

May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

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

Tithing income for the week of May 9, 2021:	
Regular:	\$3,722.05
Tithing income for the week of May 16, 2021:	
Regular:	Not available
Attendance for May 13, 2021 (Ascension)	33
Attendance for May 15, 2021	29
Attendance for May 16, 2021 9:00 a.m.	46
Attendance for Confirmation Mass	118



It with sadness that this announcement is made: Fr. Jay is being transferred to St. Theresa's, New Cumberland, as parochial vicar there, **effective June 21st**. We will be welcoming his replacement about that time, but who that will be is not to be announced until June 5th priesthood ordinations. Most parochial vicar terms are 2-3 years. Bishop Gainer was very generous to have allowed Fr. Jay to stay here for 4 years. A 5th year is almost unheard of, so it is time we share Fr. Jay's gifts and talents with another congregation, which will, of course, benefit greatly from his loving ministry. Please continue to keep Fr. Jay in your prayers. **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.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming."

One of the questions asked in the early church was 'have you received the Holy Spirit?' 'We have not heard of the Holy Spirit, how can we?'

We are asked today if we have been born again. Our answer is 'yes' as the Holy Spirit came to dwell in us at our baptism. The Holy Spirit fills us at confirmation. And today we are given the promise, 'he will guide you to all truth.'

We all need guides. When we observe a blind person being safely led by a seeing eye dog, we admire the skill and the dependence. When some heroic action takes place, a rescue from a fire or accident, we marvel at what takes place. A GPS leads people to a destination. Am I able to discover the power of the Holy Spirit at work in me as I live out what I believe? Will I let the Spirit guide me in my decisions, great and small?

The Spirit of Pentecost is present among us today. We ask that we allow it to work in and through us.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

During the Feast of Pentecost, tongues of fire came to rest on the heads of the disciples and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Each disciple began speaking in a different language, and were understood by people from many different regions who were amazed at what they had witnessed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul explains that we are all members of one body. We have all been baptized in one Spirit and although numerous, we are one through Christ.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

John describes Jesus' first visit to the disciples after his resurrection. He gave them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive other people or hold them responsible for their actions.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week



And Weekly Readings

Saturday, May 22: Easter Weekday (Morning)

Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31;

Psalm 11:4, 5 & 7; John 21:20-25

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 23: Pentecost Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13;

John 20:19-23

9:15 AM Mike and Karen Johnson from
Shane Armstrong

Monday, May 24: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial)

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 87:1-2, 3 & 5, 6-7;

John 19: 25-34

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 25: Weekday

Sirach 35:1-12; Psalm 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 & 23;

Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 26: St. Philip Neri, Priest (Memorial)

Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 & 13;

Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 27: Weekday

Sirach 42:15-25; Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Mark 10:46-52

Friday, May 28: Weekday

Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mark 11:11-26

Saturday, May 29: Weekday

Sirach 51:12cd-20; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11;

Mark 11:27-33

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 30: The Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

9:15 AM Father John Schmalhofer from
Ralph and Jill Perez

have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

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

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion (for those at home)

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

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

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.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of soul.

Bishop's Letter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As the Easter season draws to a close, I pray that you have found a renewed commitment to your faith. The events of the last 18 months have challenged us but we have emerged stronger with an unwavering dedication to our faith. It is this dedication and call to minister to others that so many men in our Diocese have responded to. Their commitment is an example to us all. However, these men need your support, both spiritually and financially. The annual Pentecost Collection for Seminarian Education invites the faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg to provide the necessary resources to educate our future priests. I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to this year's **Pentecost Collection, which is the weekend of May 23**. The cost to educate one candidate for the priesthood is approximately \$40,000 per year. This cost of education goes beyond the classroom, as the Seminarians are provided room, board, healthcare, and other nominal expenses. **The Diocese of Harrisburg has been blessed with 23 Seminarians, four of whom will be ordained transitional Deacons and two who will be ordained as priests in 2021.** While the Office of Vocations does receive support from the Diocesan Annual Campaign, expenses associated with seminarian education far exceed that funding. As a member of the faith community of the Diocese of Harrisburg, it is our collective responsibility to provide for the formation and education of our future priests. The Pentecost Collection offers all of us the opportunity to financially support our men in formation. Because of your gifts, our Seminarians can completely focus on their formation in order to become the best priests possible for our Diocese. To make a gift, please use the special envelope provided by your parish or visit www.hbgdiocese.org/Pentecost-collection. In addition to your financial support, I also ask that you pray for our seminarians as they continue their formation. On behalf of the holy and devout men who minister to the faithful in the Diocese of Harrisburg, I thank you in advance for your support and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop Ronald Gainer

WEIS & GIANT GROCERY CARDS: Grocery cards will be on sale in the social hall after the 5:00 P.M. Mass this Saturday, May 21. They will not be on sale after Sunday's Mass this weekend because we have no volunteers available to sell the cards.

The Women's Guild needs 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 either on a regular basis or only occasionally, please give Karen Thome a call at 717-436-5746.

Should you need grocery cards and are not able to come to Mass at St. Jude, you can call Karen at 717-436-5746 to arrange a purchase.

Blessing Box!

Thank you for your support and willingness to place the Blessing Box at St. Jude's. I am a Boy Scout in Troop 124, Licking Creek. This Blessing Box is one of four boxes that I have placed locally as my Eagle Scout project. There are others at the Mifflin Methodist Church, Lewistown Presbyterian, and Burnham Methodist Church in Mifflin County. The purpose of this Blessing Box is to create a place that allows people to give and receive items for the community. Anyone in need is simply able to take what they need from the box. An individual can replace what they take with what they have or just give without taking if, or when, they are able. You can place an item, which can be a non-perishable food item like peanut butter or soup or a non-food item like toilet paper or sunscreen. Suggested donations other than non-perishable food include shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, bug spray, Band-Aids, sunscreen, diapers, baby wipes, and other personal care items. You can also put bibles or other church information for people to take. Anybody is welcome to place items in the box and all are welcome to take them. You take what you need and give what you can.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Zagurskie

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.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING:

The Women's Guild will have a social meeting on Tuesday, May 25th at the Juniata Valley Winery at 6:30 p.m. All are invited, and we hope to see you there. Decisions on the Guild's future plans need to be made. Please put this important information on your calendar.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION:
Will be held Friday, June 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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.
 - ❖ 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.** Crying room is closed.
 - ❖ Collection basket will not be passed. Place your collection in the basket at the back of the church by the Baptismal font.
 - ❖ Votive candles are not accessible at this time.
- 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**

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The site, www.catholicwitness.org, includes the latest features, all in a user-friendly, mobile and dynamic layout. Through the website, parishioners can register to receive *The Witness*' free bi-weekly digital edition directly to their inbox. The digital edition includes links to the most recent news features, as well as a printable PDF file. Visit www.catholicwitness.org and sign up today!

Come Together to Pray the Rosary

The month of May is dedicated to the honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Holy Rosary is one of the most popular devotional prayers among Roman Catholics worldwide. **For the past year the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has led the Rosary (virtually) every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. As an expression of our faith and deep devotion to our Blessed Mother, we warmly extend an invitation for all to join us as we come together to**

pray the Rosary. For more information to log-in, please email ccwexecutivesecretary@gmail.com.



SCHOOL NEWS

Virtual Auction Starts Sunday!!

The Sacred Heart School Auction committee will be holding their **Spring Auction virtually on their Facebook Page** beginning Sunday, May 23 and will run through Tuesday, May 25, 2021. A **TAKE-OUT ONLY** spaghetti dinner, bake sale, and sausage sale will be held on **SATURDAY, MAY 22** at Sacred Heart School. Come get dinner and dessert to go while supporting a wonderful school!! **See Details Below:**



Let the Bidding Begin!!

If you have not already done so, please head to **Facebook** and "Like" the Sacred Heart Online Auction Page. Items for sale, including the very popular class projects are now posted.

Spaghetti Dinner Take-Out Meal

When: Saturday May 22, 2021

Time: 4:30-7:00PM

Location: Sacred Heart School

Price: \$6.00

Meal includes: Tossed Salad, Bread, Spaghetti, & Meatballs



Virtual auction items will be on display & baked goods will be available for purchase!



SHS Signature Sausage

SHS Signature sausages (Italian sausages stuffed with tomato basil and mozzarella cheese) made locally at Ferguson Valley Farms. **Sausages will be sold uncooked in sealed packs of 3 for \$7 and are available for pick up at the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 22 only. Extra packages of sausages for purchase are also available.**

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.

SHS All Cash Raffle Ticket Update

As of 5/18/2021 we have sold 1,927 tickets! Proceeds from the raffle are the single most profitable segment of the SHS Benefit Auction, and go to help off-set tuition costs. The Grand Prize is \$1,000!! Thank you for your help with this important fundraiser. Winners will be drawn on **Tuesday, May 25**. A special Thank You to Jim & Steve Dalton for sponsoring the printing of the tickets.

Raffle Tickets may still be turned into the Parish Office no later than **4:00PM, Monday, May 25**



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.**

