

December 24, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of December 10, 2023	Not Available
December 17, 2023	Not Available



The Altar flowers for December 24th are given in loving memory of
Richard Berrier, Sr.
and
Richard Berrier, Jr.

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023

“And they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace... Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and cried out in a loud voice: ‘Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?’”

Micah the prophet tells us the Lord is reaching out to us. We are now at the edge, recalling the great event of salvation, as He comes to us. Advent draws to a close as we celebrate the Savior's birth. But wait! We meet the third critical person of advent in Mary's visitation to Elizabeth. How frequently we pray the 'Hail Mary', but do we realize we are reciting the very words of scripture? Our prayer is quoting the gospel of Luke. The question of Mary's relative can be ours today – 'Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?' On this eve of Christmas may I ask, 'Who am I that the Savior should come to me?' The answer - I am loved, chosen and blessed by God with those around me.
'Come Lord Jesus.'

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But

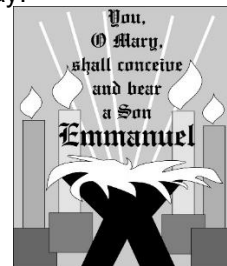
God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week



Saturday, December 23: Advent Weekday

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14; Luke 1:57-66

5:30 PM Benjamin & Phyllis Davis from
Shane Armstrong

Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

9:15 AM Scott & Alice Arnold's
Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, December 24: The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

6:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;
Hebrews: 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

10:00 AM Jack & Patricia Marshall from
Scott & Alice Arnold

Tuesday, December 26: Saint Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)

Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Psalm
31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27: Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)

1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
John 20:1a & 2-8

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)

1 John 1:5 – 2:2; Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8;
Matthew 2:13-18

Friday, December 29: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6;
Luke 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10;
Luke 2:36-40

5:30 PM Justin Pfaltzgraff from Family

Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;
Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

9:15 AM Guy Lanza from Karen Thomas

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;

Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

10:00 AM People of the Parish

Sunday 12/24/22

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Christmas Vigil Mass

6:00PM St. Jude

Pre-mass 5:30 PM



Monday 12/25/22

No 9:00 AM Mass

Christmas Day Mass

10:00AM St. Jude

Spanish Mass 1:30PM St Jude

Monday 1/1/24: Solemnity of

Mary, Mother of God

Mass/10:00AM/St. Jude



SAINT JUDE CHRISTMAS PARTY



Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our Parish Christmas/Epiphany party on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The dinner will be a covered dish with the parish providing the meat, beverages, and bread. Our evening will include a special children's program, caroling, and a visit from the Magi. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the podium at the entrance of the church. Come and enjoy!

WEIS GROCERY CARDS

Saint Jude's Women's Guild will have Weis Grocery cards for sale in the Social Hall after Mass on Sundays. Please see Karen Thome to purchase your cards and support the Guild's charitable works!

ROSARY



Please join us as we pray the Rosary each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. before the 9:15 a.m. Mass. "The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."

- Pope Leo XIII



MEMORIALIZE FLOWERS:

If you wish to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Dave Treaster for information on availability of dates. (717) 436-2968.

Christmas Prayer

God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word, that we may bring your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

Requests for Mass Intentions are welcome for all Masses celebrated at St. Jude Thaddeus Parish. In order to make the request of Mass Intentions more convenient, we now have Mass Intention envelopes which can be completed and placed in the offering box found in the entrance of the church. To request a Mass, please fill out the front of the envelope, indicate if you would like a Mass Card in the sheet provided and include the customary offering of \$10.00 for the Mass and place it in the box in the Narthex. You may also request a mass via email rectory@stjudemiffrintown.org or by making arrangements with the Parish Secretary on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or after the Sunday 9:15 a.m. Mass.


PRAYER REQUEST



Prayers are requested for Justin Pfaltzgraff who is experiencing serious medical issues at this time.

UPDATE REQUEST

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or have any other changes you would like made to your information at the parish office, please contact the office at 717-436-6722 on Thursdays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or email the office at rectory@stjudemiffrintown.org



COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

December 24	NONE
December 31	LYDIA
January 7	KAREN TORNAMBE
January 14	GARY



SATURDAY, December 23, 2023

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

SUNDAY, December 24, 2023

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: S. Arnold, R. Auker

DECEMBER 24TH (EVENING)

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6:00 p.m.

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: Megan Miller & Youth Choir

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boy

DECEMBER 25TH

CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 a.m.

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: A. Arnold

Altar Servers: D. Treaster

Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

SATURDAY, December 30, 2023

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher:

SUNDAY, December 31, 2023

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor: I. Armstrong

Altar Servers: The Millers

Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boyd

NEW YEARS DAY

JANUARY 1ST

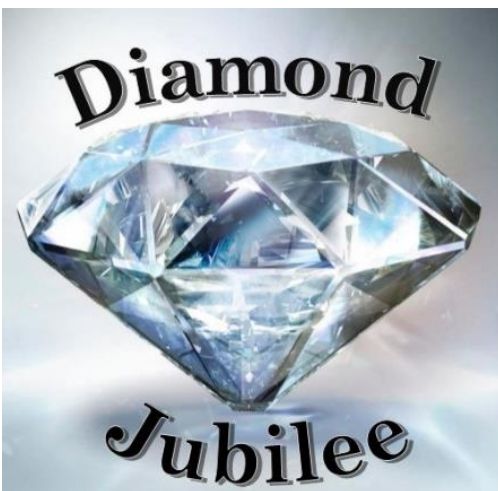
Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Server: D. Treaster

Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

 **Save the Date** 
SHS Gala:
Diamond Jubilee:
Celebrating 75
years of Catholic Education at SHS, will
be held on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the
Lewistown Country Club. Tickets are
now available at the Parish Office; prices
are \$60 per person through Jan. 26th
and \$70 Jan. 27th thru Feb. 1st.



SATURDAY, January 6, 2024

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher:

SUNDAY, January 7, 2024

Lector: E. Armstrong

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boyd

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, December 25th** and **Tuesday, December 26th** in observance of Christmas. The office will reopen on Thursday, Dec. 28th. The office will also be closed on **Monday, January 1st** in observance of New Years.



should exit using exits found on their respective side. Those sitting back half of the church should exit through the center doors and the doors to the right of the main entry door of the church. Those in the cry room or the restrooms.

FORMED – ON-LINE RESOURCES

We are pleased to provide all Parishioners a FREE subscription to formed.org. Discover all the best Catholic content in one place, Enlighten programs, entertaining movies, inspiring talks and a great selection of popular e-books for everyone in the family all just a click away.

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EMERGENCY EXITS

Designated emergency exits are found in the front of the church to the left and right of the altar, and in the back of the church through the main entrance and the hallway by the restrooms.

We request in case of emergency you select the closest exit to your seat.

Those sitting in the front half of the church



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
IN MEMORY OF:**

FITZGERALD FAMILY FROM MR. & MRS. JAMES FITZGERALD
MONTREY FAMILY FROM MR. & MRS. JAMES FITZGERALD
FRANK & EDNA ZALAR FROM CHRYSAN CHERAN
DANIEL & ANTOINETTE CHUBERKO FROM CHRYSAN CHERAN
DANIEL CHUBERKO FROM CHRYSAN CHERAN
SANORA MANWILLER FROM CHRYSAN CHERAN
ELIZABETH & JOSEPH SAIA FROM MR. & MRS. ROBERT AUKER
MARIAN & LAVON AUKER FROM MR. & MRS. ROBERT AUKER
ROSE SAIA FROM MR. & MRS. ROBERET AUKER
MARGARET WARSING FROM MR. & MRS. ROBERT AUKER
STANLEY AUKER FROM MR. & MRS. ROBERT AUKER
BETTY & JOE SAIA FROM MR. & MRS. MICHAEL EBERTS
MARIAN & LAVON AUKER FROM MR. & MRS. MICHAEL EBERTS
VANCE & RUTH EBERTS FROM MR. & MRS. MICHAEL EBERTS
ROBERT & EMILY SELOSKY FROM MR. & MRS. MICHAEL EBERTS
FAMILY & FRIENDS FROM MARIE DAWSON



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
IN MEMORY OF:**

RALPH HEPNER FROM ROSE HEPNER
HEPNER FAMILY FROM ROSE HEPNER
RUMFOLA FAMILY FROM ROSE HEPNER
FATHER CAMPION FROM MR. & MRS. DARYL BEST
OUR LOVED ONES FROM MR & MRS. DARLY BEST
DON PARSON, SR. FROM MR. & MRS. DONALD PARSON
NORMAN & MARY ANN SEVERT FROM MR. & MRS. DONALD PARSON
JEROME & MARIE BOYD FROM MR. & MRS. JOSEPH BOYD
JOHN & HELEN RENZ FROM MR. & MRS. JOSEPH BOYD
MR. & MRS. LOUIS BERRENZA FROM ROBERT MCCLESKEY
THOMAS BRENNAN FROM BETH MANBECK
DOTTIE DRESSLER FROM BETH MANBECK
KATHY & BILL NASH FROM SCOTT & ALICE ARNOLD
RICHARD KEPLER FROM MRS. DORIS KEPLER
STEVE GRAHAM FROM MRS. DORIS KEPLER



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
IN HONOR OF:**

OUR PRIESTS FROM RUTH HOWER
CHUBERKO & CHERAN FAMILY FROM CHRYSAN CHERAN
MARY ANN PARSON FROM MR. & MRS. DONALD PARSON
MARIAN & TONY KERCUSKY FROM SCOTT & ALICE ARNOLD