

August 09, 2015 – Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Aug 02, 2015:	
Regular:	\$ 5,393.00
Loose:	\$ 656.09
Children's Offering:	\$ 1.00
ONLINE GIVING:	\$ 2,005.00
Tithing Income TOTAL For Aug 02, 2015:	<u>\$ 8,055.09</u>
Tithing Income: Aug 03, 2014	<u>\$ 7,089.00</u>

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of August 02, 2015 - 379

Weekend of August 03, 2014 – 454

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!**

My Good Deed for the Week:

Here's what our young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift:

Our Third Grader is still doing a great job helping her mom take care of her brother!!!

★ Great Job Kids! ★

Pastor's Stewardship comments

Any spiritual weekend experience, whether a traditional retreat or a Cursillo or a youth camp, fails if the person attending doesn't come back enthusiastic about his or her own parish. The person should come back thinking, "Wow, I get the spiritual life now; I'm enthusiastic about it, I get it totally. Now how can I help around here?" Enthusiasm for Jesus Christ and His Church falls short if it stays on the individualistic piety level, although it's wonderful there as a starter. Eventually, it translates into community service, especially at the parish: CCD teacher? Cleaning the Church? Greeter at the door? Youth group leader? Pray about what you should do and ask the pastor what he needs. God will bless you for it.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

25TH NATIONAL CURSILLO ENCOUNTER

Villanova University, Philadelphia, was the site of the 25th National Cursillo Encounter (like a national convention), attended by over 700 Cursillistas (people who have made a Cursillo weekend). I am the spiritual advisor (chaplain) for the Cursillo movement in this diocese and I thought it good to attend since the encounter rarely comes this close. It's held at a different city every year – sometimes the West Coast, sometimes the Mid-West. This was my first and it was fabulous.

Keynote speaker Friday was Dr. Ralph Martin, internationally known author of many books and CDs, who addressed the diocesan men's conference last year in Harrisburg. He is married with six children and 14 grandchildren. His active spiritual life began years ago in the Cursillo movement and he has since switched to charismatic renewal. But he had great things to say about Cursillo.

He has his own organization called Renewal Ministries and was named as a consultant by Pope Benedict XVI to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. He was also a "peritus" or advisor to the Synod on the New Evangelization in October, 2012.

He said he was a student in 1974 at Notre Dame University, Indiana, living a sinful life, when he reluctantly made a Cursillo weekend and "it saved my life." For 50 years, he has continued in the same group reunion, the once-a-week prayer and support group that follows the weekend. Many Cursillistas stay with their same group for years.

Dr. Martin's theme was "Friendship with Christ, the Key to Evangelization." He said, "Just keep our eyes on Jesus and we will reach our destination. This is growing in holiness."

Mass each day was celebrated by Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J., retired bishop of the Diocese of Yakima, Washington, who is now the movement's national episcopal advisor. About 20 priests, including me, concelebrated with him.

Dr. Martin referred to his recent book, "The Fulfillment of All Desire," about the spirituality of the early Church Fathers. The Fathers speak of the four principles of the spiritual life: 1) Total dependence on the grace of God, 2) Our effort is necessary but not sufficient, 3) Turn away from things that block or slow down our progress, both venial and serious sin, 4) Remove even affection for sin.

Many people just aim for purgatory, he said, figuring that they can commit venial sins with impunity and while that might earn them purgatory, you get out of purgatory eventually, and then into Heaven. But the problem with aiming for purgatory, he said, is that you might miss it. "And I hear it's hell to miss purgatory."

There were other great speakers and experiences, to be shared in a later column. In the meantime, I sign off with the standard Cursillo call that doubles as a greeting and a goodbye: "De Colores." **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: 08/09/15:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

Monday: 08/10/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 08/11/15:

Mass/7am/Church

(Last Class) Encounter Bible Study/6pm/Swineford Residence

Wednesday: 08/12/15:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Thursday: 08/13/15:

SHS Mass/9am/Church

St. Jude Kayak Youth Trip/8am/St. Jude

Liturgy Comm. Mtg/10:30a/Parish Office

Friday: 08/14/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Holy Hour/7pm/Church

Saturday: 08/15/15:

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 08/16/15:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

Monday: 08/17/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 08/18/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Wednesday: 08/19/15:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Thursday: 08/20/15:

SHS Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 08/21/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Holy Hour/7pm/Church

Saturday: 08/22/15:

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 08/23/15:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, August 09

1kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:2-9; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

7:30 AM Samuel & Adelene DeVecchis

11:00 AM Special Intentions for Sr. Virginia Zapotocky

Monday, August 10 St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalm 112:1-2,5-9; John 12:24-26

7:00 AM Tom and Marge Connare

Tuesday, August 11 St. Clare, Virgin

Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Deuteronomy 32:3-4,7-9, &12;

Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

7:00 AM Sister Anna Marie

Wednesday, August 12

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 66:1-3, 5,8, 16-17;

Matthew 18:15-20

7:00 PM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

Thursday, August 13

Joshua 3:7-10,11,13-17; Psalm 114:1-6; Matthew 18:21-19:1

9:00 AM Charles Sheller

Friday, August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe,

Priest/Martyr

Joshua 24:1-13; Psalm 136:1-3,16-18,21-22, & 24;

Matthew 19:3-12

7:00 AM Paul Burket

Saturday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6,10; Psalm 45:10,11,12,16; 1

Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

4:00 PM Charles & Anna Zanylo

Sunday, August 16

Proverbs 9:1-16; Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Frank Guerrini

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

Aug 09 - Russell Krug

Aug 16 - Dave Kaniecki

Aug 23 - Mel Reed

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are **available:** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. **Dates Available: Aug 23, 30**

Sanctuary Candle for Aug 09th -15th:

In Loving Memory of

Andy Gargus

With Love from his wife Irene & Family

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 09,16,23,30**



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...

Words of Wisdom from Sister Virginia...

Absence makes the Heart grow fonder... Truly a joy to celebrate my Jubilee with you! Special thanks to Father Bill and Father Jayson for concelebrating the liturgy at the Mass. Meeting so many of you at the reception was also a great joy. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make it happen so beautifully. All of it was so greatly appreciated! In addition, many thanks to all those who have been supportive to me with prayers, notes, and gifts. I hold you all daily in my prayers. May God richly reward you and bless you.

Love, Sister Virginia

Join the Youth Ministry (includes K5, Jr. Youth & H.S.) and Fr. Bill at Greenwood Furnace on August 23rd. We will start the afternoon with Mass at 2pm (this will fulfill your Sunday obligation). Following Mass will be a picnic, along with swimming, walking trails and fellowship...all ages welcome! Younger kids (K-5) should bring an adult with them. **Sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule of the Church.**



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

Attention Parishioners: Sister Carmelita is feeling a little under the weather, if you can cheer her up that would be great! **Her address is:** Emmanuel Nursing Ctr. At Maria Joseph, 600 School House Rd., Rm# 213, Danville PA 17821 (Please no visitors at this time... Thanks!)

I wish to thank all who sent me cards, prayers and well wishes for my 95th birthday. It was very much appreciated. Gratefully yours, *Robert Hackenberry*

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule Change:

St. Jude's Healing Mass on Thursday, August 6th, at 6 pm has been canceled. The **next** healing Mass will be held on September 3rd at 6pm.



LEARN ABOUT THE ASSUMPTION WITH EWTN

Munificentissimus Deus (Latin: The most bountiful God) is the name of the Apostolic Constitution written by Pope Pius XII, Nov. 1, 1950. It defines ex cathedra the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To learn more, log onto www.ewtn.com and follow the menu: Faith → Teachings → Mary, Mother of Jesus. There you will find links to the Church's Marian doctrines, documents, devotions, and much more!

Attention High School Athletes and Coaches:
The Diocese of Harrisburg will be holding a Rosary Rally on Tuesday, August 11th from 6:45-8:00pm at Bishop McDevitt High School Led by Bishop Ronald Gainer. Coaches are encouraged to bring the whole team! Players show your spirit wear your game jerseys! (Parents & Families Welcome)

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.** Catholic Relief Services is the official humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Each year Catholic Relief Services reaches more than 130 million people in nearly 100 countries. 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

**Celebrate with the Parish of Saint Monica
the Wedding of the Sea**

An Atlantic City tradition continues on Saturday, August 15, 2015. A brief, all-new program begins at 12 Noon in the Adrian Phillips Ballroom of Historic Boardwalk Hall, featuring Miss America 2015 Kira Kazantsev and the Honorable Donald A. Guardian, Mayor of Atlantic City. The Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary follows immediately, celebrated by the Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, the Bishop of Camden. Dr. Stephen Ball will provide the musical accompaniment. A procession to the surf will follow the Mass. Mayor Guardian will join Bishop Sullivan for the traditional wreath toss. All are welcome. The Hall, located at Mississippi Avenue and the Boardwalk, will open at 11 AM. Following the ceremonies, attendees are invited to St. Michael's Quaremba Hall for a celebratory luncheon. There is limited parking at the Georgia Avenue lot behind St. Michael Church, but the hall is only one block from Boardwalk Hall. **For additional information, please call the parish office at 609-345-1878 or e-mail secretary@saintmonica.church.**



**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.**