

February 20, 2022 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a Way of Life. Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of February 13, 2022:

Regular:	\$2,031.75
Black and Indian Missions:	\$160.00
Propagation of the Faith:	\$50.00
Spanish Mass Collection:	\$127.75

Per the St. Jude Catholic Church Finance and Parish Council tithing 10% of the monthly giving to the following as of January 18th:

Crossroads Pregnancy Center
PA Pro Life Federation
Mifflin/Juniata Energy Bank
Paul W. DeLauter Center
St. Vincent DePaul
Juniata Meals on Wheels
Fr. Jayaseelan's School

2022 Diocesan Annual Campaign

The 2022 Diocesan Annual Campaign, One Faith, One Family, has begun. Because of the generosity of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg, our 2021 effort was remarkable with 72 parishes reaching and exceeding their goals. Ministries and programs which received funding are humbled by the interest in and support of their efforts. From Evangelization efforts, to the many social service programs offered by Catholic Charities, to ongoing education and formation for our seminarians, clergy and ordained deacons, to support for Catholic education, your gift does make a difference. Please prayerfully consider your gift this year to ensure that the mission of the Church is fulfilled.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 20, 2022

“Jesus said to his disciples... Be compassionate as your father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Pardon and you shall be pardoned. Give and it shall be given to you...”

“Yes” to compassion, “no” to judging and condemning others, and “yes” to forgiveness, because I need forgiveness. We pray this daily, to be forgiven, as I am willing to forgive others. Saint Paul describes the three virtues – kindness, forgiveness and compassion. We are all capable to reflect these signs of goodness in our relationships with others. St. Luke tells us that is the way the Father is with us.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us. Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week

Weekly Readings



Saturday, February 19: Weekday

James 3:1-10; Psalm 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mark 9:2-13
5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, February 20: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 (81C);

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;

1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

9:15 AM Donald Thome from Karen Thome

1:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, February 21: Weekday

James 3:13-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mark 9:14-29

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 22: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (Feast)

1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6;

Matthew 16:13-19

Wednesday, February 23: Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)

James 4:13-17; Psalm 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11;

Mark 9:38-40

Thursday, February 24: Weekday

James 5:1-6; Psalm 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20; Mark 9:41-50

Friday, February 25: Weekday

James 5:9-12; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12;

Mark 10:1-12

Saturday, February 26: Weekday

James 5:13-20; Psalm 141:1-2, 3 & 8;

Mark 10:13-16

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, February 27: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7 (84C); Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16;

1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

9:15 AM People of the Parish

1:00 PM People of the Parish

Capital Campaign Update: Why the Basement?

Since the beginning of our planning, the committee has tried to balance three separate items; 1. Needed basement repairs, 2. Handicapped accessibility and 3. Need for social space. Nearly three years ago we started to address these projects and the concept study was presented to the parish on September 22, 2019. We looked at alternative buildings to buy and locations to build. After our initial research three things became apparent: 1. Another location did not solve the needed repairs in our basement and the cost to do both was beyond means. 2. We are an aging parish and handicapped accessibility is important to both the church and basement. 3. An overwhelming number of parishioners have voiced a desire to stay at the church for a meeting or reception after Mass and to access the basement from inside and rid the treacherous outside steps. The proposal is the best possible option at a price the church can afford. Please join your fellow parishioners in supporting our Capital Appeal which will begin after Easter.

YOUTH GROUP: Youth Group will meet this Sunday, February 20th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Card making, snacks, and games. Youth Group is open to all students grades 7 through 12.

BILINGUAL HEALING MASS:

A bilingual healing mass will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

February 20, 2022	LADIES
February 27, 2022	JODI
March 6, 2022	HEMONDS
March 13, 2022	MEGAN

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

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild has a letter for the women of the parish. It is in the Narthex. Please pick one up and then cross your name off of the list that is there.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Saint Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus currently has COAL tickets available for purchase with a suggested donation of \$5.00 per ticket. This year's drawing will be held May 13, 2022 and has 16 great cash prizes totaling \$65,000.00. COAL will support the PA State Council Scholarship Program and St. Jude's Council projects. More details on the

drawing and the prizes are posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to purchase tickets, see any Knight.

DONUTS FOR DONUT DAY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Friendship Fire Company #1 is selling donuts. Cost is \$9.00 per dozen (glazed only). Pick up will be between 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022 at the Port Royal Community Building, 212 West Fourth Street, Port Royal.

To order please call:

Wendy (717)527-4819

Donna (717) 994-7063

Megan (717) 527-4426

Orders are due by February 21, 2022

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 7:00 PM Mass

Stations of the Cross: each Wednesday beginning March 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022 7:00 PM Mass
8:00 – 10:00 PM Adoration
10:00 PM Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 15, 2022 7:00 PM Mass

Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:00 PM Mass

*No 5:30 PM Mass

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 9:15 AM Mass



We have been presented the opportunity to hold a **NET Ministries** day retreat for youth on **Sunday, February 27** at the St. Jude Parish Hall in Mifflintown. **ALL middle schoolers and high schoolers from St. Jude and Sacred Heart Parishes are invited!** The NET retreat challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. The retreat is led by fully qualified college-aged volunteers. They will provide a day of spiritual nourishment for our youth. This year's retreat theme will be **One Church (The Catholic Church)**. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church. Please mark your calendars. Look for additional information in upcoming bulletins.



Free Tax Preparation through the **Money in Your Pocket (MIYP)** program for those who qualify. Tax preparation will begin on February 7th at the Mifflin-Juniata Regional Services 249 West 3rd Street, Lewistown. By appointment only. To schedule, please call 717-363-8550.

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

Genevieve Gregos

Steven Graham

Nicholas Spak

Mary Ann Truitt

John T. Kromel

William Nash

Roseanne Spak

Mary Tonge



FAITH MATTERS

With Fr. Peter Rettig



Ministry Schedule: February 19-20
Saturday, February 19, 2022 5:30 PM
Lector: C. Fitzgerald
Cantor: M. Kerchusky
Altar Server: J. Zarnowski
Usher: T. Kerchusky
Sunday, February 20, 2022 9:15 AM
Lector: G. Price
Cantor: M. Miller
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
Ushers: D. Ames, P. Ames

Ministry Schedule: February 26-27
Saturday, February 26, 2022 5:30 PM
Lector: M. Tonge
Cantor: M. Kerchusky
Altar Server: J. Zarnowski
Usher: T. Kerchusky
Sunday, February 27, 2022 9:15 AM
Lector: J. Fitzgerald
Cantor: A. Arnold
Altar Servers: C. Schall, D. Miller
Ushers: S. Arnold, L. Bastian

Year-End Tax Statements

Please contact the Parish Office at 717-436-6722 or email the rectory at rectory@stjudemiffintown.org if you are in need of a year-end tax statement. In addition, the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Diocese will be happy to send, via email, a donor's record of giving if it is requested. The Diocese will no longer automatically send statements and their preference is to send statements electronically via email if requested. If you need a statement, please call the Office of Stewardship and Development at (717) 657-4804 ext. 245.

2022 Diocesan Men's Conference

Mark your calendars for the Diocese of Harrisburg's Men's Conference, *Becoming Champions for Christ*, on April 2 at in the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg. Keynote speaker Adam Janke headlines a panel of excellent speakers that will focus on standing firm as men of faith among the challenges of today's faith-less society. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, Confession, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Ronald Gainer are also part of this annual event. Registration is \$35 for in-person (includes light breakfast fare and lunch) and \$20 for virtual. Register today or learn more at www.hbgdiocese.org/men.

Who should we ask for help, Jesus or the Saints? – Both!

As Catholics we hear about the saints in two different ways. We hear about us **praying to** saints and we hear about saints **praying for us**. So, what's actually happening, are they praying for us or are we praying to them? Technically we can't pray to the saints because God alone has the power to grant our prayers. However, saints can pray for us in heaven. In other words, when we tell a friend, "Pray to St. Anthony to help you find your lost car keys," we actually mean to say, "ask Saint Anthony to pray that you find your car keys." Some of our non-Catholic friends might assume we are praying to "other gods," when in fact we are not praying to the saints at all, we're simply asking them for our prayers.

Asking the saints to pray for us is in the Bible. For example, in a dream, God commanded King Abimelech to ask Abraham to intercede for him: "For [Abraham] is a prophet and he will pray for you, so you shall live" (Gen. 20:7). When the Lord is angry with Job's friends because they did not speak rightly about God, he tells them, "Let my servant Job pray for you because I will accept his [prayer], lest I make a terror on you" (Job 42:8). Some Christians deny that the Bible gives support for devotion to the saints, but they are incorrect.

The Bible encourages Christians to approach the saints in heaven, just as they approach God the Father and Jesus Christ the Lord: "But you have approached Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and myriads of angels, and the assembly and church of the firstborn who have been enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and **spirits of righteous ones who have been made perfect**, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood which speaks better than that of Abel" (Heb. 12:22-24).

It is clear the Christian has approached a number of heavenly beings: the heavenly Jerusalem, the angels, God the judge, and Jesus the mediator. "The assembly and church of the firstborn who have been enrolled in heaven" and the phrase "spirits of righteous ones who have been made perfect" can refer only to the saints in heaven. Does the Bible say we should approach the saints with our prayers? Yes, in Revelation 5:8 John saw the Lamb, Christ Jesus, on a throne in the midst of four beasts and 24 elders. When the Lamb took the book with the seven seals, the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb in worship, "each one having a harp and golden bowls of incenses, which are the prayers of the saints."

So, should we pray to Jesus or should we ask the saints to pray for us? – Both! Because the saints are so close to the fire of God's love and because they stand immediately before him, they can set our prayers on fire with their love and release the power of our prayers.

2022 Woman of Grace Conference, "Faith, Fortitude, and Femininity: A Formula for Such a Time as This. This one day conference with Johnnette Benkovic Williams will be held on April 2, 2022 at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Harrisburg

Rosary Mass Confessions Lunch Adoration Fellowship

There is also a special day planned for young girls (12 to 17 years of age), which will be led by Women of Staff. Mothers and daughters share a special legacy with the Blessed Mother "Young Women of Grace Retreat" "Made for Joy, My Mother, Her Powerful Prayer and Me!"
Activities Inspiring Speakers

Register Online www.womenofgrace.com

For more information contact Christine Arnold at carnold@womenofgrace.com or 717-379-6041.



SCHOOL NEWS

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**If assistance is needed outside of office hours, leave a message on the school answering machine at 717-248-5351 or contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781

The Sacred Heart School Gala Committee would like to say "thank you" to everyone who helped to make the 12th annual gala "Raise the Stakes" a success. We look forward to seeing you next year for our 13th annual event!

Register NOW for the 2022-23 Academic Year!

Registrations are now being taken for any student interested in attending Sacred Heart School next academic year. Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2022. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted.** Call the school to schedule a tour, or attend our Information Night on Thursday, March 3rd from 5:00 – 7:00 PM or Thursday, March 10th 6:00 – 7:30 PM. We hope to see you there! Please share the good news of SHS with your friends and family. **All faiths are welcome!**



UPDATED COVID PREVENTION PRACTICES



With the current surge in COVID-19 positive cases and hospitalizations in our area, the following practices are suggested by the Diocese of Harrisburg for parishes.

- Parishioners are encouraged to wear masks.
- All liturgical ministers (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters and Ushers should wear masks, except when proclaiming the Scripture readings and when receiving Holy Communion.
- Choirs and groups of singers should consider wearing masks when singing.
- The communal invitation to the Sign of Peace is suspended at this time.
- Sanitization of pews and other common spaces is strongly encouraged after large gatherings.
- Ventilation of spaces with fresh air is encouraged whenever possible.

We are further tweaking our Coronavirus prevention measures by having priests sanitize their hands, but only if they inadvertently touch someone's tongue when giving out communion. We hope this measure further advances the health and wellbeing of our congregation members. **Thank you for your patience during these difficult times. With much prayer and mutual charity, we will persevere and eventually prevail, but only through God's grace.**

Ministerium Lenten Worship Schedule:

All Services will be in person, beginning at Noon and lasting about half an hour. This will continue every Wednesday of Lent. No lunches will be served this year.

March 9 – First UMC
March 16 – Lewistown Presbyterian
March 23 – St Mark's Episcopal
March 30 – **Sacred Heart**
April 6 – St. John's Lutheran

