

## September 20, 2020 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship is a Way of Life. Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of September 6, 2020:  
Regular: \$1,212.00

Mass Attendance for September 12, 2020 33

Mass Attendance for September 13, 2020 37

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 20, 2020

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way and the wicked his thoughts, let him turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God who is generous in forgiving... What if I wish to give the last the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?"

Last week, the scriptures focused on forgiveness and the sin of anger. Today another capital sin, envy, provides food for thought. How often the expression 'I don't get mad, I just get even' is spoken.

Does envy, jealousy sneak into my heart? As I see the good fortune of someone, do I consider why him and not me? Do I celebrate the blessing someone else receives, or do I enjoy the good one experiences, seeing it as a gift of God, a God who is generous in forgiving?

God's word each week is directed to me, for my own spiritual wellbeing. The God of the scripture today speaks to my heart.

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9**

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

#### **Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes "to be freed from this life and to be with Christ," but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a**

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full day's wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, "I am free to do as I please, am I not?" Jesus reminds us through this parable that "the last shall be first and the first shall be last."



## LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the  
Intentions  for the  
Week  
And Weekly Readings



#### **Saturday, September 19: Weekday**

1 Corinthians 14:35-37, 42-49; Psalm 56:10c-12, 13-14;

Luke 8:4-15

5:30 PM People of the Parish

#### **Sunday, September 20: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

9:15 AM People of the Parish

#### **Monday, September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)**

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; Matthew 9:9-13

9:00 AM People of the Parish

#### **Tuesday, September 22: Weekday**

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44;

Luke 8:19-21

#### **Wednesday, September 23: St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Memorial)**

Proverbs 30:5-9; Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;

Luke 9:1-6

#### **Thursday, September 24: Weekday**

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17bc;

Luke 9:7-9

#### **Friday, September 25: Weekday**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalm 144:1b & 2abc, 3-4;

Luke 9:18-22

#### **Saturday, September 26: Weekday**

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17;

Luke 9:43b-45

#### **Sunday, September 27: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Philippians 2:1-11;

Matthew 21:28-32

9:15 AM Curtis Gutshall

## LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

### **Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### **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**

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

### **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**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### **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.

### **Homebound Communion Visits**

Fr. Bill and Fr. Jay would like to once again begin to visit our homebound parishioners. If you would like to receive a visit from Fr. Bill or Fr. Jay, please call the Parish Office at your convenience at 717-242-2781 to arrange a visitation time.



### **Diocese of Harrisburg 6<sup>th</sup> Annual (Virtual) Women's Conference**

The sixth annual Diocesan Women's Conference will be held virtually on **Saturday, October 17, 2020**, from 9 AM – 12:15 PM. The theme for this year's virtual conference is ***Catholic Women: Our Place at the Table***. Emily Stimpson Chapman, a nationally known Catholic author, speaker and blogger will deliver her keynote address; ***Tasting the Love of God: Finding Healing and Joy at the Catholic Table***. Cost is just \$10 per person. **Registration this year is online only.** Registration, schedule and other information is available at [www.hbgdiocese.org/women](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/women).

### **2020 Diocesan Annual Campaign Update as of 09/2020**

The 2020 Diocesan Annual Campaign will conclude on January 31, 2021. There is still time for donors to make a pledge and pay it off over the next 4 ½ months.

**2020 Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Goal - \$36,740**

**Total amount paid - \$38,511.42**

**Over Goal amount - \$1,771.42**

**Total pledged amount - \$14,515**

**Outstanding pledges to date - \$4,948.58**



### **C.C.D. Classes**

Classes begin S September 20, 2020 following the 9:15 a.m. mass.



## 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.**

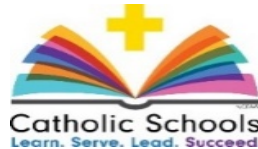
**The Diocese of Harrisburg is forming a new class of permanent Deacons. This is a 4 year program of studies. Men interested should contact Fr. Weary at the parish office as soon as possible.**



## SCAM Alert

Please be advised that there has recently been a SCAM reported in the form of text messages to Sacred Heart parishioners 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.



**Parishioners and friends of SHS!** We are pleased to announce that both the air conditioning and update to the Internet infrastructure projects have been almost completed! We have encountered a few unexpected glitches with our electrical system due to the added load from the AC units, so we are now addressing those issues and will be upgrading two of our aging breaker boxes in the near future. We are also waiting for Comcast, our Internet provider,



to move their equipment to a different location in the school, and our new information highway will be ready to zoom! The total cost of the project was approximated to be \$25,000, a goal that we have almost reached! **Thanks so much for those of you who have already graciously supported these efforts!** Due to the additional costs to upgrade the electrical system, we may need additional funds (we are still processing invoices, so we don't have an exact total yet), so please continue to give if you were planning to! If you are willing to contribute, please send donations to the parish office, and write "**SHS Improvement Project**" in the memo line. If you have any questions, please email Ashley Henry, Advancement Director, at [development@sacredheartschool.com](mailto:development@sacredheartschool.com)