

September 5, 2021 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a Way of Life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of August 22, 2021:

Regular: \$3,265.00

Tithing income for the week of August 29, 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021

“Say to those whose hearts are frightened, ‘Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication, with divine recompense, he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared, then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert and rivers in the steppe, the burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground springs of water.’”

Did you ever try to paint a picture? You gather the right materials, brushes, colors and decide how to transform your idea and put it on a canvas. Isaiah, in his vision, provided an exquisite painting in words of what he dreamed would be a world with a messiah. As we listen to the words about the blind, the deaf, the mute and the lame, we find Jesus taking another Isaiah passage and telling his townsfolk, ‘Today this has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ The prophet uses these miraculous images which we use as the reason for the messiah, He comes to save us.

In our time of difficulty and trial the picture and the words assure us, that the whole reason for Jesus’ coming, was and is to save us. Faith in Jesus, and our earnest desire for salvation, will add to the beauty of our painting.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

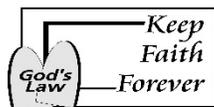
Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert; the sandy ground will become springs of water.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man’s ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the Intentions  Week



And Weekly Readings

Saturday, September 4: Weekday

Colossians 1:21-23; Psalm 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Luke 6:1-5

5:30 PM Mary Ann Truitt from

Richard and Shirley Baade

Sunday, September 5: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:407a; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

9:15 AM Randall Hafer from Shane Armstrong

Monday, September 6: Weekday

Colossians 1:24-2:3; Psalm 62:6-7, 9; Luke 6:6-11

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 7: Weekday

Colossians 2:6-15; Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 13:6ab, 6c; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Thursday, September 9: St. Peter Claver, Priest (Memorial)

Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 10: Weekday

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Psalm 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Luke 6:39-42

9:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Mass and Eucharistic Adoration will be held Friday, September 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Job Opportunity

There is an immediate opening for a Part-time Parish Secretary at Sacred Heart Parish. 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. Looking forward once again to praising





Ministry Schedule: September 4-5

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: Gary Price
EMHC: G. Best
Altar Server: St. Michael's Guard
Cantor: M. Miller
Usher: R. Aufer, S. Arnold

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

**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!

CCD News:

It is time to register your children for CCD. CCD classes will commence Sunday, September 19, 2021. All children should be registered by Sunday, August 29, 2021. Please fill out the registration forms which are available in the Narthex, complete the form and return it to one of the following people: Father Bill, Alice Arnold or Shane Armstrong.

REMINDER:

CCD TEACHERS MEETING will be held following the Sunday 9:15 a.m. Mass.

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 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



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 recurring 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

Saint Vincent dePaul:

Kelly Casner has been moved to intense rehab. We are requesting cards of encouragement for Kelly:

Kelly Casner

Room 7002

Mercy Hospital

1400 Locust Street

Pittsburgh PA 15219

FAITH MATTERS
With Fr. Peter Rettig



The utilization of abortion-derived cell lines in COVID-19 vaccines raises 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)

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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.





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@sacredheartschool.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@sacredheartschool.com. **Our families appreciate your support!**

Sacred Heart Parish Office and School will be closed Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 7th.