

February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of
February 5, 2023

Regular:	\$3,579.00
Votive Offering:	\$20.50
Capital Improvements	\$230.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$65.00

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY

READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2023

“If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; trust in God, you too shall live... Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him... The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every need.”

Our lives are marked daily by constant choices. We decide what to eat, what to wear, what to do. The choices we make address the now, but Sirach reminds us they influence the gift of salvation the Lord offers to us, yes each day.

A director of a retreat provided the following insight, speaking of our decisions. He offered several 'decisions' which affect our life with the Lord. We make the following decisions or choices to trust in God more deeply and live with Him. These decisions are: to pray, to forgive, to know God's will and to love.

May we check our decisions, one each day, to assure we are alive in the Lord. Our 'fear' of the Lord is our respect and love for Him.

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.



Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the

people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week



Saturday, February 11: Weekday

Genesis 3:9-24; Psalm 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13;
Mark 8:1-10

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, February 12: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

9:15 AM Kelli Cross from Dawn & Joyce Parson

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, February 13: Weekday

Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Psalm 50:1 & 8, 16bc-17,
20-21; Mark 8:11-13

9:00 AM Arnold Perez–Pacheco

Tuesday, February 14: Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop (Memorial)

Acts of the Apostles 13:46-49; Psalm 117:1bc, 2;
Luke 10:1-9

Wednesday, February 15: Weekday

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15,
18-19; Mark 8:22-26

Thursday, February 16: Weekday

Genesis 9:1-13; Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-
23; Mark 8:27-33

Friday, February 17: Weekday

Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15;
Mark 8:34 – 9:1

Saturday, February 18: Weekday

Hebrews 11:1-7; Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11;
Mark 9:2-13

5:30 PM Donald Thome from Karen Thome

Sunday, February 19: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10,
12-13; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

9:15 AM Michael R. Palumbo from T. Ober

1:30 PM People of the Parish



Saturday, February 11, 2023

Lector: T. Kromel
Cantor: M. Kerchusky
Altar Servers: A. Armstrong &
J. Armstrong
Usher:

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Lector: J. Hazard
Cantor: M. Miller
Altar Servers: C. Schall, J. Schall
& E. Miller
Usher: D. Ames & P. Ames

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Lector: C. Hazard
Cantor: M. Kerchusky
Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski
Usher:

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Lector: T. Ober
Cantor: M. Miller
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
Usher: S. Arnold, R. Auken

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 23, 2023

Lector: T. Ober
Cantor: M. Miller
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
Ushers: D. Ames, P. Ames

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Lector: C. Fitzgerald
Cantor: M. Kerchusky
Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski
Usher:

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Lector: J. Fitzgerald
Cantor: R. Perez
Altar Servers: D. Miller, E. Miller,
C. Schall
Usher: S. Arnold, R. Auken

Please continue to pray for the souls of:	
Thomas Cargill	Robert Burda

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

February 12, 2023	BETH MANBECK
February 19, 2023	LADIES
February 26, 2023	KAREN TORNAMBE
March 5, 2023	GARY

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY	
FEBRUARY 22nd	7:00 PM
HOLY THURSDAY	
APRIL 6TH MASS	7:00 PM
ADORATION/NIGHT PRAYER	10:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY	
APRIL 7TH MASS	7:00 PM
HOLY SATURDAY	
APRIL 8TH VIGIL MASS	8:00 PM
EASTER SUNDAY	9:15 AM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH	
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM



FISH DINNERS SAVE THE DATES!

Fish Dinners will begin February 17th
and run through March 31st!
Times: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each
Friday!

COOKIE WALK CONTAINERS!

Please pick up your containers from the Cookie Walk. They are available in the Social Hall! Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP

There is no Youth Group this evening, Sunday, February 12th due to the Super Bowl!

2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign

The 2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign, **Together in Faith, Together in the Eucharist**, has begun. Because of the generosity of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg, our 2022 effort was remarkable with 79 parishes reaching and exceeding their goals. As we come together in the faith, the combined gifts of the faithful in our Diocese provide the needed financial support for the more than 90 ministries and programs offered throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg. These 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.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for Justin Pfaltzgraff who is experiencing health issues at this time.



St. Vincent DePaul Society

Catholic Social Teaching is rooted in the biblical tradition of “preferential option for the poor.” According to the commands of God, the care for the poor is the highest priority. It is a moral imperative for Christians to love and care for the poor because God is the poor and the poor are God (Matthew 25). This great summons of justice is found in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, and evident in centuries of Catholic Tradition and articulated in the Magisterium Teaching of the Catholic Church. The Christian mandate is to be both charitable and to pursue justice. It is not enough for Christians to espouse ideals, principles, and credo. An authentic and integrated Christian life must include charity, service, advocacy, and justice. “To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren [sic]” (Cano. 1397) St Vincent dePaul needs donations for those in need.

Consider a monetary donation or a donation of personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant etc. Also needed are hats and gloves. For more info, call us at (717) 363-4812

A rectangular graphic with a textured, parchment-like background. The text is written in a simple, hand-drawn, all-caps font. The quote reads: "WE DON'T NEED TO HAVE DEEP POCKETS OR BE RICH TO HELP THE NEEDY, THE POOR AND THE HUNGRY WE NEED TO HAVE AN HEART." Below the quote is the attribution "- Kevin Dcruz".

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- Kevin Dcruz

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

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@stjudemifflintown.org.



LENTEN TEA SCHEDULE!

February 22 Messiah Lutheran
March 1 St. Stephens Lutheran
March 8 Westminster Presbyterian
March 15 Trinity UMC
March 22 Aldersgate UMC
March 29 St. Jude Catholic Church
***Social time begins at 9:30 with light refreshments followed by Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!**

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.

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.**

CALENDAR RAFFLE

SHS/HSA will be holding a Calendar Raffle for the month of March. Calendars will be sold following Mass on **February 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26 at Sacred Heart and St. Jude Parishes.** Gift cards or items worth \$25 or more are donated. Each date has a particular item associated with it and we will have a student draw a name for each day

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Select: **St. Jude and Sacred Heart and Next**

Enter your **Name** and your **email address**

and select **Sign Up After you sign up all the content is available through PC through FORMED.ORG, and Smart TVS, Roku, I-Phone or Android with the FORMED App.**

Year-End Tax Statements

Please contact the Parish Office at

717-436-6722 or email at

rectory@stjudemifflintown.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.



Bring Your Palms!

During the first 3 weekends of February, please bring in last year's palm fronds and place them in the box in the vestibule of the church. We will burn them to be the source of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Please remove all rubber bands or ties before placing the palms in the box as this makes the burning process more difficult.

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd.

MEN'S CONFERENCE | MARCH 18, 2023
THE CHALLENGE: RAISE THE BAR
 DIOCESAN CENTER, HARRISBURG

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
 Marcel LeJeune, President and Founder of Catholic Missionary Disciples
*What makes a Catholic man a good Catholic?
 What makes a Catholic man a good man?*

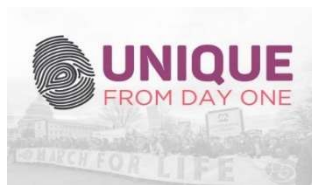
NEW FOR 2023
Breakout Sessions with Discussion

Marcel LeJeune <i>A Band of Brothers</i>	Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer <i>Bragging Rights Can Be Virtuous</i>
Reverend Ryan Fischer <i>What good am I?</i>	Deacon Virgilio Centenera <i>No Man is an Island</i>

Spanish Track
Deacon Armando Torres
*José, casto esposo de María: nuestro ejemplo en la vida.
 Nuestro encuentro con Jesús: en las Escrituras y nuestra vida.*

Registration Now Open
www.hbgdiocese.org/men

Mifflin and Juniata Citizens Concerned for Human Life will host the **Annual Lewistown March for Life on Sunday, March 19, 2023 beginning at 1:00**



PM. All are invited to walk with us from Sacred Heart Church, 3rd and Dorcas Streets, Lewistown, to Bethel AME Fellowship Hall, 23 N. Juniata St., Lewistown.

State Senator JUDY WARD plans to participate. Speakers, music, and prayer will be offered by local pastors with light refreshments to follow, until approximately 2:30 PM. Those unable to walk may meet us at the Bethel AME Fellowship Hall for the program. Help us celebrate the gift of all stages of life, from conception to natural death. For more information, contact Mary Smith at 717-994-1941.