

## March 6, 2022 First Sunday of Lent

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

Tithing income for the week of February 27, 2022:

Regular: \$1,292.00

Capital Improvements: \$100.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Development:  
\$25.00

Spanish Collection: \$160.00

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022

"Brothers and sisters. What does the scripture say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith that we preach – for if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

We embark upon this season of personal renewal. Although we sometimes fail to acknowledge it, Jesus came to offer us the gift of salvation. His saving work continues today, but requires my whole hearted participation. I am asking that He save me today and every day.

The oxygen tank assisting a seriously ill person, the ventilator providing life sustenance is essential for life. My serious effort as Lent begins demands, not suggests, my effort at prayer, sacrifice and good works.

We do not 'give up', but 'give in' to a loving Lord. Is the word only on my lips, but also in my heart?

My mantra this week: "I am serious about Lent, Jesus save me."

#### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

#### **Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13**

Paul tells us that if we proclaim, "Jesus is Lord" and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name

#### **Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation.

## LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week



### Weekly Readings

**Saturday, March 5: Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 5:27-32  
5:30 PM People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 6: First Sunday of Lent**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (24C); Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

9:15 AM Brian Oberheim

1:00 PM People of the Parish

**Monday, March 7: Lenten Weekday**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15;

Matthew 25:31-46

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**Tuesday, March 8: Lenten Weekday**

Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19;

Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday, March 9: Lenten Weekday**

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;

Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday, March 10: Lenten Weekday**

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday, March 11: Lenten Weekday**

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;

Matthew 5:20-26

**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

1:00 PM People of the Parish

### 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



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREAKFAST/BRUNCH:**

The Women's Guild will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Breakfast/Brunch on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. His topics will be "The Mass" which will be presented on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, and a deeper understanding of "The Real Presence of the Eucharist" presented on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. 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:**

March 6, 2022 HEMONDS  
March 13, 2022 MEGAN  
March 20, 2022 LADIES  
March 27, 2022 LYDIA

**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

**WOMEN'S GUILD**

The Women's Guild has a letter for the women of the parish. It is in the Narthex. Please pick one up and then cross your name off of the list that is there.

**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.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Youth attending the March 13<sup>th</sup> Youth Group should bring blindfolds! Come and join the fun!

**2022 Diocesan Annual Campaign**

The 2022 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.

**Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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.
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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.**

### **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.



**Ministry Schedule: March 5-6  
Saturday, March 5, 2022 5:30 PM**

**Lector: C. Fitzgerald  
Cantor: M. Kerchusky  
Altar Server: J. Zarnowski  
Usher: T. Kerchusky  
Sunday, March 6, 2022 9:15 AM  
Lector: T. Kromel  
Cantor: Y. Melara  
Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard  
Ushers: S. Arnold, R. Aufer**

**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**

## **FAITH MATTERS**

*With Fr. Peter Rettig*



### **What Should I Give Up for Lent?**

***Start thinking now! It's never too early to begin praying about what you're going to give up (or do extra) for Lent. Often times our Lenten promises become like our New Year's resolutions, in which we start strong and lose momentum half way through. Some of us ambitious ones might say to ourselves, "I'm going to give up TV, sweets, and fast daily for Lent." Little by little, the Devil will try to wear us down, convincing us that maybe it's not so bad to watch a little TV with a family member who turned it on. Or, we might convince ourselves, "It's ok to eat this sweet because a friend made it and I don't want to hurt her feelings."***

***If we begin Lent too "gung ho," there's the danger of losing momentum and cutting corners. So, it's important to fast appropriately! This means not getting in over your head when you fast. Don't give up ten different things just because you think you can.***

**Be strategic about it. The purpose of Lent is to become holier.**

**Think about what your “capital sin” is; the sin you struggle with the most. Focus on conquering THAT this Lent. Do you get angry easily? Then offer up fasting between meals specifically for the virtue of docility. Do you struggle with impurity? Then, only give up TV this Lent. What people see on TV is statistically the biggest triggers for impure thoughts. Or, maybe you struggle with the sin of gluttony. Then, embrace the “3:1 Meal Rule” – eat two small meals and only one big meal and fast between those meals. Whatever you identify as your capital sin, tackle it by the horns this Lent! This doesn’t mean that someone shouldn’t give up multiple things for Lent. There are people who do so with great fervor. Just be realistic with yourself, and if you have a capital sin, focus on that.**



**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](http://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](http://www.womenofgrace.com)  
For more information contact Christine Arnold at [carnold@womenofgrace.com](mailto:carnold@womenofgrace.com) or 717-379-6041.

**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 applications are currently being accepted.** Call the school to schedule a tour, or attend our Information Night on **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 PM.** 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 25<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal at 11:15 AM