

October 17, 2021 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a Way of Life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of October 3, 2021 and October 10, 2021: **Not available**



Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021

"James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' He replied, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.' Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink?' ... When the ten heard this they became indignant at James and John."

We spend a lifetime trying to get ahead. At work we strive for a promotion, in school we work to learn and receive good grades, at home we want to make it nice for everyone, including ourselves. In each case there is some sacrifice for achievement. What about my spiritual life? Do I strive to grow in holiness, to 'get ahead' spiritually?

Like the ten, I too become indignant or jealous and envious. What is the remedy? When good things happen for others, make sure to rejoice with them, share the joy of their accomplishments, support them in their endeavors.

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Isaiah speaks of how the Servant of God will have to give his life up for the sins of other people. Because of this suffering the Servant will receive eternal life for himself and all the people whose sins are forgiven because of him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus is considered to be the new high priest and mediator between God and his people. Fortunately, Jesus has experienced the same temptations as other people, and so he has more tolerance of our weaknesses.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Two of the disciples ask Jesus that they be allowed to sit at his right and left side when he comes into his glory. Jesus explains that they should not be concerned with their position. Instead they should concern themselves with serving others just as

Jesus was planning to serve many in giving his own life for their sins.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Saturday, October 16: Weekday

Romans 4:13, 16-18; Psalm 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43;

Luke 12:8-12

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, October 17: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;

Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

9:15 AM Kathy Graham from the Women's Guild

Monday, October 18: St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18;

Luke 10:1-9

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 19: Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 20: Weekday

Romans 6:12-18; Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8;

Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 21: Weekday

Romans 6:19-23; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Luke 12:49-53

Friday, October 22: Weekday

Romans 7:18-25a; Psalm 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 23: Weekday

Romans 8:1-11; Psalm 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;

Luke 13:1-9

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, October 24: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;

Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

9:15 AM Thomas Gerberich from Bill Gerberich

Remembrance Service

A special **Service of Remembrance** will be held at Saint Jude Church on **Sunday, November 7th, 2021**, at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office at 717-436-6722 or email at rectory@stjudemifflintown.org 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, November 1st.



ALL SAINTS DAY VIGIL MASS:

Will be held at St. Jude church on Sunday, October 31st at 7:00 p.m.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS:

During the month of October, the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Rosary each Sunday morning starting at 8:45 a.m. Please join us in this spiritual prayer time. Beginning in November, the Women's Guild will sponsor the Rosary each Sunday morning starting at 8:45 a.m.

ST, JUDE FEAST DAY BREAKFAST:

A St. Jude Feast Day Breakfast and Welcome to Father Rettig will be held on **Sunday, October 31st** following the 9:15 a.m. mass. The Women's Guild will be serving and asks families to bring their favorite breakfast food to a potluck breakfast. A signup sheet is in the church vestibule.

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

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



Ministry Schedule: October 16-19

Sat. 5:30 PM

Lector: M. Tonge

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Altar Server: J. Zarnowski

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sun. 9:15 AM

Lector: T. Kromel

EMHC: D. Parson

Altar Server: St. Michael's Guard

Cantor: R. Perez

Usher: S. Arnold, L. Sebastian

Ministry Schedule: October 23-24

Sat. 5:30 PM

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Altar Server: J. Zarnowski

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sun. 9:15 AM

Lector: T. Ober

EMHC: K. Graham

Altar Server: Youth TBA

Cantor: M. Miller

Usher: R. Auken, A. Thawley

FAITH MATTERS

With Fr. Peter Rettig



“Can you be a mystic? Mystics were saints who experienced profound spiritual ecstasy in prayer. Their experience of God through prayer was so intimate that they prefer to remain praying rather than eat or sleep. What got them to this point? Two things: silence and time. Spending time in silence with God is called contemplation. The good news is that, through contemplation, God has given each one of us the grace to become a mystic like the saints of old. We just have to be determined to access his grace! St. Teresa of Ávila's feast day is October 15. She is considered a Doctor of the Church for her celestial writings in the Middle Ages. She was a mystic who recorded everything she experienced in prayer. The more time she spent in silent contemplation, the more personal her spiritual experiences with Christ became. By the end of her life, she identified twelve levels of mystical union with God that begin with ordinary, or vocal, prayer like the *Our Father* and end with ecstasy in God's presence. The point is that she's not the only person who learned to pray like this! Countless others from all different backgrounds, professions, and time periods have experienced ecstasy in prayer as well. Do you want to know about God, or do you want to KNOW God? We can only come to know God through personal conversation with him in prayer - contemplation. And, remember that conversation is not simply talking to God; it's also listening to Him. This is done most effectively in silence. So, if at all possible, find a silent room or church during quiet chunk of time in your day and begin speaking to God. Don't forget to listen for his response in silence. What separates the mystics from non-mystics is that mystics listen patiently for God's reply. But, who actually has time to sit in silence with a busy family and work schedule? If there is no way for you to find silence in your current state of life, God understands. But, at least try. For all those people reading with young families or a chaotic work schedule, you may relate to St. Vincent De Paul, who would beg God for a moment of silent prayer each day. But, nearly every time he began to pray a poor person would tap him on the shoulder asking for aid. St. Vincent realized that, in that moment his prayer was to serve the poor. The important thing is that we attempt to seek God in silence. A good friend of mine used to tell me, "If you can't find time, make time." That's why he would get up at 2am to go hunting in the perfect spot at dawn and be back in time to take the kids to school. Now, we may not have to wake up at 2am to pray, but attempt to sacrifice one thing each day to create some silent prayer time in your life. Maybe wake up just 15-30 minutes earlier and sit in silence with God as you sip your coffee. This might require you to go to bed earlier to compensate. Either way, there's a sacrifice to prayer.

But it's worth it! A deep relationship with God is priceless, and what's important is that we try! To read more about St. Teresa of Ávila and how to become a mystic consider reading the book *The Collected Works of St. Teresa of Avila, Vol. 1* (featuring *The Book of Her Life, Spiritual Testimonies* and the *Soliloquies*), available online.



October 17 – 19, 2021

This year's guest homilist is Fr. Aaron Lynch, PV, St. Francis Xavier Church, Gettysburg, PA. Fr. Lynch will join us for all three nights to enlighten us and inspire our devotion to the Eucharist. **Forty Hours opens after 11:00 AM Mass on the 17th.** The Blessed Sacrament is exposed all day on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday until **7:00 PM** followed by a service. Monday's service will be a Mass. A reception in the church basement, sponsored by the Companions of Pauline, will be held immediately following the Tuesday evening closing. **Reminder: NO meetings, activities or events may be scheduled during these three nights.**

SCRIP Sales Begin for 2021

Welcome to the first SCRIP fundraiser of the year. We will be having another in November, followed by one in December. Both arriving before the holidays in those months. **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 **no later than October 26, 2021** to the parish office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sharina Harshbarger at 814-441-4361 or email at sharinaharshbarger@gmail.com. Happy Shopping!



SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the 24th Annual SHS Benefit Auction. The weekend was filled with good food, fellowship and fun! We look forward to seeing you all again at the 25th Annual Auction in the Fall of 2022! Your support of our largest fundraiser is greatly appreciated!



Yee Haw!! Fr. Bill having fun just horsing around at the benefit auction!