

February 19, 2023 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of
February 12, 2023

Regular:	\$1,986.90
Hispanic Mass:	\$188.00
Hispanic Mass (Feb 5)	\$118.00
Votive Offering:	\$27.25
Propagation of the Faith	\$20.00
Black & Indian Missions:	\$60.00

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY 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 19, 2023

"The Lord said to Moses: 'You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart... Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord... So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'"

Jesus cited this passage from Leviticus when He taught us to love God above all things, with heart, soul, strength and mind, and indicated we do this when we care for our neighbor. In our world, where diversity can be a gift, we are plagued by war, hate, racism and discrimination in so many ways. How distant from the gospel mandate.

The Sermon on the Mount offers a special emphasis on love of neighbor - and enemy - making them the object of our prayer. May we place that person, country, group in our prayer and ask the Lord to help us live the Old Testament mandate and the great commandment of the New. May we not only strive to be perfect, but as Saint Luke tells us, 'to be merciful as our Father is merciful.' We can do it.

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord urges Moses to tell the Israelite Community to love their neighbors as themselves. They should bear no grudge or hatred against another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul, once again, reminds the Corinthians that they are the temple of God, and, as such, must avoid internal disputes and wrangling. He tries to make them realize that they belong to Christ and that the Spirit of God dwells within them.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to do an extraordinary thing — to love their enemies and to pray for their

oppressors. He reminds them that there is nothing laudatory in loving those who love them for even the "pagans" do this. He urges them to "turn the other cheek" and to "walk the extra mile."



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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 Trudi Ober

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, February 20: Weekday

Sirach 1:1-10; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5;
Mark 9:14-29

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 21: Weekday

Sirach 2:1-11; Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;
Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18; 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, February 23: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

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

Friday, February 24: Friday after Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 25: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

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

5:30 PM Evelyn Braun from Dawn & Joyce Parson

Sunday, February 26: First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

9:15 AM Roger Camara from Trudi Ober

1:30 PM People of the Parish

WOMEN'S GUILD

The annual Women's Guild Invitation is on the table in the narthex. Please check your name off when you pick one up. If your name is not on the list, please add it. Forms can be given to Cathy Fitzgerald or placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support!

COOKIE WALK CONTAINERS!

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

2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign

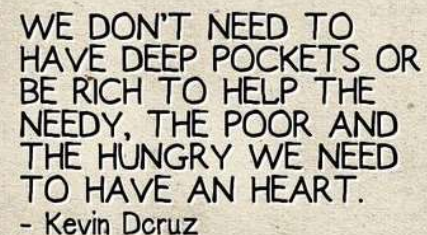
The 2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign, **Together in Faith, Together in the Eucharist**, has begun. Because of the generosity of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg, our 2022 effort was remarkable with 79 parishes reaching and exceeding their goals. As we come together in the faith, the combined 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.

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

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



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.
- Kevin Dcruz

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.



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!**

Juniata County Food Pantry March Update

With your faithful support in 2022 we were able to reach 350 families (507 individuals) struggling with hunger in Juniata County, and provide them with nutritious, life-giving food and hope! What a wonderful blessing and example of the Lord's command to "feed my sheep!"

In January 2023, the Food Pantry served 205 families – 537 of your neighbors! We thank all the volunteers that helped for the month of January, we could not do it without you! If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH:
 ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS
 ESPECIALLY CANNED BEETS AND MIXED VEGETABLES: TOILET PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND CLEANING SUPPLIES
 ALSO, CASH/CHECK DONATIONS AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!**

**PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St
 Mifflintown, 17059**

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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Enter our parish zip code: **17059**

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

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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.



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?*

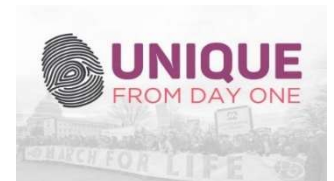
NEW FOR 2023
Breakout Sessions with Discussion

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.