

July 26, 2020 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tithing income for the week of July 19, 2020:
Regular: \$3,670.00
Loose: \$ 564.00
ONLINE GIVING: \$3,085.00
Tithing income TOTAL for July 19, 2020: \$7,319.00
Tithing income July 21, 2019: \$7,073.25

Mass Attendance for July 19, 2020 Unavailable
Mass Attendance for July 21, 2019 312

Tithe for July 19, 2020
 Mother Hubbard Cupboard \$732

Tithe for July 26, 2020
 Associations of Marian Helpers

Tithe for August 2, 2020
 Diocesan Catholic Charities-Youth Services



This year has been difficult for many and yet Crossroads Pregnancy Center still needs to continue the work God has called them to do. Crossroads didn't want to withhold the opportunity for churches to participate in helping them reach their goal that keeps their life-saving services moving forward through 2020. Since many places are shut down (or were for a time) the abortion clinics remain open and the abortion pill is becoming increasingly available. Crossroads is still here providing life-affirming choices for women in unplanned pregnancies while providing help, hope, and healing in Jesus' name. Daily, Crossroads provides for them, prays for them and shares God's love with them. **Since Sacred Heart was unable to distribute baby bottles this year we designated our tithe from June 28th, in the amount of \$679, to Crossroads Pregnancy 2020 Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign.**

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 July 26, 2020

“Jesus said to his disciples: The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again and out of joy goes and sells all he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price he goes and sells all he has and buys it.”

At this time of the year it is not rare late in the day to find a person on the beach, moving from left to right, with a metal detector, listening for a sound to reveal a coin, or other valuable, beneath the sand. I often wonder if something of value surfaces.

Jesus tells us what the treasure is, what the pearl of great price is, but how do I react? Does it move me, to put other things aside, to move below the surface and discover how blessed I am? We might hear the detector signal us, but we must bend, sift and reach out to discover what is really important for our spiritual lives. The treasure and the pearl are the life of grace, the gift of God's very life, accepted by me, and shared with others.

What are the treasure and pearl for me today?

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

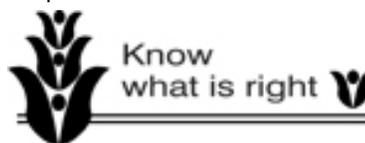
Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, July 25: St. James, Apostle (Feast)
 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
 Matthew 20:20-28

4:00 PM Intentions of Kathie Tice

Sunday, July 26: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Jane Straley from Judy Stroup



*The Sanctuary Lamp
 for the week of July 26th
 burns in hope for the
 reduction of COVID-19 cases everywhere.*



Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. The following dates are available: **Aug. 2, 9, 30 & Sep. 6, 13 & 27**

Monday, July 27: Weekday

Jeremiah 13:1-11; Deuteronomy 32:19-19, 20, 21; Matthew 13:31-35

7:00 AM Mary Schiech from Husband Dave Schiech

Tuesday, July 28: Weekday

Jeremiah 14:17-22; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Matthew 13:36-43

7:00 AM Anthony & Rose Ianelli from Del & Rose Guerrini

Wednesday, July 29: St. Martha (Memorial)

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Psalm 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; John 11:19-27

7:00 PM Intentions of Sr. Virginia, Sr. Carmelita & All Our Wonderful Nuns (Active & Retired)

Thursday, July 30: Weekday

Jeremiah 18:1-6; Psalm 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Matthew 13:47-53

9:00 AM Susan Berich from Rick & Mary Jo Berich

Friday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Memorial)

Jeremiah 26:1-9; Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14; Matthew 13:54-58

7:00 AM All Who Have Suffered With Corona Virus

Saturday, August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Matthew 14:1-12

4:00 PM Sr. Mary Zavacky

Sunday, August 2: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

7:30 AM Harry Krepps from Wife Jeannie

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, I love your commands.

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

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

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,

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

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.

Congratulations 2020 Seniors

Alyssa Humarang

Kathryn Knepp

Jacob Matthey

Julia Montgomery

Caroline Powell



Cooper Scheider

Jason Scheider

Mason Scheider

Adam Sheetz

Fernando Vazquez

Francesca Zannio



July 2020

Ministry Schedule: July 25 and July 26

Sat. 4:00 PM

Greeter: Diane Bray

Usher: Denny/Dottie Peiffer

Cleaner: Bill/Kim Napikoski, Katie/Carolyn Kline

Sun. 7:30 AM

Greeter: Ellen Meyer

Usher: Tom Soccio, Bob Zeigler

Cleaner: Tom Mank, Bonnie Leeper, Betsy Tressler, Barb Patterson

Sun. 11:00 AM

Greeter: Kay Hamilton

Usher: Gary & Sue Parzanese

Cleaner: Monica Folk, Unfill

Ministry Schedule: August 1 and August 2

Sat. 4:00 PM

Greeter: Steve Lilley

Usher: John/Margaret Maroney

Cleaner: Bill/Kim Napikosi, Katie/Caroly Kline

Sun. 7:30 AM

Greeter: Donna Sheaffer

Usher: Tom Soccio, Bob Zeigler

Cleaner: Tom Soccio, Bonnie Leeper, Tom Mank, Barb Patterson

Sun. 11:00 AM

Greeter: Kay Hamilton

Usher: Jeff Michaels, Mike Klein

Cleaner: Gary/Sue Parzanese, Keith/Kathy Duff

*If you are unable to fill your assigned duty please try to switch weeks with someone or call someone to substitute for you. Ushers and Greeters are reminded to be at church at least ½ hour before the start of Mass to avoid any congestion of parishioners in the Vestibule or outside of the church.

MORE CLEANERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL

MASSES!!! Recognizing that it is summer and you may be away on vacation, if you are unable to serve when scheduled, you can contact another person on the list to possibly switch. If you do not have contact information, please email or call the parish office, and Jodi will be happy to give you the information. Thanks so much for your continued service to our parish!

New 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.

Diocesan Directives

We received an email from the Diocese this indicating that two parishes in the diocese reported a potential COVID-19 exposure occurring within the liturgical life of their parishes. Although they do not believe that these two incidents pose a serious concern, it does reinforce the **absolute necessity for every parish within the Diocese to strictly follow the directives that have been issued for the restoration of public worship and the safe environments of our parish offices and buildings.** We will continue to sanitize after each liturgical gathering, continue to enforce the wearing of masks the entire time while in mass, except for the reception of Holy Communion, and continue social distancing of 6 ft between individuals and family groups in the church. Parishioners are not to gather outside of church for social time and should continue to wear masks until they have left church property and distanced themselves from other congregants. **Above all, this is an act of charity and out**

of concern for your safety and not an infringement upon your personal right. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Your diligence in adhering to these guidelines helps to prevent further safety concerns for our parishioners. **The protocol and directives are not optional.**

Welcome Aboard

Sacred Heart of Jesus would like to welcome new employee Irma Ortiz. Irma has taken over the position of Housekeeper/Cook at the Rectory and part-time cleaner at the parish office. Irma is also employed at the Burnham OIP and brings many years of experience in the preparation of meals. Irma, her husband Roberto and sons reside in Lewistown.



PARISH PICNIC CANCELLED

Sacred Heart's Annual Parish Picnic, scheduled for August 9th has been **cancelled** in light of the new imposed COVID-19 restrictions. Thanks to the Knights of

PARISH Columbus who generously continue to sponsor the picnic and who have worked so tirelessly up to this point to provide a fun-filled day of food and games. **We look forward to gathering together in 2021.**



**SHS SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Tue., Wed. & Thur. 9AM-1PM**

**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.

Hello and Goodbye

Sacred Heart School will be undergoing some changes as they begin the 2020-2021 academic year. We say goodbye to Principal, Dr. Joseph Maginnis after six dedicated years of service to our students, staff, faculty and Catholic education in the Diocese. We thank him and wish him well in his retirement. While we continue our search for a full time principal, we are grateful that two of our teachers have agreed to temporarily administer the front office, as they continue their full time classroom duties. Deborah Henry, third grade; Religion and Lead teacher; and Lorie Torquato, kindergarten, will undertake this heroic task, assisted by B.J. Newcamp, secretary, in an exciting initiative that may well provide an example to other Catholic schools. Pray for this endeavor and all aspects of Sacred Heart of Jesus parish life. Mrs. Henry says *"having been dedicated to the education at Sacred Heart School for 25+ years, we are excited about the new endeavor and working with the faculty, staff, and students to continue making Sacred Heart School a shining light in our community". "Our goal heading into this school year is to provide as much stability as possible with students and staff, and to remain student achievement and faith formation oriented so that each student works to realize their full academic potential."* These new administrators

bring a wealth of knowledge, skill, and love for Catholic education to their positions and we wish them well!

Thanks for your Support

The auction committee would like to offer a heart warming thank you to everyone who participated in our 22nd All-Cash Raffle, Virtual Auction, and Chicken BBQ. Because of **you** we were still able to hold a successful event by raising **\$24,716.00**. A very special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this year's Chicken BBQ and generously supporting our All-Cash Raffle. We can't say thank you enough from the bottom of our hearts for all of your support!



Enroll NOW for the 2020-21 Academic Year!

Even though SHS is closed, we are still enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year for Grades K-5. If you or someone you know has a child entering Kindergarten or would be interested in transferring into Grades 1-5, please email Ashley Henry at development@sacredheartshcool.com and we will get you an enrollment and information packet. Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2020.



ATTENTION PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS:

The EITC program has adjusted the threshold for income qualification for the 2020-21 school year for scholarships through the various programs that participate, making it easier for families to qualify! Please note that we just learned that the per-dependent allowance number for scholarship applications for the 20/21 school year will change. To be eligible for scholarships, families of students must have an adjusted gross income of less than \$92,160, with an additional \$16,222 adjustment for each dependent.

EITC Income Guidelines

Number of Dependents	Maximum AGI
1	-\$108,382
2	-\$124,604
3	-\$140,826
4	-\$157,048
5	-\$173,270

In addition, due to the closure of a Catholic school in Berwick, PA, **we have received an additional \$20,000 in scholarships** that have not yet been assigned. If you previously did not qualify, but do now, please contact Sue Parzanese in the Business Office ASAP (717-447-2002 or shfinance@sacredheartlewisstown.com). Please reach out to any families you know who are unsure of what school to choose for their children for the fall and encourage them to check out SHS for their families, too!!

Did you know that we offer a tuition transfer grant to any child going into grades 1st through 5th?

Any public, private, charter or home-school student who transfers to Sacred Heart School is eligible to receive this grant. Each student will receive \$1,500 in grants over the course of 2 years (\$1,000 in year 1 and \$500 in year 2.) Restrictions apply and no financial aid forms are required.

