

December 4, 2022 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of
November 27, 2022

Regular:	\$3,079.00
Hispanic Mass Offering:	\$155.00
Matthew 25 Offering:	\$20.00
Votive Offering:	\$73.01

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY

READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

"Everything written before our time was written for our instruction, that we might derive hope from the lessons of patience and the words of encouragement in the Scriptures. May God the source of all patience and encouragement, enable you to live in perfect harmony with one another according to the spirit of Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and voice you may glorify God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

As time moves forward through the old testament, and we live this advent season, may we live in hope filled expectation of the Christmas to come. Our weary world, marked with violence, war and discord needs the virtues of hope, patience and encouragement, we need the grace of Jesus Christ more than ever.

Our own practice of patience and encouragement can help that distant vision to become real. These three virtues mentioned in Romans are worth pursuing as we too 'prepare the way of the Lord.'

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, December 3: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15-20

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

9:15 AM People of the Parish

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, December 5: Advent Weekday

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 6: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13;

Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 7: Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Ephesians 3:8-12; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 21-22, 25 &

27; John 10:11-16

Thursday, December 8: The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Friday, December 9: Advent Weekday

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

Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 10: Advent Weekday

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-

19;

Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 11: Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;

James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

9:15 AM George and Lorraine Hazard from

Shane Armstrong

1:30 PM People of the Parish

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

December 4, 2022 JODI
December 11, 2022 GINGER & DARYL
December 18, 2022 LADIES
December 25, 2022 NO SOCIAL



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree in honor of Kathy Nash will again be for the Juniata County Early Childhood Services and also for the Crossroads Pregnancy located in Juniata County in Mifflintown. Please take an angel from the tree and return your angel by December 12th. If you take an angel for Crossroads it does not need to be wrapped. Thank you for helping with this project and helping the people in our community.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK – St. Jude Women’s Guild Christmas Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 10, 2022, 9 A.M.-Noon or until supplies last. Delicious homemade cookies will be pre-packaged. Each box will contain a variety of approximately 2 dozen cookies for \$10.00.

Cookie Walk is first come first served. Doors open at 8 A.M., so come early, get your entry ticket, and enjoy a cup of coffee as you browse our White Elephant table. All proceeds go to support our parish.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass will be held at Saint Jude Thaddeus Parish on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Parish on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Rectory Open House Christmas Party

Father Weary’s Rectory Open House Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, December 18th from 3-5PM.** All are welcome to join us for this annual celebration. Snacks and drinks will be provide



Please continue to pray for the souls of:

Thomas Cargill Robert Burda

RACHEL’S VINEYARD

In Conjunction with the Cemetery of Innocents, we are collecting donations for Rachel’s Vineyard. Rachel’s Vineyard provides weekend retreats to provide healing from abortions. For more information about Rachel’s Vineyard, please go to <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

Rachel’s Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Retreats are held in over 375 locations. They offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the Rosary each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. before the 9:15 a.m. Mass. “The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life.

It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying.”
- Pope Leo XIII

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration will be held following the 1:30 p.m. mass on Sunday, December 11th.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

Vigil Mass – Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. with music beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be no 5:30 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day – at 9:15 a.m.,

Spanish Mass – at 1:30 p.m.

*The regularly scheduled 9:00 a.m. Monday mass will take place on Monday, December 26th



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

The New Years' Day schedule will follow the regular schedule of Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:15 a.m., and the Spanish Mass at 1:30 p.m.

EMERGENCY EXITS

Designated emergency exits are found in the front of the church to the left and right of the altar, and in the back of the church through the main entrance and the hallway by the restrooms.

We request in case of emergency you select the closest exit to your seat.

Those sitting in the front half of the church should exit using exits found on their respective side. Those sitting back half of the church should exit through the center doors and the doors to the right of the main entry door of the church.

Those in the cry room or the restrooms should exit through the hallway and to the exit door at the end of the hallway.



Our Amazing Teachers have created wish lists on Amazon to help prepare their classrooms for the upcoming school year. If you would like to purchase something, please scan the QR code or visit

<https://www.sacredheartschool.com/academics/teacher-wishlists>.

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 Dan Swigart at 717-446-5099 or 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. **A new class is set to begin on Thursday, September 22nd at 7 PM.**



UPDATE REQUEST

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or have any other changes you would like made to your information at the parish office, please contact the office at 717-436-6722 on Thursdays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or email the office at rectory@stjudemiffintown.org.



Save the Date: Sacred Heart HSA will be hosting a painting party on December 10th at 6 PM in the school cafeteria. Please contact Jess Demi at 717-994-3711 or indemi917@gmail.com if interested. Thank you.



Saturday, December 3, 2022

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher:

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Lector: G. Hazard

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boyd

Saturday, December 10, 2022

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

**Altar Servers: A. Armstrong &
J. Armstrong**

Usher:

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Lector: James Haazard

Cantor: M. Miller

**Altar Servers: C. Schall, J. Schall
E. Miller**

Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

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****Job Opportunity****

Sacred Heart School is looking for a part-time teacher's aide and an after-school caregiver for this school year. If interested please call 717-248-5351 or email

principal@sacredheartschool.com

RaiseRight, formerly SCRIP, is a wonderful fundraiser for our school. Families purchase gift cards for everyday expenses (i.e. groceries, gas, clothing, eating out) or gifts for holidays (i.e. Christmas, Birthdays, Mother's Day, and Father's Day) and HSA receives a percentage of each purchase. Percentages vary based on the company. The money HSA receives goes back to the school for assemblies, playground improvement, teacher expenses, etc. There are over 750 brands from which you can purchase gift cards.

You can purchase gift cards 3 different ways:

1. Fill out a form available in the Narthex. Send it into the school or the Parish Office with cash or a check made out to SHS-HSA.
2. Download the app or go to RaiseRight.com and order gift cards. You can choose to have the gift cards shipped to you or to the school. There is a small fee to have the gift cards shipped to you and there is a small fee to pay for your order through the website or app.
3. Download the app or go to RaiseRight.com and order e-gift cards or reloadable cards. These cards are made available to you immediately. There is a small fee to pay for orders through the website or app.

The RaiseRight enrollment code for SHS is:

986DCAA961532

Forms will be due back by the 15th of every month (if the 15th falls on a weekend, order forms will be due the following Monday). Gift cards sent to the school may be picked up at the Parish Office **two** Tuesdays after the orders have been turned in. **This is a year round fundraiser.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781. Thank you for your support! Happy Shopping!

Sacred Heart School Angel Fund

This weekend you will find nicely decorated apples attached to the bulletin and in the Narthex. These apples were decorated by the students of SHS in hopes that you will make a gift to the SHS Angel Fund. The SHS Angel Fund provides scholarships and financial assistance to children who attend our school. If you would like to make a donation, you can make checks payable to **Sacred Heart School with Angel Fund** in the memo and placing it in the collection bin, mailing it to the school or you can go online to sacredheartschool.com and make an online donation. Donations to the SHS Angel Fund are accepted at any time during the year; however, if you are able, we encourage you to participate at this time. **Consider using your 5% tithe to other charitable organizations to participate, if possible.** Thanks for your support of SHS!