

## November 14, 2021 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship is a Way of Life.

### Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of October 31, 2021:  
Regular: **\$2,956.50**



Please be generous in your financial and spiritual support for the Matthew 25 Collection next weekend. Our parish retains 25% of your gift to provide immediate assistance to our brothers and sisters who need housing assistance, warm clothes for the winter months and a nutritious meal. Over the past five years, **more than \$1.04 million has been provided to local organizations** in the Diocese of Harrisburg, with **over \$329,230 returned to parishes** for their work in providing food, clothing, and shelter. Gifts can be made via cash, check or credit cards. Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/matthew25](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/matthew25) to make an online gift and for more information.

### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 14, 2021

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the ends of the sky... But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

The vision portrayed in the gospel, and the apocalyptic vision of Daniel, can be both alarming and frightening. For how many centuries Christians have reflected upon these words and often dismissed them?

But wait! How many persons who have heard them are not with us now because of the pandemic? The numbers who have died have been measured with the numbers who perished in the military conflicts of the last century. We pray for them who ask our prayer.

When will these things occur? Am I ready?  
As we draw close to the end of the church year, consider the frailty of our lives, the nearness of our meeting the Lord and His judgement that awaits us. May we be ready to go to meet Him.

#### **First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3**

Daniel discusses the end of the world, a time when the dead shall rise and everyone will be judged. He warns that some shall “be an everlasting horror and disgrace.” But he promises that some will live forever, and the wise will shine brightly to lead others to justice.

#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18**

Priests repeatedly offered sacrifices that were unable to take away sin. But through Jesus’ one sacrifice, our sins were forgiven, leaving no need for other offerings.

#### **Gospel: Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus told his disciples that many signs would be seen before the end of the world. He explained that the earth would pass away but his words would not. He also told them that neither the angels nor himself, but only his Father knew when this would take place.



### LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the  
Intentions  for the  
Week



*And Weekly Readings*

**Saturday, November 13: St. Frances Xavier Carini,  
Virgin (Memorial)**

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37,  
42-43; Luke 18:1-8

5:30 PM Norman Severt from  
Mary Ann Severt and Joyce Parson

**Sunday, November 14: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16:5,8,9-10, 11; Hebrews 10:11-14,  
18, Mark 13:24-32

9:15 AM Ralph Hepner from Rose Hepner  
1:30 PM People of the Parish

**Monday, November 15: Weekday**

Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63;

Psalm 119:53,61,134,150,155,158; Luke 18:35-43

9:00 AM Deceased members of Kreamer Family

**Tuesday, November 16: Weekday**

2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 19:1-10

**Wednesday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of  
Hungary, Religious(Memorial)**

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Psalm 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b & 15;  
Luke 19:11-28

**Thursday, November 18: Weekday**

1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Psalm 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15;  
Luke 19:41-44

**Friday, November 19: Weekday**

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11  
abc, 11d-12a, Luke 19:45-48

**Saturday, November 20: Weekday**

1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Psalm 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19;  
Luke 20:27-40

5:30 PM Rosa Lee Weinert

**Sunday, November 21: Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

Daniel 7:13-14(161B); Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5;

Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

9:15 AM Don Parson, Sr. from Don and Joyce Parson  
1:30 PM People of the Parish

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact David Treaster at 717-436-2968.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:** Will be held on **Thursday, November 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:** Will be held **Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS:** There will be a mass on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**GOOD NEWS!! CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK & BAZAAR:** The Women's Guild will have its annual **Christmas Cookie Walk & Bazaar** in December.

This year's walk is on **Saturday, December 11, 2021**, in the church social hall **from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M.** (or while supply lasts). **Doors open at 8:30 A.M.**

Cookies will still be homemade by our little old (and young) bakers, but they will be packaged ahead of time. Price is \$10.00/container for 2 dozen plus (depending on size of cookies) per container. Homemade candies will also be on sale as well as a White Elephant table with unique Christmas gifts.

Come early to get the best selection and enjoy a **free** cup of hot coffee while you browse.

For more information, contact Joyce Price, 717-994-0209.

**COOKER BAKERS NEEDED:** We need bakers for our Women's Guild Cookie Walk on December 11, 2021. Ruth Howard will be calling women of the parish to bake as many dozens as possible. We ask for **12 dozen of one kind** per baker, but we will be happy and grateful for whatever you can do. Thank you to all our past bakers and for those of you who can help this year. We could not do this without you.

#### **A CHRISTMAS CHOIR!**

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those who would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Choir. If you have a special musical talent (singing, musical instrument) let us know if you would like to share your talent with the congregation. If you have any questions, please see Megan Miller or contact her at 717-527-4426 or [mfitz6@hotmail.com](mailto:mfitz6@hotmail.com). Practices will be brief and commence at 10:30 a.m. following the Sunday morning mass.

**ATTENTION YOUTH AND ADULTS! JOIN US FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE ON JANUARY 21, 2022:** We are in the preliminary stage of planning a bus trip for St. Jude and Sacred Heart parishes to attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 21, 2022. We need marchers to support the cause of protecting all lives both before and after birth. Come with us to march with thousands and thousands of others who believe that life must be cherished from conception until natural death.

Please add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet in the social hall today. This trip is only possible if we have enough people to cover the cost of the bus to Washington. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more details.

Questions: Karen Thome, 717-436-5746 or [kkthome@centurylink.net](mailto:kkthome@centurylink.net)



#### **Ministry Schedule: November 13-14**

**Sat. 5:30 PM**

**Lector: C. Fitzgerald**

**Cantor: M. Kerchusky**

**Altar Server: J. Zarnowski**

**Usher: T. Kerchusky**

**Sun. 9:15 AM**

**Lector: T. Ober**

**Cantor: A. Arnold**

**Altar Server: St. Michael's Guard**

**Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames**

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**Cantor: M. Kerchusky**

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**Usher: T. Kerchusky**

**Sun. 9:15 AM**

**Lector: T. Kromel**

**Cantor: R. Perez**

**Altar Server: C. Schall, D. Miller**

**Usher: S. Arnold, L. Bastian**

#### **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

# FAITH MATTERS

With Fr. Peter Rettig

*How do you spend your day off?*



On my last day off I plopped down in my chair in the rectory and decided to watch a little TV. I realized that if I stayed there for more than 15 minutes, an hour or two could easily pass by! Then I thought, do I really want to spend my leisure day being passively entertained in front of a TV? I could enjoy myself just as much if I went out into the woods and explored a new mountain! Not only that, I would be doing something productive too. This begs the question; how do we spend our leisure time? There is, in fact, a way to sanctify our leisure. We understand leisure to be time spent when we're not at the office or doing life's tedious necessities, like mowing the lawn. The ancient Greeks understood this about leisure as well. Aristotle believed leisure to be the "ideal state of earthly life." It was a time where someone could exercise their true individuality through their interests and strengths. However, the ancient Greeks didn't have TV to watch on their day off. Instead, they spend their leisure time pursuing their personal goals through hobbies. The intellectuals spend hours in conversation chewing on life's biggest questions, like "Why do we exist?" or "How do we live our lives to the fullest?" Those who weren't brainiacs would spend their free time improving their skills in athletics. So, what's the difference between ancient Greek leisure and modern leisure? The modern world almost hints to leisure being completely passive, meaning that we shouldn't do anything, but rather, make something entertain us – watching TV all day, for example. This was a result of the industrial revolution, where people were working 14+ hour days with no day off. People were tired of working so their time off was spent resting. If they worked so much, no wonder all they wanted to do is sit and do nothing! For example, my great-grandfather was a coal miner in Paintsville, Kentucky. He went to work when it was dark, spent all day in a dark tunnel, and left work when it was dark. He never even saw the light of day! All he wanted to do when he got home was sleep so he could be ready for work in the morning. Leisure was non-existent in his life!

Today we live in an era that is blessed to emphasize our right for leisure time. However, a remnant of the industrial revolution's work ethic is still in us! And, modern culture tells us to sit on the couch all day to relax. The truth is that God wants us to use our leisure time productively; not by laboring, but by being productive for ourselves and his Kingdom. Do we have a personal goal to reach on the guitar? Go practice! Do we want to sprint just a little bit faster for the next track meet? Go do it! Do we want to be able to think about the deep questions of this life? Bring up the topic with a family member and mull it over! We can sanctify our leisure time by making it productive. There are times where we must rest passively, however do not let that take over. Build up your own kingdom by reaching personal goals on your leisure time, and build up God's Kingdom by being productive.



## **In Partnership with Geisinger Foundation, and Geisinger Lewistown Hospital, Bob Perks Fund Expands Services to Cancer Patients in Mifflin and Juniata Counties**

Eligible patients living in Mifflin and Juniata Counties undergoing cancer treatment are now eligible to receive financial assistance from the Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund. Since 2006, the Bob Perks Fund (BPF) has provided financial support to cancer patients living in Blair, Centre, Clearfield, and Huntingdon counties and is now able to add Mifflin and Juniata to its service area. BPF helps those who face serious financial problems because their battle with cancer has caused a decrease in their income or an increase in their expenses. BPF assists cancer patients with current, nonmedical basic expenses like rent, utilities, groceries, gas and more. By providing this financial support, BPF aims to reduce cancer patients worries about unpaid bills and help them focus their energy on their health and recovery. To apply for BPF assistance, cancer patients currently undergoing treatment ask a member of their treatment team to make the referral to the BPF. For more information about applying for assistance, email [apply@bobperksfund.org](mailto:apply@bobperksfund.org) or call 814-231-2692. For general information about BPF, visit [www.bobperksfund.org](http://www.bobperksfund.org) or contact Executive Director Norma Keller at [nkeller@bobperksfund.org](mailto:nkeller@bobperksfund.org) or 814-327-9247.

**YOUTH GROUP:** There is a Youth Group meeting this Sunday evening, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

**MIFFLIN-JUNIATA ENERGY BANK:** The Energy Bank will be available to assist local residents with heating expenses or rental assistance beginning November 15, 2021.

### **New Parish Office Hours**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL NOW BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS.** Our office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

The International Gifts & Bake Sale will be held at Cedar Grove BIC Church at 287 Deerville Road, Mifflintown, PA on Thursday, November 18 from 6-8 PM, Friday, November 19 from 9 AM to 7 PM and Saturday, November 20 from 9 AM to 3 PM. For more information, visit us on Facebook or at [www.juniatainternationalgiftssale.com](http://www.juniatainternationalgiftssale.com).

## Excitement is in the air!!

**Shelter Service, Inc. will be gifted \$20,000.00 from a local business person IF we can raise \$20,000.00 by**



**Thanksgiving!** The Shelter houses over 100 different local individuals each year and helps 120 more with clothing, food, and heat. But our donations have declined

by \$50,000.00 from 2020 and providing full services is becoming more difficult. **I place the Challenge before You:** How can you help us continue to serve the homeless by helping us to reach this goal?

Plan a fundraiser, collect donations, sell a beef, give a gift in honor, or memory of someone, share the challenge with others, write a check, All proceeds remain local: All checks are payable to: **Shelter Service, Inc. Mail to: 13 Depot St. Lewistown, Pa 17044** Any questions may be directed to [janeshelterservice@gmail.com](mailto:janeshelterservice@gmail.com);

[www.facebook.com/shelterservicemifflinjuniatacounty/](http://www.facebook.com/shelterservicemifflinjuniatacounty/)

SCRIP is an easy way for us to earn money for the school to support the HSA in providing activities for the students. **How does it work?** There are 2 ways for you to participate:

- 1) Simply decide which gift cards you would like from the provided list. Send a check for the amount of cards made payable to SHS-HSA! That's it! HSA receives the rebate amount listed next to the gift card. EASY PEASY!
- 2) You can shop online at **shopwithscrip.com**. I have attached a sheet with instructions. Again, EASY PEASY! When you shop online the rebate goes directly to the HSA account. And you can shop online at any time.

Remember, SCRIP cards can be used for everyday shopping such as groceries and gas or you can use them for gifts for the upcoming holidays. It is up to you! If you would like to order via the order form, pick up a list in the church narthex or at the parish office, make your selections and return the order forms with a check for payment to the parish office no later than **November 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sharina Harshbarger at 814-441-4361 or email at [sharinaharshbarger@gmail.com](mailto:sharinaharshbarger@gmail.com).



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Weis Card insert

#### Sacred Heart School Angel Fund

This weekend you will find a nicely decorated apple attached to your bulletin, these apples were decorated by the students of SHS in hopes that you will make a gift to the SHS Angel Fund. The SHS Angel Fund provides scholarships and financial assistance to children who attend our school. If you would like to make a donation, you can make checks payable to **Sacred Heart School with Angel Fund** in the memo and placing it in the collection bin, mailing it to the school or you can go online to [sacredheartschool.com](http://sacredheartschool.com) and make an online donation. Donations to the SHS Angel Fund are accepted at any time during the year; however, if you are able, we encourage you to participate at this time. **Consider using your 5% tithe to other charitable organizations to participate, if possible. Thanks for your support of SHS!**

#### SCRIP Sales for 2021

**The second SCRIP fundraiser sale is in progress.** We will be having the third and final sale in December. Both arriving before the holidays. Please watch the bulletin for further updates on when the next sale will begin. **What is SCRIP?**

