

## February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

### Stewardship is a Way of Life. Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of February 18, 2024:

Regular:	\$3,546.25
Loose:	\$ 319.00
ONLINE GIVING:	\$2,656.00
Tithing income February 18, 2024:	\$6,521.25
Tithing income February 19, 2023:	\$8,049.50

Mass Attendance for Ash Wednesday Noon & 7 PM	273
Mass Attendance for February 18, 2024	261
Mass Attendance for February 19, 2023	260

#### Tithe for February 18, 2024

St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$326
Catholic Medical Missions Board	\$326

#### Tithe for February 25, 2024

Catholic Volunteer Network

#### Tithe for March 3, 2024

St. Vincent DePaul Society  
Diocesan Annual Campaign (envelope)



#### **St. Mark's Episcopal Church** **Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Food Pantry**

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish,  
Thank you for your recent generous donation of **\$296** to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Food Pantry. Please be assured that your gift has been used to feed numerous needy families in our community. We continue to serve an ever-increasing number; therefore, your donation is greatly appreciated.

May God bless you for your thoughtfulness & generosity.  
Peace and Love through Jesus Christ  
Blair Hannon  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church - Senior Warden

### 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.

### **FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS** **HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ **Second Sunday of Lent** February 25, 2024

"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died – or rather, was raised – who is also at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us." Saint Paul was trying to convince the first Christians in Rome of God's concern for them and the saving work of Jesus as redeemer. We become blasé recalling the saving work of Christ in our behalf but fail to respond today for what He did for us on Calvary. That is why we need Lent. With the chosen apostles on Tabor we are told to listen to God's beloved Son, and as we begin the second week of Lent, to see that I am alone with Jesus. What do I say and do?

#### **First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**

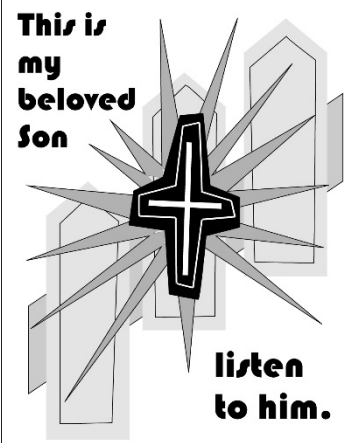
God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

#### **Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34**

Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

#### **Gospel: Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed 'This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.' Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.



## LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the  
Intentions  for the  
Week



### Saturday, February 24: Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Matthew 5:43-48

4:00 PM Joe & Esther Berich from Rick & Mary Jo Berich

### Sunday, February 25: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Jeffrey A. Ferguson from Anne Marie Showers

### Monday, February 26: Lenten Weekday

Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 & 13;  
Luke 6:36-38

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

### Tuesday, February 27: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23;  
Matthew 23:1-12

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Frear Family from The Litzinger Family

### Wednesday, February 28: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16;  
Matthew 20:17-28

7:00 PM Special Intention from Anne Marie Showers

### Thursday, February 29: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6;  
Luke 16:19-31

9:00 AM Special Intention from Anne Marie Showers In Memory/Honor of SHS Memorial Society Members

### Friday, March 1: Lenten Weekday

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

8:00 AM Kathy Morgan from Gary & Sue Parzanese

### 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

4:00 PM Mary Earley from Helen Lodanosky

### 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

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Frank & Marie Guerrini from Del & Rose Guerrini

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday 2/24/24

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

### Sunday 2/25/24 – Second Sunday of Lent

Mass/7:30AM/Church

Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office

CCD/9:00AM/Church

Mass/11:00AM/Church

Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude

No Youth Group

### Monday 2/26/24

Mass/8:00AM/Church

### Tuesday 2/27/24

Mass/8:00AM/Church

### Wednesday 2/28/24

Confessions/6:30PM/Church

Mass/7:00PM/Church

Adult Choir/7:30PM/Church

### Thursday 2/29/24

Mass/ 9:00AM/Church

RCIA/7:00PM/Parish Office

### Friday 3/1/24

First Friday Adoration/8:30AM/Church

Benediction/6:00PM/Church

Mass/8:00AM/Church

Stations of the Cross/7:00PM/Church

### Saturday 3/2/24

Women's Retreat/10:00AM/SHS Cafeteria

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

### Sunday 3/3/24 – Third Sunday of Lent

Mass/7:30AM/Church

Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office


CCD/9:00AM/Church/Confession Grades 3-5

Mass/11:00AM/Church


Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude

No Youth Group





The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of February 25th  
burns in the Honor and Glory of God  
From People of the Parish



**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are available: March 17 and April 7, 21 & 28.

**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:  
**April 14, 21 & 28 and May 19 & 26.**



### Supplemental Flower Fund

The Supplemental Flower Committee has provided flowers for the altar numerous times this past year. Thank you to this dedicated committee and to the generous parishioners who continue to contribute funds to ensure we have beautiful flowers on the altar. Contributions are always appreciated.



The St Vincent DePaul Society has published a commemorative, fundraising cookbook, celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Ministry Schedule: February 24 – February 25

**Sat. 4:00 PM**

**Greeter:** Diane Bray, Al Specht

**Lector:** Barbara Bratton

**EMHC:** John Maroney

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

**Altar Server:** Ethan McMonigal

**Cantor:** Cathy Stout

**Sun. 7:30 AM**

**Greeter:** Donath Korbich, Penny Nerhood

**Lector:** Dan Palopoli

**EMHC:** Kim Napikoski

**Knight of the Holy Temple:** Unfilled

**Altar Server:** Anthony Palopoli

**Cantor:** Mary Smith

**Sun. 11:00 AM**

**Greeter:** Ruth Allison, Del Guerrini

**Lector:** Judy Sieber

**EMHC:** Mike Leeper

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

**Altar Server:** Ellie Tressler

**Cantor:** Dr. Michael Murray

### Ministry Schedule: March 2 – March 3

**Sat. 4:00 PM**

**Greeter:** Ken Johnson, Steven Lilley

**Lector:** Bernie Howard

**EMHC:** Christina Stryker

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

**Altar Server:** Daniel McMonigal

**Cantor:** Rose Guerrini

**Sun. 7:30 AM**

**Greeter:** Norma Andrie, Linda Treaster

**Lector:** Bill Napikoski

**EMHC:** Mario Andrie

**Knight of the Holy Temple:** Unfilled

**Altar Server:** Caroline Palopoli

**Cantor:** Mary Smith

**Sun. 11:00 AM**

**Greeter:** Denny & Dottie Peiffer

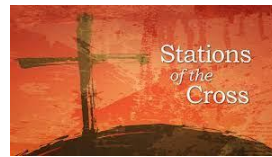
**Lector:** Jean Mank

**EMHC:** Joann Loht

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

**Altar Server:** Kenneth Shank

**Cantor:** Sacred Heart Choir



**Beginning Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Stations of the Cross** will be held at **7 PM every Friday during Lent**, at Sacred Heart. Journey with Jesus and Mary as they follow the Way of the Cross.



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.



### WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

10 AM – 1:30 PM

Sacred Heart School Cafeteria

Speaker/Facilitator: Sr. Geralyn Schmidt, SCC

**Topic: The Eucharist**

Cost to Attend: \$14.00 (Pay at Door)

Hosted by the Companions of Pauline

*For Reservations please contact:*

*Dottie Peiffer – 717 994-1927*

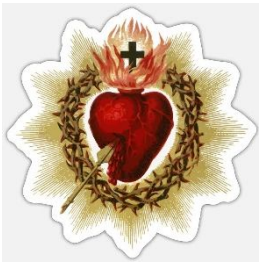
*Wendy Vogt – 717 348-0931*

*Pat Czerniakowski – 717 437-6773*



Sacred Heart will be holding a short 5-Week Lenten Bible Study on the **"The Sorrowful Mysteries"** each Sunday from 9 AM - 10 AM in the Parish Office beginning **February 18<sup>th</sup> through March 17<sup>th</sup>**. No need to sign up, just join us when you can. Questions? Contact Sue Parzanese at 717 250-6044.





### Catholic Information Night

Those curious about the Catholic Church can attend an information night, Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, at the Lumina Center, 18 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Lenten Fish Dinner



Available every Friday,  
February 9<sup>th</sup> through  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4 PM - 7 PM  
at Saint Jude Catholic Church  
\$15 for Adults,  
\$6 for Kids 6-12 years old.  
Kid 5 and under eat FREE.

Sponsored by St. Jude's Knights of Columbus

**Lenten Penance Service** will be held **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **7:00 PM** at Sacred Heart. St. Jude will hold theirs at 3 PM. What a wonderful way to begin your Lenten journey by receiving the special graces only forgiveness can bring!



SAVE THE DATE

## MEN'S CONFERENCE

ST. JOSEPH: THE CARPENTER'S TABLE

FEATURING

JON LEONETTI

CATHOLIC SPEAKER,  
BEST-SELLING  
AUTHOR, RADIO HOST

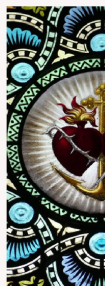
KEYNOTE

REVEREND JOSHUA CAVENDER

BREAKOUT

DEACON ARMANDO TORRES

BREAKOUT



APRIL 20, 2024

7:30 AM - 3:30 PM DIOCESAN CENTER

REGISTER TODAY: [WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/MEN](http://WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/MEN)



### Youth Protection Program

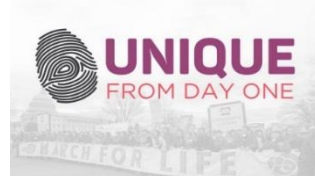
#### Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal

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](mailto:ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org).

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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### **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

### Register NOW for the 2024-25 Academic Year!



Sacred Heart School is now accepting registrations for grades K-5 for the 2024-2025 school year! Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2024. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available.** To schedule a visit or to learn more please call SHS at 717-248-5351 or email [development@sacredheartschool.com](mailto:development@sacredheartschool.com).

**All faiths are welcome.**



## 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.