

March 13, 2022 Second Sunday of Lent

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

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| Tithing income for the week of March 6, 2022: | |
| Regular: | \$2,750.00 |
| Capital Improvements: | \$220.00 |
| Easter Flowers: | \$50.00 |
| Votive Collection: | \$40.00 |
| DAC Collection: | \$420.00 |
| Hispanic Collection: | \$137.00 |

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Second Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2022

"Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. These end in destruction."

St. Paul did not hesitate to use himself as both teacher and example of what was best for his readers. He was countercultural calling attention to impending doom. In our lives sirens alert us to danger, ambulances and fire engines ask us to respond, tornado warnings and flood warnings are made for our well-being to make us aware of what is a threat to safety. We too are to be countercultural.

We enter this second week of penance, with our eyes fixed on the cross of Christ, leading us to a full and better life. 'Our citizenship is in heaven and from it we await a savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.'

My mantra for the week: "Keep my eyes fixed on you, O Lord."

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

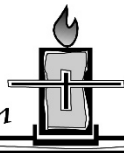
Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

God
is my Light
and my salvation



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week



Weekly Readings

Saturday, March 12: Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Matthew 5:43-48

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 13: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (27C); Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9,
13-14; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 or 3:20 – 4:1;
Luke 9:28b-36

9:15 AM Sherry McIlvane from Mary O'Day

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, March 14: Lenten Weekday

Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11, & 13; Luke 6:36-38

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 15: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23;
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 16: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16;
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 17: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6;
Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 18: Lenten Weekday

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Psalm 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 19: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 &
29; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Luke 2:41-51a

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 20: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 (30C); Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8,
11; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

9:15 AM William and Emily Elliott from Karen Thome

1:30 PM People of the Parish

2022 Diocesan Annual Campaign

Diocesan Annual Campaign, *One Faith, One Family*, has begun. Because of the generosity of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg, our 2021 effort was remarkable with 72 parishes reaching and exceeding their goals. Ministries and programs which received funding are humbled by the interest in and support of their efforts. From Evangelization efforts, to the many social service programs offered by Catholic Charities, to ongoing education and formation for our seminarians, clergy and ordained deacons, to support for Catholic education, your gift does make a difference. Please prayerfully consider your gift this year to ensure that the mission of the Church is fulfilled.

BISHOP GAINER INVITES US TO PRAY FOR UKRAINE

As we awoke to the tragic news this morning that Russia had invaded Ukraine, I ask you to join me in praying for restoration of peace in Ukraine and for the Ukrainian people in the homeland, as well as our brothers and sisters in the Ukrainian Churches here.

The following prayer dates form the 10th or 11th century and is very dear to the Ukrainian people. I ask you to seek our blessed Mother's intercession to end this brutal aggression.

"We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God.

Despise not our prayers in our needs,

But deliver us from all dangers,

Since you alone are pure and blessed.

O most glorious Ever-Virgin Mary,

The Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers

And present them to your Son and God,

That for the sake of You, He enlighten and save our souls"

Thank you and may the Prince of Peace reign over our hearts and our world.

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Stations of the Cross: each Wednesday beginning
March 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022 7:00 PM Mass
8:00 – 10:00 PM Adoration
10:00 PM Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 15, 2022 7:00 PM Mass

Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:00 PM Mass
*No 5:30 PM Mass

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 9:15 AM Mass

Good Friday, April 15th 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.



Lenten Penance Service will be held **today Sunday, March 13th at 3:00PM** at Sacred Heart and at St. Jude at 7PM. What a wonderful way to begin your Lenten journey by receiving the special graces only forgiveness can bring!

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

Genevieve Gregos
Steven Graham
Nicholas Spak
Mary Ann Truitt

John T. Kromel
William Nash
Roseanne Spak
Mary Tonge

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREAKFAST/BRUNCH:

The Women's Guild will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Breakfast/Brunch on Sunday, March 20th following the 9:15 a.m. mass. All families are asked to bring one of their favorite breakfast foods for a potluck breakfast/brunch to be shared by all. A sign up sheet is in the church vestibule. Irish music, decoration, St. Patrick? Come join us!

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS:

Were you married in 1972? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill.

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant.

To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office.

LENTEN MESSAGE OF MERCY:

Saint Katherine Drexel Parish will be welcoming Father Chris Alar to lead a two-day Lenten Mission on Sunday March 27th, and Monday, March 28th. His topics will be "The Mass" which will be presented on Sunday, March 27th, and a deeper understanding of "The Real Presence of the Eucharist" presented on Monday, March 28th. Both nights Father Alar will begin his presentations at 6:00 p.m. and will end by 8:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen YOUR Lenten Journey. All are welcome. If you have questions, please call Bill Benning at 717-571-8808 or Saint Katherine Drexel's Parish office 717-697-8716,

BILINGUAL HEALING MASS:

A bilingual healing mass will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

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| March 13, 2022 | MEGAN |
| March 20, 2022 | LADIES |
| March 27, 2022 | LYDIA |
| April 3, 2022 | MEGAN |

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Youth attending the March 13th Youth Group should bring blindfolds! Come and join the fun!

MORE YOUTH GROUP NEWS – SOUP & SANDWICHES!

St. Jude's Youth Group will be hosting a free soup and sandwich this Saturday, March 19th in the Social Hall. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and meals will be served until 1:00 p.m. or until the soup is gone. Folks are welcome to come in to eat, pick up to take home or if they know someone who is in need, they can pick up to take to a friend or neighbor. Any youth grades 7 through 12 are welcome to come and help. If interested, arrive at the social hall at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 19th.

ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the Rosary each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. before the 9:15 a.m. Mass.

"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."
- Pope Leo XIII

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Saint Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus currently has COAL tickets available for purchase with a suggested donation of \$5.00 per ticket. This year's drawing will be held May 13, 2022 and has 16 great cash prizes totaling \$65,000.00. COAL will support the PA State Council Scholarship Program and St. Jude's Council projects. More details on the drawing and the prizes are posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to purchase tickets, see any Knight.

FORGIVEN!

FORGIVEN is a Life Changing Study being held in our parish during this season of Lent, and communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us during three Sunday evenings from **5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., March 20, 27, and April 3** for this inspiring series on the sacrament of reconciliation. Each session begins with a light meal to share followed by a video, reflection and discussion. **The program will end with a Parish Lenten Full Day Retreat on Saturday, April 9, 2022 starting at 9:00 a.m. and concluding with the Mass at 5:30 p.m.** While there is no cost for the sessions, we ask that you register for the series on the sheets in the back of the church to help in preparing the materials. Even if you are not able to make all the sessions we encourage you to join us as videos will be available through FORMED.ORG. If you have any questions, please contact Ralph Perez at 717-543-1905.



Ministry Schedule: March 12-13

Saturday, March 12, 2022 5:30 PM

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Server: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, March 13, 2022 9:15 AM

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: C. Schall, J. Schall & D. Miller

Ushers: S. Arnold, J. Boyd

Ministry Schedule: March 19-20

Saturday, March 19, 2022 5:30 PM

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Server: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, March 20, 2022 9:15 AM

Lector: G. Price

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Ushers: D. Ames, P. Ames

Capital Campaign Update: Why the School?

On occasion I am asked about our school and its financial health. Sometimes I am asked how many of the students are Catholic in our school. With the pending Capital Campaign, the question has been asked if we did not have a school, would we have more funds available and not need a capital campaign? As your Pastor I try to be as transparent as possible on all subjects especially who we are as a parish. The Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg has 89 parishes with 35 having an elementary school. It is no secret that many of our schools including Sacred Heart struggle with cost, tuition, and enrollment. However, I am pleased to share that in spite of our struggles our school is financially sound, enrollment meets expectations, and our parish pays no more than the recommended level of financial support to the school. Within the Diocese many parishes cannot claim the same success as Sacred Heart. Yes, we are an aging parish, but that does not mean we are a dying parish. We are the only parish in Mifflin County and a critical resource to the Catholic population. It is our responsibility to maintain our facilities and to maintain our Catholic presence for everyone in Mifflin County. The Diocese does not fund parishes we fund the Diocese. Our school is not only a Catholic school, but it is the center for our religious education program and youth activities. We would need to fund repairs and maintenance on the building with or without the school. Our contribution to the school funds the building. Student tuition and fundraising activities fund the education of those attending. Our school brings children to our parish. Aging parishioners do not have more children. The school is a ministry of the parish and there is no consideration if a student is Catholic or not Catholic. All students are taught Catholic values and a curriculum approved by the Diocese of Harrisburg. We are very fortunate to have a school that assists in maintaining and supporting our youth facilities. We are blessed by the parents of the students who fund the tuition, contribute to various fundraisers, and provide hundreds of hours of volunteer time. Catholic or not, school parents support our parish and also join in teaching their children Catholic values. Our Capital Campaign will benefit our parish, and all of our ministries. Our support of our school and youth activities are as vital as any of our other ministries. One is not more important than another. Our hope and prayer is to reach everyone wherever they are in their spiritual journey and regardless of age. Our support of any of our ministries does not change our need for a Capital Campaign. The purpose of the Capital Campaign is to assist our ministries with the facilities they need to function and succeed. I hope you will join me and your fellow parishioners in supporting our Capital Campaign.



St. Vincent DePaul Society

What Should I Give Up for Lent?

- Give up complaining and focus on gratitude**
- Give up on worry and trust in divine providence**
- Give up on anger and be more patient**

For each of the 40 days of lent place a canned good in a box and at the end of lent donate the box to St Vincent DePaul.

For each of the 40 days of lent purchase a personal care item Shampoo, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Toilet Paper, Body Wash, Etc and at the end of lent donate to St Vincent DePaul.

All of these wonderful donations will help those less fortunate or homeless in our area. Allow your Lenten sacrifice help others. For more information, call us at (717) 363-4812

2022 Diocesan Men’s Conference

Mark your calendars for the Diocese of Harrisburg’s Men’s Conference, *Becoming Champions for Christ*, on April 2 at in the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg. Keynote speaker Adam Janke headlines a panel of excellent speakers that will focus on standing firm as men of faith among the challenges of today’s faith-less society. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, Confession, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Ronald Gainer are also part of this annual event. Registration is \$35 for in-person (includes light breakfast fare and lunch) and \$20 for virtual. Register today or learn more at www.hbgdiocese.org/men.

2022 Woman of Grace Conference, “Faith, Fortitude, and Femininity: A Formula for Such a Time as This. This one day conference with Johnnette Benkovic Williams will be held on April 2, 2022 at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Harrisburg

Rosary Mass Confessions Lunch Adoration Fellowship There is also a special day planned for young girls (12 to 17 years of age), which will be led by Women of Staff. Mothers and daughters share a special legacy with the Blessed Mother “Young Women of Grace Retreat” “Made for Joy, My Mother, Her Powerful Prayer and Me! Activities Inspiring Speakers Register Online www.womenofgrace.com For more information contact Christine Arnold at carnold@womenofgrace.com or 717-379-6041.



"The youth of St. Jude and Sacred Heart Parishes and I want to express a big thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all of the supporters of the NET Youth Retreat that took place Sunday, February 27. Without your food donations,

monetary aid, and, most of all, prayers, the retreat would not have happened. It's obvious that Sacred Heart and St. Jude are two outstanding parishes! We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus of both parishes who covered the entire cost of the retreat. These men do great work. Lastly, I would like to thank the NET retreat team, who are college kids that take a year off of studies to be on-the-road evangelists for our Catholic youth. What a sacrifice for the Kingdom! I know that the lives of the 25 retreatants were changed. Praised be Jesus Christ!"

**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

Register NOW for the 2022-23 Academic 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, 2022. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applicatons are currently being accepted.** Call the school to schedule a tour. We hope to see you there! Please share the good news of SHS with your friends and family. **All faiths are welcome!**

Teacher Educational In-Service Day
March 25th – Early Dismissal at 11:15 AM



UPDATED COVID PRACTICES and GUIDELINES



With the current COVID-19 numbers improving in our area, the Diocese of Harrisburg has lifted COVID-19 protocols and restrictions for parishes in their area.

- Pastors are going to continue to mask and sanitize for Communion during the transitional period while implementing the updated guidelines.
- Parishioners have the option to wear masks
- The communal invitation to the Sign of Peace has been reinstated.
- Choirs and groups of singers are not required to mask.

We are further tweaking our Coronavirus measures and guidelines. Whenever possible, Pastors are asked to ensure that the full experience of the Sacred Liturgy is restored, especially at Sunday Masses. **Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of gradual transition with the goal of keeping our parishioners safe and restoring normalcy. With much prayer and mutual charity, we will persevere and eventually prevail, but only through God's grace.**