

## May 10, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Tithing income for the week of April 19, 2020:	
Regular:	\$5,374.00
Loose:	\$ 660.00
ONLINE GIVING:	\$1,455.00
Tithing income TOTAL for	
April 26, 2020:	\$7,489.00
Tithing income April 28, 2019:	\$7,534.50
Tithing income TOTAL for	
Palm Sunday 2020	\$2,555.00
Easter Sunday 2020	\$8,205.00
Mass Attendance for April 26, 2020	0
Mass Attendance for April 28, 2019	317

#### Tithe for April 26, 2020

Sisters of Christian Charity; Lewistown Ministerium  
Catholic Home Missions Appeal (envelope)

#### Tithe for May 3, 2020

Food for the Poor

#### Tithe for May 10, 2020

St. Vincent dePaul Society

### *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  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2020

“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, ‘What are we to do, my brothers?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

It is exciting to read the sermons of Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles. They call our attention to the fundamental teaching of Jesus’ dying and rising for the love of us. When was the last time the words of a preacher, a spiritual book or magazine, or a conversation with a friend or teacher led you to ask ‘What am I to do?’

If I follow the teaching of Peter, I will become more aware of the gift of the promised Spirit to form and transform my life. We are told not to stifle the Spirit, yet sometimes we do a good job at it. We have been baptized, but can always do more in the area of repentance. What am I going to do?

#### **First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

#### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25**

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have “returned to the shepherd.”

#### **Gospel: John 10:1-10**

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheep gate and promises that “Whoever enters through me will be safe.”

## LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the  
Intentions  for the  
Week  
*And Weekly Readings*



### **Saturday, May 2: St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)**

Acts of the Apostles 9:31-42; Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; John 6:60-69

Dave Stoicheff from Bob & Eileen Workinger

### **Sunday, May 3: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

People of the Parish

### **Monday, May 4: Easter Weekday**

Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; John 10:11-18

Rudy & Florence Knepp from sisters Eva & Louise

### **Tuesday, May 5: Easter Weekday**

Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10:22-30

Mary Curto from John, Deb & Emily Curto

**Wednesday, May 6: Easter Weekday**

Acts of the Apostles 12:24-13:5a; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8;  
John 12:44-50

Anthony & Augustina Battista from Del & Rose Guerrini

**Thursday, May 7: Easter Weekday**

Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27;  
Joh 13:16-20

Richard & Elizabeth Showers from Anne Marie Showers

**Friday, May 8: Easter Weekday**

Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab;  
John 14:1-6

Tom & Marge Connare from Tom Connare Jr.

**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

**Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benedicton will follow 7:00 AM Mass, Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>, live streamed on Sacred Heart of Jesus Facebook page. The same will be done on the same day, Following 9:00 Mass at St. Jude Thaddeus Church, Mifflintown, live streamed on that Parish's Facebook page as well.**

**Check Out Our Website & Facebook Page**

Keep checking the Sacred Heart Website at [www.sacredheartlewisstown.com](http://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 4 & 5, 7:00 PM Wed., May 6, 9:00 AM Thur., May 7, 7:00 AM Fri., May 8 & 9:00 AM Sat., May 9.**
- **Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass, 11:00 AM on May 10.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.



**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. We are currently working on a telephone ministry to reach out to those who may feel isolated. Know that Fr. Jay and I love you all deeply.

*The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
burns for all Seminarians  
of the Diocese of Harrisburg*



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

**Thank you** to Helen Salvatore who donated flowers for the Blessed Virgin Mary for the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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**

### **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!

### **Celebrate the Joy of Our Risen Lord**

Jesus walked with two men, one of whom has a name Cleopas, on the same evening of his resurrection. (Lk 24:18) A Note on Cleopas: Who was Cleopas? He was Our Blessed Mother Mary's cousin's husband. "Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and **his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas** and Mary Magdalene." (Jn 19:25) Therefore, Cleopas was not a stranger to Jesus. Yet, he couldn't recognize Jesus. The Emmaus disciples could not recognize Jesus who was truly present with them. They could see him with their eyes, hear him and walk with him and yet they couldn't recognize that it was Jesus. Why? Because, they had not yet believed in the resurrection of Jesus and that Jesus had risen. To them, Jesus was dead and buried; He has gone to his eternal rest. Therefore, they were sad. When did they recognize that it was Jesus? Was it during their journey, walking and talking with Jesus? Was it when they were listening to Jesus? Not fully and not really! Their hearts were burning within them while some scripture passages were explained by the Risen Lord. But, it was exactly

at the Breaking of Bread, at their Supper with the Risen Lord, their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus the Risen Lord. If you believe in the resurrection of Jesus, then, you could also understand and accept the mystery of his Incarnation, his miracles, his Sacred Passion and death, his Ascension, his sending of the Holy Spirit, his Second Coming and the Last Judgement; And, the Immaculate Conception of His Most Holy Mother, her glorious Assumption, her Coronation and her messages through various apparitions around the world. "**Praestet fides supplementum, sensuum defectui.**" These words of St. Thomas Aquinas meant "to believe to understand the Mystery of the Eucharist. As Jesus said to Thomas, one of his apostles, we too are the Blessed ones to believe in the resurrection of Jesus though we haven't seen him. (Jn 20:29) Easter Sunday, is the day of our Lord's resurrection, the Lord's Day. It is the Holy Day of the week. Let us celebrate this Holy Day with the joy of our Risen Lord. Let the joy of our Risen Lord be our strength (Neh 8:9,10). Let there be no sadness to overshadow our heavenly joy, the divine joy. Such joy was the experience of the Emmaus disciples after they recognized the Risen Lord. The great wonder we all could work today and now is to believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior Lord. Let us go to the church on Sundays rejoicing to celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord and to celebrate our faith in the Risen Lord. Let no earthly cares of ours engulf our joy of the Risen Lord. The strange virus will disappear by your faith in the Risen Lord and by your joyful celebration of his resurrection in the Holy sacrifice of the Mass. I encourage you to have a longing to receive the Eucharistic Lord. Who could know the mind of God in this pandemic? Probably, God allowed this pandemic to create a longing in our hearts and minds toward our Eucharistic Lord. God will fulfil our spiritual desire, more than we could imagine, "**A good measure, pressed down and running over, will be put into your lap.**" (Lk 6:38) See you soon in our parish church. **Fr. Jay**



### **The Catholic Witness Is Going Digital!**

*The Catholic Witness* has been privileged to share the news from our parishes, Catholic schools, Charities and our Diocesan programs for more than 50 years. We now find ourselves in uncharted waters, walking together down a path none of us have ever traveled. Like all parishes, Catholic schools and businesses throughout our Diocese and Commonwealth, we have also felt the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The loss of revenue due to the pandemic means that hard, temporary decisions must be made. We have made the difficult decision to temporarily suspend the printed version of *The Catholic Witness*, after the May 1 edition. This suspension does not mean we will stop providing the Catholic news you have come to rely on and enjoy. The news will continue in an all-digital format, delivered weekly via email and also accessible on *The Catholic Witness* pages of our website. Please visit

[www.hbgdiocese.org/the-catholic-witness-newspaper/](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/the-catholic-witness-newspaper/) for sign-up details.

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### Job Opportunity



The part-time position of Secretary/Financial Bookkeeper is open at St. Jude Thaddeus Church, Mifflintown, PA. Applicants must be friendly, with considerable computer and financial bookkeeping skills. If interested, please contact Fr. Weary, 717-242-2781.



### SCHOOL NEWS

### 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!

### 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](mailto: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

### 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](http://lewistownprint.com) Thank you for supporting our school!



### Help Wanted

A **Substitute Cook** is still needed in the SHS Cafeteria for next year. 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!



### Great News!

We have been blessed with a few additional sources for scholarships through the state's EITC program, so we have a total of **\$35,893 in scholarships for the 2020-21 academic year!** This is nearly three times the amount of money available than we have had in several years! We will be processing applications for financial aid over the next two weeks, so **this is the time to register for the coming school year and take advantage of these scholarships!** Please contact the Parish Business Office at 717-447-2002 or [shfinance@sacredheartlewistown.com](mailto:shfinance@sacredheartlewistown.com) for application and registration information.



### 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](mailto: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.** 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!**

**Did you know that we offer a tuition transfer grant to any child going into grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>?** 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.

