

## August 27, 2023 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Tithing income for the week of August 20, 2023:**

<b>Regular:</b>	<b>\$4,279.25</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>\$ 695.00</b>
<b>ONLINE GIVING:</b>	<b>\$2,874.00</b>
<b>Tithing income August 20, 2023:</b>	<b>\$7,848.25</b>
<b>Tithing income August 21, 2022:</b>	<b>\$7,093.00</b>

<b>Mass Attendance for Assumption</b>	<b>176</b>
<b>Mass Attendance for August 20, 2023</b>	<b>277</b>
<b>Mass Attendance for August 21, 2022</b>	<b>265</b>

#### Tithe for August 20, 2023

PA Wounded Warriors	<b>\$785</b>
Assumption – Sisters of Christian Charity	<b>\$ 85</b>

#### Tithe for August 27, 2023

Seminarian Fund at Diocese

#### Tithe for September 3, 2023

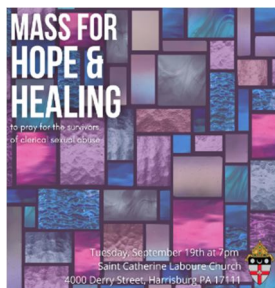
Disabled American Veterans (DAV)



Dear Friends,  
Thank you for your contribution to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg. It is encouraging that our

organization has the support of generous people like you. Your donation allows us to provide help and create hope for individuals and families in need. Your recent donation of **\$700** will support youth services, residential programs, mental health counseling services, family based programs and immigration & refugee services. Thank you for your generosity. Please know that your gift really matters.

Sincerely,  
Christopher P. Meehan  
Director of Development



**A Mass for Hope & Healing** will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Saint Catherine Laboure Church, Harrisburg. During this Mass, we will pray for and with survivors of clerical sexual abuse. All are encouraged to attend.



Sacred Heart Parish Office will be **closed Monday, Sept. 4th in observance of Labor Day**. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 5th.

**FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ  
**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
August 27, 2023

**“He asked his disciples: ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter said in reply: ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”**

The all-important question as we speak about Jesus. In our world we find people describing Jesus in so many ways. People have their opinion – teacher, Son of Mary or the carpenter's son. He is the miracle worker, the visiting preacher in the synagogue. ‘What a friend I have in Jesus’; He is the just judge. All are correct descriptions. They tell us about Jesus.

Today He asks me – who am I for you? Pause for a moment and think about your answer before you presume or speak. The final answer is: Jesus Christ is my personal Savior, and without Him there is little meaning in my life. As Peter made his response and was blessed by the Lord, so my response seeks His grace and blessing. Tell someone else who Jesus is for you, and like Jesus, ask who Jesus is for them.

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23**

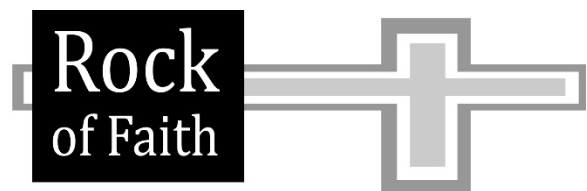
This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words “open” and “shut” refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

#### **Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36**

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God's plan for his people. In him, he writes, “all things are.”

#### **Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter exclaims, “You are the Messiah!” Christ then declares that Peter is the “Rock” upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power “to bind” and “to loose.”



Blessed are you, Peter.

## LITURGICAL NOTES

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



### Saturday, August 26: Weekday

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Psalm 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;  
Matthew 23:1-12

4:00 PM Frank Zannino from Rick & Mary Jo Berich

### Sunday, August 27: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8;

Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Angela Dalton from the Adult Sunday School Class

### Monday, August 28: St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

1 John 4:7-16; Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14;

Matthew 23:8-12

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

### Tuesday, August 29: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist (Memorial)

Jeremiah 1:17-19; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab & 17; Mark 6:17-29

8:00 AM Sara Clark from Patricia Rhodes & Family

### Wednesday, August 30: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab;  
Matthew 23:27-32

7:00 PM Albert Battista from Del & Rose Guerrini

### Thursday, August 31: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17  
Matthew 24:42-51

9:00 AM Jennifer Smyers from the Smyers Family  
In Memory/Honor of SHS Memorial Society Members

### Friday, September 1: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10,  
11-12; Matthew 25:1-13

8:00 AM Robbie Kalematis from Del & Rose Guerrini

### Saturday, September 2: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9;  
Matthew 25:14-30

4:00 PM Frank Zannino from John & Margaret Maroney

### Sunday, September 3: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;

Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM John B. Zavacky from wife, Margie

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday 8/26/23

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

### Sunday 8/27/23 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass/7:30AM/Church

Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office

Mass/11:00AM/Church

Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude

Back to School Night (K & Grades 2-5)

6:00PM/SHS Cafeteria

### Monday 8/28/23

Mass/8:00AM/Church



### Tuesday 8/29/23

Mass/8:00AM/Church

### Wednesday 8/30/23

Confessions/6:30PM/Church

Mass/7:00PM/Church

### Thursday 8/31/23

Mass/9:00AM/Church

Back to School Night (Grade 1)

6:00PM/SHS Cafeteria

### Friday 9/1/23

Mass/8:00AM/Church

### Saturday 9/2/23

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

### Sunday 9/3/23 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass/7:30AM/Church

No Adult Sunday School

Mass/11:00AM/Church

Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude

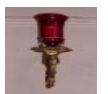
### Monday 9/4/23

Mass/9:00AM/Church

Parish & SHS Offices Closed



The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of August 27th  
burns in Loving Memory of  
Joseph Litzinger  
From The Family



**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are available: **October 1, 8 & 15 and November 5 & 12**

**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: **September 17 and October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.**



### Choir Rehearsal Begins

Just a reminder that Choir Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 6th. Rehearsals will begin promptly after the 7 PM Mass and will end at 8:30 PM.

New choir members are welcome, including students who have been confirmed. The choir will be preparing for the 40 Hours Eucharistic Devotion as well as for the Advent/Christmas Season. A full schedule will be provided at the first rehearsal. For additional information contact Cathy Stout at 814-360-4268 or email [cstout43@comcast.net](mailto:cstout43@comcast.net).



One of the services that St Vincent dePaul provides is the delivery of donated furniture to individuals in need. We work with other Human Services agencies in Mifflin and Juniata County to help with furniture and household goods. We are one of only two agencies that make deliveries. Right now our delivery truck is in the garage for an expensive repair. We are asking for your financial help in this matter. If you can help at all, please send your check to:

St Vincent dePaul, 3 W Monument Square, Suite 203, Lewistown, PA 17044. We thank you in advance and as always we are in need of personal care items, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, canned goods and paper goods.



#### Ministry Schedule: August 26 – August 27

##### Sat. 4:00 PM

**Greeter:** Diane Bray, Al Specht

**Lector:** Bernie Howard

**EMHC:** Christina Stryker

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

**Altar Server:** Daniel McMonigal

**Cantor:** Cathy Stout

##### Sun. 7:30 AM

**Greeter:** Sue Reinke, Linda Treaster

**Lector:** Dan Palopoli

**EMHC:** Mike Leeper

**Knights of the Holy Temple:** Gino Zannino

**Altar Server:** Anthony Palopoli

**Cantor:** Mary Smith

##### Sun. 11:00 AM

**Greeter:** Denny & Dottie Peiffer

**Lector:** Jeff Michaels

**EMHC:** John Maroney

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

**Altar Server:** Kenneth Shank

**Cantor:** Dr. Michael Murray

#### Ministry Schedule: September 2 – September 3

##### Sat. 4:00 PM

**Greeter:** Diane Bray, Al Specht

**Lector:** Pete O'Donnell

**EMHC:** Joann Loht

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

**Altar Server:** Daniel McMonigal

**Cantor:** Rose Guerrini

##### Sun. 7:30 AM

**Greeter:** Linda Treaster, Betsy Tressler

**Lector:** Tom Soccio

**EMHC:** John Maroney

**Knights of the Holy Temple:** Unfilled

**Altar Server:** Jacob Ciota

**Cantor:** Mary Smith

##### Sun. 11:00 AM

**Greeter:** Denny & Dottie Peiffer

**Lector:** Cathy Michaels

**EMHC:** Wendy Vogt

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

**Altar Server:** Chase Bubb

**Cantor:** Dr. Michael Murray

Back to school night for Sacred Heart School is August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM for Kindergarten & Grades 2-5 and August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.

The first day of school for Sacred Heart students will be on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.



Father Jay Amalanathan is planning a visit to the area from September 26th through October 5th. He is in need of transportation from the Baltimore/Washington

International Airport (BWI) on September 26th. Tentatively his flight is scheduled to land at 7:00 PM.

A volunteer has already graciously offered to take Father Jay back on October 5th.

If you are interested in providing transportation on September 26th, please contact the Parish Office at 717 242-2781. Thank you.



Youth Group meetings will resume on the first and third Sunday of each month from **6:00 to 8:00 PM** in the Church Basement. The first meeting will be **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** since the first

weekend in September is the Labor Day Holiday Weekend. Join us for pizza and games. The youth group is open to everyone in 6th-12th grade.

#### All Day Adoration

The next All-Day Eucharistic Adoration will be held on **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**, beginning with 8 AM Mass and ending with 6 PM Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Although we have committed adorers, we encourage all parishioners to spend some time with Jesus in this special way. We are always looking for additional committed adorers to fill some time slots. If you are interested, please contact Roseann Guerrini at 717-248-4328.



#### CCD News

Registration will be different this year.

Please reach out directly to Marcie Ciota to register by calling (717) 247-4382 or by email at [mcikota51@gmail.com](mailto:mcikota51@gmail.com). This includes new students (K-8) or returning students. Classes will begin on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM and will be held at Sacred Heart School. The book fee is \$20 per student and is payable on the first day of class.

#### The ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS,

(Catechism in a Year)

will not meet Sunday, September 3rd, due to the Labor Day Holiday weekend. Class will resume on September 10th.







There is a need for operators of the new camera system. A signup sheet is available in the Narthex. More details will be released as information is made available.



It has been decided to postpone the offering of the cup until further notice due to the recent increase in Coronavirus cases. Other considerations are being evaluated.



### RCIA Classes

Sharing is the basis for our religion—sharing God's love with those around us, but most of all, sharing the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ and becoming One with Him. Paul tells us that we don't get into heaven alone.

What could be more rewarding than to know that you took the initiative to ask and **someone accepted** the invitation to share our faith? Your mission is to love and serve the Lord. That "**someone**" is waiting to be asked! **If you know anyone who would be interested in Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes, please contact Dan Swigart at 717-446-5099 or the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.** RCIA is a program of 1 time per week classes, usually for about 9 months, for those interested in entering the Catholic faith. Also, Catholics who have been "away", for whatever reason, are invited to attend and find answers in these sessions to re-establish their receiving of the Sacraments.



### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL  
SUMMER OFFICE HOURS  
Monday - Wednesday 8AM-12PM**

**\*\*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 2023-24 Academic Year!**

Registrations are now being taken for any student interested in attending Sacred Heart School next academic year. Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2023. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted.** For additional information call the school at 717-248-5351. Additionally, there is plenty of information about the school, the application process, and financial aid on our website at [www.sacredheartschool.com](http://www.sacredheartschool.com).

**All faiths are welcome.**



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**help our teachers!**

Our Amazing Teachers have created wish lists on Amazon to help prepare their classrooms for the upcoming school year. If you would

like to purchase something, please visit

<https://www.sacredheartschool.com/academics/teacher-wishlists>.

Thank you for your support of our teachers.



### **Auction News**

**Save the Date!**



**The 26th Annual SHS Benefit Auction weekend: October 14-15 at the Mifflin County Youth Park!** The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or like new donated items to be auctioned off. In the past these creative items have proven to be the most sought after and cherished by our generous bidders!

**Like to think outside the box? How about teaming up with some of your friends to auction off a dessert a month, a progressive dinner, soup a month, the opportunities are endless.** For questions contact:

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

**Please bring all items to the Parish Office by September 22, 2023.** We thank you in advance for your support of our largest fundraiser of the year!



### **Sacred Heart School All Cash Raffle**

It's time for Sacred Heart's All Cash Raffle! Be on the lookout for your tickets in the back of the church this weekend! Proceeds from the raffle are the single most profitable segment of the SHS Benefit Auction, and we need everyone's help and support! We are asking each family to sell at least two booklets of five tickets. If you can sell more, please contact the Parish Office at 717- 242-2781. **Return sold/unsold tickets and money to the Parish Office or collection box no later than Monday, October 9th.** For sold tickets, please make one check payable to "Sacred Heart".

Thank you in advance for your help with this important fundraiser. **Winners will be drawn at the SHS Benefit Auction on Sunday, October 15th.**

**A special "Thank You" goes out to Steve, Amy & Brodie Dalton for sponsoring the printing of the tickets.**