

## October 3, 2021 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship is a Way of Life.

#### Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of September 19, 2021:

Regular: \$2,957.75

Tithing income for the week of September 26, 2021:

Regular: Not available



*The Flowers at the Altar  
for the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
are in Loving Memory of  
Mary Ann Truitt  
From The Women's Guild*



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY  
READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ  
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 3, 2021

The Lord God said, 'It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him.'... 'And for that reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife and the two shall become one flesh.'... 'Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.'"

One of the greatest gifts the Lord gave us is the Sacrament of Matrimony. It is the source of grace, of holiness, for those who are called, embraced and blessed as the Lord reached out to the children in Mark's gospel.

Unfortunately there has been a legal theft of the word 'marriage', a distortion of its real meaning. For this reason we turn to the gift of the sacrament and refer to the 'Sacrament of Matrimony' in the same way that God chose to send grace to us in our baptism, to strengthen us in confirmation and nourish us in the Eucharist, Jesus gave us this sign of His presence.

As we listen to the Word of God today may we do several things. For those married in the church, pause, pray for your spouse and thank the Lord for this gift. For those who live in a civil union, realize what you are missing and arrange for the church blessing of your union. For those who have not yet sought the blessing of the church or state, realize that you have absolutely no legal protection, nor are you living the life of grace.

For those who call same sex unions 'marriage', remember the word is now abused and that Jesus' gift of the sacrament is something else.

#### **First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24**

God created many different animals in an attempt to make a suitable partner for the first man. Then he took a rib from the man as he slept and built it up into a woman. At last God had created someone who equaled the man, as she was "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" and they proved to be suitable partners for each other.

#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11**

This passage describes how Jesus will become perfect through his suffering. It also reminds us that Jesus' Father is our Father

as well, making him unashamed to call us his brothers and sisters.

#### **Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

The people began to ask Jesus if it was acceptable for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus tells them that two people who have been joined together by God should not be separated. People began bringing their children to Jesus, but the disciples tried to send them away. Jesus grew angry and told his disciples to allow the children to come to him.



**LITURGICA**

*Mass & Intentions for the Week*



*And Weekly Readings*

**Saturday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)**

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Psalm 69:33-35, 36-37;  
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

5:30 PM People of the Parish

**Sunday, October 3: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Hebrews 2:9-11;  
Mark 10:2-16

9:15 AM Mary Ann Truitt from the Women's Guild

**Monday, October 4: St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)**

Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Luke 10:25-37

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**Tuesday, October 5: Weekday**

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday, October 6: Weekday**

Jonah 4:1-11; Psalm 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)**

Malachi 3:13-20b; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Luke 11:5-13

**Friday, October 8: Weekday**

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Psalm 9:2-3, 6 & 16, 8-9; Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday, October 9: Weekday**

Joel 4:12-21; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Luke 11:27-28

5:30 PM People of the Parish

**Sunday, October 10: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mrk 10:17-30

9:15 AM Earl Ober, Jr. from Trudy Ober

#### **Priests Workshop**

Fr. Weary and Fr. Rettig will be attending the annual priests workshop in Hunt Valley, MD from Oct. 4-8. All Masses that week will be celebrated by Fr. Richard Baker. If anyone is need of a priest during that time please call the parish office at 717-242-2781.

## 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.



### Ministry Schedule: October 2-3

#### 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: G. Price

EMHC: G. Best

Altar Server: St. Michael's Guard

Cantor: M. Miller

Usher: R. Aufer, S. Arnold

### Ministry Schedule: October 9-10

#### 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: D. Swigart

Altar Server: Youth TBA

Cantor: A. Arnold

Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

**YOU ARE INVITED!** Beginning Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and for all of the Sundays in October, the Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary before the 9:15 a.m. The Rosary will commence at 8:45 a.m. All are welcome to join us! Consideration is being given to making this a year-round event.

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

Genevieve Gregos

Steven Graham

Nicholas Spak

Frances Schilling

Mary Ann Truitt

John T. Kromel

William Nash

Roseanne Spak

Mary Tonge

## ST. JUDE OFFICE HOURS:

The office will be open on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Also, immediately after Sunday services. Please have any announcements to the church office by Thursday at 10:00 a.m. [rectory@stjudemifflintown.org](mailto:rectory@stjudemifflintown.org)

## FAITH MATTERS

*With Fr. Peter Rettig*



"It's easier to be right." That's what a family member told me on the topic of different religious beliefs. Although it's a rather negative way to look at it, it does shed some light on the issue of how we relate to our non-Catholic brothers and sisters. What my family member meant by that statement is that if there are a bunch of people arguing over what the truth is, everyone will stick to their own version of the story because it's easier to believe that they're right rather than try dialogue their way to the truth. Of course as Catholics we do believe that we are right. We believe that our faith is the fullness of the truth. But, we don't believe this simply because it's easier to be right. It's because we know that there can only be one truth. Not every religion can be 100% correct – that would be contradictory. Truth is objective, not subjective. Therefore, only one religion must contain the fullness of the truth – and, that's the Catholic Church. This is not to say that other religions don't contain a fraction of the truth. Now that we have objective truth established, what about last Sunday's Gospel reading? The disciples told Jesus that there was a random person casting out demons in Jesus' name but he wasn't following the apostles. Jesus simply told them, "leave him alone, whoever is not against us is for us...whoever does good work in my name will receive his reward" (Mk 9). Essentially he said, "yeah he's not part of our group, but cut him some slack because he's doing good work in my name." Can we say the same about our non-Catholic brothers and sisters? Even though they do not follow what we believe to be the fullness of the truth, it's evident that they do good work in the name of Jesus. Therefore, considering that we follow the fullness of the truth, those who do not and still invoke Jesus name with good intention are looked kindly upon by God the Heavenly Father.

**JUNIATA FOOD PANTRY:** to our friends at St. Jude Parish, thank you for your generous donations to the Juniata County Food Pantry. Your gift greatly blesses the lives of your neighbors in need.

## JUNIATA FOOD PANTRY OCTOBER UPDATE:

Autumn has arrived! Soon to be followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas. Again this year the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis and YOU to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to many Juniata County families living in poverty. If you can help us to start stockpiling the following food items, we would appreciate it. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas. These are the foods that are hard for us to get: Turkeys, Turkey breasts, hams, canned sweet potatoes, stuffing, gravy and brownie or cookie mix. A donation of \$20.00 will purchase one complete meal!

Thank you for your consideration.

Juniata Food Pantry, P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main Street, Mifflintown PA 17059

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Conference

Mark your calendars for the **Diocese of Harrisburg's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Conference on October 16<sup>th</sup>** at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg. The theme for the conference is **Catholic Motherhood: Life Giving Love**, featuring Dr. Theresa Farnan and many other outstanding speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, Confession, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer. Light breakfast fare and lunch is included in the \$35 registration fee. For more conference information and to register, visit: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/womens-conference/>

## Auction Bake Sale Committee Needs You!



This year we will have a cake raffle at our Spaghetti Dinner. Please consider donating a specialty cake to be included in our raffle! Cakes should be at the Youth Park by **5 PM Saturday, October 9th** Last Call! The SHS Benefit Auction Committee is looking for handmade items, new, or gently used items and gift baskets to be auctioned off at our Benefit Auction on October 10th. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office, 717-242-2781, **no later than Tuesday, September 28th.**



## SCHOOL NEWS

### 24th Annual SHS Benefit Auction Update!

This year's auction is scheduled to be held **October 9-10, 2021** at the Mifflin County Youth Park.

### Saturday October 9

**What:** Spaghetti Dinner & Preview Night

**Time:** 5:00-7:30PM

**Price:** \$6.00 Meal includes: Tossed Salad, Bread, Spaghetti, & Meatballs Pre-Sale tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office starting Monday, September 20th

### Sunday, October 10

**What:** Oral & Silent Auction, Delicious Food and Bake Sale, Basket Raffle Children's Activities, & More!

**Time:** 11:00AM-?



**Fun for the whole family!**