

January 17, 2021 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tithing income for the week of January 10, 2021:
Regular: Not Available

Mass Attendance for January 9, 2021 25
Mass Attendance for January 10, 2021 61



This weekend the second envelope is for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
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John was standing with two of his disciples and as he watched Jesus walk by he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi, which translated means, 'Teacher', where are you staying? He said to them, 'Come and you will see.'

This first encounter of Andrew and his unnamed companion, led them to tell Simon Peter and everything changed. In these few verses we find so many names to describe the Messiah, Christ, Teacher, Rabbi. All reveal something special of Jesus' role.

As we meet Him today as Teacher, Messiah, Christ, He asks us the same question: 'What are you looking for?' Our answer might be different, but Jesus' invitation is the same, 'Come and you will see.' If everything changed for Andrew, Simon Peter or Cephas, so will it for us. Like Andrew may I bring

someone to Jesus. My meeting Jesus today in His Word is not mere chance, but God's plan.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

This powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

Gospel: John 1:35-42

John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him. Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week

And Weekly Readings

Saturday, January 16

Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15;
Mark 2:13-17

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 17: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

9:15 AM John Kromel from Mary and Francis O'Day

Monday, January 18

Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4;
Mark 2:18-22

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 19

Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 & 10c;
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 20

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4;
Mark 3:1-6



Thursday, January 21: St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)

Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17;

Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Hebrews 8:6-13; Psalm 85:8 & 10, 11-12, 13-14;

Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 23

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;

Mark 3:20-21

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 24: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1

Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

9:15 AM John Kromel from Terri Kromel

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Responsorial Psalm

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down

from heaven, (bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(For those who are watching from home)

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. Amen

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.



Fr. Thomas Marickovic, former pastor at Sacred Heart, and St. Jude Thaddeus died December 30, 2020. Fr. Marickovic founded the St. Vincent dePaul Society in our parish. His funeral Mass was at Prince of Peace Parish, Steelton, on Wednesday, Jan. 6. Sentiments of condolence may be sent to Fr. Marickovic's sister: Mrs. Mary Ann Borucki, 530 Rupley Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Sacred Heart Office:

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Office will be closed **Mon. January 18th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Sacred Heart School will also be closed. The Parish Office and School will reopen on Tue., January 19th.



Our Creator's love for us outnumbers the stars

Today, January 17, 2021, is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. The miracle of life is like the stars in the universe. Beautiful and mysterious, full of potential. Crossroads Pregnancy Center's mission is to help their clients see the miracle of life in the womb and to see themselves as uniquely created and valuable to God—so much so that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to rescue, redeem and heal all brokenness. ***For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.*** **Romans 8:19**

Thankful for our Volunteers

Thank you all so much for your services during this pandemic. Without your volunteering we would not be able to open the church and offer in-person Masses. With churches closed all over Mifflin County, those attending here appreciate your efforts, realizing that it is you that is making in-pew worship a reality. Ask among your friends and fellow parishioners if they would be willing to volunteer as greeters, ushers or sanitizers. Many serving in those roles have either left town for the winter, for sunnier climes, or stayed home out of Coronavirus health concerns. Our ranks are very thin and they need replenishing. Meanwhile, thanks again for your help & Happy New Year.

Fr. Bill



Philadelphia 2021 March for Life

All are invited to show their public support for the right to Life by participating in the **Philadelphia 2021 March for Life on Sat., Jan. 23rd**. The event will include 9 AM **Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Peter & Paul, 10:30 AM **March** to Independence Mall for a 12 Noon **Rally**. Participants may choose to attend **ANY** or **ALL** parts of this pro-life event. All participants will practice social distancing and are asked to wear a mask. For route directions and other information go to www.paprolife.org. This is an excellent opportunity to be a visible witness for life as we face a new federal administration with a pro-abortion agenda. Due to the pandemic, many chapters & churches are not running buses to the Washington DC March for Life on Jan. 29, 2021.

March for Life 2021:

Saint Bernard has a bus going to the 2021 March for Life on January 29, 2021. The bus will leave Saint Bernard at 8:00 a.m. after the 7:15 a.m. mass. \$20.00 per adult, \$10.00 per youth. Call Bob Luckie at 717-582-2962 or bob.luckie@gmail.com.

Announcements for the Bulletin:

Please have your announcements for the bulletin to the church office by Wednesday afternoon no later than 1:00 p.m.

Youth Virtual Lenten Retreat:

Join Chris Wood for an engaging hour of reflection on Jesus' final steps to Calvary, exploring His fear, pain and suffering, and how you can grow closer to Him.

When: February 20, 2021

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Who: Youth (7th through 12th grades)

Registration: Free (donations appreciated)

Register at:

[https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/](https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/virtual_lenten_retreat)

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Register by: Thursday, February 18, 2021

Saint Jude's Council, Knights of Columbus Blood Drive:

At Saint Jude Parish Multi-purpose

3918 William Penn Highway

Mifflintown PA

Thursday, January 28, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:

Stjudes to schedule an appointment.

CCD Teachers and Substitutes:

CCD Teachers and substitutes are needed.

Please speak with Father Bill or Ginger Best.

Fish for Sale! Knights of Columbus:

Canned Crab	\$10.00 Can
Haddock	\$20.00 Box
Clam strips	\$15.00 Box
Shrimp	\$15.00 Bag \$60.00 Box
Fries	\$ 5.00 Bag \$30.00 Box
Haddock Tail	\$ 5.00 Bag \$40.00 Box
Elbow Macaroni	\$ 5.00 Bag

Please write your name and phone number on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Joe Zarnowski at 908-892-0271.

Guidelines For Mass

- ❖ Masks **must** be worn at all times.
- ❖ Remain 6 ft. apart.
- ❖ Ushers will seat you at the beginning of Mass and dismiss you at the end of Mass.
- ❖ Confessions are heard in the rectory garage on Wed., 6:30-6:45 PM & Sat., 3:00-3:45 PM
- ❖ Only permitted to fill the church to approx. 1/3 capacity. Space is limited; please come early. Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended. You may want to consider attending a weekly Mass in place of Sunday.

- ❖ Doors are locked during Mass for your safety.
- ❖ The restroom is available but **must be sanitized after each use.** Please clean the restroom after use according to the directions posted inside. Children must be accompanied by an adult & the adult must clean the restroom after the child is finished
- ❖ Crying room is closed.
- ❖ Collection basket will not be passed. Place your collection in 1 of the 2 locked collection boxes provided. Collection boxes are located in the Vestibule area or at the front of the church by the handicap door.
- ❖ Votive candles are not accessible at this time. If you would like a candle lit, call the parish office and they will have a sacristan light a candle for you. Your donation may be put in the collection box.
- ❖ Father will distribute Communion at the **end** of Mass from the altar area.
- ❖ Take all belongings with you and go single file up to the altar area. Right before receiving Communion drop one side of your mask and immediately put it back on after the Eucharist is in your mouth. Put one hand on top of the other palm side up. Father will try not to touch your hand. After receiving Communion proceed out the handicap door. If you are not receiving Communion just follow the flow of people as they proceed out the door.

These guidelines are an act of charity and out of concern for your safety and not an infringement upon your personal rights. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Your diligence in adhering to these guidelines helps to prevent further safety concerns for our parishioners. **These guidelines are not optional.**

Bishop Gainer Addresses Moral Concerns on the COVID Vaccine

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
 As our world continues to suffer due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, I ask that you join me in continuing to pray for an end to this pandemic. I also ask that you continue to offer prayers and gratitude for those in medical and emergency response professions. Their efforts have been nothing short of heroic during this year. As we all eagerly await the release of the COVID-19 vaccine, I write to you to clarify concerns on the moral and ethical development of these vaccines. Of most concern is that these vaccines may have been developed in a way that involved the use of cell lines from aborted babies. This is concerning, especially to Catholics, but it is also a very complex matter. Given the complex nature of this situation, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) carefully evaluated each of the expected vaccines as they relate to Catholic Moral Teaching. They stated that: "Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production.

They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote." I certainly understand the deep desire to avoid vaccines that are in any way connected to abortion. To aid our understanding and clarify teachings regarding vaccines and our Catholic faith, the Holy See has published several documents during the past 15 years to address these concerns. These documents do state that it is immoral to take the tissue from an aborted child for the purpose of making cell lines. However, these documents also state that, "If there is a grave health risk to the child or the person, and if there is no other option, and if the person taking the vaccine or the parent makes their objections known and actively works to see that alternatives are brought to the market, then they may use the vaccines." In short, if there is a serious health concern and there are no other options, then on the level of the recipient, it is morally permissible to accept vaccination. Based on this information, I wish to reassure you, my Catholic brothers and sisters, that once the vaccines are available and if you choose to receive it after considering the information above, it is morally permissible to do so. Some are asserting that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines, then it is immoral to be vaccinated with them. This is an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching. I thank each of you for your continued observance of our Diocesan guidelines as we strive to maintain safe worship spaces as well as school and work environments. I also pray for your continued good health and for the health of all those impacted by this pandemic.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer Bishop of Harrisburg



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 23rd Annual SHS Benefit Auction is scheduled to be held April 24 & 25, 2021. The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or like new donated items to be auctioned off. As you continue to practicing social distancing now is the time to find a unique item or put your talent to work creating a handmade item. All items are to submitted by **Friday, March 26, 2021.**

