

November 7, 2021 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a Way of Life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of October 24, 2021:

Regular: \$3,197.40

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021

"Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the Lord, the God of Israel says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth.' She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well... 'Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury... for she from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.'"

The old and new testaments make us quite aware of responsibility toward the poor and marginalized, widows, orphans on women who are now deprived of their husbands. Every parish community can provide names and faces of women who are both in need, or who make great contributions through prayer, presence or service. What a blessing, yet we sometimes overlook or ignore their state in life, as vital members of our communities. We pray for them and thank God for their presence.

The women of the scriptures today gave of their last jar of flour and drops of oil and were provided for by God. The two cents contributed to the temple treasury far exceeded the huge amounts provided by the surplus of some.

May we express our gratitude for all gifts given from the heart and provide especially for those in need.

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah asked a widow for a cup of water and a piece of bread. She told him she was almost out of flour, and that she and her son would soon starve. Elijah told her not to be afraid, as God had told him the jar of flour would not go empty. So she did as he had asked and prepared bread from the last of her flour. As God had said, her jar did not go empty, and she and her son had plenty to eat.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

The high priests entered the sanctuary each year and offered a sacrifice, but not a sacrifice of their own blood. Just as people die once and are judged, Christ was offered up once for the sins of many.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Jesus expressed disgust over the hypocrisy of some of the scribes for wanting special treatment from the people. He

watched the wealthy put large contributions into the collection box, but explained that what they gave was surplus wealth, and not a real sacrifice. He told them the biggest donation was a small amount from a widow, because she had given up the only money that she had to live on.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass & Intentions for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Saturday, November 6: Weekday

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11;
Luke 16:9-15

5:30 PM Gilbert Sander

Sunday, November 7: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10;
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

9:15 AM Giuseppe Gabino

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, November 8: Weekday

Wisdom 1:1-7; Psalm 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10;
Luke 17:1-6

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17;
Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 2:13-22

Wednesday, November 10: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Wisdom 6:1-11; Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7; Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 11: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop (Memorial)

Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Psalm 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175;
Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 12: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)

Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Luke 17:26-37

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: 33rd 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

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

Remembrance Service

A special **Service of Remembrance** will be held at Saint Jude Church this **Sunday, November 7th, 2021**, at 7:00 PM



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

FOOD PANTRY NOVEMBER UPDATE:

Our stockpile of Thanksgiving and Christmas foods is growing steadily, but we are still in need of certain items to be used to pack 350 or more Thanksgiving boxes for local families for our distribution on November 20th. We would be so grateful for your help.

Items still needed: 12 lb. turkeys or turkey breasts, 3-5 lb. hams, boxed brownie or cookie mix, and canned sweet potatoes. A donation of \$20.00 will purchase one complete meal. Thank you for your consideration.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: Will be held **Sunday, December 5, 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 dozen 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.

Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of:

Genevieve Gregos	John T. Kromel
Steven Graham	William Nash
Nicholas Spak	Roseanne Spak
Mary Ann Truitt	

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. Practices will be brief and commence at 10:30 a.m. following the Sunday morning mass.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to lead the Rosary before Mass on Sunday mornings. The Rosary starts at 8:45 a.m. before the 9:15 a.m. Mass. If interested or for more information call Cathy Fitzgerald at 717-734-2226. If no answer, please leave a message.

New Sacred Heart Office Hours

Beginning this Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 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.



Ministry Schedule: November 6-7

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: 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

FAITH MATTERS

With Fr. Peter Rettig



Can you conquer worrying?

I apologize for my absence for the past two weekends. Like all newly-ordained priests, I have and love my parish family, but sometimes I must take time out to thank those who helped me become a priest. That's why two weekends ago, I said the weekend Masses of thanksgiving at my deacon parish, St. Francis Xavier in Gettysburg. And, this past weekend, I concelebrated with Archbishop Aymond (Archbishop of New Orleans) the wedding of my best friend from college, David. This was a classic New Orleans wedding, meaning it began at 7pm and was accompanied with much fanfare and good southern food. Before the wedding, however, David and I were talking and he said, "my chest is tight, I'm nervous." To calm him down, I told him, "All you have to do is say the words and mean them; it's just a few words." That seemed to work. He kept repeating to himself, "just say the words, just say the words." Now, a wedding is infinitely more important than just a few words. It signifies the life of two people together forming a covenant with God, the couple working to bring each other to heaven as well as their children. However, to stay composed, all David had to think about was saying a few words - "I do." That got me thinking, how many



other life events do we allow to worry us? In stressful situations, can we boil them down to just one step? Often, I find myself worrying idly about silly things over which I have no control. What good does that do? –

Nothing! St. Paul tells us not to worry, because "God has already overcome the world and the broken things within it" (Phil 4:6-7). For David, he was worrying about the permanent commitment he would make with his spouse, the stress of everyone looking at him, and not looking silly in front of the Archbishop of New Orleans. But, one way to stop worrying is to focus on the one step that is required of you, not about things over which you have no control. The ancient Greek stoic philosophers understood this. Stoicism taught that all external things are out of our control, so there is no point in worrying about them. They taught that the only thing that you have control over is yourself! So, they suggested, do yourself a favor, and just focus on controlling your internal functions: thoughts, emotions, desires, actions, etc. What will happen tomorrow, what someone might say, are not worth worrying about because they're out of our control! So, next time we are worried about a life situation, before a major life event, or the outcome of a major decision, let's think like St. Paul and tell ourselves, "**I'm not going to worry about things of this world because they're out of my control, and Christ already conquered them. The only thing I will focus on is how I react.**"

Annual Diocesan Catechetical Conference

All are invited to the **Annual Diocesan Catechetical Conference on Saturday, November 13, 2021**, at the Diocesan Center. The theme is Catechizing for Conversion. Great workshops with an outstanding lineup of speakers. Keynote Speaker is Scott Sollom, Professor of Catechetics at Franciscan University. The day also includes Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer, Confessions, Vendors, and lunch. In-Person and Virtual options available. **Register by November 10th** at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/catechetical-conference/>

INTERNATIONAL GIFT SALE:

The International Gifts & Bake Sale will be held at Cedar Grove BIC Church at 287 Deerville Road, Millintown, 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.

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; www.facebook.com/shelterservicemifflinjuniatacounty/



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 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? 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 16th**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sharina Harshbarger at 814-441-4361 or email at sharinaharshbarger@gmail.com.