

## November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

### Stewardship is a Way of Life.

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

Tithing income for the week of November 14, 2021:

Regular: **\$\$1958.50**

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support for the Matthew 25 Collection last 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. It is not too late to still give. Gifts can be made via cash, check or credit card. 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  
First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021

"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, at that time, I will raise up for the house of David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure." As church we are called to shift gears, recalling the promise of Jeremiah, and looking forward to its fulfillment. Advent provides us with the opportunity to look back to the promise and seek its fulfillment once again in our lives.

We embark on this time of expectation, with great anticipation. Consider what it was like for faithful people in the centuries before Christ, yearning, desiring, seeking the fulfillment of the promise. Consider now our needs, knowing that Christ has come, but still longing for the justice and righteousness of which Jeremiah spoke.

Advent preparedness depends on me, how I pray, what I do.

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

#### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2**

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting

themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

#### **Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

### LITURGICAL NOTES

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



*And Weekly Readings*

#### **Saturday, November 27: Weekday**

Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3:82-87; Luke 21:34-36

5:30 PM Rita Rafalko

#### **Sunday, November 28: First Sunday of Advent**

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14;  
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

9:15 AM Gloria Rocco from Dan Ames

1:30 PM People of the Parish

#### **Monday, November 29: Advent Weekday**

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Matthew 8:5-11

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Parson Family

#### **Tuesday, November 30: Saint Andrew, Apostle (Feast)**

Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19:8,9,10,11; Matthew 4:18-22

#### **Wednesday, December 1: Advent Weekday**

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Matthew 15:29-37

#### **Thursday, December 2: Advent Weekday**

Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

#### **Friday, December 3: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)**

Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31

9:00 AM People of the Parish

#### **Saturday, December 4: Advent Weekday**

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:30 PM Peg Braun

#### **Sunday, December 5: Second Sunday of Advent**

Baruch 5:1-9 (6C); Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

9:15 AM Sherry McIlvine from Trudy Ober

1:30 PM People of the Parish

### **WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS DINNER:**

Will be held at the Wilson House B&B ON **Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** Menu and cost appear on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

### **BLESSING OF THE CRECHE:**

All are invited to the blessing of the crèche which will be held **Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

### **MEMORIAL MASS FOR MARY ANN TRUITT:**

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** at St. Jude Church, Mifflintown, with a luncheon to follow in the church social hall provided by the Parish Women's Guild. All are welcome.



### **ANGEL TREE:**

Ginger Best is doing the angel tree in Honor of Kathy Nash again this year. The angels are for Crossroads and also for the Juniata County Early Childhood children. The angels need to be back by December 12<sup>th</sup> and the gifts for the crossroad program do not need to be wrapped. If you look on your angel it will have Crossroads on the bottom. If Crossroads does not appear on the angel it is for Juniata County Early Childhood, and those packages should be wrapped. Please put your angel on the gifts that are wrapped so they know who to give them to. The towels and wash cloths should be wrapped, also. Thank you so much for helping with this project and helping the children and their parents.

**YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall!**

### **ATTENTION YOUTH AND ADULTS: MARCH FOR LIFE IS JANUARY 21, 2022:**

Please join us and thousands of other pro-life youth and adults for a one-day trip to the annual March for Life on the National Mall in Washington D.C., Friday, January 21, 2022. Yoder Tourways will load passengers at both Sacred Heart and St. Jude parishes early in the morning of the March. On the way, we will make an interesting side trip to one of three possible locations. We are in the beginning stages of planning for this event, so more details will follow in coming bulletins.

If you are interested, youth and adults can register by signing up on the sheet available in the social hall or by emailing Karen Thome, [kkthome@centurylink.net](mailto:kkthome@centurylink.net), **as soon as possible** so that we can finalize plans.

The cost for this one-day trip cannot be accurately determined at this point. If you cannot attend but would like to sponsor a youth or make a donation to help us keep the cost per person, as low as possible, we would be most grateful.

More details to come, but, in the meantime, **please sign-up on the sheet in the social hall as soon as possible.**

Any questions or to make a donation to help us keep the cost per person down contact Karen Thome, [kkthome@centurylink.net](mailto:kkthome@centurylink.net), 717-348-8051.

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

**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 Hower 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. If you can help, please call Ruth at 717-436-2020.

### **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.

## UPDATE YOUR HOME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER:

If you have moved or changed your phone number, please e-mail the office at [rectory@stjudemiffintown.org](mailto:rectory@stjudemiffintown.org) or give your updated information to Alice Arnold. Thank you!

### New Sacred Heart 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.

### Rectory Open House Christmas Party



Father Weary's Rectory Open House Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, December 12th from 3-5 PM.** All are welcome to join us for this annual celebration.

Snacks and drinks will be provided.



### Ministry Schedule: November 27-28

**Sat. 5:30 PM**

**Lector: C. Fitzgerald**

**Cantor: M. Kerchusky**

**Altar Server: J. Zarnowski**

**Usher: T. Kerchusky**

**Sun. 9:15 AM**

**Lector: J. Fitzgerald**

**Cantor: M. Miller**

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

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

### Ministry Schedule: December 4-8

**Sat. 5:30 PM**

**Lector: J. Fitzgerald**

**Cantor: M. Kerchusky**

**Altar Server: J. Zarnowski**

**Usher: T. Kerchusky**

**Sun. 9:15 AM**

**Lector: G. Price**

**Cantor: M. Miller**

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

**Usher: S. Arnold, R. Auken**

### Ministry Schedule: December 7

**Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**

**Immaculate Conception**

### Ministry Schedule: November 27-28

**Lector: G. Price**

**Cantor: A. Arnold**

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

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

## FAITH MATTERS

*With Fr. Peter Rettig*

*St. Ignatius of Antioch: A Pillar for Tradition*

As Catholics, we believe divine revelation is both written (the Bible) and oral (Tradition). St. Ignatius of Antioch is one of the most important references through tradition that the early Christian Church was in fact Catholic. It is rumored that Ignatius was one of the children who sat on Jesus' lap when Jesus said his famous words, "Let the children come to me." To say the least, Ignatius was involved with the early Church and wrote many letters to the Christian communities, similar to St. Paul. One thing Ignatius emphasizes is the importance of the position of the bishops. It was taken very seriously for early Christians. "Ignatius, also called Theophorous, the church of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ located at Philadelphia in the province of Asia. You have found mercy and have been strengthened in the peace of God; you are now filled with gladness because of the passion of our Lord, and by his mercy you were made believers in his resurrection. I greet you in the blood of Jesus Christ. you are my abiding and unshakable joy, especially if your members remain united with the bishop and with his presbyters and deacons, all appointed in accordance with the mind of Christ who by his own will has strengthened them in the firmness which the Spirit gives. I know that this bishop has obtained his ministry which serves the community, neither by his own efforts, nor from men nor even out of vainglory, but from the love of God the Father and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am deeply impressed by his gentleness, and by his silence he is more effective than the empty talkers. He is in harmony with the commandments as is a lute with his strings. I call him blessed, then for his sentiments toward God, since I know these to be virtuous and perfect, and for his stability and calm, in which he imitates the gentleness of the living God. As sons of the light of truth, flee divisions and evil doctrines; where your shepherd is, follow him as his flock. For all who belong to God and Jesus Christ are with the bishop; all who repent and return to the unity of the Church will also belong to God, that they may live according to Jesus Christ. do not be deceived, my brothers. If anyone follows a schismatic, he will not obtain the inheritance of God's kingdom; if anyone lives by an alien teaching, he does not assent to the passion of the Lord. Be careful, therefore, to take part only in the one Eucharist; for there is only one flesh of our lord Jesus Christ and one cup to unite us with his blood, one altar and one bishop with the presbyters and deacons, who are his fellow servants. Then, whatever you do, you will do according to God. My brothers, I overflow with love for you and with a joyous heart I make you strong-although it is not so much I but Jesus Christ. Although imprisoned for his sake, I fear more because of my imperfection. But your prayers will perfect me in the eyes of God so that I might yet receive the inheritance promised by the merciful God. I seek refuge in the person of Christ through the Gospels and I appeal to the true ministry of the Church through the apostles." So, let's live out our respect for the position of the bishops of the Church. Obviously not every bishop is perfect as a



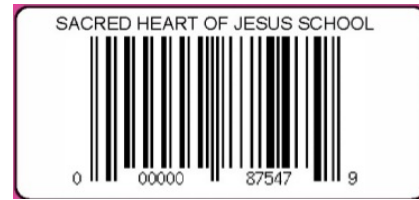
human being, but his title is one to which we must pay respect since he has promised to be our shepherd until we reach the pearly gates!

### Christmas Basket Collection

Starting November 29 St. Vincent dePaul Society will be collecting canned goods and other items for our Christmas Basket Giveaway. We will be distributing 100 baskets on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Please be generous to help those less fortunate. We are in need of Turkeys, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Boxed Stuffing, Boxed Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, Canned Pumpkin, Pie Shells, Corn, Green Beans, Cake Mix, Canned Frosting, Soups, Jell-O or Pudding mix, Canned or Bottled Gravy and Candy Canes or monetary donations! We would like the donations to be to us by **December 10th**. Contributions should be dropped off at the SVDP office at 3 W Monument Square, Suite 203 on Tuesdays or Fridays. Questions call (717) 363-4812 or email us at [stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com)



earn points for our school too. **Thank you for supporting our school with much needed funding!**



### Final SCRIP Sales for 2021

**The third and final SCRIP fundraiser sale for 2021 is happening now!!**

Your cards will arrive in time for Christmas. **What is SCRIP?** 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](http://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 by **December 6, 2021**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lindsey Anderson at SHS at 717-248-5351 or email at [office@sacredheartschool.com](mailto:office@sacredheartschool.com).



### SCHOOL NEWS

### 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!**



### Building a WEIS Future

Educational technology and funding changes daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, Sacred Heart School is partnering with Weis Markets in the **Weis 4 School** program. By participating in this program, we can earn money for our school simply by shopping as we all do every day. **When you shop at Weis, scan the barcode below to register your Weis Club Card.** Once you register, you are in the program and you do not need to register again. Please share this barcode with your friends and relatives so they can