

MARCH 3, 2024, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of
February 25, 2024 Not Available

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 2024

"In those days God delivered all these commandments: 'I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me...' 'But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.'" Moses and the tablets of stone are known to us, yet we sometimes tend to just pass over what is demanded of us. They are neither recommendations or suggestions but commandments, rules for our living. We cannot choose just one or another; they are a complete package, telling us how to live. The first three deal with our relationship with God, the second seven with our relationship with others, two sides of the same coin. They are not prohibitions but can be summarized in the single word – RESPECT. Take a minute to see that we are not following other gods or idols, but each day as we live our Lenten lives, we are living the ten or the two Jesus gave us to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. 'A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE YOU, LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals

away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week



Saturday, March 2: Lenten Weekday

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

5:30 PM In Honor of Tony & Marian Kerchusky from
Jim & Cathy Fitzgerald

Sunday, March 3: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

9:15 AM Lori Newlin from Colleen Hazard
1:30 PM People of the Parish

Monday, March 4: Lenten Weekday

2 Kings 5:1-15b; Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Luke 4:24-30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 5: Lenten Weekday

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9;
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6: Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16,
19-20; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 8: Lenten Weekday

Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 & 17; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 9: Lenten Weekday

Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab;
Luke 18:9-14

5:30 PM Karen Sander from Rick Sander

Sunday, March 10: Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-2, 3,
4-5, 6; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

9:15 AM In Honor of Francis & Mary O'Day from
Jim & Cathy Fitzgerald

1:30 PM People of the Parish

Year-End Tax Statements

Please contact the Parish Office at 717-436-6722 if you are in need of a year-end tax statement or see the Parish Secretary. In addition, the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Diocese will be happy to send, via email, a donor's record of giving if it is requested. The Diocese will no longer automatically send statements and their preference is to send statements electronically via email if it is on file. If you need a statement, please call the Office of Stewardship and Development at (717) 657-4804 ext. 336.

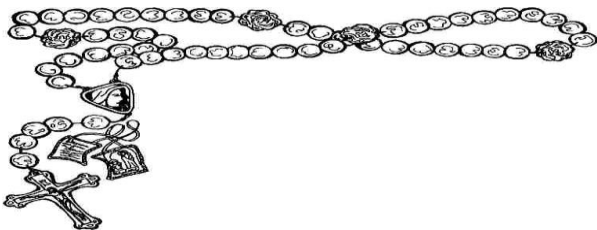


Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Office and School will be closed Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day. The Parish Office and School will resume at regular hours on Tuesday, February 20th.

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!

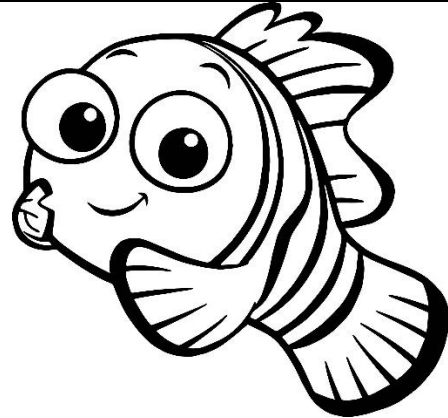
ROSARY



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

LENTEN FISH DINNERS HAVE BEGUN!



Every Friday until
March 22nd

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

At St. Jude Catholic Church
3918 William Penn Highway
Mifflintown PA 17059

\$15.00 Adults

\$6.00 Children 6 – 12 years of age
Children age 5 and under – FREE

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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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross will be held at **7 PM every Wednesday during Lent**, at St. Jude Church. Journey with Jesus and Mary as they follow the Way of the Cross.

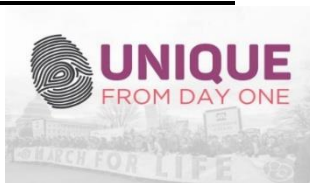
Youth Protection Program

Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal

To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the toll free PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313. To report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee or volunteer, also please call the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection toll free number: 1-800-626-1608 or email: ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE – MARCH 17TH

Mifflin and Juniata Citizens Concerned for Human Life will host the **Annual Lewistown March for Life on Sunday, March 17, 2024 beginning at 1:00 PM**. All are invited to walk with us from Sacred Heart Church, 3rd and Dorcas Streets, Lewistown, to Bethel AME H.O.P.E. Center, 23 Juniata Street., Lewistown.



More information to follow as details become available.

Help us celebrate the gift of all stages of life, from conception to natural death. For more information, contact Mary Smith at 717-994-1941.



In 2023, Crossroads gave out 918 packs of diapers—that is around 30,000 diapers! And we need your help in 2024 to keep supplying our clients with diapers to ease their burden.

Crossroads is collecting Size 3-7 diapers,

Pull-Ups, & wipes in February. Drop off your contribution during our office hours. Please ring the doorbell to be let inside, as we've added this security measure to our offices the doors are locked even when we are open. *Please don't leave donations outside if we are closed.*

Registration Deadline is February 23rd



Catholic Information Night

Those curious about the Catholic Church can attend an information night, Monday, March 4th, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, at the Lumina Center, 18 E. 3rd Street, Lewistown, PA. Fr. William Weary and Fr. Richard Groff, priests at Sacred Heart Church, Lewistown, will give brief presentations, followed by a question-and-answer session. All are invited. Please call the Sacred Heart Church office at 717-242-2781 to register, although walk-ins are welcome.

2024 Diocesan Annual Campaign

The 2024 Diocesan Annual Campaign, **Nourished by Faith**, has begun. Because of the generosity of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg, our 2023 effort was remarkable with 75 parishes reaching and exceeding their goals. As we come together in the faith, the combined gifts of the faithful in our Diocese provide the needed financial support for the more than 90 ministries and programs offered throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg. These programs which received funding are humbled by the interest in and support of their efforts. From Evangelization efforts, to the many social service programs offered by Catholic Charities, to ongoing education and formation for our seminarians, clergy and ordained deacons, to support for Catholic education, your gift does make a difference. Please prayerfully consider your gift this year to ensure that the mission of the Church is fulfilled.

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@stjudemifflintown.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.



COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:

March 3 rd	ARMSTRONGS
March 10 th	JODI
March 17 th	LADIES
March 24 th	MEGAN

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@stjudemifflintown.org

2024 Ladies Lenten Tea schedule

March 6	Trinity UMC Linda Groninger (994-3226)
March 13	Westminster Presbyterian Connie Benner (436-2304)
March 29	Aldersgate UMC Pastor Mindy (513-7194)

*Social time begins at 9:30 with light refreshments followed by Bible Study at 10:00.
*Bible Study books will be given to the hosting church several weeks ahead of time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Kathy Whitesel at 717-436-2401 or 717-363-6144

Sacred Heart School Angel Fund

You will find nicely decorated apples in the Narthex. These apples were decorated by the students of SHS in hopes that you will make a gift to the SHS Angel Fund. The SHS Angel Fund provides scholarships and financial assistance to children who attend our school. If you would like to make a donation, you can make checks payable to **Sacred Heart School with Angel Fund** in the memo and placing it in the collection basket, mailing it to the school or you can go online

to sacredheartschool.com and make an online donation. Donations to the SHS Angel Fund are accepted at any time during the year; however, if you are able, we encourage you to participate at this time. **Consider using your 5% tithe to other charitable organizations to participate, if possible. Thanks for your support of SHS!**



CALENDAR RAFFLE

SHS/HSA will be holding a Calendar Raffle for the month of March. Calendars will be sold at the school office for \$10 each. Gift cards or items worth \$25 or more are donated. Each date has a particular item associated with it and we will have a student draw a name for each day.



SATURDAY, March 2, 2024

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher:

SUNDAY, March 3, 2024

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: The Millers

Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boyd

SATURDAY, March 9, 2024

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher:

SUNDAY, March 10, 2024

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: D. Ames, P. Ames

SATURDAY, March 16, 2024

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor:

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher:

SUNDAY, March 17, 2024

Lector: J. Hazard

Cantor: A. Arnold

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Usher: S. Arnold, J. Boyd

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The St Vincent DePaul Society has published a commemorative, fundraising cookbook, celebrating their 25th Anniversary with the National Chapter. These cookbooks contain delicious recipes from fellow parishioners and friends. **Extra copies are available to buy at \$20 each. Support our local SVDP society with your purchase. St. Vincent dePaul is currently facing a critical financial shortfall. Please consider a monetary donation or a donation of personal care items such as shampoo, deodorant etc. Also needed are hats and gloves. For more info, call us at (717) 363-4812. Thank you.**

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 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.



SHS
Sacred Heart School

Interested in joining the SHS Family?

Enrolling now for the 2024-2025 school year

Visit us at one of the following:

Open Houses:

Wed. March 13 - 10am-6pm

or

Thurs. March 21 - 5:30 -7pm

Unable to join us or interested in a private tour?
Call 717-248-5351 or
E-Mail:
development@sacredheartschool.com



SAVE THE DATE

MEN'S CONFERENCE

ST. JOSEPH: THE CARPENTER'S TABLE

FEATURING

<p style="text-align: center;">JON LEONETTI</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">CATHOLIC SPEAKER, BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, RADIO HOST</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">KEYNOTE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REVEREND JOSHUA CAVENDER</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">BREAKOUT</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">DEACON ARMANDO TORRES</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">BREAKOUT</p>
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APRIL 20, 2024

7:30 AM - 3:30 PM | DIOCESAN CENTER
REGISTER TODAY: WWW.HBDDIOCESE.ORG/MEN