

## December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

### Stewardship is a Way of Life.

### Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of November 19, 2023:

Regular:	\$3,816.25
Loose:	\$ 341.00
ONLINE GIVING:	\$2,454.00
Tithing income November 19, 2023:	\$6,611.25
Tithing income November 20, 2022:	\$7,515.30

Mass Attendance for November 19, 2023	269
Mass Attendance for November 20, 2022	258

Tithing income for the week of November 26, 2023:

Regular:	\$5,100.50
Loose:	\$ 475.00
ONLINE GIVING:	\$1,566.00
Tithing income November 26, 2023:	\$7,141.50
Tithing income November 27, 2022:	\$5,344.25

Mass Attendance for November 26, 2023	267
Mass Attendance for November 27, 2022	244

#### Tithe for November 19, 2023

Expectations Women's Center	\$330.50
Samaritan's Purse	\$330.50
Matthew 25 (envelope)	\$435

#### Tithe for November 26, 2023

Life Outreach International	\$357
St. Mary's of the Angels Soup Kitchen	\$357

#### Tithe for December 3, 2023

United Way Energy Bank	
Christmas Flowers (envelope)	

#### Tithe for December 8, 2023 (Immaculate Conception)

Sister's of Christian Charity	
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### FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ  
First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2023

"Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him... Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you are the potter: we are all the work of your hands."

The prophet Isaiah, one of the principal figures for advent, speaks for us, longing for the needed Messiah, not His first coming, but for today. Can I not see that our world needing His presence, desperate to make things better? The God who made us, the potter, needs to refashion us in His image as we live the days of this holy season. He will remake us in His image, by our prayer for all around us, beginning with His reworking who we are and what He wants us to become. 'Come Lord Jesus.'

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7**

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

#### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

#### **Gospel: Mark 13:33-37**

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

### Rectory Open House Christmas Party



Father Weary's Rectory Open House Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, December 10th from 3-5 PM.** All are welcome to join us for this annual celebration. Snacks and drinks will be provided.



Mifflin County High School Cantare will perform at approximately 10:40 AM, prior to 11:00 AM Mass and after Communion on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Come and enjoy!



## LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the  
Intentions  the Week



### Saturday, December 2: Advent Weekday

Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87;  
Luke 21:34-36

4:00 PM Anthony & Rose Ianelli from Del & Rose Guerrini

### Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16,  
18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Richard Calkins from his Family

### Monday, December 4: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Matthew 8:5-11

8:00 AM Tom & Marge Connare from Tom Connare, Jr.

### Tuesday, December 5: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Luke 10:21-24

8:00 AM Sr. Clea Reineberg from Adorers of the Blood of Christ

### Wednesday, December 6: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Matthew 15:29-37

7:00 PM Deceased Members of the McMullen Family from Del & Rose Guerrini

### Thursday, December 7: Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

9:00 AM Bernard Sutusky from Larry Sutusky  
In Memory/Honor of SHS Memorial Society Members

### Friday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

8:00 AM Richard Showers from Anne Marie Showers

### Saturday, December 9: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

4:00 PM Joseph Tice, Sr. from his Loving Family

### Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;  
2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

7:30 AM Harry Krepps from Jeannie and Family

11:00 AM People of the Parish

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday 12/2/23

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

### Sunday 12/3/23 – First Sunday of Advent

Mass/7:30AM/Church

Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office

CCD Class/9:00AM/Sacred Heart School

Mass/11:00AM/Church

Children's Choir Practice/12:30PM/Choir Loft

Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude



Advent Penance Service/3:00PM/St. Jude

Advent Penance Service/7:00PM/Church

No Youth Group

Monday 12/4/23

Mass/8:00AM/Church

Tuesday 12/5/23

Mass/8:00AM/Church

Wednesday 12/6/23

Confessions/6:30PM/Church

Mass/7:00PM/Church

Adult Choir/7:30PM/Church

Thursday 12/7/23 Vigil Mass

Mass/ 9:00AM/Church

Mass/7:00PM/Church

No RCIA

Friday 12/8/23 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Holy Day of Obligation

No 8 AM Mass

Mass/12 Noon/Church

Mass/7:00PM/St. Jude

Saturday 12/9/23

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

Sunday 12/10/23 – Second Sunday of Advent

Mass/7:30AM/Church

Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office

CCD Class/9:00AM/Sacred Heart School

MCHS Cantare Sings/10:40AM/Church

Mass/11:00AM/Church

Children's Choir Practice/12:30PM/Choir Loft

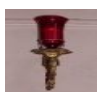
Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude

Rectory Open House/3:00-5:00PM

Youth Group/6:00PM/Church Basement



The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of December 3rd  
burns in Loving Memory of  
John Dulack  
From Daughter, Cathy Reifsteck



Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: January 21 and February 11, 18 and 25.



The Sanctuary Flowers for the  
week of December 3rd  
are in loving memory of  
Dick Calkins  
From his Wife & Family



Memorialize Flowers: If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (pulpit) please call the office to schedule. The following dates are available:  
January 7, 14, 21 & 28 and February 4, 11, 18 & 25.



### Ministry Schedule: December 2 – December 3

#### Sat. 4:00 PM

**Greeter:** Diane Bray, Del Guerrini

**Lector:** Barbara Bratton

**EMHC:** Nora Torquato

**Knights of the Holy Temple:** Tristen Kline

**Altar Server:** Daniel McMonigal

**Cantor:** Rose Guerrini

#### Sun. 7:30 AM

**Greeter:** Donath Korbich, Penny Nerhood

**Lector:** Bill Napikoski

**EMHC:** Kim Napikoski

**Knights of the Holy Temple:** Unfilled

**Altar Server:** Caroline Palopoli

**Cantor:** Mary Smith

#### Sun. 11:00 AM

**Greeter:** Denny & Dottie Peiffer

**Lector:** Jean Mank

**EMHC:** Wendy Vogt

**Knights of the Holy Temple:** Matthew Murray

**Altar Server:** Kenneth Shank

**Cantor:** Cathy Stout

### Ministry Schedule: December 7 – December 8

#### Thurs. 7:00 PM – Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

**Greeter:** Del Guerrini

**Lector:** Jean Mank

**EMHC:** John Maroney

**Knight of the Holy Temple:** Matthew Murray, Landon Mazur

**Altar Server:**

**Cantor:** Rose Guerrini

#### Friday 12 Noon – Immaculate Conception Mass

**Greeter:** Diane Bray, Dottie Peiffer

**Lector:** Sacred Heart Students

**EMHC:** Joann Loht

**Altar Server:** Sacred Heart Students

**Cantor:** Sacred Heart Students

### Ministry Schedule: December 9 – December 10

#### Sat. 4:00 PM

**Greeter:** Ken Johnson, Nan Yeater

**Lector:** Bernie Howard

**EMHC:** Joann Loht

**Knights of the Holy Temple:** Tristen Kline

**Altar Server:** Ethan McMonigal

**Cantor:** Dr. Michael Murray

#### Sun. 7:30 AM

**Greeter:** Sue Reinke, Linda Treaster

**Lector:** Jean Mank

**EMHC:** John Maroney

**Knights of the Holy Temple:** Unfilled

**Altar Server:** Anthony Palopoli

**Cantor:** Unfilled

#### Sun. 11:00 AM

**Greeter:** Ruth Allison, Judith Stroup

**Lector:** Cathy Michaels

**EMHC:** Wendy Vogt

**Knights of the Holy Temple:** Landon Mazur

**Altar Server:** Ellie Tressler

**Cantor:** Cathy Stout

### Christmas Basket Collection

St. Vincent dePaul Society is collecting canned goods and other items for our Christmas Basket Giveaway. We will be distributing 100 baskets on Saturday, December 16th. Please be generous to help those less fortunate. We are in need of Turkeys, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Boxed Stuffing, Boxed Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, Canned Pumpkin, Pie Shells, Corn, Green Beans, Cake Mix, Canned Frosting, Soups, Jell-O or Pudding mix, Canned or Bottled Gravy and Candy Canes or monetary donations. We would like the donations to be to us by **Monday, December 11th**. Contributions should be dropped off at the SVDP office at 3 W Monument Square, Suite 203 on Tuesdays or Fridays. Questions call (717) 363-4812 or email us at [stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com)

**Thank you for your support and generosity!**



We are still in need of personal care items such as **shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, as well as diapers size two and three**. They can be dropped off at the office or placed in the basket in the narthex.



St Vincent dePaul will be placing a Christmas Giving Tree in the church beginning **November 18<sup>th</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>**. Pick a tag and shop for the local needy. **We will need the gifts returned to the St. Vincent dePaul Office at 3 W. Monument Square, Suite 203. We are under a strict guideline this year and will**

**need the gifts by Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>!**

If you have any questions, please contact our Chairperson, Sue Reinke at 717 437-6742 or call the SVDP office at 717 363-4812.

Help us to help others have a Merry and Bright Christmas.



Children's Choir practices for the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will be held from 12:30 -1:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft on the following dates:

**Sunday, December 3**  
**Sunday, December 10**  
**Sunday, December 17**

All children in grades 1-8 are invited to join. The children's choir will sing at the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. For questions, please contact Cathy Stout at 814-360-4268.





One of our Catholic traditions is the wearing of the Brown Scapular. It is a devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Our Lady appeared to Saint Simon Stock in the year 1251 and gave him the Brown Scapular. She promised that anyone who wears the Scapular will be given the Grace of Final Perseverance to attain Eternal Life in Heaven. Fr. Rich will

bless Scapulars in a brief ceremony on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17th, immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass. Anyone wishing to receive a Scapular is kindly asked to sign-up on the sheet located in the Church Narthex by Sunday, December 3rd.



**Advent Penance Service** will be held on **Sunday, December 3rd** at 3:00 PM at St. Jude and at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart.



A special thank you goes out to the Stout family for their hard work to enlarge each of the missal holders in the pews.

And also, a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed their time and talent in preparing the new

missals and putting them in place. Sacred Heart parish is incredibly thankful for all of you! God bless you!

### Youth Group News



The Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in observance of the holidays. The next

meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.



### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday – Friday 7:30 AM- 3:30 PM

\*\*If assistance is needed outside of office hours, leave a message on the school answering machine at 717-248-5351 or contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781



### **Sacred Heart School Angel Fund**

This weekend 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](http://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!**



Formerly ShopWithScrip

**RaiseRight**, formerly SCRIP, is a wonderful fundraiser for our school. Families purchase gift cards for everyday expenses (i.e. groceries, gas, clothing, eating out) or gifts for holidays (i.e. Christmas, Birthdays, Mother's Day, and Father's Day) and HSA receives a percentage of each purchase. Percentages vary based on the company. The money HSA receives goes back to the school for assemblies, playground improvement, teacher expenses, etc. There are over 750 brands from which you can purchase gift cards. You can purchase gift cards 3 different ways:

1. Fill out a form available in the Narthex. Send it into the school or the Parish Office with cash or a check made out to SHS-HSA.
2. Download the app or go to RaiseRight.com and order gift cards. You can choose to have the gift cards shipped to you or to the school. There is a small fee to have the gift cards shipped to you and there is a small fee to pay for your order through the website or app.
3. Download the app or go to RaiseRight.com and order e-gift cards or reloadable cards. These cards are made available to you immediately. There is a small fee to pay for orders through the website or app.

The RaiseRight enrollment code for SHS is:

**986DCAA961532**

**The order deadline is December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thank you for your support. Happy Shopping!**

