

July 26, 2015 – Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: July 19, 2015:	
Regular:	\$ 5,210.50
Loose:	\$ 902.33
Children's Offering:	\$ 1.00
ONLINE GIVING:	\$ 1,410.00
Tithing Income TOTAL For July 19, 2015:	<u>\$ 7,523.83</u>
Tithing Income: July 20, 2014	<u>\$ 8,746.00</u>

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of July 19, 2015 - 425

Weekend of July 20, 2014 - 406

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:

We have a 3rd Grader who is a big help to her mom by watching her little brother.

★ Great Job Kids! ★

PASTORS COLUMN

TOO INTO EXTERNALS?

Guess what was one of the big concerns of St. Francis of Assisi (d. 1224), as expressed in his circular letter to all clergy? Was it world peace? Ecology? Simple living? Nope. Dirty altar linens.

Seriously. It drove him nuts. From the 13th century, we have this complaint from the holy founder of the Franciscans: "But let all who administer such holy mysteries – especially those who administer them carelessly – consider the sad state of the chalices, the

corporals, and the altar linens upon which the Body and Blood of our Lord are sacrificed."

He continues, "And the Body and Blood of the Lord is left by many in dirty places, carried about in a miserable manner, received unworthily, and administered to others without discretion."

In a Letter to Custodians (Franciscan superiors), he similarly writes that the priests "ought to hold the chalices, corporals, ornaments of the altar and all that pertain to the sacrifices as precious. And if the most holy Body of the Lord is left very poorly in any place, let it be moved by them to a precious place, according to the command of the Church and let it be carried with great veneration and administered to others with discretion."

St. John Vianney (d. 1859), the very poor, threadbare pastor of the very poor parish of Ars, France, was the same way. For him, nothing was too good for the altar, the church, the liturgy. No expense was to be spared (even while his rectory was falling apart). Beautiful, expensive chalices and vestments were the order of the day for him, because that was giving honor to God, the priesthood, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

I write this because once a parishioner said to me that I was "too into externals."

Well, yes, one can be "too into externals." That's possible. Call it Pharisaism, after the Pharisees, those feisty verbal sparring partners with Jesus. The arguments between that ultra-strict group and the Lord were not exactly about ritual and worship space accoutrements, but about details of the religious law; close enough. They exaggerated details, over-burdening the faithful, while neglecting charity.

But even then our Lord said of them to the crowds, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so practice and observe whatever they tell you but do not do what they do; for they preach but they do not practice." (Matt. 23:2) He respected their authority and urged his followers to obey their directives.

We can also *neglect* externals too much (as St. Francis points out). Externals can be sacred because God became external (a blasphemous thought to the Muslims). Appropriate attention to externals is essential for Christians because "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). That's the incarnational principle, extended in the 7 sacraments, especially in the Mass. God comes to us in things, in stuff; first in the Blessed Virgin's womb and in a human body, and then in water, wine, bread, oil, words, ritual gesture, etc. All this is to be regarded with awe, wonder and respect, both internal and external.

How much attention to externals is too little or too much? Ah, that's the big question. So, when in doubt follow our Lord's formula in Matt. 23:2. "Practice and observe what they tell you, for they sit on the chair of Moses."

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! Experts now tell us we can't repair the steps but need new ones. And we have been gradually replacing school windows and have one side of the building done. Watch for a new envelope that is coming out for this campaign.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

Sunday: 07/26/15:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

Monday: 07/27/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 07/28/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Encounter Bible Study/6pm/Zannino Residence

Wednesday: 07/29/15:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Thursday: 07/30/15:

Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 07/31/15:

Mass/7am/Church

August

Saturday: 08/01/15:

Confessions/3:30pm/church

Mass/4pm/church

Sunday: 08/02/15:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

Monday: 08/03/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 08/04/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Encounter Bible Study/6pm/Zannino Residence

Wednesday: 08/05/15:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Thursday: 08/06/15:

SHS Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 08/07/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Holy Hour/7pm/Church

Saturday: 08/08/15:

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 08/09/15:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, July 26

2Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

7:30 AM Samuel & Adelene De Vecchis

11:00 AM Special Intentions for David Stoicheff

Monday, July 27

Exodus 32:15-24,30-34; Psalm 106:19-20,21-22,23; Matthew 13:31-35

7:00 AM Terry Quinn

Tuesday, July 28

Exodus 33:7-11 & 34:5-9,28; Psalm 103:6-7,8-9,10-11,12-13; Matthew 13:36-43

7:00 AM Judith Leibig

Wednesday, July 29 St. Martha

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99:5,6,7,9; John 11:19-27

7:00 PM Richard and Elizabeth Showers

Thursday, July 30

Exodus 40:16-21,34-38; Psalm 84:3,4,5-6, & 8,11; Matthew 13:47-53

9:00 AM Paul Burket

Friday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola

Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37; Psalm 81:3-4,5-6,10-11; Matthew 13:54-58

7:00 AM Special Intentions for Nancy Wills

Saturday, August 01 St. Alphonsus Liguori

Leviticus 25:1,8-17; Psalm 67:2-3,5,7-8; Matthew 14:1-12

4:00 PM Mary Erskine

Sunday, August 02

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15; Psalm 78:3-4,23-24,25,54; Ephesians 4:17,20-24; John 6:24-35

7:30 AM Sophie Grumm

11:00 AM Richard Calkins

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

Jul 26 - Dave Kaniecki

Aug 02 - Mel Reed

Aug 09 - Russell Krug

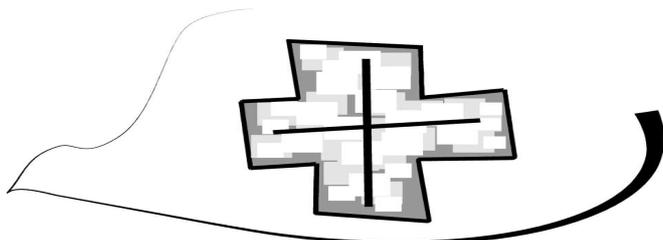
Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are **available:** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. **Dates Available: Aug 16, 23**

Sanctuary Candle for July 26th-Aug 01st:

10th Anniversary in Memory of

Ann Runtagh

With Love from Barbara



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 02**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank
You**

A note of Thanks to the several parishioners who contributed to the purchase of our brand new sanctuary rug, your generosity, and thoughtfulness to our parish is greatly appreciated.



The K5 Youth Group would like to send a very special Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for helping donate the funds to help our Vacation Bible School happen and become such a success! Thanks; also goes out to the parents who donated water and helped out during the week. And to all those who worked really hard so the kids could have a lot of fun!



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 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, in August 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 877-764-4565 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

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.

GOD IS NEAR



TO ALL WHO CALL



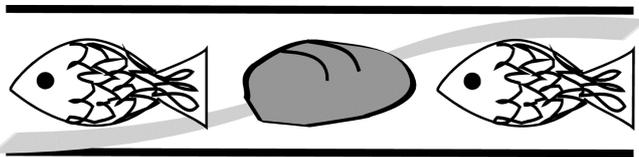
"Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy is looking for a part-time evening custodian for Monday - Friday from 6-9pm. The position entails general cleaning with some additional duties. Please contact Chris Chirieleison at 814-808-6118 or cchirieleison@stjoeacad.org for more details or to apply."

Immigration Legal Services Available Through Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg Immigration Legal Services is a new program that provides high quality legal services to low income immigrants and refugees in Central Pennsylvania. Our staff provides public education, training, and community outreach in order to promote social justice in accordance with Catholic Social Teaching. A full list of services that are provided is available online at www.cchbg.org. Nominal fees are charged for services. The office is located at 939 E. Park Drive (Suite 102) in Harrisburg. Immigration Clinic walk-in hours are Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Other times are available by appointment. For more information, contact John Leedock at jleedock@cchbg.org or 717-232-0568.

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.**



HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2015

“But the servant objected, ‘How can I set this before a hundred people?’ Elisha insisted, ‘Give it to the people to eat. For thus says the Lord ‘They shall eat and there shall be some left over.’ And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said.”... “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish”...When they had had their fill, he said to the disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.’”

At a time of picnics and alfresco dining, reading from the book of Kings and the gospel of John is most enjoyable. In both cases we learn that we can use our resources whether abundant or scarce to touch the lives of others. Whether it be the one hundred or the ‘large crowd’ people had a hunger, a need, and there were gifts to be given to change their lives. When we gather for Eucharist, gifts are brought to the altar. They represent our ability to offer something for the needs of others, who have a hunger we can satisfy, not just bread and wine, but care, concern, support and understanding. People are hungering for peace, justice, work, freedom. We cannot overlook them, for we are the resources to produce change. Don’t waste food; recognize the Christ in the homeless and hungry. Provide for the many charities who depend on us. The question remains: ‘What are the five loaves and two fish I have’ and ‘what I am doing with them?’



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

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

