

June 6, 2021 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

Tithing income for the week of May 30, 2021:
Regular: Not available

Mass Attendance for 29, 2021 23
Mass Attendance for May 30, 2021 70

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 6, 2021

"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.'"

The scene is familiar, the moment most solemn. How often we relive, re-present this moment as the one saving sacrifice takes place in our presence today.

The gesture of taking, blessing, breaking and sharing occur in front of our eyes, as Jesus speaks and says 'take' and tells us of the blood of the covenant, sealing our relationship with Him. On this special day in the life of the church, the Sacrament of the Eucharist is what brings us together and makes us one with the Lord. How essential that we not only honor His presence in the Eucharist, but receive the gift He provides for me. He is truly honored when we reverently reach out to receive Him.

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

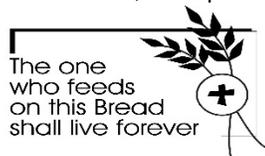
Moses explained to the people the commandments he had received from God. Upon hearing them, the entire community immediately agreed they would do as God had told them. Moses then sacrificed young bulls and sprinkled the people with their blood, calling it the blood of the covenant they had made.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Jesus did not offer God the blood of sacrifices, but instead he offered up his own blood to cleanse all people of the transgressions they had committed under the first covenant with God. Christ instead brought a new covenant, which, if kept, would lead to eternal life.

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Jesus sent two of his disciples to prepare the Passover supper. During the meal he blessed bread and offered it to them saying, "This is my body." He then offered them wine and called it his blood, "the blood of the covenant, to be poured out on behalf of many."



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, June 5: St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tobit 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mark 12:38-44
5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, June 6: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Exodus 24:3-8; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Hebrew 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

9:15 AM Charles Armstrong from Shane Armstrong

Monday, June 7: Weekday

2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Matthew 5:1-12

9:15 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, June 8: Weekday

2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Psalm 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 9: Weekday

2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, June 10: Weekday

2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Psalm 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday, June 11: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)

Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37

Saturday, June 12: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Psalm 13 (12):6; Luke 2:41-51

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, June 13: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

9:15 AM Nicholas Spak from Ralph and Jill Perez



Fr. Jay is being transferred to St. Theresa's, New Cumberland, as parochial vicar there, **effective June 21st**. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his transfer. **Fr. Jay asks that due to this pandemic season instead of a sendoff party he would be happy if parishioners show their love through their generous support of St. Joseph's, his school in India.** St. Joseph's, with 625 students in grades K-12, is the only school in the area which dedicates itself toward the service of Dalit children who are treated as untouchables in the caste-ridden Indian society. Fr. Jay's school is God's gift to the Dalit students! **Your support will be an additional gift the students need to equip the school. Donations may be made out to Fr. Jayaseelan Amalanathan.**

Message from Fr. Jay

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart, Lewistown and St. Jude, Mifflintown,

May the Peace of Christ Jesus, the Risen Lord, be with you always! I thank God the Most Holy Trinity for the opportunity to serve you for about six years. They have helped me to grow spiritually into a better person. Some of you may wonder whether I am truly happy within myself as I appear to be so. I am not only happy but also **“rejoice in the Lord always.” Phil 4:4** I am happy in the USA; I was happy in India; and I will be happy for ever in heaven. One reason why I celebrate my life is the school in India. Some of you might have watched the video about the school either on my face book page, jayaseelan amalanathan, on the parish website or on the flash drive I had. It is, indeed, one of the most wonderful and mighty works of God through me, His humble servant. I thank you for your patience and tolerance with me. I appreciate your love for me and your support toward my school. Bless you, Fr. Jay

Beginning last Sunday (May 29 & 30) the Diocese of Harrisburg, in alignment with local, state, and federal health guidelines, has instructed the following directives to be implemented. We must continue to do our part to keep the unvaccinated as safe as we possibly can.

Harrisburg of Diocese Updated Guidelines for Mass

- ❖ The **FULLY VACCINATED** may attend Diocese of Harrisburg Masses **without wearing a mask.**
- ❖ If you are **NOT** fully vaccinated, **please continue to wear a mask.**
- ❖ The Dispensation from the Obligation of attending Mass remains in place.
- ❖ The exchange of the Sign of the Peace is restored.
- ❖ Holy Water fonts are now available.
- ❖ Pew restrictions have been lifted.
- ❖ Capacity limits for Masses have been lifted.
- ❖ 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 open.
- ❖ Collection basket will not be passed
- ❖ Votive candles are now accessible.
- ❖ 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.**

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 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 Wednesday afternoon no later than 1:00 p.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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Thanks for your Support

The auction committee would like to offer a heartwarming thank you to everyone who participated in our 23rd **All-Cash Raffle, Virtual Auction, and Spaghetti Dinner/Sausage Sale.** While we missed coming together at the Youth Park for our big auction weekend, we are very appreciative of your support again this year. Because of you we were still able to hold a successful event. **Congratulations to the All-Cash Raffle Winners – Raymona Pully-\$1,000, Eric Miller-\$500, Linda Deihl-\$250, Tricia Crowder-\$150 and George Buchanan-\$100!** Total amounts raised will be posted in next week's bulletin. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your support. An in-person auction, with all traditional events, is being planned for the first weekend in October at the Mifflin County Youth Park. For any questions, please contact Ashley Henry via email at development@sacredheartschool.com.

Goodbye BJ

Our school secretary, BJ Newcamp, is leaving her position at Sacred Heart of Jesus School at the end of the academic year. She has provided cheerful and efficient service to students, faculty, support staff, parishioners and to anyone connected with the school. We thank BJ for her dedication and upbeat ministry and we pray that God blesses all her future endeavors with His abundant grace.



Register NOW for the 2021-22 School Year!

Registrations are now 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. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted.** For additional information call the school at 717-28-5351. There is plenty of information about the school, the application process, and financial aid on our website at www.sacredheartschool.com. **All faiths are welcome.**

Bethany Retreat Center, Frenchville PA

A quiet and peaceful place to rest, renew, and be recreated for those seeking a deeper relationship with God. Bethany offers a wide variety of directed retreats that include: Centering Prayer, Health and Wellness, Grief Recovery and more. They also offer personal retreats where you can get away from the cares of everyday life and focus on your faith journey. To learn more visit their website at www.bethanyretreatcenter.org or call 814-263-4855. "God is Spoken Here."



Congratulations SHS 2021 Graduates

Called to be treasures of God's love, we go forth.

Gabriel Abreu

Alexis Allen

Aubryn Deihl

Elysia Glick

Anthony Palopoli

Carolyn Heindenreich

Landon Heiser

Ashland Mazur

Ethan Miller

5th Grade Award Winners

Gabriel Abreu:

In Honor of St. Philip Neri - Good Will & Humor Award

In Honor of St. Daniel - Strength & Fortitude Award

In Honor of St. Isidore - Technology Award

Second Honors for the 3rd Trimester

Alexis Allen:

In Honor of St. Albert the Great - Science Award

In Honor of St. Vincent de Paul - Kindness Award

Second Honors for the 3rd Trimester

Silver Presidential Award

Aubryn Deihl:

In Honor of St. Thomas Aquinas - Religion Award

In Honor of St. Sebastian - Physical Education Award

In Honor of St. Luke - Art Award

First Honors for the 3rd Trimester

Gold Presidential Award

Elysia Glick:

In Honor of St. Bernard - Hardworking & Humble Award

In Honor of St. Therese Lisieux - Most Helpful Award

Second Honors for the 3rd Trimester

Silver Presidential Award

Carolyn Heindenreich:

In Honor of St. Thomas More - Social Studies Award

In Honor of St. Albert the Great - Science Award

In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi - Love of Nature & Animals Award

In Honor of St. Jerome - Love of Books Award

In Honor of St. Cecilia - Music Award

In Honor of St. Sebastian - Physical Education Award

First Honors for the 3rd Trimester

Gold Presidential Award

Landon Heiser:

In Honor of St. Daniel - Strength & Fortitude Award

In Honor of St. Gemma Galgani - Most Improvement Award

In Honor of St. Therese Lisieux - Most Helpful Award

Ashland Mazur:

In Honor of St. Thomas More - Social Studies Award

In Honor of St. Albert the Great - Science Award

In Honor of St. Vincent De Paul - Kindness Award

Second Honors for the 3rd Trimester

Silver Presidential Award

Ethan Miller:

In Honor of St. Gemma Galgani - Most Improved Award

In Honor of St. Joseph - Craftsman Award

In Honor of St. Daniel - Strength & Fortitude Award

Second Honors for the 3rd Trimester

Anthony Palopoli:

In Honor of St. Thomas Aquinas - Religion Award

In Honor of St. Anotolus - Math Award

In Honor of St. Thomas More - Social Studies Award

In Honor of St. Albert the Great - Science Award

In Honor of St. Catherine Bologna - Language Arts Award

First Honors for the 3rd trimester

Gold Presidential award