

May 10, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Tithing income for the week of May 03, 2020:	
Regular:	\$3,107.00
Loose:	\$1,005.00
ONLINE GIVING:	\$3,915.00
Tithing income TOTAL for May 3, 2020: \$8,027.00	
Tithing income May 5, 2019: \$9,629.50	
Tithing income TOTAL for Palm Sunday 2020 \$2,555.00	
Easter Sunday 2020 \$8,355.00	
Mass Attendance for May 03, 2020	0
Mass Attendance for May 05, 2019	410

Tithe for May 3, 2020

Food for the Poor

Tithe for May 10, 2020

St. Vincent dePaul Society

Tithe for May 17, 2020

Operation Homefront

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. Amen

A Prayer During an Epidemic

Lord Jesus, Hear our pleas, our Good Shepherd and Divine Physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease. Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear. Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness. And may all who have been called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
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“So the twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.’”

The life of the early church depicts the importance of the works of mercy. Surely the judgment scene of Matthew's gospel of addressing the hungry, thirsty, naked, immigrant and sick was part of the life of the first community. What should we do to make sure these needs are met?

The Holy Spirit directed the church to call others to diaconal ministry, a blessing for the church today. Although this office, part of holy orders, was restored to the practice of the church by the Vatican Council, we find its roots in the Acts of the Apostles. Deacons are a blessing for the church community in liturgy, preaching and as ministers of charity. With all members of the church community we are all called to address the social and spiritual needs of the church and the world.

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Citing many uses of the word “stone” in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be “living stones...an edifice of spirit.”

Gospel: John 14:1-12

In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.” When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

And Weekly Readings

Saturday, May 9: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
John 14:7-14

Special Intention from Del & Rose Guerrini



Sunday, May 10: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

People of the Parish

Monday, May 11: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18; Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14:21-26

Enoch Drozda from His Children

Tuesday, May 12: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; John 14:27-31a

Katherine Kozicki

Wednesday, May 13: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15:1-8

Intentions of Dave & Mary Schiech from Anne Marie Showers

Thursday, May 14: St Matthias, Apostle (Feast)

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:2-3, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15:9-17

A Special Intention from Anne Marie Showers

Friday, May 15: Easter Weekday

Act of the Apostles 15:22-31; Psalm 57:8-9, 10 & 12; John 15:12-17

Katherine Kozicki

Saturday, May 16: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5; John 15:18-21

Special Intentions for All Essential Workers

Sunday, May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

People of the Parish

Thank you to Patricia Rhodes & Jacqueline McConahy who donated flowers for the Blessed Virgin Mary for the week of May 10th.



New Time: Starting immediately and until further notice, **Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart will be celebrated and live streamed at 9:00 AM.** Join us each Saturday for Mass in addition to our regularly scheduled week day and Sunday Masses.

Rosary After Mass



Starting May 1st, the rosary will be prayed out loud, after every live streamed Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. This is a perfect opportunity for reviving the old, traditional family rosary. Both individuals and families are welcome to pray out loud with us at home as we petition Jesus, through the intercession of His Blessed Mother, for Heavenly assistance and healing during this coronavirus crisis.

Come, Let Us Pray the Holy Rosary, Together.

The saying that “Behind the success of a man, there is a woman”, is very much true to the Divinity, to God the Most Holy Trinity. In the Divine plan of Salvation, the young Virgin Mary was indispensable to the Second Person of God to become human. And, to accomplish His Heavenly Father’s Will, His Most Holy Mother was indispensable to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, the son of Mary who was also the Son of God, needed the presence of His Most Holy Mother’s holy presence throughout his earthly life. Our Blessed Virgin Mother followed Jesus in his most shameful journey to Calvary and stood by His Cross. Mary’s holy presence gave courage to Jesus. Mary’s most tender look offered Jesus the strength to carry the Cross. Mary’s obedient heart to God’s Holy Will hastened Jesus to move forward to Calvary to offer himself a perfect sacrifice to God, His Heavenly Father. Thus, in the Divine Plan of Salvation to humankind, Our Blessed Virgin Mary was an inevitable human being. Remember a powerful prayer offered to Our Blessed Mother! “Remember, most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.” (Memorare)

Trillions of Dollars are being spent by countries to meet with the financial crises due to the coronavirus. But, Millions, or even Billions of Rosary prayers are being offered to Our Blessed Mother Mary every day during this month of May. Our Blessed Virgin Mother who was indispensable in God’s Plan of Salvation is also an indispensable person in heaven. Our Blessed Virgin Mary is seated at the right hand of Jesus Christ, who in turn, is seated at the Right Hand of God. She could very conveniently forward our prayers to Our Heavenly Father through her Son Jesus Christ. But, her mere whisper is enough to reach the Ears of Our Heavenly Father. The young Virgin Mary of Nazareth was told by the Archangel Gabriel to believe that “Nothing will be impossible for God.” (Lk 1:37) Let us believe that “Nothing will be impossible” for the same young Virgin Mary of Nazareth, who is now, our Heavenly Mother and Queen. Do you

*The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of May 10th
burns in Loving Memory of
Sara A. Clark*



*From Her Daughter Patricia Rhodes &
Granddaughter Jacqueline McConahy*

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. The following dates are available: **May 17 & 24**

Check Out Our Website & Facebook Page

Keep checking the Sacred Heart Website at www.sacredheartlewisstown.com for daily postings. Live streaming of Mass occurs each day on **Sacred Heart of Jesus** Facebook page.

- **Daily Mass, 7:00 AM on Mon. & Tue., May 11 & 12, 7:00 PM Wed., May 13, 9:00 AM Thur., May 14, 7:00 AM Fri., May 15 & 9:00 AM Sat., May 16.**
- **Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass, 11:00 AM on May 17.**

think God will ignore the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary in our behalf? It is very simple and easy to pray the Holy Rosary. It takes hardly twenty minutes to pray the five decades of one of four mysteries. If you are already praying the Holy Rosary, then, please continue it. If you haven't started praying the Holy Rosary, then, begin praying it today and now. In case, you haven't got the copy of my book, "Spiritual Delights", kindly collect one from the parish office. It will help you to pray the Holy Rosary more fruitfully. It is my hope and faith that I will See you all in June at our parish church.

Fr. Jay

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Telephone Ministry

We recognize that at this time many of you may feel helpless, lonely, anxious and maybe a little stir-crazy! We are hoping that by participating in this ministry, some of these feelings will be relieved somewhat. Do you like to talk on the phone? Would you be willing to call 5 parishioners two to three times each week to check in on them and share some conversation? Are you alone or lonely? Would you love a call from a parishioner two to three times a week just to check in on you and share some conversation? Please let us know which you are (talkative or lonely) by calling the parish office at 717-242-2781 and we will provide you with a list of 5 parishioners to call OR we will provide your name to a parishioner to be called. It's that simple! If you know of someone who does NOT have email, please let us know so they are not missed. Thanks in advance for your participation!



Dear Members of Sacred Heart Parish,

After decades of neglect, this coronavirus free time has allowed me to pull out boxes of old family letters (some of them stored under my bed!) and re-read them. My heart is moved. They are mostly from the early 1970s, when I was away at college and then at a Midwestern graduate school, and then from the early 1980s, when I was in seminary. Plenty are from friends but I target those from my mother (d. 1996) and my only sibling, my sister (d. 2017). With their passing, my immediate family is gone, leaving my brother-in-law, two nephews, and extended family cousins. As I read, I am immersed back in my old world of 1970s suburbia. My mother writes to me of the neighbors, of her shopping, of waiting for the plumber to show up, of walking the dog and hiring the lawn care company, etc. My sister writes of her loneliness during her first year at college, of the difficulties of breaking up with a boyfriend, of her first years of teaching, her first apartment, etc. Preoccupied as I was with my own youthful angst and uncertainties, I wonder if I found these messages somewhat mundane, even boring back then. I think I did; may God forgive me. But reading them now I realize how loved I was; astonished that I could be indifferent to that, even if benignly so. Which brings me to our current shut-in status. Many of you are together under one roof and the words of Jesus ring true: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Some domestic tension is normal but strive to minimize it and love one another. Fond memories for the future can come out of all this. Do things together, whether it be games, walks outside (six

feet apart), preparing and sharing meals together, praying and reading the Bible out loud, simple conversation, etc. That's love ... in the little things of life. For those living alone, be assured of God's presence, along with the families. Your solitude unites you with Christ during His 40 days in the desert, from which He emerged victorious, further strengthened for the task ahead. We all benefit from your example of patience and prayer. Know that Fr. Jay and I love you all deeply. We do miss seeing you. Your prayers and support are deeply appreciated by us and we recognize that you are exceptional people, stellar in your generosity and love. Response to the parish from you since the pandemic began has been very moving for us. Connect with us through our live stream masses on Facebook and on the parish web site. If that is not possible we commend those watching EWTN or other nationally broadcast liturgies because that is also a way of staying in touch with the Mystical Body of Christ. And by all means, please continue to send in your contributions. Let us all be living letters, opening ourselves up to God and to one another, to show that we are indeed loved. Open up the boxes. Read, not merely paper, but hearts. That way, we are immersed, not into past times, but here and now, carrying out Christ's command "Love one another as I have loved you."

Peace, Fr. Bill

SH/SVDP Grocery Ministry

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish has partnered with St. Vincent DePaul to provide much needed grocery items to those who are experiencing hardship during this unprecedented time. If you are willing and able to participate, we welcome your support! We plan to do this for four weeks, then will continue beyond that time frame as need warrants. Here's how it will work: Each week, choose to provide as many items as you desire from each list, and drop them off at the parish office, in the Brown St. vestibule, during office hours (M-F, 8:30AM-4:30PM, except May 25). We will leave the door unlocked, so you can safely deposit your items there without any contact from us. If you need help with your items, we can also pick them up from you curbside, or, if you live in Reedsville, Sue Parzanese can bring your items from your home to the office (just call the office at 717-242-2781 and let her know). If you would like to do more than one week at a time (since you grocery shop less than once a week), feel free to do so, and we will save those items for the week in which they were intended. We will then bag them up and deliver them to the St. Vincent DePaul's offices on Monument Square for distribution. If you know of someone who is in need, feel free to call the parish office (717-242-2781) or St. Vincent (717-363-4812) so we can reserve some groceries for them. Our first distribution is planned for Thursday, May 14, a day that Pope Francis asks, "...**that believers of all religions should unite spiritually on 14 of May for a day of prayer and fasting and works of charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic.**" We pray that you are all well! We thank all of you in advance for helping us to spread some charity in our community.



Week #1 - Breakfast

Pancake Mix and Syrup, Bread, Jelly, Instant Oatmeal, Peanut butter, Bagels, Granola Bars, Boxed Cereal, Quart of Milk, Microwave Egg Cups, Yogurt Cups

Week #2 – Lunch

Cans/Cups of Prepared Pasta, Cans/Cups of Hearty Soups, Box of Instant Rice, Bread, Box of Macaroni and Cheese, Macaroni and Cheese Cups, Peanut Butter, Jelly Sliced American Cheese, Pack of Ramen Noodle Soups, Fruit Cups, Pudding Cups

Week #3 – Dinner

Bag of Egg Noodles, Bag of Rice Sides, Canned Tuna, Box of Tuna/Chicken Helper, Canned Chicken, Box/Jar of Pasta Meat Sauce, Box of Pasta, Can of Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Box of Instant Rice, Box of Homestyle Bakes Pudding Cups, Quart of Milk

Week #4 – Snacks

Microwave Popcorn, Pretzels, PB/Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Granola Bars, Boxed Cheese Crackers, Fruit Cups, Assorted Fresh Fruit, Baby Carrots, String Cheese Peanuts, 100% Fruit Juice, Chocolate Milk

Retreat Cancelled

"Due to the restrictions in place for Covid-19, the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be unable to hold our HDCCW 10th Annual Weekend Retreat scheduled for June 12-14, 2020. On a positive note, Fr. Chris Alar has agreed to be our Retreat Master for 2021. Please **"Save the Date" June 11-13, 2021 for 2021 HDCCW Weekend Retreat.**"



SCHOOL NEWS

Principal Position Open

Sacred Heart of Jesus school principal **Dr. Joseph Maginnis is retiring in June** after six years of dedicated and self-sacrificial service to our parish's educational ministry. Those interested in the position must **apply first to the diocese**, following the instructions below, although initial questions may be directed to Fr. Weary by contacting the parish office at 717-242-2781 or emailing at: frweary@sacredheartlewistown.com.



Minimum Qualifications:

- Practicing, knowledgeable Catholic
- Understanding of Catholic school philosophy
- Modeling values of Catholic educational leadership
- PA Administrators Certificate (or in process)
- Catechetical Certification (or in process)
- Five years of teaching experience

Preferred Qualifications:

- 3 years of administrative experience
- Catechetical Certification (or in process)
- Master's in Educational Administration

Send resume and letter of interest to:

Ann Everest, Dept. of Education

Diocese of Harrisburg

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717-657-4804, ext. 222 | aeverest@hbgdiocese.org

SHS T-Shirts

Sacred Heart School has joined the **Support Small Business Project by Lewistown Printworks**. For every SHS T-shirt purchased for \$20, **\$10 comes back to our school**. Shop now on lewistownprint.com Thank you for supporting our school!



SHS Benefit Auction Update

The Auction and Spaghetti Dinner have been rescheduled for June 6-7 at a new location, St. Jude Parish in Mifflintown. We would like to thank St. Jude for allowing us to use their space for this year's event. Spaghetti Dinner and Preview Night - June 6th and Oral Auction - June 7th. Official times will be announced closer to the event. The All-Cash Raffle tickets have been mailed out. If you did not receive them or would like more, please let the parish office know and we will mail them to you. They can be returned to the Parish Office by mail or placed in the drop box at the rectory. Our goal is to sell all of our tickets, which would raise **\$35,000** for our Parish and School. When the time comes and we can all resume to our new "normal", we will need help soliciting businesses and volunteering at our event. **This is the largest fundraiser for our Parish and School and it takes everyone working together to make it a success.** Don't forget: While you are practicing social distancing now is the time to find a unique item or put your talent to work creating a handmade item!



Enroll NOW for the 2020-21 Academic Year!

Even though SHS is closed, we are still enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year for Grades K-5. If you or someone you know has a child entering Kindergarten or would be interested in transferring into Grades 1-5, please email Ashley Henry at development@sacredheartshcool.com and we will get you an enrollment and information packet. Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2020. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are still being accepted. All faiths are welcome!**

Did you know that we offer a tuition transfer grant to any child going into grades 1st through 5th? Any public, private, charter or home-school student who transfers to Sacred Heart School is eligible to receive this grant. Each student will receive \$1,500 in grants over the course of 2 years (\$1,000 in year 1 and \$500 in year 2.) Restrictions apply and no financial aid forms are required.

