

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

Stewardship is a Way of Life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of November 22, 2020:

Regular: \$1,458.00

Tithing income for the week of November 29, 2020:

Regular \$2,696.25

Mass Attendance for November 28, 2020 28

Mass Attendance for November 29, 2020 67

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to
those who have
given a lifetime.



Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous



Reorganization Bishop Gainer

Update from



My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a year 2020 has become. Who would have thought that a global pandemic would impact every continent and continue to affect our daily lives, eight months after it reached our Diocese? I pray you and your loved ones have been safe during this time.

I am writing to you today as we have reached a milestone in the reorganization process for The Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg (RCDH). As you may know, November 13, 2020 was established by the bankruptcy court as the last day—or the bar date—for creditors, including survivors of abuse, to file claims against the RCDH. Having passed the bar date, we have received claims on behalf of approximately 59 survivors.

The next phase of the reorganization process, which is already in motion, is mediation regarding the claims asserted by survivors. Through this mediation, the survivors (either individually or through a committee representing their interests), our present and historical insurance providers, the RCDH, and the parishes and schools will work together in an effort to reach a

consensual resolution of the survivor claims asserted against the RCDH.

As we explained when this process started in February, the RCDH's financial situation had been in a challenging position for several years prior to the Grand Jury Subpoena. That investigation and the legal costs we incurred took its toll on our financial situation, leaving us with no other path forward than to file for Chapter 11 protections and seek to reorganize. Once this process is complete, our Diocese will have a much stronger foundation to build, and rebuild, upon.

We still have several months of mediation ahead of us and we will do our best to keep you informed of milestone actions, when possible. As we move through this process, I encourage you to visit www.hbgdiocese.org/reorganization-information for the most up-to-date information.

I fully understand that the past several years have been very difficult on our priests, deacons, religious, employees and most especially, each of you. There is no excuse, there is no justification for the RCDH's horrific past regarding clergy sexual abuse. I continue to offer my most profound apology to all those survivors of clergy abuse and to pray they will find healing. I also thank each of you for your

continued faith, especially when it has been repeatedly tested.

I humbly ask for your prayers for our Diocese as we continue this process. May God grant us every grace needed during this difficult time. May Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother, intercede with Her Son to be our strength and support.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Harrisburg

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week

And Weekly Readings



Saturday, December 5: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 6: Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;

2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

9:00 AM Barbara Thome Bagri

Monday, December 7: St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Luke 5:17-26

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Patronal Feast day of the United States of America

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 9: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10;
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 10: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab;
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 11: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19;
Luke 1:39-47

5:30 PM Arthur Montrey

Sunday, December 13: Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1
Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

9:00 AM Lorraine Hazard

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

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

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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.

Daily Readings For Advent

"Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path." - Psalm 119:105

	Second Week of Advent
Sunday	Philippians 1:4-11
Monday	Psalm 85
Tuesday	Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday	Zechariah 2:14-17
Thursday	Psalm 145
Friday	Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48:1-11



Attention Parishioners

According to a recent directive received from the Diocese of Harrisburg, we will be continuing to prop the front doors of the church open prior to each mass to avoid repeated touching of the door handles, as well as continuing to open the windows and run the ceiling fans indefinitely, to provide proper ventilation during mass. We realize that the outside temperatures continue to drop, but we **must** adhere to these directives for the safety of all those coming to Mass despite the colder temperatures. **Please dress accordingly for your comfort during Mass.** As space is still limited, parishioners are reminded to arrive at least 15 minutes early for Mass. For your safety, the front and side doors will be locked when Mass begins.

Angel Tree:

We will be doing the Angel Tree, but in a modified way. Due to the virus we are not permitted to hang Angels on the Angel Tree. Crossroads Pregnancy has been contacted and indicate they could use the following items: fitted crib sheets, bibs, socks size 0 to 3, and size 3 to 6, little stuffed animals, baby lotion, and pacifiers. The gifts need not be wrapped, and can be placed in the container in the vestibule. Also, Head Start is in need of hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks. Any size from newborn up to five years old. Please wrap these and label them by what is inside. Ex. Gloves for 3-year-old boy or girl. Donations will be accepted from November 29th through and including December 13th. Ginger Best is coordinating this effort, please contact her with any questions at 717-734-3048. Thank you so much!

Announcements for the Bulletin:

Please have your announcements for the bulletin to the church office by Wednesday afternoon no later than 1:00 p.m.

CCD Teachers and Substitutes:

CCD Teachers and substitutes are needed. Please speak with Father Bill or Ginger Best.

Cookie Walk:

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, the Women's Guild will not hold its annual cookie walk this year. The Guild uses the funds from the cookie walk for its annual projects. Donations to the Guild are appreciated.

Guild Christmas Dinner:

The Women's Guild will hold the annual Christmas Dinner at the Juniata Valley Winery/Wilson House on December 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet and menu are in the narthex.



Christmas Masses:

December 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

December 24, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

December 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Confessions only will be heard in the Parish Social Hall, the other priest will hear confessions from the rectory back kitchen door. Times for confessions are available on Saturdays from 4:30 p.m. until 5:20 p.m.

Fish for Sale! Knights of Columbus

Anyone interested in purchasing baked fish, the cost is \$20.00 per box. Please write your name and phone number on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Joe Zarnowski at 908-892-0271.

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 after the child is finished

- ❖ 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.

These guidelines are an act of charity and out of concern for your safety and not an infringement upon your personal rights. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Your diligence in adhering to these guidelines helps to prevent further safety concerns for our parishioners. **These guidelines are not optional.**

Family Activities for Advent & Christmas

Want

 to add some fun to the last month of 2020? Visit our website at www.sacredheartlewisstown.com and click on **Advent & Christmas Activities** to find a **Fun Family Activities for Advent and Christmas guide!** Beginning on Sunday, November 29, the First Sunday of Advent and ending on Friday, January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, you and your family will find ideas for crafts and activities along with links to special articles and printables to download. What better way to add some extra fun to the last month of the calendar year, the season of expectation and the season of celebrating our Lord's birth, than by sharing a few minutes together each day as a family.

Help Support Scouts Boy Scout Troop 2 is selling Christmas trees again this year. A variety of fresh cut trees including Douglas Fir, Blue Spruce, Concolor Fir, Fraser Fir, Colorado Blue and Cork Bark Fir are being offered. Hours of operation are weeknights 4-8 PM, Saturdays 10-8 PM and Sundays 1-5 PM. The stand is located on Electric Avenue near the Lewistown Creamery. **Help support Troop 2 of which some of our parish's youth are members. Money earned help the boys in the troop pay for scouting activities.**



SCHOOL NEWS

SCRIP Gift Card Sale

The SHS HAS SCRIP gift card sale ends **December 8th**. Gift card order forms are available at the Parish Office or you may order and register online at www.shopwithscrip.com. When registering online please enter SHS enrollment code **986DCAA961532**. This will link your order to SHS's HSA organization. If you chose to enroll, you can print your e-gift cards immediately. The cards usually come back within a week but **will definitely be in before the Christmas holiday**. Order now for your shopping convenience and to give as gifts! **Please make your selections and return the order forms to the Parish office with a check for payment no later than Dec. 8, 2020**. For any questions contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 or the SHS Office at 717-248-5351. Thanks for your support of Sacred Heart School Home and School!



Building a WEIS Future

Educational technology and funding changes daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, Sacred Heart School is partnering with Weis Markets in the **Weis 4 School** program. By participating in this program, we can earn money for our school simply by shopping as we all do every day. **When you shop at Weis, scan the barcode below to register your Weis Club Card**. Once you register, you are in the program and you do not need to register again. Please share this barcode with your friends and relatives so they can earn points for our school too. **Thank you for supporting our school with much needed funding!**

