

September 19, 2021 25th 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:

Regular: \$4,893.35

Tithing income for the week of September 12, 2021:

Regular: not available

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021

“Where jealousy and self-ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy and insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.”

Is the reading from St. James reflecting today's headlines, or does it date from the first century? The events of our time certainly reflect disorder, chaos, making the gospel seem so distant.

The encouragement of the writer though, offers the opportunity to examine our own lives as we seek to live by the virtues he enunciates – peace, gentleness, mercy. James uses the fruits of the spirit of which St. Paul wrote in Galatians.

If we chose just one and worked on it each day for a week or a month, our lives would be quite different as we ‘cultivate peace’ in our hearts and offer it to others.

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

Peacemakers

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*



And Weekly Readings

Saturday, September 18: Weekday

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

4:00 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

9:15 AM John Kromel from Terri Kromel

Monday, September 20: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

Ezra 1:1-6; Psalm 126:1b-sab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Luke 8:16-18

9:00 AM Gary Sanges

Tuesday, September 21: St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)

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

Wednesday, September 22: Weekday

Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Memorial)

Haggai 1:1-8; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 24: Weekday

Haggai 2:1-9; Psalm 43:1, 2, 3, 4 & Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 25: Weekday

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Luke 9:43b-45

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 26th, 26th 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

9:15 AM Curtis Gutshall from Shane Armstrong

Nancy Sanges would like to thank all who supported her and Gary during his illness and at the funeral. Your prayers, Mass cards and loving concern are greatly appreciated.

A BIG
thank you
♥

YOU ARE INVITED! Beginning Sunday, October 3rd 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.

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.



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

Ministry Schedule: September 25-26

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. Auker, A. Thawley

**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

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 within 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 protocols 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*

FAITH MATTERS

With Fr. Peter Rettig



“Martini; shaken, not stirred...” This line has become familiar to many all over the world because of the historical fictional character, James Bond. As a British secret intelligence agent, he had to be smart, fast, and, most of all, CONFIDENT! Considering that the actor Daniel Craig is returning to theaters as James Bond in the new movie, *No Time to Die*, I thought it would be helpful to address this pop culture phenomenon as we might hear chatter about it in our friend circles. Now, although Bond does not hold a very morally upright lifestyle, engaging in all sorts of worldly vices, I believe this topic is relatable to most adults, since many are familiar with the James Bond franchise. As Christians, there is at least one thing that we can learn from Bond – CONFIDENCE! Everything he does looks effortless, from jumping onto trains from helicopters, to winning a poker game, to saving a girl from near death, to... you guessed it, ordering his famous drink. Did you know the way he orders his Martini is considered poor form? Yes, traditionally among British aristocrats of his time, the Martini should only be stirred so as not to “water down” the drink from breaking up the ice while shaking it. Bond new this, yet he still looked cool doing it and he grabbed the attention of everyone in the room because of his confidence. Someone once told me that confidence is 75% of everything. I believe that. Yes, skill and knowledge are important, but when we convince ourselves that we know what we are doing, we release chemicals in our brain which tell us, “I can do this. This

is easy." This is what carries us through. So, even if James Bond were culturally ignorant, he can convince everyone around him that he's ordering his drink right purely out of confidence. Friends, what if we had the same amount of confidence in Christ? That's what we are called to do! We must have confidence in Jesus' to do everything, for nothing is impossible in Jesus' name. Jesus says, "I will always be with you, even until the end of time (Mt.28:20)." He meant that! In everything we do, whether it be routine work at the office, facing a deadly medical diagnosis, or finding enough money to pay the bills, it becomes easier if we have confidence in Jesus to carry us through. If James Bond can have enough confidence in ordering a cocktail at a bar, then we can have confidence in the Son of God to do anything we want. Neurologically, **confidence may be 75% of everything, but in Christ Jesus it is 100% through faith.**

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!



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@sjacademy.org or 717-437-1332.

24th Annual SHS Benefit Auction Update!

This year's auction is scheduled to be held **Oct. 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!

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.**

BETHANY RETREAT CENTER:

Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville has a brand new retreat opportunity just for men. Come together with other Godly men to examine the role of men in today's world. The characteristics of a healthy relationship with family, friends, and co-workers from the masculine perspective. Take time to reflect on the talents and gifts you have been given. Join us on October 1-3. For more information call 814-263-4855 or visit www.bethanyretreatcenter.org