

## July 25, 2021 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship is a Way of Life.

#### Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of June 27, 2021:

Regular: \$2068.84

Tithing income for the week of July 4, 2021:

Regular: \$2,600.00

Tithing income for the week of July 11, 2021:

Regular: \$2,413.00

Tithing income for the week of July 18, 2021:

Regular: Not available \$

#### **Missionary Cooperative Sunday is July 24-25**

Due to uncertain COVID restrictions, especially for travel from other countries, Bishop Gainer has directed all parishes to set aside a Missionary Cooperative Sunday wherein the pastor will read a letter from missionaries about their mission and their needs, Around the world, those who are suffering need to experience the solidarity of other Christians in facing the pandemic and life's harsh realities. **The Christian solidarity and response to basic needs is at the heart of the Missionary Cooperative Program**, which our diocese sponsors each summer. Welcoming a missionary priest to your parish and listening with an open heart to his story allows each of us to hear the voice of Jesus challenging us to care for the "least ones" among our brothers and sisters in mission lands. Please be as generous on July 24 and 25 as your present means allow and grant hope to the poor, to those living on the peripheries, to refugees, the homeless, and to those who need to hear the Gospel message and know the healing power of Christ's love. An option for online giving to the missionary's cause is at [www.hbgdiocese.org/missions](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/missions); click on the Donate button and choose "Missionary Cooperative Appeal.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Rev. Robert F. Sharman

Diocesan Director, Office of Pontifical Missions



*The Sanctuary Flowers  
for the weeks of July 25th  
were placed in memory of  
Jack & Patricia Marshall*



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 25, 2021

"I... urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness and patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace."

As we look around, building construction is booming. One gets torn down and another replaces it. May we use Paul's virtues as

the building blocks for reconstructing our own spiritual lives. All of us, through baptism have received a special call. We, in the words of Pope Francis, have had our own personal encounter with Him.

The virtues of humility provide the foundation to get started, as the Lord is number one in our lives and we depend totally upon Him. Gentleness assures others of a welcome into our circle of faith. Patience, He tells us, is a fruit of the Spirit dwelling in us, and with the other fruits provide the direction we need. It is not always easy to forgive, but why hold on to something which we don't need. A wise spiritual person taught me, 'not forgive and forget', but remember without bitterness. If unity is absent, work to put it there resulting in peace for yourself, and for others.

This can be the blueprint for building our spiritual lives and growing with the Lord.

#### **First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44**

A man brought twenty loaves of bread to Elisha the prophet, who told his servant to distribute it to the people. The servant asked how he could offer twenty loaves to one hundred people. Elisha replied that God had said, "They shall eat and there shall be some left over." After all the people had eaten, there was bread left over as God had said.

#### **Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6**

Paul implores the Ephesians to live a life worthy of their calling by preserving unity among all of Christ's followers. He reminds them that there is one body, one Spirit, and one God who works through all people.

#### **Gospel: John 6:1-15**

Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand people with five loaves of bread and a couple of dried fish. After everyone present had enough to eat, twelve baskets of leftover bread were collected. Jesus then realized the people would want to make him king so he fled alone.

### LITURGICAL NOTES

*Mass*  *for the  
Intentions*  *Week*



*And Weekly Readings*

#### **Saturday, July 24: Weekday**

Exodus 24:3-8; Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Matthew 13:24-30  
5:30 PM People of the Parish

#### **Sunday, July 25: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18;  
Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

9:15 AM Patricia Marshall

#### **Monday, July 26: Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)**

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;  
Matthew 13:31-35

9:00 AM People of the Parish

#### **Tuesday, July 27: Weekday**

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Psalm 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Matthew 13:36-43

#### **Wednesday, July 28: Weekday**

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Matthew 13:44-46

### **Thursday, July 29: St. Martha (Memorial)**

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11;  
John 11:19-27

### **Friday, July 30: Weekday**

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Psalm 81:3-4, 5-6,  
10-11ab; Matthew 13:54-58

### **Saturday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Memorial)**

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Matthew 14:1-12  
5:30 PM People of the Parish

### **Sunday, August 1: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54;  
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

9:15 AM Nicholas and Roseanne Spak from  
Ralph and Jill Perez

## **Diocese Reinstates Obligation to Attend Mass**

### **Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Along with the other bishops of Pennsylvania, I give thanks to Almighty God for the progress our country has made in curbing the coronavirus pandemic. Each of us has felt the impact of COVID-19 in many ways as individuals and families, among friends and at work. This has been a time of hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation that has impacted our lives of faith as well. Our Lord Jesus has been near to us throughout this difficult period, especially when we encounter Him in the Holy Eucharist. There He offers us His healing and peace, His mercy and reconciliation. Now the time has come for everyone to return joyfully to the celebration of the Eucharist with thanksgiving and renewed faith. As life returns to normalcy in many ways, each bishop will reinstate in his diocese the obligation of attending Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass has been in place since March of 2020 when the developing



coronavirus pandemic required people not to assemble in group settings. Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is possible for the faithful to assemble again for the Eucharist and fitting

to restore the obligation. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days arises from our Baptism which compels us to unite ourselves with Christ at the altar in His saving Sacrifice of the Cross (Code of Canon Law, canon 1247). "Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2182)." The obligation expresses the Christian way to observe the Third Commandment, to keep holy the Lord's Day (Deuteronomy 5:12; Exodus 31:15; Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2180-2181). As is always the case, this obligation does not apply to those who are seriously ill, who have a serious health risk, such as those receiving therapies that suppress immunity, as well as those who have serious anxiety because of large groups. Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for loved ones who cannot attend Mass in person (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2181). Whenever legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, you are urged to spend

time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting yourself to Christ in His worship of the Father of us all. Also, you are encouraged to view a broadcast of the Mass. As your Bishop, I welcome this moment that reinstates the obligation for all Catholics in the Diocese of Harrisburg on August 15, 2021. For all of us, it is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Holy Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus in His Holy Body and Blood as well as for the joy of gathering together as a believing community of faith. May God continue to bless you and your families, and may Mary continue to intercede with Her Son to keep us safe and renewed in our love for the Eucharist.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer**  
**Bishop of Harrisburg**



### **Ministry Schedule: July 31 – August 1**

**Sat. 5:30 PM**

**EMHC: A. Zarnowski**

**Altar Server: J. Zarnowski**

**Cantor: Marion Kerchusky**

**Lector: T. Ober**

**Usher: T. Kerchusky**

**Sun. 9:15 AM**

**EMHC: D. Parson**

**Altar Server: St. Michael's Guard**

**Cantor: M. Miller**

**Ushers: R. Aufer, M. Eberts**

**Lector: J. Kelly**

### **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 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.

### **ST. JUDE OFFICE HOURS:**

Beginning August 2, 2021 the office will be open on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 (Noon).



Hey TEENAGER! Did you know that you're awesome??? And, do you know how much God loves you??? In fact, when I was praying the other day, God told me how awesome YOU are. That's why I'm reaching out to you personally to invite you to the "St. Jude Parish Youth Kickoff." Come and enjoy **music, food, wholesome fun, and the love of Christ.** Plus, you can hang out with the new priest, Fr. Peter Rettig!

**Who:** You, and many other teenagers!

**What:** A kickoff party for the St. Jude Parish Youth Group.

**Where:** We will meet in the St. Jude Parish rectory – 3918 William Penn Highway, Mifflintown, PA 17059.

**When: Sunday, Sep. 12 @ 6:30-8:30** \*\*\* (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month).\*\*\*

**Why:** Come and make Christ your personal friend while having fun with other guys and girls your age.

**Moms and Dads,** we will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, beginning Sep. 12, so mark it on your calendars as a reoccurring event! Fr. Peter kindly asks that, if possible, at least one other adult (parent, family member, or friend 18 years or older) remain present during each meeting as a chaperone.

Christ is your best friend. Get ready to know Christ on a level you've never imagined. Come, and see...

- Fr. Peter Rettig

#### **SAINT VINCENT dePAUL THANK YOU:**

St. Vincent DePaul would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Don Parson for their wonderful donation to help a very needy family. We are so blessed and God is good. Without the good people of St. Jude Thaddeus and Sacred Heart we could not fulfill the needs of those less fortunate in our community. You are a real blessing!

#### **SAINT VINCENT dePAUL REQUEST:**

St. Vincent DePaul is asking for prayers and taking donations for Kelly C. You may remember this sweet 21 year old who had Ewings Sarcoma and had her right leg replaced with titanium. Next she lost her shoulder joint. Now, once again, she is fighting for her life, after having a tumor removed from her spine. She is at Hillman Cancer Center in Pittsburgh. Please keep her in your prayers and donate if you can. Thank you! St. Vincent DePaul, 3 W. Monument Square Suite 203, Lewistown PA 17044

#### **COFFEE HOUR!**

COVID has changed a lot. With social distancing, we have lost contact with so many of our church and community friends Coffee Social gave us the opportunity to connect!! The Coffee Social group is looking to resume. We are looking for help. All helpers will be reimbursed for the supplies they purchase which is limited to the snack. Cold drinks, coffee and all paper products are provided by the parish. We are hoping to resume this much needed service no later than September 1, 2021. If interested, please email Beth Manbeck at [beth.manbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:beth.manbeck@yahoo.com) by August 8, 2021 if you are able to help. Many thanks!

#### **WEIS & GIANT GROCERY CARDS:**

Beginning this coming weekend, May 1-2, 2021 Weis and Giant grocery cards will again be on sale in the social hall after both Masses. Shirley Baade has retired after many years of managing grocery card sales; Karen Thome will be doing this in her stead. Karen works most weekends so that she cannot be available to sell cards after Mass. Therefore, **we are in need of volunteers who can be available for a few a minutes after either the Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass to sell grocery cards. If you are willing to volunteer for this service to the parish, please give Karen a call at 717-436-5746.**

Should you need grocery cards and are not able to come to Mass at St. Jude, give Karen a call at 717-436-5746 to arrange a purchase.

#### ***Announcements for the Bulletin:***

*Please have your announcements for the bulletin to the church office by Monday morning no later than 10:00 a.m. If you are unable to come to the office for mass cards, you may call or e-mail the office or make arrangements with Alice Arnold after the Sunday mass.*

#### **Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of:**

Genevieve Gregos	John T. Kromel
Steven Graham	William Nash
Nicholas Spak	Roseanne Spak
Frances Schilling	Mary Tonge
Mary Ann Truitt	

## Faith Matters

Does Faith even matter??? We have science to explain everything...right? NOT! Science can only explain **how** things happen in the physical world. Faith answers the **“why”** questions, like “what is my purpose in life?” and “why do I exist?” **Faith Matters** is a bi-weekly column written by Fr. Peter Rettig in the Sacred Heart and St. Jude bulletins. Its purpose is to apply the teachings of the Catholic Church to modern trends in a practical way. Please check in next time for a full length post. I look forward to hearing your feedback when you see me next!

## FAITH MATTERS

With Fr. Peter Rettig



### themodernCatholic:

Strike while the iron's hot! Since I am fresh out of seminary, I thought it would be a good idea to focus on stuff that is still fresh in my mind. As Catholics living in a well-developed society, we must always have two principals at the forefront of our minds: *solidarity* and *subsidiarity*. These two concepts are the core of Catholic social doctrine for a modern world. *Solidarity* is the mutual support of all humans as our brothers and sisters, and actively working for their good. Solidarity highlights in a particular way the intrinsic social nature of the human person, the equality of all in dignity and rights and the common path of individuals and peoples towards an ever more committed unity. *Subsidiarity* is the belief that when a smaller entity (social, political, economic, etc.) is able to contribute at a local level, a larger, more distant, entity mustn't interfere. *The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church* states that the principle of subsidiarity protects people from abuses by higher-level social authority and calls on these same authorities to help individuals and intermediate groups to fulfil their duties. This principle is imperative because every person, family and intermediate group has something original to offer to the community. The principles of solidarity and subsidiarity were applied and expounded upon in public statements by Popes Leo XIII and Pius XI in reaction to the corporate dehumanization and deadly working conditions of the industrial revolution. These two terms also resurfaced in reaction to the dehumanization of the individual human person seen fascist and communist Europe of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Let's remember that without solidarity or subsidiarity we cannot have proper respect for the dignity of the individual human person.



## St. Jude Thaddeus 40 Hours

St. Jude Thaddeus Church, Mifflintown, will be holding their **Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions on Saturday, July 24 and Sunday, July 25.** Adoration will begin after a 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday with Closing and Benediction at 5:00 PM followed by Mass at 5:30 PM. Sunday's Adoration will begin at the conclusion of the 9:15 AM Mass with Closing and Benediction at 5:00 PM. **A covered dish dinner with chicken supplied by St. Jude will follow the Closing Service.**



### 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 or contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.

### Do you love SHS? Has SHS touched your life in any way?

We are looking for a few monetary sponsors for some SHS families that are in need of tuition help. If you are interested in helping a Catholic child receive a quality catholic education in a safe and nurturing environment, please call Ashley Henry at the Parish Office 717-242-2781 or email at [development@sacredheartschool.com](mailto:development@sacredheartschool.com). **Our families appreciate your support!**

### Register NOW for the 2021-22 School Year!

Registrations are still being taken for any student interested in attending Sacred Heart School next academic year. Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2021. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. For additional information call the school at 717-248-5351. For more information visit our website at [www.sacredheartschool.com](http://www.sacredheartschool.com). **All faiths are welcome!**

