

November 27, 2022 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of
November 20, 2022

Regular:	\$2,424.00
Hispanic Mass Offering:	\$166.00
Matthew 25 Offering:	\$220.00

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 27, 2022

"You know the time in which we are living, it is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent; The day draws near. Let us cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus..."

We have heard this message constantly as we begin the season of advent. What does it take to make sure that we respond? Consider the many horrible events of the past year. Mass shootings, innocent lives lost, families shattered by violence, war, and invasions since February, hate and indifference. They are not just distant happenings, they affect us.

This advent is our wake up call, asking us to consider what we do to contribute to the mess, and more importantly, what we will do to confront this reality. It is through the presence of Christ, the Prince of Peace that change can come. It is through our personal response to make change in our own lives, that there can be positive change for others. May these few weeks be profitable for us all.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week



Saturday, November 26: Weekday

Revelation 22:1-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab;
Luke 21:34-36

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, November 27: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

9:15 AM Ashley Fiorucci

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, November 28: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 4:2-6; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Matthew 8:5-11

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 29: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, November 30: Saint Andrew, Apostle (Feast)

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

Thursday, December 1: Advent Weekday

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

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Friday, December 2: Advent Weekday

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

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, December 3: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Psalm 117:1bc, 2;
Mark 16:15-20

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

9:15 AM People of the Parish

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Rectory Open House Christmas Party

Father Weary's Rectory Open House Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, December 18th from 3-5PM**. All are welcome to join us for this annual celebration. Snacks and drinks will be provide





ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

You are cordially invited to attend our very first Advent by Candlelight on Friday, December 2nd, to prepare for the Season of Advent. Doors open at 5:30

The evening will include a speaker, Maria Mullin. She will speak on the topic of “Rebirth in the Womb of Mary of Guadalupe.” There will be music, socializing, and confession. The event will begin at 6 pm (Doors open at 5:30) and will conclude at 9 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will go in support of Sacred Heart School so we ask for a \$10 donation from participants. There will also be gift basket raffles. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Megan Miller at mfitzy6@hotmail.com or 717-363-7319. If you are interested in hosting a table, please contact Megan.

ADVIENTO A LA LUZ DE LAS VELAS

Está cordialmente invitado a asistir a nuestro primer Adviento a la luz de las velas el viernes 2 de diciembre para prepararse para la temporada de Adviento. Las puertas abren a las 5:30

La velada contará con una oradora, Maria Mullin. Hablará sobre el tema “Renacer en el Vientre de María de Guadalupe”. Habrá música, socialización y confesión. El evento comenzará a las 6 p. m. (Apertura de puertas a las 5:30 p. m.) y concluirá a las 9 p. m. Las ganancias del evento se destinarán a apoyar a la Escuela del Sagrado Corazón, por lo que pedimos una donación de \$10 a los participantes. También habrá sorteos de cestas de regalo. Para obtener más información o para confirmar su asistencia, comuníquese con Megan Miller en mfitzy6@hotmail.com o 717-363-7319. Si está interesado en organizar una mesa, comuníquese con Megan.

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

November 27, 2022 SCOTT & ALICE
December 4, 2022 JODI
December 11, 2022 GINGER & DARYL
December 18, 2022 LADIES



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree in honor of Kathy Nash will again be for the Juniata County Early Childhood Services and also for the Crossroads Pregnancy located in Juniata County in Mifflintown. Please take an angel from the tree and return your angel by December 12th. If you take an angel for Crossroads it does not need to be wrapped. Thank you for helping with this project and helping the people in our community.



MARK YOU CALENDAR FOR OUR CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

– St. Jude Women’s Guild Christmas Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 10, 2022, 9 A.M.-Noon or until supplies last. Delicious homemade cookies will be pre-packaged. Each box will contain a variety of approximately 2 dozen cookies for \$10.00.

Cookie Walk is first come first served. Doors open at 8 A.M., so come early, get your entry ticket, and enjoy a cup of coffee as you browse our White Elephant table. All proceeds go to support our parish.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass will be held at Saint Jude Thaddeus Parish on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Parish on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION

First Friday Mass will be held on Friday, December 2nd at 9:00 a.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited to attend!

Please continue to pray for the souls of:

Thomas Cargill Robert Burda

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

In Conjunction with the Cemetery of Innocents, we are collecting donations for Rachel's Vineyard. Rachel's Vineyard provides weekend retreats to provide healing from abortions. For more information about Rachel's Vineyard, please go to <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Retreats are held in over 375 locations. They offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

The Sacred Heart Parish Office will be closed Thursday, November 24th & Friday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on Monday, November 28th at 8:30 AM.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Sunday, 11/27 - Thanksgiving weekend no CCD, no Youth Group.

ROSARY

Please join us as we pray the Rosary each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. before the 9:15 a.m. Mass. "The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."
- Pope Leo XIII

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration will be held following the 1:30 p.m. mass on Sunday, December 11th.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

Vigil Mass – Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. with music beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be no 5:30 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day – at 9:15 a.m., and a Spanish Mass at 1:30

*The regularly scheduled 9:00 a.m. Monday mass will take place on Monday, December 26th

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

The New Years' Day schedule will follow the regular schedule of Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:15 a.m., and the Spanish Mass at 1:30 p.m.

BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

The blessing of the Creche will be held before the 9:15 a.m. mass on Sunday, December 4th. All are welcome to attend.

EMERGENCY EXITS

Designated emergency exits are found in the front of the church to the left and right of the altar, and in the back of the church through the main entrance and the hallway by the restrooms.

We request in case of emergency you select the closest exit to your seat.

Those sitting in the front half of the church should exit using exits found on their respective side. Those sitting back half of the church should exit through the center doors and the doors to the right of the main entry door of the church.

Those in the cry room or the restrooms should exit through the hallway and to the exit door at the end of the hallway.



Our Amazing Teachers have created wish lists on Amazon to help prepare their classrooms for the upcoming school year. If you would like to purchase something, please scan the QR code or visit

<https://www.sacredheartschool.com/academics/teacher-wishlists>.



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Saturday, November 26, 2022

Lector: C. Hazard

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher:

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor: R. Perez

**Altar Servers: D. Miller, E. Miller
C. Schall**

Usher: S. Arnold, R. Auker

RCIA Classes



Sharing is the basis for our religion—sharing God’s love with those around us, but most of all, sharing the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ and becoming One with Him. Paul tells us that we don’t get into heaven alone. What could be more rewarding than to know that you took the initiative to ask and **someone accepted** the invitation to share our faith? Your mission is to love and serve the Lord. That “**someone**” is waiting to be asked! **If you know anyone who would be interested in Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes, please contact Dan Swigart at 717-446-5099 or the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.** RCIA is a program of 1 time per week classes, usually for about 9 months, for those interested in entering the Catholic faith. Also, Catholics who have been “away”, for whatever reason, are invited to attend and find answers in these sessions to re-establish their receiving of the Sacraments. **A new class is set to begin on Thursday, September 22nd at 7 PM.**

FORMED – ON-LINE RESOURCES

We are pleased to provide all Parishioners a FREE subscription to formed.org. Discover all the best Catholic content in one place, Enlighten programs, entertaining movies, inspiring talks and a great selection of popular e-books for everyone in the family all just a click away. To sign up for free visit: signup.formed.org. Enter our parish zip code: **17059**. Select: **St. Jude and Sacred Heart** and **Next**. Enter your **Name** and your **email address** and select **Sign Up**. After you sign up all the content is available through PC through FORMED.ORG, and Smart TVS, Roku, I-Phone or Android with the FORMED App.

RaiseRight, formerly **SCRIP**, is a wonderful fundraiser for our school. Families purchase gift cards for everyday expenses (i.e. groceries, gas, clothing, eating out) or gifts for holidays (i.e. Christmas, Birthdays, Mother’s Day, and Father’s Day) and HSA receives a percentage of each purchase. Percentages vary based on the company. The money HSA receives goes back to the school for assemblies, playground improvement, teacher expenses, etc. There are over 750 brands from which you can purchase gift cards.

You can purchase gift cards 3 different ways:

1. Fill out a form available in the Narthex. Send it into the school or the Parish Office with cash or a check made out to SHS-HSA.
2. Download the app or go to RaiseRight.com and order gift cards. You can choose to have the gift cards shipped to you or to the school. There is a small fee to have the gift cards shipped to you and there is a small fee to pay for your order through the website or app.
3. Download the app or go to RaiseRight.com and order e-gift cards or reloadable cards. These cards are made available to you immediately. There is a small fee to pay for orders through the website or app.

The RaiseRight enrollment code for SHS is:
986DCAA961532

Forms will be due back by the 15th of every month (If the 15th falls on a weekend, order forms will be due the following Monday). Gift cards sent to the school may be picked up at the Parish Office **two** Tuesdays after the orders have been turned in. **This is a year round fundraiser.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781. Thank you for your support! Happy Shopping!

UPDATE REQUEST
If you have moved, changed phone numbers or have any other changes you would like made to your information at the parish office, please contact the office at 717-436-6722 on Thursdays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or email the office at rectory@stjudemiffintown.org.

Sacred Heart School Angel Fund

This weekend you will find nicely decorated apples attached to the bulletin and in the Narthex. 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!

****Job Opportunity****

Sacred Heart School is looking for a part-time teacher's aide and an after-school caregiver for this school year. If interested please call 717-248-5351 or email principal@sacredheartschool.com



Sacred Heart School HSA is collecting donations of Christmas wrapping paper, gift bows and tags for the children's upcoming Secret Santa Sale. You may drop any donations off at the school or parish office by December 5th.



Save the Date: Sacred Heart HSA will be hosting a painting party on December 10th at 6 PM in the school cafeteria. Please contact Jess Demi at 717-994-3711 or jndemi917@gmail.com if interested. Thank you.