

May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Tithing income for the week of April 25, 2021:	
Regular:	\$1,415.00
Tithing income for the week of May 2, 2021:	
Regular:	Not available
Mass Attendance for May 1, 2021	28
Mass Attendance for May 2, 2021	60



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. Jays 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.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

"In this way the love of God has been revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we may have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins... remain in my love."

Our love of God is only a reflection of His never ending love of me. He creates, sustains and fills me with His life and love. I might think about my love of the Lord, but in reality, it mirrors His love for me.

'Love one another as I love you' is His commandment. My response is directed toward others. When I realize that they are worthy of Christ's love, then I eagerly want to do the same. His love for me is to be given to others. 'God is love and he who abides in love abides in God and God in him.'

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter preaches to the Gentiles for the first time in the house of Cornelius. Peter realized that God would accept any person who acted uprightly, regardless of his or her heritage. Then the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles and Peter allowed them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

John advises all believers to love one another, for love is a gift from God. The person without love does not know God, whose love for us is so great he sent his only son so that we might have life through him.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus asks his disciples to live on in his love and to "Love one another as I have loved you." He explains that he chose them to follow him, and promises if they keep his commandments they will have anything that they ask for in his name.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus had appeared many times to His disciples after His resurrection. On this final occasion, Jesus' departing message is that they will soon receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work. No sooner does He say this, he is taken up to heaven before their eyes.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may grant wisdom and enlightenment to the Ephesians so that they may know the great hope to which they are called. Every power has been given to Christ who now reigns in heaven. He is the "head of the church, which is His body."

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus told His disciples to go and spread the gospel to every creature, to the world. Jesus also spoke of the signs that will accompany those who believe in Christ. After He spoke with them, He was taken into heaven and took His seat the right hand of God.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, May 8: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5; John 15:18-21

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

9:15 AM A. Palumbo from Trudy Ober

Monday, May 10: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Joh 15:26-16:4a

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 11: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Joh 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 12: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22-18:1; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jonh 16:12-15

Thursday, May 13: Ascension of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Friday, May 14: St Matthias, Apostle (Feast)

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15:9-17

Saturday, May 15: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 18:23-28; Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; John 16:23b-28

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 16: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 John 4:11-16; Joh 17: 11b-19

9:15 AM Ralph Hepner from Rose Hepner

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, 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

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, 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 of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of soul

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, 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.

It is with great sadness we announce the unexpected death of Fr. John Schmalhofer on Monday, April 26. Fr. Schmalhofer served Sacred Heart first as parochial vicar from 1978 to 1983 and then returned as Pastor from 1988 to 1995. Fr. Schmalhofer's funeral Mass was held on May 5 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lancaster. Messages of condolence may be sent to Fr. Schmalhofer's niece Betsy Wendel at 1015 North Phipps Woods Court, Glen Mills, PA 19342

Congratulations to our students who receive First Holy Communion today!

Clare Cabell

Issac Geibel

Joel Schall



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.](#) There will be special guests who will lead a decade of the Rosary. If you have a Marian Shrine in your home, perhaps you would like to share pictures during the May calls. For more information to log-in, please email ccwexecutivesecretary@gmail.com.

ASCENSION DAY MASS:

Ascension is Thursday, May 13, 2021. Mass will be offered at Saint Jude Parish at 7:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS:

Mass on Memorial Day will be held May 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you! Thank you!

Saint Jude Thaddeus Parish extends a big "Thank you!" to Dan Ames for constructing the tabernacle stand for the Altar of Repose.

Prayer request from Messiah Lutheran Church:

Requesting prayers for Ken Mummah as he is having valve replacement surgery this week.

WEIS & GIANT GROCERY CARDS:

Beginning this coming weekend, May 1-2, 2021 Weis and Giant grocery cards will again be on sale in the social hall after both Masses.

Shirley Baade has retired after many years of managing grocery card sales; Karen Thome will be doing this in her stead. Karen works most weekends so that she cannot be available to sell cards after Mass. Therefore, **we are in need of 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, please give Karen a call at 717-436-5746.**

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

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.

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**

A Note from Fr. Bill

Some Coronavirus restrictions for church are easing up, by June, although **masks and social distancing will continue indefinitely**. Singing softly with mask on is now permitted and waving or nodding for the sign of peace may be done. The DVD, CD and pamphlet rack is open with the lighting of candles and hymnals in the pews to be restored soon. We have avoided any kind of large outbreak of Coronavirus from any of the Masses this year largely because of your cooperation, and **you are all to be commended** for that, along with the volunteer sanitizers, ushers and greeters maintaining the precautions over these last 12 months. May we maintain our vigilance and our prayers for those negatively affected by the pandemic, knowing that **God continues to guide us to His light and His life.**

Fr. Bill

SCHOOL NEWS

Virtual Auction Update!

The auction committee has made the difficult decision to hold our **Spring Auction virtually on our Facebook Page May 23-25, 2021**, with a **take-out only** spaghetti dinner, bake sale, and sausage sale to be held on **Saturday, May 22 at Sacred Heart School**. Details Below:



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



Pre-Sale tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office.

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

SHS Signature Sausage Pre-Sale

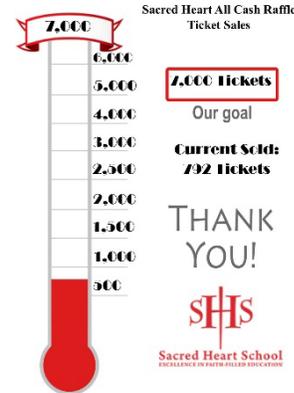
SHS Signature sausages (Italian sausages stuffed with tomato basil and mozzarella cheese) made locally at Ferguson Valley Farms. Sausages will be sold uncooked in sealed packs of 3 for **\$7** and can be picked up at the spaghetti dinner. Pre-orders are not needed, but encouraged. **Please call the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 to reserve yours now!**

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 5/4/2021 we have sold 792 tickets! Proceeds from the raffle are the single most profitable segment of the SHS Benefit Auction, and we need everyone's help and support! Our goal is to sell all **7,000 tickets**, so we can raise **\$35,000** for our Parish and School! We encourage you to ask your family, friends and co-workers that are near and far to buy tickets and for you to sell as many as you can to help us exceed our goal. If you can sell more, please contact the **Parish Office at 717-242-2781**. Please return sold/unsold tickets and money to the Parish Office or collection basket no later than **Monday, May 17th**. For sold tickets, please make one check payable to "Sacred Heart Parish". Thank you in advance 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.



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.**

