

March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Stewardship is a Way of Life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of March 16, 2020:	
Regular:	\$4,262.00
Loose:	\$ 389.00
ONLINE GIVING:	\$1,489.00
Tithing income TOTAL for	
March 15, 2020:	\$6,140.00
Tithing income March 17, 2019:	\$7,548.50
Mass Attendance for March 15, 2020	181
Mass Attendance for March 17, 2019	377
<u>Tithe for March 15, 2020</u>	
Diocesan Disaster Relief Fund	\$614
Annual Diocesan Appeal (envelope)	TBA
<u>Tithe for March 22, 2020</u>	
Holy Family Radio	
<u>Tithe for March 29, 2020</u>	
TBA	
Catholic Relief Services (envelope)	

My Third Coming to the US

My first coming to the US, in October 2005, was an earlier than expected one. My second coming to the US, in March 2017, was a long delayed one. My third coming to the US, in March 2020, was a real surprise to many who lost hope in my return.

On February 12, the day I landed in India, I submitted the necessary documents for the renewal of my Visa. I was informed that it would take two to three weeks to receive a reply from the US Consulate in Chennai. I wondered whether I should reschedule my return. It didn't happen. Within eight days I received my renewed Visa. Thanks be to God! And, thanks for your prayers, love and concern toward me.

I would like to highlight some of the important events during my stay in India: On Feb. 14, my school had its Annual Sports Day. It was an outdoor program. I was exposed to the sun for about 4 hours, but it was not too hot. On Feb. 18, the Archbishop Emeritus A.M. Chinnappa, presided over the Holy Mass with 42 priests to commemorate the 30th anniversary of my priestly ordination. On Feb. 22, 6 priests concelebrated Mass with me along with my family and friends; numbering 150. On Feb. 25, I an appointment with the bishop of my native diocese. On Feb. 26 and 27, I worked on my new booklet which was scheduled to be released last April. I would like every family to have a copy of it to pray the Holy Rosary daily and to experience yourselves the 'Spiritual Delights'. I am sure you will like it. On Mar. 2, I launched the inauguration of the planting of 2000 saplings on my school campus. Three hundred high school students took part; each planting a sapling. It was really a spectacular event.

Though it was a business trip to renew my Visa, I wanted to relax and gain more weight. But, I had a busier schedule in India than I do in Lewistown. I will continue to give my best of service to you as I greatly appreciate your love and care toward me.

Father Jay

Financial Column

This is the Fiscal Report for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. We will be publishing this information each quarter. This includes YTD as of December 30, 2019. If you have any questions or concerns about this or any report, feel free to contact me at the parish office!

Sue Parzanese, Director of Finance and Development

<u>Church***</u>	<u>YTD2019</u>	<u>YTD2018</u>	<u>2019/20 Budget</u>
Income			
Offerings	\$225,460	239,697	470,175
Other	\$ 98,069	55,140	52,569
TOTAL	\$323,529	294,837	522,744
Expenses			
Salary & Benefits	\$109,703	87,148	197,719
Utilities & Serv.	\$ 10,842	17,377	62,725
Supplies	\$ 12,562	20,331	34,100
Capital Expend.	\$ 20,916	0	12,000
Deposit to Savings	\$ 0	0	1,000
Other Expenses**	\$ 49,912	63,165	87,680
TOTAL	\$203,935	188,021	395,224
Income/Expenses	\$119,594	106,816	127,520

School/Cafeteria

Income			
Tuition	\$110,269	113,320	249,449
Fundraising	\$ 27,824	18,977	111,260
Other	\$ 97,988	54,938	173,999
Sale of Food	\$ 7,552	9,587	19,500
Govt. Reimb.	\$ 4,217	6,161	13,500
TOTAL	\$247,858	202,983	567,708
Expenses			
Salaries & Benefits	\$271,168	250,314	523,679
Other Expenses (sch)	\$ 92,139	65,932	155,485
Other Expenses (caf)	\$ 6,820	10,865	16,850
TOTAL	\$370,127	326,611	696,014
Income/Expenses	\$(122,269)*+(123,628)		(128,306)

Total Parish Finances

Income	\$ 571,388	497,819	1,090,482
Expenses	\$ 574,063	514,633	1,091,238
Income/Expenditures	\$(2,675)*	(16,814)	(756)

***Church now includes Rectory, Cemetery and Office

**Now includes our tithing donations (avg. \$700 per wk)

*Parenthesis indicate a negative balance

+Will carry a negative balance each month as the parish subsidizes these cost centers

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Parish General Savings Account	\$ 63,477*
Parish Capital Fund	\$136,280**
School Short Term Savings Account	\$ 5,495
School Savings	\$ 13,862

*This amounts reflects money taken out of savings to balance budget in November.

**This account contains money donated for a capital campaign for a major renovation/new building project only.

Calendar of Events

Saturday 03/21/20

Confessions/3:00PM/Church - Cancelled

Mass/4:00PM/Church - Cancelled

Sunday 03/22/20

Mass/7:30AM/Church - Cancelled

No Coffee & Donuts

No CCD

Mass/11:00AM/Church - Cancelled

Monday 03/23/20

Mass/7:00AM/Church - Cancelled

Tuesday 03/24/20

Mass/7:00AM/Church - Cancelled

No Adult Bible Study

Wednesday 03/25/20

No Choir Practice

Thursday 03/26/20

Mass/9:00AM/Church - Cancelled

RCIA/7:00PM/Rectory

Friday 03/27/20

Mass/7:00AM/Church - Cancelled

No Stations of the Cross

Saturday 03/28/20

Confessions/3:00PM/Church - Cancelled

Mass/4:00PM/Church - Cancelled

Sunday 03/29/20

Mass/7:30AM/Church - Cancelled

No Coffee & Donuts

No CCD

Mass/11:00AM/Church - Cancelled

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week

And Weekly Readings



Saturday, March 21: Lenten Weekday

Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Luke 18:9-14

4:00 PM Joseph Miriello from The Family

Sunday, March 22: Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;

Ephesians 5:8-14; John 8:12

7:30 AM In Memory of Deceased SHS Alumni

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, March 23: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; John 4:43-54

7:00 AM A Special Intention from Gary & Sue Parzanese

Tuesday, March 24: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16

7:00 AM Richard & Elizabeth Showers from Anne Marie Showers

Wednesday, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

7:00 PM Special Intentions of JoAnn Kline from Timi Wills

Thursday, March 26: Lenten Weekday

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; John 5:31-47

9:00 AM Jane Straley from Jane Maurey

Friday, March 27: Lenten Weekday

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

7:00 AM Katherine Kozicki

Saturday, March 28: Lenten Weekday

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

4:00 PM Ruth Byrnes from Anne Marie Showers

Sunday, March 29: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Jane Straley from Judy Stroup

The Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of March 22nd

burns in Loving Memory of

Bill Trackim

From His Family



Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. The following dates are available: **March 29**

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: **May 3, 17, 24 & 31**

Temporary Suspension of Mass

Today and effective immediately until further notice, Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, out of great concern for the health of the faithful and in union with the Bishops of Pennsylvania, has temporarily suspended all daily and weekend Masses in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Additionally, Bishop Gainer has suspended all public liturgies and devotions, and has asked that all churches and chapels be closed, including all perpetual adoration chapels. Bishop Gainer made this decision after careful consideration of the recommendations from public health officials, and out of great concern for the health and well-being of the faithful, our clergy and parish staffs, given the current coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. "For Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our life in Christ, strengthening us to remain firm in our faith as we journey through this life. **Making this difficult decision to temporarily suspend Masses and close our**



churches was not made lightly,” said Bishop Gainer. “Rather, this decision has been made after careful discussions and considerable reflection on the advice being provided from healthcare professionals. I deeply care for all those members of my flock. As chief shepherd, it is my duty to see to their spiritual health, and now in these challenging times, also to their physical welfare. I continue to pray for all those impacted by this virus, for our medical professionals caring for the ill and for all people facing these uncertain times. I also pray for the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mary, health of the sick. **A listing of live broadcasting and/or recordings of Masses from parishes throughout the Diocese is available on the Health Alerts page of the Diocesan website, www.hbgdiocese.org.** Daily and Sunday Masses are also available from EWTN on Comcast channel 291 in the Harrisburg area, or online at <https://video.ewtn.com/daily-mass>. Additional resources for parishes and the faithful will be available, also on the Diocesan website, in the coming days. These resources will include ways the faithful can continue to keep holy the Lord’s Day. **Please visit the Health Alerts page of the Diocesan website, www.hbgdiocese.org, for the most up-to-date information regarding the Diocese’s response to COVID-19,** including a listing of Diocesan event cancelations and postponements, as well as additional COVID-19 prevention measures and recommendations.

CCD has been suspended until April 19th. Please keep checking the bulletin on our website for any updated additional information.

Bible Study Suspended

Adult Bible Study has been suspended until Tuesday, March 31st. Please check the bulletin for any further updates.



In times when there are concerns about exposure to disease or spreading of a virus, Online Giving is a convenient option to continue to support your church and its mission. Whether you are attending weekly mass at the parish or worshipping at home, your vital support can still happen regardless of where you are. **If you are not**

interested in signing up for Online Giving, please mail your collection envelope to the Parish Office at 9 N. Brown St., Lewistown.

Join the “40 Day Lenten Challenge”.

Beginning Thursday, February 27th, individuals or groups add one item from the list below to a bag. At the end of each week or at the end of Lent, if you wish, you can take pictures of what you have collected and donated to our Sacred Heart Charity of St. Vincent dePaul Society and email the pictures to us stvincentdepaulewistown@gmail.com. St. Vincent will share your individual or group photos on our web page and Facebook page. Help us share your works of mercy! As we are told in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462, “The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on “almsgiving,” which means **donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity.** As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, **almsgiving is “a witness to fraternal charity” and “a work of justice pleasing to God.”**

Suggested Items needed by St. Vincent dePaul are: toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, baby wipes, diapers, canned tuna, chicken, salmon and vegetables, spaghetti and sauce, cereal, baby food, hat, scarves, gloves/mittens, towels/washcloths, pillows and toys

Knight at the Races Rescheduled!!

The annual **Knight at the Races**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, has been **rescheduled to May 16, 2020** at the Reedsville Fire Company located beside Super Shoes on Rt. 655. **Pre-Race Social time will be 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Post Time is 7:00 PM.** Single social tickets are \$25. Buy a Horse for \$50 and receive 2 tickets. Sponsor a race for \$100 and receive 4 admission tickets plus a horse. Price of all tickets include all you can eat and drink. Race Sponsor forms are available from any Knight, at the Parish Office or by contacting Larry Sutusky at 717-667-3104. Tickets will also be available at the door. **If you are a ticket holder and unable to attend the rescheduled date of May 16th please call Rick Berich at 717-667-3373 for a refund.**



COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Jude’s Lenten Retreat

St. Jude’s Lenten Retreat, “Our Father’s Plan”, scheduled for Saturday, March 28th has been cancelled.





Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to *Hersheypark* are available to the friends and families of the parish at **significant savings**. Gate admission for Regular admission is \$74.80; our price is **\$38.95 (ALL ages 3+)**. *ADD-ON discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets, at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices, allow you to enjoy the flexibility of purchasing a meal at multiple locations with a variety of menus are **\$12.99 each** and *ADD-ON Snack Vouchers are **\$4.50 each**. Prepaid Parking Passes are 50% off and only **\$10.00 each**. Orders **must** be received at the parish by **Thursday, April 30, 2020**. Ticket holders may also take advantage of the **FREE Preview Plan**. Present a pre-purchased ticket the day before your planned visit, and visit *Hersheypark* for 2 ½ hours prior to park closing when the park closes at 10 PM and 3 ½ hours when the park closes at 11 PM. **Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church**. Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of, May 25th. Order forms are available in the Narthex and Parish office. For questions or additional information please contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.

St. Jude Lenten Fish Dinners



St. Jude Knights' of Columbus have **cancelled** the remainder of its Lenten Fish Dinners as a precautionary measure against the threat of the Corona Virus.

Diocesan Men's Conference CANCELLED

The 2020 Diocese of Harrisburg Men's Conference, for March 28th has been cancelled for this year.

Catholic Women's 95th Annual Convention



Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese to attend the 95th Annual Convention, **Rejoice and Be Thankful**, Saturday, **April 25, 2020 from 9 AM – 4 PM**, at the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg, PA. Bishop Gainer is the principle celebrant and homilist concelebrating Mass with Priests and Deacons of the Diocese. Keynote speaker is Sarah Christmyer. Find more information at her website, ComeIntotheWord.com. There will be workshops, a meditation room, exhibits, and religious items for sale and a collection of new infant and toddler clothing. Cost: \$30 – includes registration fee, continental breakfast and lunch. Register by contacting Diane Roskos, 157 15th Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070, Diane.Roskos@Jeepon.com or 717-770-1287.

Registration deadline is April 10, 2020. Cancellations **must** be received by April 17, 2020. See more details at HDCCW website, <https://hdccw.webs.com/2020-hdccw-convention>.



SCHOOL NEWS

Help Wanted

A **Substitute Cook** is still needed in the SHS Cafeteria. This **paid position** requires you to work minimally monthly and as needed. Training will be provided. In addition, parents and grandparents of SHS students can earn service hours by helping out in the cafeteria. Pick the day you can help, arrive by 11:15 AM and work till approximately 12:15 PM. Serve lunch, clean up, run the dishwasher...no experience required!



SHS Benefit Auction

The SHS Benefit Auction is less than 2 months away! The silent and oral auction will be held at the Mifflin County Youth Park in Reedsville on **Sunday, April 26 from 11-4, with a spaghetti dinner and preview night on Saturday, April 25 from 5-7:30**. The committee is seeking volunteers to: donate handmade, new, and gently used items; call or visit local businesses to solicit donations; place yard signs in the community; and sell raffle tickets to support our great school. More details will be on the way soon, but if you are willing to help with any of these efforts, please contact Ashley Henry at 717-242-2781. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook! Thank you!



Register NOW for the 2020-21 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, 2020. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted until March 1, 2020**. Call the school to schedule a tour. Additionally, there is plenty of information about the school, the application process, and financial aid on our website at www.sacredheartschool.com. **All faiths are welcome!**