

October 25, 2020 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a Way of Life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of October 11, 2020:
Regular: not available

Mass Attendance for October 10, 2020 24
Mass Attendance for October 11, 2020 46

*The Altar Flowers
for the week of October 25th
in Loving Memory of
George Jackson
From Aunt Marie Dawson*

Remembrance Service

A special **Service of Remembrance** will be held **next Sunday, November 1st, 2020**, at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office at 717-436-6722. If you would like to have your loved one remembered at this service and if you and your family plan to attend. **Deadline to call is Monday, October, 26.**



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2020

“Thus says the Lord. ‘You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword, then your own wives will be widows and your children orphans... the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

A clear, strong teaching in the second book of the bible. The words were perhaps directed at abuses taking place, and God spoke to correct them. We fast forward to our time of millions of refugees seeking more than survival. Years ago we labeled them as ‘displace persons.’ Today we see tragedies at sea, drowning at river crossings, separation of families, creation of cages, changes in time honored asylum laws. As

with the victims of the coronavirus, they are not statistics, they are persons.

From Exodus until today, God's people have served the widow, orphan and immigrant. Read the scriptures, it's right there. Watch the news. Restore our rich heritage. Change begins with my attitude, matched with the need and hope of the alien. Jesus reminds us: ‘love your neighbor as yourself.

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, “Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?” With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.



LITURGICAL NOTES

*Mass Intentions for the Week
And Weekly Readings*



Saturday, October 24: Weekday

Ephesians 4:7-16; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Luke 13:1-9
5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, October 25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40
9:15 AM People of the Parish

Monday, October 26: Weekday

Ephesians 4:32-58; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Luke 13:10-17
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 27: Weekday

Ephesians 5:21-33; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 28: Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast)

Ephesians 2:19-22; Palm 19:2-3, 4-5; Luke 6:12-16

Thursday, October 29: Weekday

Ephesians 6:10-21; Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Luke 13:31-35

Friday, October 30: Weekday

Philippians 1:1-11; Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 14:1-6

Saturday, October 31: Weekday

Philippians 1:18b-26; Psalm 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Luke 14:1, 7-11
5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, November 1: All Saints Day

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 11:28
9:15 AM Catherine Armstrong

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

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.

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

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(For those who are watching from home)

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. Amen

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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 souls.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. to pray the Rosary followed by a small social.

Attention Parishioners

According to a recent directive received from the Diocese of Harrisburg, we will be continuing to prop the front doors of the church open prior to each mass to avoid repeated touching of the door handles, as well as continuing to open the windows and run the ceiling fans indefinitely, to provide proper ventilation during mass. We realize that the outside temperatures continue to drop, but we **must** adhere to these directives for the safety of all those coming to Mass



despite the colder temperatures. **Please dress accordingly for your comfort during Mass.** As space is still limited, parishioners are reminded to arrive at least 15 minutes early for Mass. For your safety, the front and side doors will be locked when Mass begins.



Knights of Columbus Honoree



On October 12, 2020, the Knights of Columbus Council #1338, with Fr. Weary and Fr. Jay concelebrating, held a special Mass to commemorate Columbus Day. Following the Mass, **Gary Sanges was honored as Knight of the Year** for his exceptional service to the Council and his many services volunteered to the church. 1 Peter 4:10 says *“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”* Thank you and congratulations Gary on your continued service to others!

Tune in to the Tuesday Talks

Join us on Facebook and the Parish Website every Tuesday for “Tuesday Talks with Father Bill.” Topics have included: Spirituality during Coronavirus, Lectio Divina, Archangels and The Rosary.



Job Opportunity at Sacred Heart

After many years of dedicated service to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Sue Parzanese has decided to retire and the Parish Office is looking to fill the position of **Parish Finance Manager** for an expected hire date of Dec. 1, 2020. This is a part-time (28 hours/week) year-round position. Duties include Accounts Payable/Receivable; reviewing, interpreting and analyzing financial statements; preparing and monitoring the Annual Parish Budget; reconciling checking and savings accounts; observing guidelines and deadlines of the Diocesan Accounting System; HR duties, such as completing time reports and payroll and benefits information; advising the Pastor on all financial matters; tuition management and scholarship/financial aid management for the school; reporting to parish committees and the Finance Council; other tasks as assigned. Candidate should have in-depth understanding of business and accounting principles, as well as strong managerial skills. A professional demeanor is essential, as well as a working background in word processing and spreadsheet applications. A BS in Accounting or Business Administration is desired and/or several years of experience in a related field. Please contact Fr. Bill if interested. Send letters of interest, resume, and clearances (PSP, Child Abuse, FBI) to 9 N Brown St, Lewistown PA 17044 or shparishoffice@sacredheartlewisstown.com.



PA Catholic Conference Voter’s Guide

As a means of assisting Catholics in forming their conscience before voting in November, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference has compiled a Voter’s Guide in advance of the upcoming General Election. The guide aims to educate and inform parishioners where candidates stand on a range of issues important to the Church. In addition to the Voter Guide, Bishop Gainer has prepared a letter for parishioners on voting with a formed conscience. The Voter’s Guide and Bishop Gainer’s letter will be posted to the Diocesan website at www.hbqdiocese.org and



shared in the October 1 edition of *The Catholic Witness*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Communications at communications@hbqdiocese.org or 717-657-4804.

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.
- ❖ Confessions are heard in the rectory garage on Wed., 6:30-6:45 PM & Sat., 3:00-3:45 PM
- ❖ 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**. Please clean the restroom after use according to the directions posted inside. Children must be accompanied by an adult & the adult must clean the restroom after the child is finished
- ❖ Crying room is closed.
- ❖ Collection basket will not be passed. Place your collection in 1 of the 2 locked collection boxes provided. Collection boxes are located in the Vestibule area or at the front of the church by the handicap door.
- ❖ Votive candles are not accessible at this time. If you would like a candle lit, call the parish office and they will have a sacristan light a candle for you. Your donation may be put in the collection box.
- ❖ Father will distribute Communion at the **end** of Mass from the altar area.
- ❖ Take all belongings with you and go single file up to the altar area. Right before receiving Communion drop one side of your mask and immediately put it back on after the Eucharist is in your mouth. Put one hand on top of the other palm side up. Father will try not to touch your hand. After receiving Communion proceed out

the handicap door. If you are not receiving Communion just follow the flow of people as they proceed out the door.

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.**

ATTENTION: SCAM Alert Still Ongoing

Please be advised that there is **still** a SCAM being run in the form of text messages to Sacred Heart parishioners and their family members supposedly from Fr. Weary asking for gift cards. **THESE MESSAGES ARE NOT FROM FR. WEARY!!** He would **never** text or email parishioners saying he needs your help and ask you to please purchase gift cards, Amazon cards, I-Tunes cards etc. for him or anyone else! Thank you to those who have reported to us that you have received these messages. Please be wary and if in doubt, call the parish office immediately for clarification. Do not respond back, simply delete the message.

SCHOOL NEWS

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**If assistance is needed outside of office hours, leave a message on the school answering machine at 717-248-5351 or contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.



SHS Improvement Project Surpasses Goal!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who donated to our SHS Improvement Project! Your generosity and dedication to our school is greatly appreciated. We are blessed to have supportive parishioners, parents and friends! We are proud to announce that we have **passed our goal of \$25,000** and that the majority of the school projects been completed. We are still waiting for Comcast to move their equipment to a different location in the school and over Christmas break the two aged breaker boxes will be upgraded and moved. We hope to invite you all to the school soon to see your contributions in person. Thank you again!



THANK YOU!

