

September 12, 2021 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a Way of Life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of August 29, 2021 and September 5, 2021: Not available

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can this faith save him? ...Indeed someone might say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Demonstrate your faith to me without works and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works."

The letter of St. James clearly reveals that we can see faith in action. We are saved by Jesus, so faith is essential. Faith cannot be observed, but our works tell the story.

The works of mercy, reflected in the judgement scene of Matthew, help us to examine how deep is our faith and how well it is expressed. Our care for the hungry, homeless, foreigner, the sick and dying is the expression of compassion and our response to Jesus Christ in them. They are us.

Much can be done, and thanks be to God, many around us are putting their faith into action. How can I join them?

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a

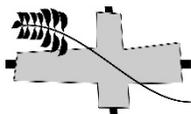
Isaiah describes the willingness of the Suffering Servant to submit to the persecution of his enemies. This willingness stems from true faith in God, and the knowledge that the Lord will always be his help.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

James states that if someone is hungry and you wish them well but do not help them, you have done them no good. He compares this to stating your faith, without backing it up with your actions. He reminds us that we must show our faith through our good works.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus taught his disciples that as the Messiah, he had to suffer much, be put to death, and rise three days later. Peter began to disagree and Jesus reprimanded him for judging by human standards rather than by God's. He told them that whoever would be willing to lose their life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel, will in fact preserve their life forever.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, September 11: Weekday

1 Timothy 1:15-17; Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 7 6-7; Luke 6:43-49

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 12: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4c-9a; Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

9:15 AM David Newcamp from Tim and BJ Newcamp

Monday, September 13: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9; Luke 7:1-10

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Wednesday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

1 Timothy 3:14-16; Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; John 19:25-27

Thursday, September 16: St. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (Memorial)

1 Timothy 4:12-16; Psalm 111:7-8, 9, 10; Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 17: Weekday

1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Psalm a49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 18: Weekday

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 8:4-15

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 19: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

John Kromel from Terri Kromel

CCD PARENTS MEETING: A meeting will be held for the Parents of children enrolled in CCD on Sunday, September 19th at 10:30 a.m. Parents of all students are requested to attend to receive important information for the CCD study year.

COFFEE SOCIAL RESUMING SEPTEMBER 12TH!

We have a nice start to the list of hosts to resume our Coffee Social, however, we still need a few more hands. If you are interested, please know that helpers are asked to provide a snack. Other expenses will be reimbursed for the supplies they purchase such as cold drinks, coffee, and all paper products which are provide by the parish. Please consider helping even if it is only for one or two Sundays. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail Beth Manbeck at beth.manbeck@yahoo.com.

Further, there has been some conversation about re-naming this church event – do you have an idea? Please send your ideas to the rectory at rectory@stjudemiffintown.org for consideration by Parish Counsel.

Job Opportunity

Sacred Heart's business manager, Kendra Dunmire, has resigned and her position will be filled by our current parish secretary, Jodi Peters. We are now seeking a Part-time Parish Secretary. This position requires a positive, friendly, mature person with excellent organizational and interpersonal skills. The candidate should have overall knowledge of general office procedures, be proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook), and will be willing and able to put the interests of the parish first in all actions and communication with others. Education and work experience include: HS diploma (Business Curriculum preferred). Associates Degree in Office Administration preferred and/or 3+years work experience. Submit letter of interest and resume to Pastor William Weary, 9 N. Brown St., Lewistown, PA.



Ministry Schedule: September 11-12

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

Ministry Schedule: September 18-19

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. Bastian

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS: August Meeting

The Women's Guild meeting was held August 31st. The Guild met in the social hall with six women present. All women of the parish are invited to participate in the Women's Guild.

The Guild minutes were read. The treasury report and grocery card report was given.

Old business: The grocery card sellers are still in need of volunteers to help sell cards after the Sunday morning mass.

New business: Mary Ann Truitt, a Women's Guild member recently passed away. The Guild will honor her with a floral bouquet at a Sunday Mass in September and announcement in the bulletin.

Karen Thome will draft a letter for all the women of the parish outlining the mission of the Guild and the projects set forth for the year.

The Annual Women's Night Out Dinner usually held in September/October is postponed at this time.

The annual Women's Guild dues were raised from \$5.00 to \$10.00. The Guild has both active and non-active members. See Cathy Fitzgerald or place your dues in an envelope in the collection basket.

The need for a rosary said prior to St. Jude Sunday Masses was discussed and the concern will be shared with Parish Counsel.

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	

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@stjudemiffintown.org

Catholic Charismatic Day of Renewal with Fr Weary



For all seeking healing, light, & growth in the power of the Holy Spirit, please save the date, **September 18, 2021**, from 8am-3pm, for the **Catholic Charismatic Day of Renewal** at the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg). Mark your calendar now! The theme ***Out of Darkness, Into the Light: God's Power over Pandemic*** will be presented by **Keynote Speaker Rev. William Weary**. Please join us for Mass, Adoration, Talks, Prayer for Power & Healing of the Holy Spirit and More! A fee of \$20 per person will be accepted on site the same day and only by cash or check. No credit cards will be accepted. We ask that you **pre-register by Sept. 8th**. Lunch will be ordered **only** for those who have pre-registered. To pre-register call Joyce at 717-308-7245, or email charismatic.harrisburg@gmail.com. For additional information visit aliveinthespirit.net. Don't miss the grace

Dear Friends,

As we respond to the current impact of the COVID-19 variants in the Commonwealth, Bishop Gainer asks all parishes to make the following adjustments to liturgical protocol until further notice:

1. **Masks are to be worn for the distribution of Holy Communion by all priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion during the celebration of Holy Mass and outside the celebration of Holy Mass. This includes visits to the sick and homebound and applies even to those who are vaccinated.**
2. **All those distributing Holy Communion are to sanitize their hands prior to the distribution. It is not necessary to sanitize during the distribution of Holy Communion unless there has been contact with the recipient. It is not necessary to sanitize hands after every person who receives Holy Communion on the tongue.**
3. **Masks are to be worn by ushers and greeters whenever they are exercising their service. When they return to their pews for the celebration of Holy Mass, they may choose to lower their masks.**
4. **There is no mask requirement for parishioners at large at this time.**
5. **Hand sanitizing stations should be made available to all who enter our churches and institutions.**
6. **Pew sanitization should continue periodically with in the church buildings.**
7. **There is not a prohibition on choirs or liturgical music at this time. The consideration of choirs in the coming months will be made after more conversation and further reflection.**

These protocol are in place to ensure the safety of our parish communities and to prevent the need for further measures that would constrain public worship within the Diocese of Harrisburg. Thank you for your attention to these measures.

In His Heart, Father Brommer



Looking forward once again to praising the Lord through song! Choir Practice begins this Wednesday, Sept. 15th. Please consider joining the choir. Rehearsals are from 7:30-8:45 p.m. on most Wednesday evenings. You DO NOT have to attend every rehearsal. Youth are welcome and encouraged to join. Anyone who has made their confirmation can sing with the adult choir. **For additional information please contact Cathy Stout, Music/Choir Director at 814-360-4268 or at cstout43@comcast.net.**

Bishop Robert Barron's

UNTOLD BLESSING

Three Paths to Holiness

God calls each of us to become a saint, and he's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program: "*Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness*." The first path is "Finding the Center in Christ;" the second is "Knowing You Are a Sinner" and then the third, "Realizing Your Life is Not About You."

On Sunday September 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM our parish will begin the six week program the *Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness*. To find out more information or register, please contact Ralph Perez 717-543-1905 or complete the sign up sheet found in the narthex of the church.

Los tres caminos a la santidad

BENDICIÓN DESCONOCIDA

Dios nos llama a cada uno a hacernos santos, y está dispuesto a apoyarnos a lo largo del camino dándonos abundantes bendiciones. Acompañennos mientras buscamos estas bendiciones, participando en el programa basado en DVD del Padre Barron: *Bendición incalculable: Los tres caminos a la santidad*. El primer camino es "Encontrando el centro"; el segundo es "Descubriendo que eres un pecador" y luego el tercero, "Tu vida no se trata de ti".

El Domingo, 12 de Septiembre de 2021, nuestra parroquia comenzará con el programa de seis domingos, *Bendición Desconocida: Los tres caminos a la santidad*. Para más información o registrarse, hable con Rafael Perez 717-543-1905 o puede registrarse para en el programa en la entrada de la iglesia.



Hey TEENAGER! Did you know that you're awesome??? And, do you know how much God loves you??? In fact, when I was praying the other day, God told me how awesome YOU are. That's why I'm reaching out to you personally to invite you to the "St. Jude Parish Youth Kickoff." Come and enjoy **music, food, wholesome fun, and the love of Christ**. Plus, you can hang out with the new priest, Fr. Peter Rettig!

Who: You, and many other teenagers!

What: A kickoff party for the St. Jude Parish Youth Group.

Where: We will meet in the St. Jude Parish rectory – 3918 William Penn Highway, Mifflintown, PA 17059.

When: Sunday, Sep. 12 @ 6:30-8:30 *** (2nd and 4th Sundays of every month).***

Why: Come and make Christ your personal friend while having fun with other guys and girls your age.

Moms and Dads, we will meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday, beginning Sep. 12, so mark it on your calendars as a reoccurring event! Fr. Peter kindly asks that, if possible, at least one other adult (parent, family member, or friend 18 years or older) remain present during each meeting as a chaperone.

Christ is your best friend. Get ready to know Christ on a level you've never imagined. Come, and see...

- Fr. Peter Rettig

FAITH MATTERS

With Fr. Peter Rettig



The utilization of abortion-derived cell lines in COVID-19 vaccines raise important ethical questions. The National Catholic Bioethics Center recognizes ethical distinctions among available COVID-19 vaccines based on their utilization of abortion-derived cell lines when all other considerations are equal. Vaccines that do not use abortion-derived cell lines in any phase of design, manufacture, or testing are the best ethical choice if they are reasonably available, safe, and effective. Vaccines that utilize abortion-derived cell lines in a more limited manner, such as for confirmatory testing, are preferable to those that utilize abortion-derived cell lines in more than one phase of development and, in particular, in the manufacturing process. For grave reasons, people could decide in good conscience to accept vaccines that utilize abortion-derived cell lines to protect their own lives and health and that of others in the absence of any satisfactory alternative. Being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good. An ethically problematic vaccine, however, should be accepted only "under protest." A person who decides to take such a vaccine should make known his or her opposition to abortion and to the use of abortion-derived cell lines in vaccines. People may also legitimately decline to use a vaccine with some connection to abortion. The Catholic Church neither requires nor forbids the use of ethically problematic vaccines, but instead urges people to form their consciences and to carefully discern the moral and prudential issues involved.

-The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC)

Win Sheetz Gas for a Year!

St. Joseph's Catholic Academy is having a fundraiser raffle to support the Joseph's Fund, which helps to pay for Laptops, Tuition, Lunches and School Enrichment Days. There are a total of 6 prizes. Grand Prize is a \$1,600 Sheetz Gift Card (or Cash Value). There are also five \$100 Sheetz Gift Cards (or Cash Value) that will also be drawn. Raffle tickets are \$10 each (cash or check made out to St. Joe's Catholic Academy are accepted). Prizes will be drawn during the St. Joe's Student Harvest Fest on October 8, 2021. Raffle tickets are available for purchase

at the parish office. If you have any questions feel free to email Mrs. Susan Robinson Fruchtl, Director of Development & Advancement, srobinson@stjoeacad.org, or contact St. Joseph student Tristen Kline, at tkline@sicacademy.org or 717-437-1332.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Save the Date! The 24th Annual SHS Benefit



Auction is scheduled to be held October 9-10, 2021 at the Mifflin County Youth Park. The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or like new donated items to be auctioned off. In the past these creative items have proven to be the most sought after and cherished by our generous bidders! Like to think outside the box? How about teaming up with some of your friends to auction off a dessert a month, a progressive dinner, soup a month, the opportunities are endless. For questions, please contact development@sacredheartsschool.com Please bring all items to the Parish Office by **September 10, 2021**. We thank you in advance for your support of our largest fundraiser of the year!

Do you love SHS? Has SHS touched your life in any way?

We are looking for a few monetary sponsors for some SHS families that are in need of tuition help. If you are interested in helping a Catholic child receive a quality catholic education in a safe and nurturing environment, please call Ashley Henry at the Parish Office 717-242-2781 or email at development@sacredheartsschool.com. **Our families appreciate your support!**

