrarse, hable con Rafael Perez 717-543-1905 o puede registrarse para en el programa en la entrada de la iglesia.



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

FAITH MATTERS

With Fr. Peter Rettig

"Don't overthink it!" my high school algebra teacher would say when we asked for help on our exams. "It's not that hard! If you think too hard, you'll get the problem wrong!" Today so many people overthink the existence of God. When reasoning God's existence, they don't begin by thinking about the most obvious truths, namely that something cannot come from nothing... plain and simple! I remember as a seminarian at Mount Saint Mary's we would go on evangelization trips to university campuses each semester. When visiting University of Massachusetts, Amherst, my partner and I asked three different people if they believed in God, to which they said, "no." We asked why. They explained that they lent their ear to science, and many scientists say there is no God. We thought for a minute and responded, "if there is no God, then where did all of existence come from?" They responded, "many scientists say that the physical world speaking, something cannot come out of nothing. The only thing that can come out of nothing is nothing – that's simple logic. Mathematics, the very core of science, states that zero plus zero will always equal zero. Therefore, something cannot come out of nothing, which means that there must be some type of creating force." Then they admitted that some type of Creator did exist. The point is that these students overthought the existence of God. So many people form arguments against God's existence without first addressing the most obvious truths, like the fact that something cannot come out of nothing (mathematically and physically). What happens when people skirt around the most obvious truths? They're never satisfied. Instead of logically deducing the existence of God, they first decide that they don't want to believe in God, then they find flimsy arguments to support their belief. What is the result of this? When people ignore the most blatant truths, they are never satisfied because they know they lied to themselves. Thus, fulfilling the stereotype of the angry atheist. Now, did we convert those students to the Faith? Probably not... YET! St. Paul says that some people will sow the seeds of faith and others will reap. We can only pray that the truth we sowed in them will be reaped by the Holy Spirit through another experience later in their lives. So, the next time you talk to an atheist, ask them if something can come out of nothing, because the last time you checked, the only thing that can logically come out of nothing is... nothing ($0 + 0 = 0$).

COFFEE SOCIAL RESUMING SEPTEMBER 12TH!

We have a nice start to the list of hosts to resume our Coffee Social, however, we still need a few more hands. If you are interested, please know that helpers are asked to provide a snack. Other expenses will be reimbursed for the supplies they purchase such as cold drinks, coffee, and all paper products which are provide by the parish. Please consider helping even if it is only for one or two Sundays. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail Beth Manbeck at beth.manbeck@yahoo.com. Further, there has been some conversation about re-naming this church event – do you have an idea? Please send your ideas to the rectory at rectory@stjudemifflintown.org for consideration by Parish Counsel.



SCHOOL NEWS



Save the Date! The 24th Annual SHS Benefit Auction is scheduled to be held October 9-10, 2021 at the Mifflin County Youth Park.

The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or like new donated items to be auctioned off. In the past these creative items have proven to be the most sought after and cherished by our generous bidders! Like to think outside the box? How about teaming up with some of your friends to auction off a dessert a month, a progressive dinner, soup a month, the opportunities are endless. For questions, please contact development@sacredheartschool.com Please bring all items to the Parish Office by **September 10, 2021**. We thank you in advance for your support of our largest fundraiser of the year!

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@sacredheartschool.com. **Our families appreciate your support!**