

January 31, 2016 – The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Jan. 24, 2016:	
Regular:	\$ 3,044.00
Loose:	\$ 311.53
Children's Offering:	\$ -0-
ONLINE GIVING:	\$ 1,390.00
Tithing Income TOTAL For Jan. 24, 2016:	<u>\$ 4,745.53</u>
Tithing Income: Jan. 25, 2015	<u>\$ 6,759.89</u>

Mass Attendance:

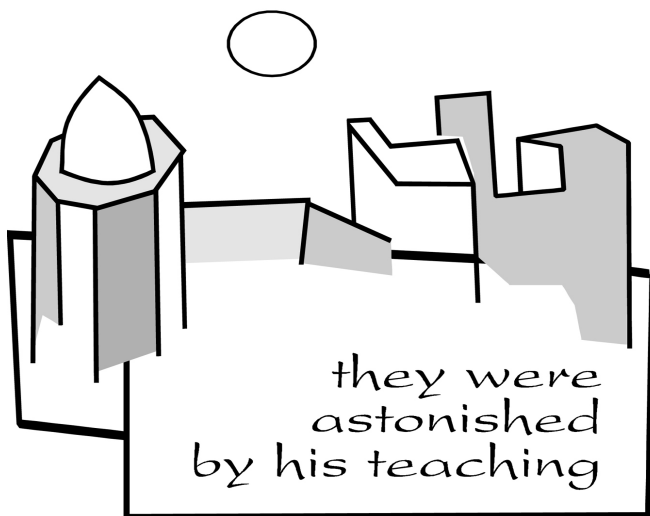
Weekend of January 24, 2016 - 167

Weekend of January 25, 2015 - 448

Pastor's tithing comments: What would we do without God and without each other? We are all joined together in the Mystical Body of Christ, like leaves on the vine. Stewardship is the virtue that cultivates our unity and that shows God appreciation for the connections that community accords us. As our nation's Founding Fathers said "united we stand, divided we fall."

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is "the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



**LETTER FROM:
BISHOP GAINER**

The Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer announces the successful completion of the 2014-2015 Youth Protection Audit. This annual audit evaluates the compliance of the Diocese of Harrisburg with the United States Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and with our own diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Young People.

Our participation in this audit, conducted by Stonebridge Business Partners, demonstrates the ongoing commitment of the Diocese in protecting children and youth from sexual abuse by clergy, employees and volunteers in the Church. In light of our ongoing commitment for this protection, the following announcement is being made in all parishes of the Diocese of Harrisburg:

If anyone in this parish has been or is being hurt by the sexual misconduct of any priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, seminarian, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, the Diocese of Harrisburg would like to know about such abuse, so we can help the victim in his or her healing process and, if necessary, remove the offender from all public ministry. To make such a report, the person should call the toll-free Pennsylvania Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-932-0313. To contact the Diocese, the person should also call the diocesan toll-free Hotline at 1-800-626-1608 or email ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org. Cards with the reporting information will be available after Mass.

The tragic issue of the sexual abuse of minors affects every part of society and every profession. The Diocese of Harrisburg pledges zero tolerance for any abuse in ministry or employment no matter how long ago such abuse may have occurred. Any questions or requests for more information may be addressed by email to: YouthProtection@hbgdiocese.org.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter, and may God continue to bless all of us as we strive to keep our children, youth and most vulnerable adults protected.

In Christ,

+ Ronald W. Gainer

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

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

Pro Life Walk-Prayer Service/2:30 pm walk begins at

Sacred Heart Church, Prayer Service at Bethel AME

(those who cannot do the walk can go directly to the Church)

February

Monday: 02/01/16:

Mass/7am/Church

SHS- Assembly with Mayor Bargo

Tuesday: 02/02/16:

Mass/7am/Church

SHS- Spaghetti Luncheon

Wednesday: 02/03/16:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

SHS- Ethnic Potluck Dinner – 6pm all welcome!

Thursday: 02/04/16:

SHS Children's Mass/9am/Church

RCIA/7pm/Parish Office

SHS- Spelling BEE -10:30 am

Friday: 02/05/16:

Mass/7am/Church

SHS- 5th Grade Pep Rally!

Saturday: 02/06/16:

Blessing of throats this weekend

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

SHS GALA/5pm/Lewistown Rec Center

Sunday: 02/07/16:

Blessing of Throats this weekend

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/Sacred Heart School

Monday: 02/08/16:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 02/09/16:

Mass/7am/Church

Wednesday: 02/10/16: ASH WEDNESDAY

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/12 Noon & 7pm/Church

Mass/7pm/ St. Jude

Thursday: 02/11/16:

SHS Mass/9am/Church

RCIA/7pm/ Parish Office

Friday: 02/12/16:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 02/13/16:

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 02/14/16:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/Sacred Heart School

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, January 31

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4,5-6,15,17; 1

Corinthians 12:31-13:13

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Helen Berich

Monday, February 01

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Psalm 3:2-7; Mark 5:1-20

7:00 AM Tom & Marge Connare

Tuesday, February 02 Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 24:7,8,9,10;

Luke 2:22-40

7:00 AM Special Intentions

Wednesday, February 03

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Psalm 32:1-2,5,6,7; Mark 6:1-6

7:00 PM Daniel Kennevan

Thursday, February 04

1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12; 1 Chronicles 29:10,11,12; Mark 6:7-13

9:00 AM David Stundon

Friday, February 05 St. Agatha

Sirach 47:2-11; Psalm 18:31, 47, & 50, 51; Mark 6:14-29

7:00 AM Margaret Kelly

Saturday, February 06 St. Paul Miki &

Companions

1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12,13,14; Mark 6:30-34

4:00 PM Mary Erskine

Sunday, February 07

Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8; Psalm 138:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;

Luke 5:1-11

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Vincent Pacini

Van Transportation to Mass: The following is the

Van schedule:

Jan 31 - Dave Kaniecki

Feb 07 - Mel Reed

Feb 14 - Russell Krug

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are **available:** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. **Dates Available: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, March 6.**

Sanctuary Candle is in
Loving Memory of
Frank Guerrini with love wife Marie

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 17, 24,**

Altar Flowers for January 31st
In Celebration of Catholic Schools Week

*Altar Flowers for January 23 – 29
In Loving Memory of Carol O'Brien
With Love, David O'Brien & Children, and
Patti Vogt & Barron Vogt*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



PRO-LIFE WALK AND PRAYER SERVICE All seeking to uphold human life in our land, from womb to tomb, are invited to a **pro-life walk and prayer service Sunday January 31st in downtown**

Lewistown. Able participants may gather in front of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 3rd and Dorcas Streets, at 2:30 p.m., for a public walk along 3rd Street, to Bethel AME Church, Juniata Street (near Sheetz Gas Station) testifying to support for human life. **A service of prayer, music, and presentations will begin at 3 p.m., at Bethel AME Church,** inspiring all attending to support human life in all stages of development. Maria Vitale Gallagher, education director of Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, Harrisburg, will speak. Refreshments will be served after the service, which is held annually to protest the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the U.S. Those unable to do the walk may report directly to the church for the service.



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!!**

Parish Photo Directory

By LaVerne Maginnis

It appears that the company doing our parish photo directory may be closing up shop. As coordinator of the directory, I have been in frequent communication with the company and expect to be receiving more information shortly. I will continue to follow up on the progress of our directory and to

keep you informed. I have a contingency plan in place, and we will have a directory, even if we change the process a bit in mid-stream. Please contact the parish office to let me know if you have not yet received photo orders that you placed and paid for at your July or October photo session. Thank you!



Altar Server Training... ATTENTION all kids in grades 3, 4, 5, and up... we

are having a new training sessions please see Fr. Bill or call the parish office (717) 242-2781 to sign up. **Dates of Training will be as follows:**

Saturday's from 8 am to 10 am;

March 12th at Sacred Heart, March 19th at St. Jude.

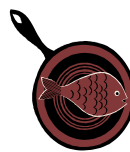
April 2nd at Sacred Heart, April 9th at St. Jude.



A New Year's Message from Sister Virginia:

Sending you wishes for a holy, happy, healthy year of mercy. You have been my special intentions during my prayers throughout the holiday season. I send gratitude,

love and prayers your way. I am also glad you enjoy my "Words of Wisdom" in the bulletin. My sight has diminished somewhat now and I am called to see with my heart. This is a difficult lesson. But with God's help I will do well. All of your prayer requests are being brought before the Lord every day. I still miss you all very dearly, let us be united in prayer for each other. *With much love Sister Virginia*



Knights of Columbus will

be having its **Annual Fish Sandwich Sale every Friday during Lent till March 18th.** **Sale begins on Ash**

Wednesday (Feb. 10th) Sale is 3pm -6pm in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria and **sandwiches are \$3.00 each.**

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



"JOIN IN THE WORLDWIDE MISSION OF JESUS" Society for the Propagation of the Faith (*"the Missions"*) **Membership Sunday-February 7** The SPOF was

established in 1822 and is the means through which the Pope supports 1,150 mission dioceses around the world. It assists with faith formation, the selection of native bishops, and the formation of

seminarians, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists. As mission dioceses struggle to take root, SPOF also provides critical education, health, and social services. Your participation in SPOF Membership Sunday by prayer and contributions helps to spread the hope-filled, saving message of Jesus to the billions of people who do not know Christ, and supports the priests, religious and lay catechists in mission countries worldwide who offer them that Good News. **Thank you for answering the call to missionary spirit through your support of this holy work of the Church.**

LENTEN FISH DINNERS: St. Jude Knights' Friday evening Lenten fish dinners will begin on **February 5 2016 and end March 18, 2016**, from 4-7 P.M. in the church social hall. Please join us for a delicious, all-you-can-eat meal that includes fried and baked fish, popcorn shrimp, fried clams, French fries, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, puddings, and a selection of homemade desserts. **Pay at the door: Adults - \$12.00; Ages 6-12 - \$6.00; 5 & Under-free. Please come often and enjoy a great meal.**



Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy - Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year has been quite active so far. However, Saint Joseph's is still accepting applications for each of the classes in grades 9 – 12. Families may choose the online "Inquiry" method to contact the Admissions Department, or they may call the school office (814-808-6118) to make an appointment, schedule a tour, or simply discuss the options. Please also visit our website: www.stjoeacad.org. Happy New Year!



HAPPENING TODAY!



Help us kick off Catholic Schools week with the **Annual Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 31st from 8:00 am-1:00 pm** in the

School Cafeteria. \$5 for Adults and Children 3 and up \$3

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: \$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!**



Wendy Vogt is looking to get a group of ladies together to make a quilt for the auction. She is looking for all

quilters and sewers to help put this together. She wants to get started as soon as possible so please contact her if interested at wvogt336@comcast.net or better yet contact her at 717-348-0931.



Please join us for an Ethnic Potluck Supper on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016 in the SHS Cafeteria to celebrate Catholic Schools Week: Celebrate the Nations

Day" Please bring a covered dish to honor your heritage and **RSVP to the church office by Monday, February 1st.**

