

## March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Tithing income for the week of March 10, 2024:  
**Regular:** \$3,076.25  
**Loose:** \$ 914.81  
**ONLINE GIVING:** \$1,429.00  
**Tithing income March 10, 2024:** \$5,420.06  
**Tithing income March 12, 2023:** \$7,137.00

**Mass Attendance for March 10, 2024** 277  
**Mass Attendance for March 12, 2023** 251

**Tithe for March 10, 2024**  
 Diocesan Disaster Relief Fund \$542

**Tithe for March 17, 2024**  
 Holy Family Radio  
 Catholic Relief Services-CRS (envelope)

**Tithe for March 24, 2024**  
 PA Wounded Warriors  
 Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### 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.

### **2024 Diocesan Annual Campaign Update as of February 29**

The Diocese of Harrisburg continues to process gifts from the faithful who are making gifts in support of the DAC. Below is Sacred Heart's up to date information. **Please continue to honor your pledges to the DAC.**

Sacred Heart Parish Goal for 2024 \$36,246.43  
 Total Paid to date \$ 4,495.00  
**Under Goal to Date \$31,751.43**

### **FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS** **HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ **Fifth Sunday of Lent** March 17, 2024

"Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip... and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew. Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.'" If you asked someone 'would you like to see Jesus?', surely the reply would be 'Yes, but where can I find Him today?' The answer is clear, as we have Him present in the Blessed Sacrament, in the gift of grace and all the sacraments. The church is our sacrament of encounter with God. How many people need us to be the Philip, the Andrew; to point out and bring them to Jesus. Jesus is present in the face of those in need, and we are to be the face of Jesus for them. May this be our task as our Lent will soon draw to a close.

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

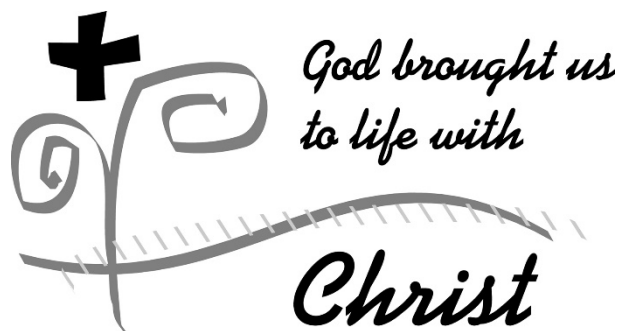
The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9**

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

#### **Gospel: John 12:20-33**

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.



**If you are interested in having a Holy Mass offered, there are several openings in March and April. Please contact the office at 717 242-2781 for availability. Thank you.**

## LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass  for the  
Intentions  the Week



### Saturday, March 16: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12;  
John 7:40-53

4:00 PM Sandy Stump from Rick & Mary Jo Berich

### Sunday, March 17: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15;  
Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Joseph Miriello from his Family

### Monday, March 18: Lenten Weekday

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23:1-3a,  
3b-4, 5, 6; John 8:1-11

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

### Tuesday, March 19: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 &  
29; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
8:00 AM Sr. Clea Reineberg from the Adorers of the  
Blood of Christ

### Wednesday, March 20: Lenten Weekday

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;  
John 8:31-42

7:00 PM Deceased Members of the Berich Family

### Thursday, March 21: Lenten Weekday

Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
John 8:51-59

9:00 AM Susan Harshbarger from Lisa & Larry  
In Memory/Honor of SHS Memorial Society Members

### Friday, March 22: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;  
John 10:31-42

8:00 AM Katherine Kozicki

### Saturday, March 23: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;  
John 11:45-56

4:00 PM Joseph Lodanosky from Helen Lodanosky

### Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;  
Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1 – 15:47

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM People of the Parish



## Calendar of Events

### Saturday 3/16/24

**SVDP Community Meal/11:00AM/SHS Cafeteria**

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

### Sunday 3/17/24 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass/7:30AM/Church

**Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office**

**CCD/9:00AM/Church/ Confession Grade 8**

Mass/11:00AM/Church

**Lewistown March for Life/1:00PM/Church**

**Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude**

**Youth Group Progressive Dinner/5:00PM**

**5TH**  
Sunday Of  
**LENT**

### Monday 3/18/24

Mass/8:00AM/Church

### Tuesday 3/19/24

Mass/8:00AM/Church

### Wednesday 3/20/24

**Confessions/6:30PM/Church**

Mass/7:00PM/Church

**Adult Choir/7:30PM/Church**

### Thursday 3/21/24

Mass/ 9:00AM/Church

**Family Literacy Night & Book Fair/5:30 PM/SHS**

**RCIA/7:00PM/Parish Office**

### Friday 3/22/24

Mass/8:00AM/Church

**Stations of the Cross/7:00PM/Church**

### Saturday 3/23/24

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

### Sunday 3/24/24 Palm Sunday

Mass/7:30AM/Church

**Adult Sunday School will resume in the fall.**


**No CCD**

Mass/11:00AM/Church


**Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude**

**No Youth Group**





**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
for the week of March 17<sup>th</sup>  
burns in loving memory of  
**Thomas Carl Henry Mank**  
From Tom & Jean Mank



**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: April 21 & 28 and May 5 & 19.**

**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.

### Year-End Tax Statements

**Please contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 if you are in need of a year-end tax statement.** 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.





### Ministry Schedule: March 16 – March 17

**Sat. 4:00 PM**

**Greeter:** Ken Johnson, Steven Lilley

**Lector:** Peter O'Donnell

**EMHC:** Mike Leeper

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

**Altar Server:** Unfilled

**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:** Christine Fultz, Donna Sheaffer

**Lector:** Judy Sieber

**EMHC:** Wendy Vogt

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

**Altar Server:** Kenneth Shank

**Cantor:** Sacred Heart Choir

### Ministry Schedule: March 23 – March 24 Palm Sunday

**Sat. 4:00 PM**

**Greeter:** Diane Bray, Al Specht

**Lectors:** Peter O'Donnell, Bernie Howard

**EMHC:** Christina Stryker

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

**Altar Server:** Kenneth Swartzell

**Cantor:** Katie Swartzell

**Sun. 7:30 AM**

**Greeter:** Kim Napikoski, Sue Reinke

**Lectors:** Dan Palopoli, Jean Mank

**EMHC:** Kim Napikoski

**Knight of the Holy Temple:** Unfilled

**Altar Server:** Robert Aufer, Jr.

**Cantor:** Mary Smith

**Sun. 11:00 AM**

**Greeter:** Judy DeVecchis, Judith Stroup

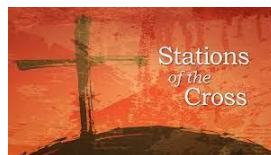
**Lectors:** Jeff & Cathy Michaels

**EMHC:** Mike Leeper

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

**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.



**HERSHEYPARK**

### Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish for **significant savings**. Gate admission for Regular is \$87.80; our price is **\$43.95** (ALL ages 3+) valid until 1/1/2025.

**\*ADD-ON** discount Hersheypark Single Use Meal Deal Tickets for **\$19.06 each** and

**\*ADD-ON** Parking Pass - **\$25.00 pre-ordered** or pay \$30.00 onsite

Tickets purchased in 2024 are valid for any single day of operation throughout the 2024 calendar year, expiring on our final day of operation, January 1, 2025.

**Refunds, extensions or upgrades will not be offered.**

Orders must be received at the parish

**by Friday, April 26, 2024.**

Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of **May 20, 2024.**



### Good Friday Cross Walk – March 29<sup>th</sup>

Stations of the Cross Worship Service 11 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Community Cross Walk at 12 Noon. Meet outside Sacred Heart Church.

**Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is a day of fast and abstinence**, meaning only 1 full meal for that day, and no meat eaten at all. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Lenten resolutions are optional but highly recommended as sacrifices, promoting spiritual health and generosity. One should ask God in prayer as to what God wants the resolution to be. Lenten resolutions are personal, in consultation with God. Christians fasting and sacrificing should strive to maintain charity and cheerfulness toward all during Lenten resolutions.





## 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



## St. Vincent DePaul Society What Should I Give Up for Lent?

**Give up complaining and focus on gratitude**  
**Give up on worry and trust in divine providence**  
**Give up on anger and be more patient**

For each of the 40 days of lent place a canned good in a box and at the end of lent donate the box to St Vincent DePaul. For each of the 40 days of lent purchase a personal care item Shampoo, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Toilet Paper, Body Wash, Diapers, Pull-Ups Etc. and at the end of lent donate to St Vincent DePaul.

All of these wonderful donations will help those less fortunate or homeless in our area. Allow your Lenten sacrifice help others.

For more information, call us at (717) 363-4812

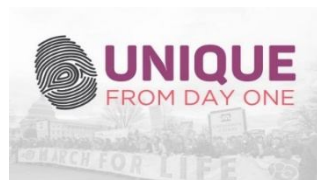


Mifflin and Juniata Citizens Concerned for Human Life will host the **Annual Lewistown March for Life on Sunday, March 17, 2024 beginning at 1:00 PM.** All

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.

Speakers will include: Senator Judy Ward, Tabitha Goodling, Client Services Mgr. for Crossroads Pregnancy Center, and Remil Teny, the Education Director at PA Pro Life Federation. Gino Zannino will sing.

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. 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.

**Good Luck!!**



**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](mailto:development@sacredheartschool.com)**

