

August 23, 2015 – Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Aug 16, 2015:	
Regular:	\$ 5,559.00
Loose:	\$ 573.00
Children's Offering:	\$ -0-
ONLINE GIVING:	\$ 760.00
Tithing Income TOTAL For Aug 16, 2015:	<u>\$ 6,892.00</u>
Tithing Income: Aug 17, 2014	<u>\$ 9,321.00</u>

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of August 16, 2015 - 406

Weekend of August 17, 2014 - 402

The Tithing Committee met and is still in the process of establishing a mission statement and direction as to the selection of our tithes for each week. The three members of the committee, Jessica Parzanese, Russ Krug and Jo Mattern, have the awesome task of researching the many (almost daily) requests for donations we receive through the mail, through phone solicitations, and through recommendations from parishioners and the Diocese. They are ascertaining the mission of each organization, the integrity of the organization's administration, and affirming that the organization's purpose is in alignment with the teaching of our Catholic faith. They will ask the Parish Council in September for more direction and help with the mission statement. As a result, other than a few tithes that have already been approved, they will wait until September to assign the tithes for July, August, and September. Please watch for this information in the fall. **The committee would ask that anyone in the parish who has the time and interest in helping with this awesome task, to please call the Parish Office or Jessica Parzanese (717-250-3409) to get involved! Thanks!**

PASTOR'S COLUMN

SOUND THE RETREAT

A retreat is a holy getaway, more spiritually serious than a vacation, although relaxing at the same time. As with the military connotation of the term, it does imply falling back, regrouping, gathering strength before a return to the fray. It's a time to talk to God and let Him talk to you.

Priests and religious are required to make a Monday through Friday retreat every year. We are on the honor system for this, and there are different ways to do it. Many of my fellow priests make scheduled group retreats, with a retreat master for the week (usually a priest), who speaks several times per day under a general theme. Many go with the same group of priest-friends, to the same location every year. Daily Mass, meals, spiritual exercises and free time for prayer and meditation fill out the day.

I occasionally do the group thing I prefer going solo for the week and to a different place each time, to some

monastery or religious order motherhouse. I bring plenty to read. I say Mass every day, either by myself or for the house, if there is no resident chaplain on the grounds. I try to spend long hours in prayer and reading and meditative walking.

Last month I made my annual retreat at Holy Dormition Monastery, Sybertsville, Pa., near Hazelton. It was about my fourth time there. It is an Eastern Catholic Rite (Ruthenian) Franciscan house with four friars. I had a little house on the property all to myself and I took the five minute walk several times per day to the chapel for daily Mass, morning and evening prayer, and my own private prayer. I took most of my meals with the friars.

The Mass was Byzantine Rite, so when I concelebrated, I had to be lead around by the other one or two concelebrants, whispering to me: stand here, now stand there, now say this. It was awkward but we got through it. The chapel is richly appointed, as Byzantine worship space tends to be. There are also plenty of grounds to wander.

Twice I made my retreat at The Hermits of Bethlehem in Chester, New Jersey. You stay in a cute little cabin, with a tiny front porch, in a pine woods. You go to the main house to pick up your meals three times a day but you bring the food back to your cabin to eat by yourself. There is Mass once a day with the abbot and you are assigned a daily Holy Hour in the chapel.

That's the entire schedule. Other than that, you are completely on your own for quiet prayer and meditation. You are not to interact with any other retreatants. The place is run by a small order of hermits.

Retreats for laity usually go Friday night through Sunday afternoon, are usually done in separate men's or women's groups, are sometimes silent, sometimes not, and are usually held in retreat houses, which I call best kept secrets. These are often handsome buildings (sometimes old mansions) surrounded by spacious grounds. St. Joseph in the Hills, Malvern, Pa., is one example and it even has a building for family retreats. Mount Saint Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md., has lay retreats during the summer. The Apostolate for Family Consecration runs Catholic Familyland, in Bloomingdale, Ohio, a several-hundred acre campground for family events which are probably too active, noisy and dynamic to be termed retreats (think bon fires, big picnic meals, swimming pool, horseback riding, water slide, etc., in addition to daily Mass and talks) but I thought I would mention it because it's a fabulous place. A Cursillo weekend also is not a retreat.

Google these places or just retreats in general. If you can afford the time and money (they are usually reasonable) pick one out and go. Discover that a retreat can be an advance as well.

Fr. Bill



MATCHING DONOR FOR NEW CHURCH STEPS AND CLASSROOM WINDOW We have diocesan permission to raise funds for a new set of church steps (cost of about \$10,000) and a new school classroom window (about \$15,000). Plus we have a generous parishioner who will match what we raise up to \$12,500! Watch for a new envelope that is coming out for this campaign.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

Sunday: 08/23/15:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

Monday: 08/24/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 08/25/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Wednesday: 08/26/15:

1st Day of School for Sacred Heart School Kids!!

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Thursday: 08/27/15:

1st Day of School for Mifflin County School Kids!!

SHS Mass/9am/Church

Liturgy Comm. Mtg/10:30pm/Parish Ofc.

Friday: 08/28/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 08/29/15:

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 08/30/15:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

Monday: 08/31/15:

Mass/7am/Church

September

Tuesday: 09/01/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Wednesday: 09/02/15:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Thursday: 09/03/15:

SHS Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 09/04/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Holy Hour/7pm/Church

Saturday: 09/05/15:

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

CCD Sign-up After Mass

Sunday: 09/06/15:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD Sign-up After All Masses



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, August 23

Joshua 24:1-2,15-17,18; Psalm 34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

7:30 AM Velma McElheny

11:00 AM Graemer K. Hilton

Monday, August 24 St. Bartholomew

Revelation 21:9-14; Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18; John 1:45-51

7:00 AM Gary M. McCoach

Tuesday, August 25

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Psalm 139:1-6; Matthew 23:23-26

7:00 AM Special Intentions for Sister Carmelita

Wednesday, August 26

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalm 139:7-12; Matthew 23:27-32

7:00 PM Sister Anna Marie

Thursday, August 27 St. Monica

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90:3-5, 12-14, & 17;

Matthew 24:42-51

9:00 AM Paul Burket

Friday, August 28 St. Augustine

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97:1 & 2,5-6,10-12;

Matthew 25:1-13

7:00 AM David Kenepp

Saturday, August 29 Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1,7-9; Mark 6:17-29

4:00 PM John G. Stryker

Sunday, August 30

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; Psalm 15:2-5; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

7:30 AM Charlie & Betty Schroyer

11:00 AM John G. Stryker

Van Transportation to Mass: The following is the **Van schedule:**

Aug 23 - Mel Reed

Aug 30 - Russell Krug

Sep 06 - Dave Kaniecki

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are **available:** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. **Dates Available: Aug 30**

Sanctuary Candle for Aug 23rd -29th:

In Loving Memory of

Anna Zanylo

With Love from her Daughter

Connie Mitchell

Memorialize Flowers: If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (pulpit) please call the parish office to schedule. **The following dates are available: Aug 30**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Parishioners, please send all Business correspondence (such as checks, donations, bills) to the Parish office on 9 N. Brown St. Lewistown, PA 17044. Thank you!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
National Council of the United States
Seeking Charity and Justice

ST. Vincent de Paul needs help! They are looking for donations for the small travel size toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, shaving cream, deodorant, etc...



Save the Date for the Annual Parish Picnic, on Sunday, September 20th at the Orange Pavilion at Derry Park!! Please bring your favorite covered dish,

and Silverware for you and your family to enjoy all the different selections, there will be games and activities for all!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Words of Wisdom from Sister Virginia...

A good friend is like a warm quilt wrapped around the heart.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS...

Date: Classes begin Tuesday, September 8th and every Tuesday thereafter

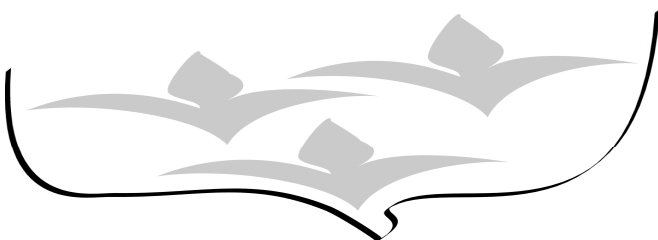
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Place: Sacred Heart Parish office
9 North Brown St.

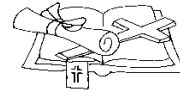
Subject: Catholic Women beginning with The Book of Esther

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sign up at the Parish Office; for any Questions call Nora Torquato, 667-6551



It is the Spirit that gives life



C.C.D NEWS 2015-2016

Registration for all grades, will be after each Mass, on **September 5th and 6th**. Please **bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate. Even if they were baptized at Sacred Heart**, we need them to update our files.

The first day of class is Sept. 13th, at 9 am.

Registration forms are available in the vestibule, on the wall.



ATTENTION: WE ARE PLANNING A NEW DIRECTORY FOR SACRED HEART OF

JESUS PARISH, complete with professional photos of parishioners and a listing of parishioner addresses and phone numbers in the back of the booklet. **Each participating family/household will receive a printed directory and an 8 x 10 photographic portrait—free of charge!** At your scheduled appointment you will be able to view and purchase additional portraits if desired. **The dates for photography sessions and portrait viewing are: October 14–16, 2:00–9:00 p.m.,**

October 17, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

October 19-20, 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

(Location to be announced, for October dates)

To schedule your photography session, call My Church Family Album at 877-764-4535 or go to <http://bit.ly/1AP9V1e> (If you call, be sure to identify your church affiliation as Sacred Heart of Jesus in Lewistown, PA). If you are **NOT** available for portraits during either of the weeks named above, contact LaVerne Maginnis through the Parish Office at 717-242-2781; lavernemaginnis@gmail.com

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



A limited number of seats are available on buses going to the Mass with Pope Francis in Philadelphia on September 27, 2015 leaving from the following locations:

Berwick/Camp Hill/

Carlisle/Ephrata/Elysburg/Gettysburg/

Harrisburg/Lancaster/Waynesboro/and York.

The number of available seats varies from location to location. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first served basis. **Cost is \$30.00 per person + is non-refundable.** Payment must be made within 5

days of making a reservation. For **additional information or to purchase tickets please contact Kate Neri in the Family Life Office at 717-657-4804, ext. 317 or email at kneri@hbgdiocese.org**

Come and See Dinner – September 29th

Mark your calendars for the annual Catholic Charities Come and See Dinner which will take place on Tuesday, September 29th at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. ***The evening includes a reception and auction, buffet dinner, and remarks by Dr. Carolyn Woo, President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services.*** All proceeds from the Come and See Dinner will benefit the Catholic Charities Homes for Healing – Evergreen House, Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, and Lourdes house Maternity Home. All are welcome! **For more information, contact Christopher Meehan, Catholic Charities Director of Development, at cmeehan@cchbg.org or 717-657-4804.**

CHARISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

**Cardinal Keeler Center
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

“THE EUCHARISTIC HEART OF JESUS”

Presenter: Kathleen McCarthy

Kathleen McCarthy is a published author, Catholic radio broadcaster, and a Catholic lay evangelist for almost 40 years. Her message of the Father’s merciful love, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and the power of the Holy Spirit are central to the doctrines of the Catholic Church.

Kathleen has experienced the death of a husband, loss of a house through fire, personal and family illness and loss. Through it all, her uncompromising love of God and faith in His love for her has been her source of strength. She is a gifted speaker who shares with enthusiasm and motivates many hearts to experience the living God. In addition to Kathleen McCarthy’s talks, the Day of Renewal will have special times of Praise & Worship by “Break Through” Music Ministry. A Newcomer’s Session, Prayer Team Ministry will also be available. Lunch is included as part of the registration fee with preregistration. Select - Ham, Turkey or Tuna. Preregistration closes **Thursday, September 10.** To register send \$20 check made payable to “Diocese of Harrisburg”, Charismatic Renewal c/o Cardinal Keeler Center, Attn: Jaclyn Curran, Office of Vicar General, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, Pa 17111-3710



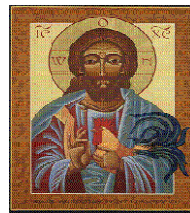
The entire community is invited to celebrate the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month. The Holy Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Harrisburg,

on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 3:30 PM and it will be followed by a gathering. For more information, check the Diocesan website at <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/special-ministries/cultural-ministries/hispanic-apostolate/>. Come join us!

Se invita a toda la comunidad para celebrar el inicio del Mes de la Herencia Hispana. La Santa Misa será celebrada por Monseñor Ronald W. Gainer en la Iglesia de Santo Nombre de Jesús, Harrisburg, el domingo 13 de septiembre de 2015 a las 3:30 PM. Después de la misa tendremos una reunión (compartir) con todos los fieles. Para más información visite

<http://www.hbgdiocese.org/special-ministries/cultural-ministries/hispanic-apostolate/>. ¡Ven y únete a nosotros!

The Harrisburg Cursillo movement will be holding a “Grand Ultreya,” Saturday, October 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, in Harrisburg. Those who have made a Cursillo, and those interested in making a Cursillo in the future, are cordially



invited. The event will feature Mass, speakers (both English and Spanish), faith-sharing, and lunch. Cost is \$15. **To register, please contact Robbie Davis at erdavis317@comcast.net or 717-657-8106. Registration fee can be mailed to 1908 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112.**



Summer Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 9am to 2pm

Please call the Parish Office at 242-2781 if you need assistance at other times.

Kindergarten orientation is August 21st at 9am and the first day is August 26th. All students wear gym uniform for the first day and all students pack lunch for the first three days. ***Juice and milk can be purchased. Breakfast and lunch will start being served on August 31st.***