

## January 17, 2016 – The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship is a way of life.

### Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

<b>Tithing Income: Jan. 10, 2016:</b>	
Regular:	\$ 6,580.00
Loose:	\$ 920.00
<b>Children's Offering:</b>	\$ -0-
<b>ONLINE GIVING:</b>	\$ 580.00
<b>Tithing Income TOTAL For Jan. 10, 2016:</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,090.00</u></b>
<b>Tithing Income: Jan. 11, 2015</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,394.00</u></b>

### Mass Attendance:

**Weekend of January 10, 2016 - 392**

**Weekend of January 11, 2015 - 399**

### **Pastor's tithing comments:**

"Teach your children well," sang the folk rock group Crosby, Stills, and Nash decades ago. When it comes to tithing we should do the same. Give them the children's collection envelopes and show them how to use them. They can tithe allowances, babysitting pay, and summer job money. What great formation in good character. "Train up a child in the way he should go..." (Prov. 22:6)

## PASTORS COLUMN

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (JAN. 18-25, 2016)

You couldn't make this up: The above named week was founded by an Episcopalian Franciscan clergyman who later converted to the Catholic faith. Here's how:

In 1900, along with Sister Lurana White, Fr. Paul Wattson (1863-1940) founded an Episcopalian community in New York state dedicated to the ideals of the Catholic saint, Francis of Assisi. The two had adopted an abandoned chapel at Graymoor, N.Y. for the community's home. Fr. Wattson fashioned a large wooden cross from a cedar tree, and carried the cross up to the top of the property's hill, and erected it on the spot where it still stands today.

Although Episcopalian, their community emphasized Christian unity under the future leadership, some day, of the pope. In 1908, with input from others, they founded the annual Church Unity Octave, promoting this idea. An octave is eight days, and so the week, as designed by Fr. Wattson, lay between Feb. 18, the Feast of the Chair of Peter (now moved to Feb. 22) and the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Feb. 25.

Obviously, the founders' advocacy of papal authority did not sit well with Protestants and with their fellow Episcopalians. In 1909, he and Mother Lurana converted to the Catholic faith, along with their community's members. Fr. Wattson was then ordained a Catholic

priest in 1910. He continued promotion of his Church Unity Octave.

In the 1930s, a French Catholic priest, Abbe Paul Couturier (1881-1953), tweaked the unity week idea and called it "The Universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." Although Catholic, he reduced insistence on papal primacy and said that prayer for unity should be "for the unity of the Church as Christ wills it and in accordance with the means He wills." Couturier is sometimes called "the father of spiritual ecumenism."

The week as currently celebrated is a kind of combination of the ideas of Wattson and Couturier and has spread to countries throughout the world. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded by Wattson, still operate out of Graymoor, N.Y., and publish much literature and worship aids for the unity week.

We will be hosting a prayer service celebrating this week at Sacred Heart, 3 p.m., Sunday January 24. Preacher will be Teresa Hockenberry, new pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Oak Street, Lewistown. Refreshments will follow in the school cafeteria.

This year's theme is "Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord," taken from 1 Pet. 2:9. Also read during the service will be Matthew 5: 1-16, which includes the Beatitudes and Christ's reference to Christians as "salt of the earth" and "light of the world." Candles will be lighted and held during the service and even salt will be distributed for tasting to illustrate the theme.

The service is under the auspices of the Lewistown Ministerium, which I chair. During most of my 31 years of priesthood, I have been active in ecumenical work and have attended local Ministerium meetings, finding such fellowship most enriching. I remember attending meetings back in 1989-90 during my brief eight-month tint in the Juniata Valley as parochial vicar (assistant pastor). Third Street "church row" in Lewistown was also active back then in inter-church cooperation (and reaching way beyond Third Street, as it does now).

I am now planning our annual Faith Festival, slated for Saturday, June. 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., switching from last year's Rec Park venue, to the grounds of the Mifflin County Library! In this event, churches set up tables, under pop-ups, giving out information on their congregations, church bulletins, Vacation Bible School news, etc.

Some booths will serve food and like last year, we plan for the kids, a Bounce House, pony rides, Toodles the Clown and live music. Mark your calendars. We hope the library location is more centralized, drawing more people.

Come and pray with us for unity week, fulfilling Jesus' prayer to His Father: "That they all may be one, even as we are one..." (Jn. 17:21)

**Fr. Bill**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## January

### Sunday: 01/17/16:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church  
 CCD/9am/Sacred Heart School

### Monday: 01/18/16:

Mass/7am/Church  
 Parish Council Mtg/7pm/Parish Office

### Tuesday: 01/19/16:

Mass/7am/Church

### Wednesday: 01/20/16:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church  
 Mass/7pm/Church

### Thursday: 01/21/16:

SHS Children's Mass/9am/Church  
 RCIA/7pm/Parish Office

### Friday: 01/22/16: March For Life

Mass/7am/Church

### Saturday: 01/23/16:

Confessions/3pm/Church  
 Mass/4pm/Church

### Sunday: 01/24/16:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church  
 CCD/9am/Sacred Heart School  
**Christian Unity Service/3pm/Church**  
*(Refreshments at the school after service)*

### Monday: 01/25/16:

Mass/7am/Church

### Tuesday: 01/26/16:

Mass/7am/Church

### Wednesday: 01/27/16:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church  
 Mass/7pm/Church

### Thursday: 01/28/16:

SHS Mass/9am/Church  
 RCIA/7pm/ Parish Office

### Friday: 01/29/16:

Mass/7am/Church

### Saturday: 01/30/16:

Confessions/3pm/Church  
 Mass/4pm/Church

### Sunday: 01/31/16 Catholic School's week Begings:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church (Catholic School week Mass)

**NO CCD**

K of C Pancake Breakfast/8am-1pm/SHSCafeteria

## LITURGICAL NOTES:

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



### And Weekly Readings

#### Sunday, January 17

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-3,7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11;  
 John 2:1-11

7:30 AM For the Special Intentions of the  
 Hallinan Family

11:00 AM People of the Parish

#### Monday, January 18

1Samuel 15:16-23; Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, & 23;  
 Mark 2:18-23

7:00 AM Mary Jane Walters

#### Tuesday, January 19

1Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 89:20,21-22,27-28; Mark 2:23-28

7:00 AM Gloria Estelle Pereira

#### Wednesday, January 20

1Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10;  
 Mark 3:1-6

7:00 PM John & Fay Czernakowski

#### Thursday, January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Psalm 56:2-3, 9-11,12-13;  
 Mark 3:7-12

9:00 AM Anna Ianelli

#### Friday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

1 Samuel 24:3-21; Psalm 57:2,3-4,6 & 11; Mark 3:13-19

7:00 AM Carol O'Brien

#### Saturday, January 23

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalm 80:2-3,5-7;  
 Mark 3:20-21

4:00 PM Jerry Wagner

#### Sunday, January 24

Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19:8,9,10,15; 1 Corinthians  
 12:12-14,27; Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

7:30 AM Sarah Stoicheff

11:00 AM Carol O'Brien

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

Jan 17 - Mel Reed

Jan 24 - Russell Krug

Jan 31 - Dave Kaniecki

**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are **available:** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. **Dates Available: Jan 24**

**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: April 9, 17, 24,**



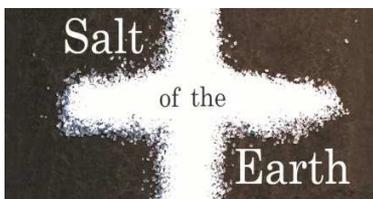
## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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, and baby items, etc....

Due to the Budget impasse and increase in volume in providing help to those in need, St. Vincent de Paul is also in need of donations to keep on helping those who desperately need our help. **Thank you!!**



**A Week of prayer for Christian Unity Service will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Pastor Teresa Hockenberry as guest preacher. For over 100 years, this week in late January, celebrates Christian Unity throughout the United States. Refreshments will follow the Service. **ALL** are Welcome to attend.



The **adult choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:35 P.M.** following the 7:00 P.M. Mass. A schedule for spring rehearsals will be distributed then. **New members are welcome!**



The Liturgy Committee would like to **thank the families and individuals who helped put up and take down the Christmas decorations this season.** With all the wonderful help we had, the church truly reflected the spirit of the season in a beautiful and spiritual way.

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Encountering a Person with Hearing Loss

A person with hearing loss is limited in their ability to acquire or use spoken language. They may wear a hearing aid or cochlear implant. They may speak differently or use sign language.

To welcome persons with hearing loss:

- speak in a normal volume without exaggerated lip movements
- Offer to write a message
- Face the person and speak at eye level allowing the person to see your face
- Do not assume lip-reading ability or that a person with a hearing aid hears normally
- Ask them if they understand what you are saying
- If an interpreter is present, speak to the deaf person, not the interpreter
- Be aware of background noises and any glare behind the speaker that may interfere with communication

**Welcoming People With Disabilities So All May Encounter Christ, A Guide for Parishes.** Diocese of Harrisburg, **Tina Stryker, The Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities**



### Shrines of Italy Tour with Bishop Gainer

Catholic Charities of Harrisburg is pleased to announce an exciting trip with Bishop Ronald Gainer this fall to the Shrines of Italy. The tour will take place August 27 - September 6, 2016. In addition, there is a possibility (and right now **NOTHING IS CONFIRMED**), that the trip will include the canonization of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. (Again, that's just a rumor. But if it's true, our group will be in Rome that morning as Pope Francis celebrates the Canonization Mass!). All are welcome to join this once-in-a-lifetime trip. A sellout is expected. **For more information including costs, trip itineraries, and a link to download a tour brochure with registration form, visit our website at [www.cchbg.org/events](http://www.cchbg.org/events)**

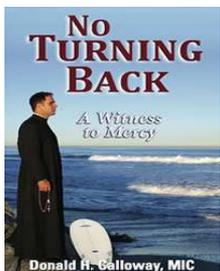


### SJCA Board of Trustees Membership

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy seeks dedicated women and men to answer the call and serve our faith community on the Board of Trustees. If you have a passion for Catholic education and spreading the Good News, **please submit a letter of interest and resumé for consideration to Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, 901 Boalsburg Pike, Boalsburg, PA 16827 ATTN: Chris Chirieleison**

## SJCA Varsity Football Head-Coaching Opportunity

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy is seeking a Head Coach for our Varsity Football program. Interested applicants should send an email and coaching resumé to SJCA Athletic Director, Chad Walsh, at [cwalsh@stjoacad.org](mailto:cwalsh@stjoacad.org)



Father Donald Calloway, MIC, author of *No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy*

will be a guest speaker at St. Pius X Church on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 7 pm.

112 Fairview Drive, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

All are invited to hear his remarkable story of conversion. For additional information, email/call Katia Felty at [rynoles@gmail.com](mailto:rynoles@gmail.com) 570.259.9903

### **NO TURNING BACK: A WITNESS TO MERCY**

In his own words, *No Turning Back* recounts Fr. Donald's personal story of conversion after reading a book about Our Lady. Though today he is a devout Catholic Marian priest, Fr. Donald's early years were no indication of what was to come. Before his conversion to Catholicism, he was a high school dropout who had been kicked out of a foreign country, institutionalized twice and thrown in jail multiple times. Discovering a book on Our Lady led to his conversion and ardent love of Mary and the Church. As a priest in the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Fr. Donald has completed advanced studies in Mariology and strives to share his own love of Mary. Currently Fr. Donald is the Vocation Director for the Marians. Many who know of Fr. Donald know him because of his conversion story. He has spoken of it at conferences, on television, radio, online, and wherever he can spread the message. This book finally captures in print how Divine Mercy, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, touched his life.



Gala tickets will be on sale after Sunday masses  
January 10th through January 30th

### **From the Desk of Dr. Joe Maginnis:**

During the past few months, surveys by parents and staff were reviewed by our Middle States Steering Committee and three goals have been formulated. Over the next few months, subcommittees will be developing action plans to address the goals. In general, the three goals are focused on: 1) Improving the ITBS scores (achievement tests) in Math Reading and Language Arts. 2) Increasing enrollment, and 3) Improving communication and outreach to all stakeholders. Our students do quite well on ITBS scores generally scoring nationally over the 65 percentile. With a little focus these scores can be raised even higher. Increasing enrollment and improving outreach will better help our community see the good works of this wonderful school.

### **Gala tickets on sale now!**



Join us Over the Rainbow for an Enchanted Evening in the Emerald City.

**Saturday, February 6, 2016**

5:00 PM- 11:00 PM

Lewistown Community Center @ Rec. Park

**Tickets:** \$50 thru Jan. 17, 2016

\$60 after Jan. 17, 2016

Purchase a table of 8 to receive reserved seating & a complimentary bottle of wine! Door Prizes every hour plus Grab Bags, 50/50's & Raffle Tickets will be available for purchase. **Get your tickets at the school or parish office today!**

### **Attention All Crafters!**

Do you have a unique talent like woodworking, painting, cross-stitching, quilting, etc? If so, we would love to have your handmade donation as part of our growing list of items to be auctioned off at this year's More than an Auction event, scheduled for Sunday, April 24th. Each year, these items have proven to be the most sought after and cherished by our generous bidders. **If you are willing to share your talent with us, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office.**