

February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of
February 19, 2023

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| Regular: | \$2,470.00 |
| Hispanic Mass: | \$138.00 |
| Votive Offering: | \$22.00 |

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY

READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023

“But the gift is not like the transgression. For by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many... For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.”

Our journey of Lent begins today, with our familiar practices of prayer, sacrifice and good works. Our customs and devotions mark the way we will live this time of penance and reconciliation. The Word of God, telling of the fall of our human ancestors and the temptations of Jesus in the desert are familiar to us. May we take a minute to reflect upon the teaching of Paul in his letter to the Romans. Look at the words he uses, the ‘grace of God’, the ‘gracious gift’, ‘overflowing for the many’, that’s us.

We begin this time seeking the ‘abundance of grace’ and the ‘gift of justification’, which Jesus won for us, and offers us today. May we move from words to allow the grace of God fill us. May we live each day this week thanking Him for the gift and treasure, the grace of this season.

‘The Lord your God shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.’

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

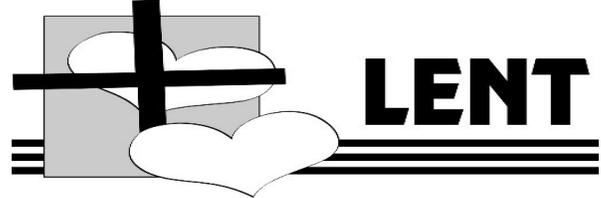
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam’s disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ’s dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is

tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, “Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore.”



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week



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 Price

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

Monday, February 27: Lenten Weekday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Matthew 25:31-46

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 28: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19;
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 1: Lenten Weekday

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 2: Lenten Weekday

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8; Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 3: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;
Matthew 5:20-26

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, March 4: Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Matthew 5:43-48

5:30 PM Margaret & Theodore Kalinoski from
James Fitzgerald

Sunday, March 5: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

9:15 AM Confirmation Class from the Arnolds

1:30 PM People of the Parish



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

Saturday, March 4, 2023

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

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Lector: G. Hazard
Cantor: R. Perez
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boyd

Saturday, March 11, 2023

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

Sunday, February 26, 2023

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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
WENDESDAY 7:00 PM



FISH DINNERS SAVE THE DATES!

Fish Dinners will be each Friday up until and including March 31st!
Times: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN SERIES

A Lenten Series will be held at St. Jude Church on Sunday, March 12th and Sunday, March 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The topic of the program is "Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist".

The program includes prayer, a video series, discussions, and a special presentation on March 19th by Father Sam Dubois, who will be our guest speaker. Please sign up for this program in the Narthex. A potluck dinner (light fare) will accompany the series.

Please continue to pray for the souls of:

Thomas Cargill Robert Burda

Save the Date:



St. Vincent DePaul Society will be hosting a Painting Party by Judy on Saturday, March 18th at 2 PM in the school cafeteria. Soft drinks and snacks will be provided. You may BYOB of wine, if you desire. Cost is \$30

until March 5th and \$35 after that. This is a fun activity for all ages and no talent is required. Please contact Mary Smith at 717-994-1941 or soillady0504@gmail.com or any SVDP Member if interested.

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

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| February 26, 2023 | KAREN TORNAMBE |
| March 5, 2023 | GARY |
| March 12, 2023 | GENIA SCHALL |
| March 19, 2023 | LADIES |

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@stjudemifflintown.org.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS/ADORATION

First Friday Mass/Adoration will be held Friday, March 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



LENTEN TEA SCHEDULE!

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

FORMED – ON-LINE RESOURCES

We are pleased to provide all Parishioners a FREE subscription to formed.org Discover all the best Catholic content in one place, Enlighten programs, entertaining movies, inspiring talks and a great selection of popular e-books

for everyone in the family all just a click away.

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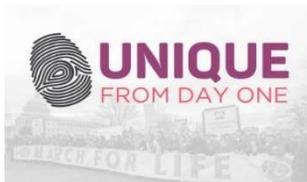
Year-End Tax Statements

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.

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.



FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

The Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 offers a Family Literacy Program for adult education, parent education for building literacy skills, interactive learning activities to do with your child, free books, onsite childcare, and transportation if needed. We are also partnering with Juniata County Head Start to provide Early Childhood Education for those who qualify.

The Family Literacy Program helps adults to:
PREPARE for a high school equivalency diploma
BOOST reading, writing, math, and digital literacy skills
INCREASE skills to enter college or trade school
UPGRADE employment skills
IMPROVE your English language skills
DISCOVER fun and educational activities for your family
LEARN to help your child succeed in school.

Family Literacy classes are located at 341 East Industrial Drive, Mifflintown PA 17059 on Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 9:30 a.m.

There is also an adult education classes on Thursdays starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Juniata County Library, 4908 Jefferson Street, Mifflintown PA 17059. Offering preparation for GED (high school equivalency diploma), NCLEX (nursing), and ASVAB (military), as well as brush up skills for career advancement.

Additionally, distance learning classes for adult education and English language learner/English as a second language. These are remote classes done on your schedule that include workbook packets, live online classes, and independent study on various websites.

To schedule an appointment for Family Literacy Program or adult education classes please contact them at 717-248-4942 or visit PA CareerLink in Lewistown.

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
A Band of Brothers

Reverend Ryan Fischer
What good am 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.*

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bragging Rights Can Be Virtuous

Deacon Virgilio Centenera
No Man is an Island

Registration Now Open
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