

February 27, 2022 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tithing income for the week of February 20, 2022:

Regular: \$1,985.79
Votive Collection: \$52.25
Spanish Collection: \$153.79

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 27, 2022

“Jesus told his disciples a parable. ‘Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?... Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?... You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first, then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.’”

What a wonderful teaching as we prepare for the beginning of Lent. Spend a moment to see the need for self-correction, before judging, criticizing and damaging the reputation of someone else. Lent is the time for my spiritual renewal, my search for holiness, my need for personal reform, before I look for the splinter in another’s eye.

I look at my home, my family and ask how can I make this Lent a rewarding experience, not only in my own personal practice, but also with my spouse, with my children and those who are closest to me. Miracles can happen, but first, check out the wooden beam, “then you will see clearly”, and then move in the right direction. The pit surrounding us is real, known as the devil, and our coming Lent is the remedy to resist evil. Devil without the ‘d’ is...

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person’s reasoning can we know the mind of another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart’s good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God’s word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week



Weekly Readings

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 Jim and Sandy McClure

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, February 28: Weekday

1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 & 10c;
Mark 10:17-27

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 1: Weekday

1 Peter 1:10-16; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18;(219) Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 &
17; 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Thursday, March 3: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6;
Luke 9:22-25

Friday, March 4: Friday after Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;
Matthew 9:14-15

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, March 5: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Luke 5:27-32

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 6: First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (24C); Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-
13, 14-15; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

9:15 AM Brian Oberheim

1:30 PM People of the Parish

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION: Friday,
March 4, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREAKFAST/BRUNCH:

The Women's Guild will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Breakfast/Brunch on Sunday, March 20th following the 9:15 a.m. mass All families are asked to bring one of their favorite breakfast foods for a potluck breakfast/brunch to be shared by all. A sign up sheet is in the church vestibule. Irish music, decoration, St. Patrick? Come join us!

THANK YOU!

Thank you once again for giving to our center through your Angel Tree Project. Your generosity is a blessing to so many families. In Christ,

-Tabitha Goodling, CSD
Crossroads Pregnancy Center

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your donation of \$82.50 to Juniata Meals on Wheels, Inc. on 1-21-2022. As you may know, Juniata Meals on Wheels, Inc. was organized to deliver prepared meals to home-bound residents of Juniata County. Your support will aid us in furthering our goals.

-Esther E. Bratton, Treasurer

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS:

Were you married in 1972? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill.

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant.

To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office.

LENTEN MESSAGE OF MERCY:

Saint Katherine Drexel Parish will be welcoming Father Chris Alar to lead a two-day Lenten Mission on Sunday March 27th, and Monday, March 28th. His topics will be "The Mass" which will be presented on Sunday, March 27th, and a deeper understanding of "The Real Presence of the Eucharist" presented on Monday, March 28th. Both nights Father Alar will begin his presentations at 6:00 p.m. and will end by 8:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen YOUR Lenten Journey. All are welcome. If you have questions, please call Bill Benning at 717-571-8808 or Saint Katherine Drexel's Parish office 717-697-8716,

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

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.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth attending the March 13th Youth Group should bring blindfolds! Come and join the fun!



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

Ministry Schedule: March 5-6

Saturday, March 5, 2022 5:30 PM

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Server: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, March 6, 2022 9:15 AM

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: Y. Melara

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Ushers: S. Arnold, R. Auker

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.**

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.

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Capital Campaign Update: Why the School?

On occasion I am asked about our school and its financial health. Sometimes I am asked how many of the students are Catholic in our school. With the pending Capital Campaign, the question has been asked if we did not have a school, would we have more funds available and not need a capital campaign? As your Pastor I try to be as transparent as possible on all subjects especially who we are as a parish. The Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg has 89 parishes with 35 having an elementary school. It is no secret that many of our schools including Sacred Heart struggle with cost, tuition, and enrollment. However, I am pleased to share that in spite of our struggles our school is financially sound, enrollment meets expectations, and our parish pays no more than the recommended level of financial support to the school. Within the Diocese many parishes cannot claim the same success as Sacred Heart. Yes, we are an aging parish, but that does not mean we are a dying parish. We are the only parish in Mifflin County and a critical resource to the Catholic population. It is our responsibility to maintain our facilities and to maintain our Catholic presence for everyone in Mifflin County. The Diocese does not fund parishes we fund the Diocese. Our school is not only a Catholic school, but it is the center for our religious education program and youth activities. We would need to fund repairs and maintenance on the building with or without the school. Our contribution to the school funds the building. Student tuition and fundraising activities fund the education of those attending. Our school brings children to our parish. Aging parishioners do not have more children. The school is a ministry of the parish and there is no consideration if a student is Catholic or not Catholic. All students are taught Catholic values and a curriculum approved by the Diocese of Harrisburg. We are very fortunate

to have a school that assists in maintaining and supporting our youth facilities. We are blessed by the parents of the students who fund the tuition, contribute to various fundraisers, and provide hundreds of hours of volunteer time. Catholic or not, school parents support our parish and also join in teaching their children Catholic values. Our Capital Campaign will benefit our parish, and all of our ministries. Our support of our school and youth activities are as vital as any of our other ministries. One is not more important than another. Our hope and prayer is to reach everyone wherever they are in their spiritual journey and regardless of age. Our support of any of our ministries does not change our need for a Capital Campaign. The purpose of the Capital Campaign is to assist our ministries with the facilities they need to function and succeed. I hope you will join me and your fellow parishioners in supporting our Capital Campaign.

FAITH MATTERS

With Fr. Peter Rettig



What Should I Give Up for Lent?

Start thinking now! It's never too early to begin praying about what you're going to give up (or do extra) for Lent. Often times our Lenten promises become like our New Year's resolutions, in which we start strong and lose momentum half way through. Some of us ambitious ones might say to ourselves, "I'm going to give up TV, sweets, and fast daily for Lent." Little by little, the Devil will try to wear us down, convincing us that maybe it's not so bad to watch a little TV with a family member who turned it on. Or, we might convince ourselves, "It's ok to eat this sweet because a friend made it and I don't want to hurt her feelings."

If we begin Lent too "gung ho," there's the danger of losing momentum and cutting corners. So, it's important to fast appropriately! This means not getting in over your head when you fast. Don't give up ten different things just because you think you can. Be strategic about it. The purpose of Lent is to become holier.

Think about what your "capital sin" is; the sin you struggle with the most. Focus on conquering THAT this Lent. Do you get angry easily? Then offer up fasting between meals specifically for the virtue of docility. Do you struggle with impurity? Then, only give up TV this Lent. What people see on TV is statistically the biggest triggers for impure thoughts. Or, maybe you struggle with the sin of gluttony. Then, embrace the "3:1 Meal Rule" – eat two small meals and only one big meal and fast between those meals. Whatever you identify as your capital sin, tackle it by the horns this Lent!

This doesn't mean that someone shouldn't give up multiple things for Lent. There are people who do so with great fervor. Just be realistic with yourself, and if you have a capital sin, focus on that.

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.

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.

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!**



SHS Spirit Wear is available for pick up on March 1st.