

September 17, 2023 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tithing income for the week of September 10, 2023:

Regular: \$4,556.25

Loose: \$ 590.00

ONLINE GIVING: \$ 904.00

Tithing income September 10, 2023: \$6,050.25

Tithing income September 11, 2022: \$6,778.25

Mass Attendance for September 10, 2023 240

Mass Attendance for September 11, 2022 223

Tithe for September 10, 2023

Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF)

(Donations to Benefit Victims of Maui Wildfires) **\$605**

Peter's Pence (envelope) **\$380**

Tithe for September 17, 2023

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Tithe for September 24, 2023

Diocese of Harrisburg Cursillo Movement

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



Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish,
Thank you for your generous donation of **\$841** 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,
Blair Hannon

St. Mark's Episcopal Church - Senior Warden

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

"Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins... and overlook faults... 'Lord if my brother sins against me how often must I forgive?'"

We recite the Lord's prayer and state that we will receive forgiveness, perhaps only when we forgive others. The reading from Sirach sets the tone. Not only are we to forgive, but we are called to discover ways to initiate the action.

One of the greatest powers we possess is the power to forgive. We can do so or withhold this gift when someone asks. We can offer it before it is sought, when we realize how generous and merciful is our God to us. The adage 'forgive and forget' is nice, but difficult. A wonderful monk taught me, 'forgive and remember without bitterness.'

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Paul stresses that no one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, "...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times." Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.

2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign

Update as of August 31

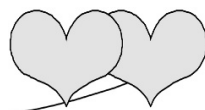
The Diocese of Harrisburg continues to process gifts from the faithful who are making gifts in support of the DAC. Below is Sacred Heart's up to date information. **Please continue to honor your pledges to the DAC.**

Sacred Heart Parish Goal for 2023 **\$36,246.43**

Total Paid to date **\$31,287.68**

Under Goal to Date **(\$4,958.75)**

**forgive
one another**



from the heart

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, September 16: Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (Memorial)

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; John 17:11b-19

4:00 PM Kelli Parson Cross from David Cross & Family

Sunday, September 17: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;

Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

7:30 AM Jean Fincannon-Gomes from Bill & Sandy Gomes

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, September 18: Weekday

1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9; Luke 7:1-10

8:00 AM Eddie Miller from sister, Joan

Tuesday, September 19: Weekday

1 Timothy 3:1-13; Psalm 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Luke 7:11-17

8:00 AM Katherine Kozicki

Wednesday, September 20: Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Luke 9:23-26

7:00 PM Frank Zannino from Margie Zavacky

Thursday, September 21: Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; Matthew 9:9-13

9:00 AM Frank Zannino from Dennis & Jane Berkey In Memory/Honor of SHS Memorial Society Members

Friday, September 22: Weekday

1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Luke 8:1-3

8:00 AM Sr. Mary Zavacky

Saturday, September 23: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Memorial)

Galatians 2:19-20; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Matthew 16:24-27

4:00 PM Louis J. Ianelli from Del & Rose Guerrini

Sunday, September 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Frank Zannino from Rose Weyer

Calendar of Events

Saturday 9/16/23

SVDP Meal/11:00AM/SHS Cafeteria

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

Mass/4:00PM/Church

Sunday 9/17/23 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass/7:30AM/Church

Adult Sunday School/9:00AM/Parish Office

CCD Class/9:00AM/Sacred Heart School

Mass/11:00AM/Church

Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude

Youth Group/6:00PM/Church Basement

Monday 9/18/23

Mass/8:00AM/Church

Tuesday 9/19/23

Mass/8:00AM/Church

Wednesday 9/20/23

No School Sacred Heart – Teacher Conference

Confessions/6:30PM/Church

Mass/7:00PM/Church

Adult Choir/7:30PM/Church

Thursday 9/21/23

Mass/9:00AM/Church

Friday 9/22/23

Mass/8:00AM/Church

Saturday 9/23/23

Confessions/3:00PM/Church

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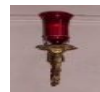
Mass/11:00AM/Church

Spanish Mass/1:30PM/St Jude

No Youth Group



The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of September 17th
burns in Loving Memory of
Janet Donahoe
From Helen Lodanosky



Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: October 1, 8 & 15 and November 19



The Sanctuary Flowers
for the week of September 17th
are in Celebration of
Frank & Eleanor Troiani's
67th Wedding Anniversary
& in Memory of Peter Jon Troiani



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: **October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 and November 5, 19 and 26.**



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. Thankfully, our delivery truck has been restored. We are continuing to ask for your financial assistance for this expensive repair. 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: September 16 – September 17

Sat. 4:00 PM

Greeter: Diane Bray, Al Specht

Lector: Bernie Howard

EMHC: Joann Loht

Knights of the Holy Temple: Tristen Kline

Altar Server: Kenneth Swartzell

Cantor: Katie Swartzell

Sun. 7:30 AM

Greeter: Donath Korbich, Penny Nerhood

Lector: Dan Palopoli

EMHC: Mike Leeper

Knights of the Holy Temple: Unfilled

Altar Server: Anthony Palopoli

Cantor: Cathy Stout

Sun. 11:00 AM

Greeter: Shannon Gingerich, Donna Sheaffer

Lector: Jeff Michaels

EMHC: Greg DeVecchis

Knights of the Holy Temple: Matthew Murray

Altar Server: Caleb Bubb

Cantor: Dr. Michael Murray

Ministry Schedule: September 23 – September 24

Sat. 4:00 PM

Greeter: Ken Johnson, Steven Lilley

Lector: Barbara Bratton

EMHC: Nora Torquato

Knights of the Holy Temple: Tristen Kline

Altar Server: Daniel McMonigal

Cantor: Melissa Motola

Sun. 7:30 AM

Greeter: Sue Reinke, Betsy Tressler

Lector: Bill Napikoski

EMHC: Kim Napikoski

Knights of the Holy Temple: Unfilled

Altar Server: Caroline Palopoli

Cantor: Mary Smith

Sun. 11:00 AM

Greeter: Keith & Kathy Duff

Lector: Jeff Michaels

EMHC: John Maroney

Knights of the Holy Temple: Landon Mazur

Altar Server: Kenneth Shank

Cantor: Rose Guerrini



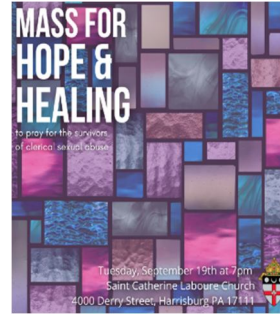
Youth Group meetings will resume on the first and third Sunday of each month from **6:00 to 8:00 PM** in the Church Basement. The first meeting will be on **Sunday, September 17th**

Join us for pizza and games. The youth group is open to everyone in 6th-12th grade.



CCD News

Registration will be different this year. Please reach out directly to Marcie Cirola to register by calling (717) 247-4382 or by email at mcirola51@gmail.com. This includes new students (K-8) or returning students. Classes will begin on Sept. 17th 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.



A Mass for Hope & Healing will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior on Tuesday, September 19th 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.



Join us for the Pennsylvania March for Life!

We are just **FOUR WEEKS OUT** from our third annual Pennsylvania March for Life at the State Capitol Building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania! We are thrilled to once again be hosting the march with our partner, the Pennsylvania Family Institute! Please join us on Monday, October 16th, 2023, to march for Pennsylvania's most vulnerable citizens. Pro-abortion lawmakers have introduced a wave of legislation that would allow for abortion on-demand, paid for by your tax dollars, and are defunding critical life-saving pregnancy resource centers. We will kick the morning off with a pre-rally concert with Robert Albino at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Capitol Building! The rally will begin at 11:00 a.m., with the march following immediately after. Please see our website for more details.

Learn more at PaMarchForLife.org

Diocesan Women's Conference



Save the date:

for the 2023 Diocesan Women's Conference, on **Saturday, October 21st** at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Our featured speaker is Lindy Wynn, from the Mamas in Spirit Podcast.

Online Registration

ends October 16th! Walk-up registrations will be available for \$50 per person at the beginning of the conference.



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.

Parish Eucharistic Revival Weekend October 6, 7 and 8, 2023



Save the Date: Join us for Saint Jude Thaddeus Parish Eucharistic Revival and Devotion Weekend, Friday October 6 through Sunday October 8, 2023. We will begin with a Mass of Consecration and Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament on Friday, October 6th at 7:00 PM. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Gainer who will consecrate our new altars. Following the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during all hours, (with the exception of weekend Mass times) until Benediction at 4:00 PM Sunday, October 8th.

The Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed during the hours of exposition. The weekend will conclude with a Eucharistic Reflection, Procession and Benediction on Sunday at 4:00 pm. A sign-up sheet for adoration times has been placed in the Narthex. A covered dish dinner will follow Benediction on Sunday. A sign-up sheet for the dinner is also in the Narthex.

We look forward to seeing you!!



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****



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Update: **Giant and Weis grocery cards are available to purchase at the parish office. This is a year round fundraiser.**

Thank you for your support!

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wishlist
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

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. 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.