

March 7, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent

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

Tithing income for the weeks of February 7, 2021
Through February 28, 2021: Not available

Mass Attendance for February 27, 2021	34
Mass Attendance for February 28, 2021	59

All are invited to an online **Adult Lenten Study** beginning **Tue., March 16th**. From 7:00-8:00PM we will be showing Bishop Gainer's "Faith Alive" video series followed by a group discussion. You must have access by computer, tablet or phone to participate. Please call the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 to register or for additional information.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2021

"Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him and he would have given you living water... Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst. The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'"

Do yourself a favor. Open your bible to chapter 4 of John's gospel and live the scene of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Discover the gentle invitation of Jesus, opening her heart to what He wanted for her.

Listen closely to the conversation, perhaps her initial fear, a stranger violating the customary protocol, and gradually she discovers herself, and Christ. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I have done.'

May the living water, God's grace this Lent well up in me, bringing forgiveness in reconciliation, and strength in the Eucharist.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign

that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week

And Weekly Readings



Saturday, March 6: Lenten Weekday

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

5:30 PM Intention for Jill Tweedlie

Sunday, March 7: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

9:15 AM Bill Nash from the Knights of Columbus

Monday, March 8: Lenten Weekday

2 Kings 5:1-15b; Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Luke 4:24-30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 9: Lenten Weekday

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9;
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 10: Lenten Wednesday

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16
19-20; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 11: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 12: Lenten Weekday

Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 & 17; Mark 12:28-34

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, March 13: Lenten Weekday

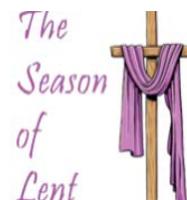
Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Luke 18:9-14

5:30 PM Intention for Jill Tweedlie

Sunday, March 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-2, 3,
4-5, 6; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

9:15 AM Father Thomas Marickovic from
Ralph and Jill Perez



The
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of
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LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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

(For those who are watching from home)

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Stations of the Cross: each Friday at 7:00 PM

And viewable on FaceBook

Lenten Confessions: Sunday March 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday: April 1, 2021 7:00 PM Mass

Good Friday: April 2, 2021 7:00 PM Mass

Holy Saturday: April 3, 2021 8:00 PM Mass

Easter Sunday: April 4, 2021 9:15 AM Mass

Women's Guild Meeting:

There will be a meeting of the Women's Guild on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

CCD Teachers and Substitutes:

CCD Teachers and substitutes are needed. Please speak with Father Bill or Ginger Best.

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.

Fish for Sale! Knights of Columbus:

Shrimp \$10.00 Bag

Fries \$ 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.

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Please join the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to pray **Mary's Way of the Cross** every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent. In these Stations, we see and feel through Mary's perspective what Jesus was going through on the way to Calvary. Please contact hbghdccw1921@gmail.com for information on how to connect by Zoom or telephone.

WALK TO JERUSALEM

A virtual physical and spiritual exercise program.

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be starting a Lenten Journey, Walk to Jerusalem. All are encouraged to join. The structure of the virtual Walk to Jerusalem permits pilgrims to join at any time and to individually

choose their exercise. Whether physical or spiritual, you earn miles for participating. Individual miles are added together to feel connected to the group. Please visit hdccw.webs.com to learn more about the program and to register. We hope you will join us on this Lenten Journey.

Lewistown Ministerium Weekly Lenten Services

The former Wednesday Lenten lunch services are moved to Zoom and Facebook but are being held every Wednesday of Lent at **12 noon** online. This is a meaningful opportunity to worship with believers from other churches and a good addition to your Lenten disciplines.



The Host Churches are:

- 3/10 – Lewistown Presbyterian Church
- **3/17 - Sacred Heart of Jesus Church**
- 3/24 – St. John's Lutheran Church

Join us via **Zoom** at:

<https://us02webzoom.us/j/81095037129>
Meeting ID 810 9503 7129

or on **Facebook** at:

www.facebook.com/stmarksepiscopalchurch/lewistownpa/videos.

Good Friday, April 2nd, is a day of fast and abstinence,



meaning only 1 full meal for that day, and no meat eaten at all. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Lenten resolutions are optional but highly recommended as sacrifices, promoting spiritual health and generosity. One should ask God in prayer as to what God wants the resolution to be. Lenten resolutions are personal, in consultation with God. Christians fasting and sacrificing should strive to maintain charity and cheerfulness toward all during Lenten resolutions.

Year of St. Joseph – Seven Sundays Devotion

Pope Francis recently announced **2021 as the Year of Saint Joseph**. During this unique year of grace, meditation on the Sorrows and Joys on Seven Sundays is a wonderful way to foster a closeness of the faithful to the Spouse of Mary. **We prepare for the feast of St. Joseph by dedicating the seven Sundays before March 19 to St. Joseph**, in memory of his seven sorrow and joys. We encourage you to meditate upon these sets of Sorrow and Joys, and conclude by praying the Litany of St. Joseph.

Week 6

Joseph's Seven Sorrows

The return from Egypt (Matt. 2:22)

Joseph's Seven Joys

Life with Jesus and Mary at Nazareth (Luke 2:39)

Week 7

Joseph's Seven Sorrows

The loss of the Child Jesus (Luke 2:45)

Joseph's Seven Joys

The finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:46)

Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy - Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy - Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy - Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us - Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us - Christ, graciously hear us.



God the Father of Heaven - Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world - Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit - Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God - Have mercy on us.
Holy Mary - pray for us.
Saint Joseph - pray for us.
Illustrious son of David - pray for us.
Light of the patriarchs - pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God - pray for us.
Chaste guardian of the Virgin - pray for us.
Foster-father of the Son of God - pray for us.
Watchful defender of Christ - pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family - pray for us.
Joseph most just - pray for us.
Joseph most chaste - pray for us.
Joseph most prudent - pray for us.
Joseph most valiant - pray for us.
Joseph most obedient - pray for us.
Joseph most faithful - pray for us.
Mirror of patience - pray for us.
Lover of poverty - pray for us.
Model of workmen - pray for us.
Glory of domestic life - pray for us.
Guardian of virgins - pray for us.
Pillar of families - pray for us.
Solace of the afflicted - pray for us.
Hope of the sick - pray for us.
Patron of the dying - pray for us.
Terror of demons - pray for us.
Protector of Holy Church - pray for us.



Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world - Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world - Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world - Have mercy on us.

V. He made him the lord of His household,

R. And prince over all His possessions.

Let Us Pray. O God, who in Your ineffable providence were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Your Most Holy Mother, grant that as we venerate him as our protector on earth, we may be worthy to have him as our intercessor in Heaven, You Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One year ago, on Feb. 19, 2020 the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg (RCDH) filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. While the Covid-19 pandemic has delayed the proceedings, we have continued to work in earnest with the Federal bankruptcy court and interested

parties. As a step in this process, on February 8 & 9, the RCDH, our present and historical insurance providers, and the survivors of abuse (individually or through a committee representing their interest) met for the first mediation. This mediation process is an effort to work together to reach a consensual resolution regarding the survivor claims against the RCDH.

At this time, there is little I can say as the mediation discussions are confidential. However, I am able to report that progress was made between the involved parties and that all parties intend to continue negotiations and mediation, to reach a consensual resolution that will acknowledge the harm suffered and provide for meaningful and fair compensation for survivors.

As was explained at the beginning of this process, filing for reorganization was the only option to right our financial situation, especially after the significant legal and investigative costs we incurred due to the Grand Jury Subpoena and years of declining revenues. I have full confidence that at the conclusion of this process, our Diocese will have a much stronger foundation to build, and rebuild, upon.

I also wish to take this opportunity to address our annual financial audit. Typically, at this time of year, we would publish the results of this annual financial audit in *The Catholic Witness* and on our Diocesan website. Due to the ongoing bankruptcy process, we are unable to release financial statements for the fiscal year end June 30, 2020 until this process is complete. We do provide regular financial updates to the bankruptcy court and all document related to this process can be found online at <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/reh/info>.

We still have several months of reorganization efforts ahead of us. As this process continues, I encourage you to visit www.hbqdiocese.org/reorganization-information for the most up-to-date information.

I humbly ask for your prayers for our Diocese as we continue this process. May God grant us every grace needed during this difficult time. May Mar, Mother of the Church and our Mother, intercede with Her Son to be our strength and support

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Harrisburg

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.**

Year-End Tax Statements

Please contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 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.



SCHOOL NEWS



The 23rd Annual SHS Benefit Auction is now scheduled to be held May 22 & 23, 2021. The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or like new donated items to be auctioned off. As you continue to practice 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 be submitted by **Friday, April 16, 2021.**

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 until March 1, 2021.** For additional information call the school at 717-28-5351. Additionally, 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!**

