

## October 24, 2021 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 3, 2021 and October 10, 2021:

Regular: \$6,566.00

Tithing income for the week of October 17, 2021:

Regular: \$1,266.00

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

#### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 24, 2021

“Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him.’ So they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.’ He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said in reply, ‘Master, I want to see.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has saved you.’ Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.”

The blind beggar had a certain insight calling out to Jesus for compassion and pity. Probably, for the benefit of those around, He asked the question, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’

The answer was obvious.

Jesus sees us as beggars, people in need. Each one of us is a Bartimaeus, but I wonder if Jesus is that close to us. Do I hear Him calling me, asking me to tell Him my need? Where am I still blind to what He wants of me, deaf to hear His voice calling me, slow to spring up like the blind one? As He responds to my request, aware of His pity and compassion, do I follow Him on the way?

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9**

Jeremiah speaks of God reuniting the people of Israel after their exile. He states that although they departed in tears, God will lead them all back and protect them, because he is father to Israel.

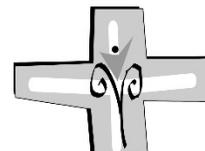
#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6**

Each high priest is taken from among people and offers sacrifices for their sins. High priests do not choose to take on this honor, but are chosen by God. Even Christ did not

choose this office, but was chosen by God to be a priest forever.

#### **Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

A blind beggar approached Jesus and pleaded that Jesus heal him. Jesus called the man over and said, “Your faith has healed you.” The man immediately received his sight and proceeded to follow Jesus up the road.



### LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week



*And Weekly Readings*

#### **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: 30<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Monday, October 25: Weekday**

Romans 8:12-17; Psalm 68:2 & 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;  
Luke 13:10-17

9:00 AM People of the Parish

#### **Tuesday, October 26: Weekday**

Romans 8:18-25; Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;  
Luke 13:18-21

#### **Wednesday, October 27: Weekday**

Romans 8:26-30; Psalm 13:4-5, 6; Luke 13:22-30

#### **Thursday, October 28: Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast)**

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

#### **Friday, October 29: Weekday**

Romans 9:1-5; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Luke 14:1-6

#### **Saturday, October 30: Weekday**

Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Luke 14:1, 7-11

5:30 PM Ted Jones from Ron Baade

#### **Sunday, October 31: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51;  
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34

9:15 AM Catherine Armstrong from Shane Armstrong  
Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM Piraneo, LaBrutto, Rosselli & Sperrazza Families

#### **First Friday Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration First Friday Adoration on November 5<sup>th</sup> begins at 9:00 AM.



Adoration

## 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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## ST, JUDE FEAST DAY BREAKFAST:

A St. Jude Feast Day Breakfast and Welcome to Father Rettig will be held on **Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 sign-up 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
Mary Ann Truitt	



### 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

### Ministry Schedule: October 30-31

#### Sat. 5:30 PM

**Lector:** C. Fitzgerald  
**EMHC:** A. Zarnowski  
**Altar Server:** J. Zarnowski  
**Cantor:** M. Kerchusky  
**Usher:** T. Kerchusky

#### Sun. 9:15 AM

**Lector:** J. Kelly  
**EMHC:** G. Best  
**Altar Server:** St. Michael's Guard  
**Cantor:** A. Arnold  
**Usher:** D. Ames, P. Ames

## 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.

## FOOD PANTRY:

The Juniata County Food Pantry Board of Directors cordially invites you to our Annual Meeting, Thursday, October 28, 6:30 PM, the meeting will be at the Juniata County Food Pantry. The agenda will include an overview of the Food Pantry's ministry to the hungry in the past year, recognition of volunteers and outgoing board members, and election of new board members. For safety reasons, masks are required for those unvaccinated. For more information please contact the Food Pantry at [icfp122017@gmail.com](mailto:icfp122017@gmail.com) or 717-436-9718."

## CCD ANNOUNCEMENT:

On October 31<sup>st</sup> CCD classes will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. to give the teachers and students the opportunity to attend the breakfast to welcome Father Rettig.

## 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.



### 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!**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual SHS Benefit Auction. The weekend was filled with good food,



**fellowship and fun! We look forward to seeing you all again at the 25<sup>th</sup> 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!**

### 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](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 **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](mailto:sharinaharshbarger@gmail.com). Happy Shopping!