

August 8, 2021 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a Way of Life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of July 25, 2021:
Regular: \$1,445.00
Tithing income for the week of August 1, 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
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 8, 2021

“He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water... but the angel of the Lord came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, ‘Get up and eat, or else the journey will be too long for you.’ He got up, ate and drank, then strengthened by that food, walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb...’ ‘I am the bread of life.’”

The scriptures have been focusing on the 6th chapter of John, asking us to appreciate more deeply the feeding the Lord did for His people and continues for us today.

The seeming miraculous feeding of Elijah shows God's care, His hand, and the response of the prophet to the messenger of the Lord. He needed that food to sustain him and continue his prophetic work.

Jesus, in His concern for the crowd fed them and told His disciples to give the people something to eat. They were hungry. We are true disciples for the Lord and ask that the tremendous gift of the Eucharist, so available for us, may we eagerly seek and not just presume.

How many parishes are without priests today to provide the Eucharist. How many of us who have attended mass virtually are yearning to receive holy communion? As Elijah looked and found the food God provided for his journey, may we renew our desire for and seek Him in the Eucharist.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Queen Jezebel had vowed to kill Elijah, who went into the desert and prayed for death. Instead he went to sleep and was awakened by an angel, who told him to eat the food God had given him. He ate and went back to sleep, but God's angel again woke him and told him to eat. Strengthened by it he got up and walked forty days and nights to the mountain of God.



Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

Paul appeals to the Ephesians to get rid of bitterness, anger, and malice. Instead they must be kind, compassionate, and forgiving just as God has been. We must be imitators of Christ, and love one another as he has loved us.

Gospel: John 6:41-51

The Jews were not convinced that Jesus was the bread that came down from heaven. But he again explains that he is the

bread of life. He tells them that anyone who believes and eats this bread shall live forever. He explains that the bread he will give is his flesh, for the life of the world.

LITURGICAL

Mass for the
Intentions for the
Week



And Weekly Readings

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

Monday, August 9: Weekday

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Matthew 17:22-27

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 10: St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (Feast)

2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalm 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jon 12:24-26

Wednesday, August 11: St. Clare, Virgin (Memorial)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17; Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 12: Weekday

Joshua 3:7-10a, 1, 13-17; Psalm 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 13: Weekday

Joshua 24:1-13; Psalm 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24; Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday, August 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr (Memorial)

Joshua 24:14-29; Psalm 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Matthew 19:13-15

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

9:15 AM Frances Schilling

from Ralph and Jill Perez

RCIA Classes

Sharing is the basis for our religion—sharing God’s love with around us, but most of all, the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ 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.



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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!

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. 9:15 AM

Lector: T. Kromel

EMHC: K. Graham

Altar Server: D. Treaster, D. Best

Cantor: R. Perez

Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

Ministry Schedule: August 14-15

Sat. 5:30 PM

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Altar Server: J. Zarnowski

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sun. 9:15 AM

Lector: G. Treaster

EMHC: D. Swigart

Altar Server: St. Michael’s Guard

Cantor: A. Arnold

Usher: S. Arnold, L. Bastian

**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:

Beginning August 9, 2021 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@stjudemifflintown.org



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



Utilitarianism - the dangerously attractive philosophy...
Have you ever had a piece of damaged furniture and said, "It's just not worth keeping!" That's because it doesn't serve its purpose anymore. After all, who would want a sink that keeps leaking or a chair that keeps collapsing? But what if we applied this mindset to human life? The Catholic Church has a long history of providing health care, particularly for the dying, as an extension of Christ's command of charity to one's neighbor. This moral teaching historically overflowed into the American medical system. However, such a charitable approach is clearly disappearing in the modern medical world. The secular, or non-religious, medical stance largely uses utilitarian ethics to justify its procedures. In fact, utilitarianism IS the philosophy from which most modern thought stems. Now you might be thinking, "Whoa! What do all these words mean???" Well, utilitarianism is defined by its root word – *utility*. The utilitarian mindset deems an object's worth based on its utility, or usefulness. For example, have you noticed how architecture of government buildings built 100+ years ago is so much more artistic, whereas in the last 100 years it has become more drab; a bleak repetition of concrete and metal beams? That's because the modern utilitarian mindset has deemed decoration as expensive, unnecessary, and not useful. When it's applied to architecture it's arguably harmless, simply making your surroundings a little less attractive. But when utilitarianism is applied to human life, it becomes the darkest of philosophies. Utilitarian thought would deem a bedridden person worthless since he or she does not contribute to society, but only drains its resources. Utilitarian thought teaches that the fetus with Down Syndrome should be terminated since he/she will have a "hard life." Utilitarian thought sees the person with severe chronic pain as not worth living because he/she should be "freed from suffering." Essentially, utilitarian thought puts a price tag on life, ignoring the human's inherent dignity. The Holy Roman Church views such a philosophy as product centric. We mustn't label people based on how much they're worth. All people have the same infinite worth in God's eyes because we are his children. All people are equal. All people are loved infinitely by their Father and Creator. Life is not just a thing, but rather, a GOOD thing! And, we don't have the right to tamper with human life since we are not the authors of their own lives



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 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.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY **AUGUST UPDATE**

As the summer heats up, we are reminded that hunger does NOT take a vacation! Please don't forget your neighbors struggling to keep their families fed while everyone else enjoys summer vacation. Thanks to all of you who are bringing in fresh produce from your gardens! What a blessing straight from the Lord is fresh produce to those who rarely taste any but the canned variety, and very little of that.

In June 2021, the Food Pantry served 165 families in need – a total of 373 individuals. In addition, our Summer Backpack Program provided over 1,100 lunches for 55 school age children who otherwise would be facing a hungry summer vacation. A special thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for providing volunteers for the month of June.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST:
DISH SOAP, ANY CLEANING SUPPLIES AND
LAUNDRY DETERGENT,
SCHOOL SUPPLIES, ESP SPIRAL
NOTEBOOKS AND SCISSORS