

March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY

READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart... The Lord said, ‘there, anoint him, for this is the one’, and from that day on, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.”

How significant as we reflect upon the choice of David by the Lord as the shepherd king. We know him well as the author of the psalms, the ancestor of St. Joseph. Chosen by the Lord, he was destined to turn an important page in the story of salvation.

Today, the Lord is looking into our hearts. He is not looking at appearances as ashes, devotions or other practices. Lent for us is a time to accept the choice that the Lord is making of **us** again today. He carefully looks into our hearts to see how well we are following His choice. Our task is to allow His choice to take root in us. Do not all of us wish to be included in His care for us?

This week, we can respond, as we answer a phone call, a text message, or doorbell as a reminder of who is calling.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, March 18: Lenten Weekday

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

5:30 PM Lee & Mary Ellen Fitzgerald
From James Fitzgerald

Sunday, March 19: Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

9:15 AM Guy Lanza from Karen Thome
1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, March 20: 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

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 21: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 22: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 23: Lenten Weekday

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; John 5:31-47

Friday, March 24: Lenten Weekday

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38

5:30 PM Walter & Jean Fitzgerald
from James Fitzgerald

Sunday, March 26: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

9:15 AM People of the Parish
1:30 PM People of the Parish



Saturday, March 18, 2023

Lector: C. Hazard
 Cantor: M. Kerchusky
 Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
 Usher:

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Lector: T. Ober
 Cantor: M. Miller
 Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard
 Usher: S. Arnold, R. Auken

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Lector: C. Fitzgerald
 Cantor: M. Kerchusky
 Altar Servers: A. Armstrong
 J. Armstrong
 Usher:

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Lector: J. Fitzgerald
 Cantor: R. Perez
 Altar Servers: D. Miller, E. Miller,
 C. Schall
 Usher: S. Arnold, R. Auken

LENTEN SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 6TH MASS 7:00 PM
ADORATION/NIGHT PRAYER 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 7TH MASS 7:00 PM

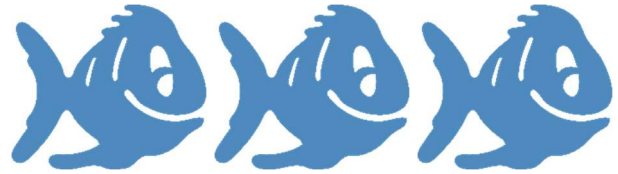
HOLY SATURDAY
APRIL 8TH VIGIL MASS 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY 9:15 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH
WENDESDAY 7:00 PM

Please continue to pray for the souls of:

Thomas Cargill Robert Burda



FISH DINNERS SAVE THE DATES!

Fish Dinners will be each Friday up until and including March 31st!
 Times: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN SERIES

A Lenten Series will be held at St. Jude Church on Sunday, March 12th and Sunday, March 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The topic of the program is "Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist".

The program includes prayer, a video series, discussions, and a special presentation on March 19th by Father Sam Dubois, who will be our guest speaker. Please sign up for this program in the Narthex. A potluck dinner (light fare) will accompany the series.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY DATES

March 19th – Lewistown March for Life 1:00 p.m. Walk from Sacred Heart to Bethel AME H.O.P.E. Pick kids up at Bethel AME.

March 24th – Help with St. Jude Fish Dinner. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

April 22nd – Personal March for Life in Harrisburg. Leave at 9:00 a.m. return by 2:00 p.m.

MARCH FOR LIFE SUNDAY, MARCH 19

This is a reminder there will be a March for Life in Lewistown on Sunday, March 19th from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

We will meet at Sacred Heart Parish at 1:00 p.m. and march down the Third Street sidewalk to arrive at Bethel AME H.O.P.E. Center by 1:20 p.m. From 1:20 to 2:30 p.m. there will be a prayer service and speakers on the Pro Life Movement.

Parents who decide not to join may pick up their children at 2:30 p.m. at Bethel AME Church, 23 North Juniata Street, Lewistown.

All are invited to attend!

-Father Peter

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

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| March 19, 2023 | LADIES |
| March 26, 2023 | SCOTT & ALICE |
| April 2, 2023 | DARYL & GINGER |
| April 9, 2023 | COLLEEN & JAMES |

WOMEN'S GUILD

The annual Women's Guild Invitation is on the table in the narthex. Please check your name off when you pick one up. If your name is not on the list, please add it. Forms can be given to Cathy Fitzgerald or placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support!

ROSARY

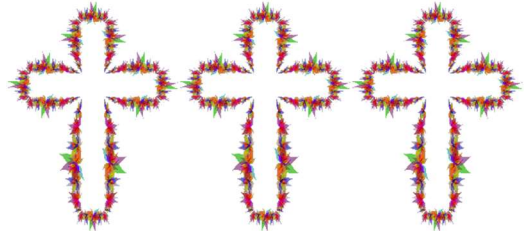
Please join us as we pray the Rosary each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. before the 9:15 a.m. Mass. "The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life.

It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."
- Pope Leo XIII

Good Friday, April 7th 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.



THE EASTER GIVING TREE

The Easter Giving Tree is in the Narthex. Please take a cross off the tree to help the Food Pantry with their needs for the Easter Holiday.

The list is a little different from other years, but these items are the ones most needed by the Food Pantry at this time.

Thank you to everyone who is able and willing to participate in this project. May God bless you all.

-Ginger Best

UPDATE REQUEST

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or have any other changes you would like made to your information at the parish office, please contact the office at 717-436-6722 on Thursdays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or email the office at rectory@stjudemiffintown.org.

CARD REQUEST!

Colt Matz has recently been diagnosed with relapsed leukemia and has been readmitted to the hospital awaiting a second bone marrow transplant. He is unable to have visitors at this time and his family is requesting cards for Colt.

Please send cards for Colt to:

Colt Matz, Colt 45 Strong
c/o Jennifer Williams
P.O. Box 182
Alegany, NY 1470

2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign



LENTEN TEA SCHEDULE!

March 22 Aldersgate UMC
March 29 St. Jude Catholic Church
***Social time begins at 9:30 with light refreshments followed by Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.**

EMERGENCY EXITS

Designated emergency exits are found in the front of the church to the left and right of the altar, and in the back of the church through the main entrance and the hallway by the restrooms.

We request in case of emergency you select the closest exit to your seat.

Those sitting in the front half of the church should exit using exits found on their respective side. Those sitting back half of the church should exit through the center doors and the doors to the right of the main entry door of the church.

Those in the cry room or the restrooms should exit through the hallway and to the exit door at the end of the hallway.

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 Dan Swigart at 717-446-5099 or 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. **A new class is set to begin on Thursday, September 22nd at 7 PM.**



The 2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign, **Together in Faith, Together in the Eucharist**, has begun. Because of the generosity of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg, our 2022 effort was remarkable with 79 parishes reaching and exceeding their goals. As we come together in the faith, the combined gifts of the faithful in our Diocese provide the needed financial support for the more than 90 ministries and programs offered throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg. These 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.

FORMED – ON-LINE RESOURCES

We are pleased to provide all Parishioners a FREE subscription to formed.org

Discover all the best Catholic content in one place, Enlighten programs, entertaining movies, inspiring talks and a great selection of popular e-books

for everyone in the family all just a click away.

To sign up for free visit: signup.formed.org

Enter our parish zip code: **17059**

Select: **St. Jude and Sacred Heart and Next**

Enter your **Name** and your **email address**

and select **Sign Up After** you sign up all the content is available through PC through **FORMED.ORG**, and Smart TVS, Roku, I-Phone or Android with the FORMED App

Year-End Tax Statements

Please contact the Parish Office at

717-436-6722 or email at rectory@stjudemifflintown.org 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.

FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

The Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 offers a Family Literacy Program for adult education, parent education for building literacy skills, interactive learning activities to do with your child, free books, onsite childcare, and transportation if needed. We are also partnering with Juniata County Head Start to provide Early Childhood Education for those who qualify.

The Family Literacy Program helps adults to:
PREPARE for a high school equivalency diploma
BOOST reading, writing, math, and digital literacy skills
INCREASE skills to enter college or trade school
UPGRADE employment skills
IMPROVE your English language skills
DISCOVER fun and educational activities for your family
LEARN to help your child succeed in school.

Family Literacy classes are located at 341 East Industrial Drive, Mifflintown PA 17059 on Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 9:30 a.m.

There is also an adult education classes on Thursdays starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Juniata County Library, 4908 Jefferson Street, Mifflintown PA 17059. Offering preparation for GED (high school equivalency diploma), NCLEX (nursing), and ASVAB (military), as well as brush up skills for career advancement.

Additionally, distance learning classes for adult education and English language learner/English as a second language. These are remote classes done on your schedule that include workbook packets, live online classes, and independent study on various websites.

To schedule an appointment for Family Literacy Program or adult education classes please contact them at 717-248-4942 or visit PA Career Link in Lewistown.

Register NOW for the 2023-24 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, 2023. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted until March 1, 2023.** For additional information call the school at 717-248-5351. 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.

Juniata County Food Pantry April Update

In February 2023, the Food Pantry served 211 families – 525 of your neighbors! A big thank you to Matamoros UMC for volunteering on Saturdays in February. Join our family! We are always looking for a few good volunteers!

IF YOU COULD HELP BY DONATING THE ITEMS BELOW,
WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR APRIL:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS;
SHAMPOO, DEODORANT; CLEANING SUPPLIES: LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH SOAP, ALL PURPOSE HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS;

DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

Registration – All parishioners should be properly registered in the parish. Please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage – Contact the parish office as soon as possible, before establishing a date for the wedding. The Diocese requires 12 months advance notice and preparation for Marriage.

Baptism, Sacrament of the Sick, Shut-ins – Please contact the parish office to register for Baptism. One sponsor (Godparent) should be a practicing Catholic (if married, married in the church; attending Mass every weekend; moral life; etc.). One sponsor may be a practicing Protestant (called a Christian witness). We strive to visit parishioners homebound and those in the hospital. Please call the parish office if you would like us to visit, or if you are preparing for surgery.

Mass Cards & Memorial contributions – Mass cards in memory of the deceased and for special intentions are available after masses at the Church Office. To make a memorial contribution, please contact the parish office.

CCD – Religious instruction for children meets after the 9:15 Mass until 11:45 from September to May. These classes are necessary before children receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact the parish office for more information or registration.

Parish Pastoral Council – Meets the third Monday of each month, from September to May. Please call the parish office for information.

Knight of Columbus – Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

Women's Guild – Meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the social hall.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – These are classes for those desiring to join the Catholic Church. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

NFP (Natural Family Planning) – This is the only Catholic-approved means of regulating birth. Classes are offered frequently and are free to all who want to learn about this spiritual & effective way to plan a family. For information, call Martin & Mary Smith, 717-935-5256.