

September 26, 2021 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a Way of Life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of September 12, 2021:

Regular: Not available

Tithing income for the week of September 19, 2021:

Regular: 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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021

“And Moses said, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!’ ...‘There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, surely will not lose his reward.’”

On the day of my baptism I was anointed and told that I share with Jesus in His role as ‘priest, prophet and king.’ A prophet is one who speaks for the Lord.

God chose the seventy-two in the book of numbers, Jesus chose His twelve apostles and disciples, and today we are blessed with the same role.

We are able to speak by our deeds, preaching by our actions. When Jesus told St. Francis to rebuild His church, He entrusted the mission of bringing the lived gospel to others. Our role today is no different. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but we also pray that we and all may accept their/our role as prophets for the Lord. Someone is waiting to receive your cup of water.

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not the people.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgment day.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*



And Weekly Readings

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 26: 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

Monday, September 27: St Vincent dePaul, Priest (Memorial)

Zechariah 8:1-8; Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22 -23; Luke 9:46-50

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 28: Weekday

Zechariah 8:20-23; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, September 29: Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; John 1:47-51

Thursday, September 30: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 1: St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Baruch 1:15-22; Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Luke 10:13-16

9:00 AM People of the Parish

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

First Friday All Day Adoration

The First Friday Mass/Adoration will take place on **Friday, October 1st commencing at 9:00 a.m.**

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 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: 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. Auken, A. Thawley

Ministry Schedule: October 2-3

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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. Auken, S. Arnold

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@stjudemifflintown.org

Spanish Mass Schedule: There will be Spanish Mass every Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

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.

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.**

PA March for Life

The first-ever Pennsylvania March for Life will be held at the Capitol in Harrisburg on September 27th, 2021 at 11am. The march will be an opportunity to be an advocate for the sanctity of life and defend that God made all life precious. Visit www.PaMarchforLife.org for more details.

7th Annual Women’s Conference

Mark your calendars for the **Diocese of Harrisburg’s 7th Annual Women’s Conference on October 16th** 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/>

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!

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.**

