

June 14, 2015 – Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: June 07, 2015:	
Regular:	\$ 5,672.00
Loose:	\$ 970.00
Children's Offering:	\$ 1.00
Coffee and Donuts	\$ -0-
ONLINE GIVING:	\$ 1,405.00
Tithing Income TOTAL For June 07, 2015:	\$ 8,048.00

Tithing Income: June 08, 2014 **\$ 8,304.75**

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of June 07, 2015 - 411

Weekend of June 08, 2014 – 447

Next Week's Tithe:

Catholic Communication Campaign

This Week's Tithe:

TBA

Tithe for the Week of 6/0/15:

Pro Life Federation **\$ 805.00**

Americans United for Life **\$ 805.00**

From Our Pastor: With a stewardship mentality, we switch from "How come we aren't doing such-and-such?" or "Father, why aren't you doing thus-and-so?" to "How can I help?" "What can I do?" "Father, do you need thus-and-so? I'll put it together for you. I'll make the phone calls." I thank God for the parishioners that I do have who do this and say those positive things. Look in the mirror and examine your conscience and ask yourself. Am I a "Why aren't we doing...?" type of person or am I a "How can I help, what can I do?" type of person. God, and other pastors, please grant me more of the latter.

My Good Deed for the Week:

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

Our favorite 2nd grader is back... and this time did a great job cleaning her room!

★ Great Job Kids! ★

PASTORS COLUMN STRETCHED THIN

The list of "changes" this year for our diocese was a long list. "Changes" is the term we priests use for transfers, from one parish to another. Every spring, the priest personnel board begins meeting (innumerable meetings) and around mid-May, the phone calls go out. I escaped this year but many did not.

When we are short on priestly numbers, the transfers get more complicated, in order to fill spaces – especially pastor slots - and the list of "changes" gets longer. At our annual priest jubilarian dinner at the Cardinal Keeler Center June 4, Bishop Gainer thanked all who accepted their transfers. He said few of the transfers were initiated by the priest himself. Most were a phone call from the diocese saying "we really need you in this other parish, over here. For the good of the diocese, would you please go?" All said yes.

One was Fr. James Lease. He was in his pastorate only two years at Sacred Heart Basilica, Conewago, Hanover (a plum of an assignment, with a big gorgeous old church to die for) when he got the call. He's going to my former assignment, St. Joseph, Danville, where I was pastor for 12 years (and in residence as Geisinger chaplain for two more).

Fr. Lease knows the Juniata Valley well, so standing at the dinner, with our plates of hors d' oeuvres in hand, we talked about exchanging parishes and pulpits some weekend. Stay tuned for that one.

The Diocese of Harrisburg now has 37 seminarians, the envy of all the dioceses of Pennsylvania. That's a lot for a diocese our size. But they are in different stages of education. Right now, after high school, it takes four years of college and six years of further theological studies before ordination. Some of the guys are a few years away from their big day. But, thank God, we just ordained three more priests in Harrisburg last Saturday, which is a help, bringing our total of active, full time diocesan priests, pastors and parochial vicars (assistant pastors) to 91, plus active full time religious orders, some-semi-active, i.e., helping out a little with Masses.

The newly ordained, of course, start out as parochial vicars. The big need is for pastors to run parishes. Because of the shortage, lag time between the two positions is much shorter nowadays. I was 14 years a priest before I became a pastor. Now it averages around three years.

Also, many of the pastors manage two parishes and, of course, I am one of them. The three Capuchin Franciscans who manage St. Francis of Assisi parish in Harrisburg, will now also run Holy Family parish a few miles away, maintaining residence at the St. Francis rectory. In other words, Holy Family parish loses a resident pastor.

What amazes me is the priests heading up diocesan headquarter departments, once full time positions. They are all now pastors of parishes as well. For instance, Fr. Edward Quinlan is both Secretary of Education and pastor of Holy Name of Jesus, a Harrisburg mega-parish with maybe 2,300 households (Sacred Heart has about 550; St. Jude, about 150). He built the huge new church there, a time-consuming project. The former Judicial Vicar (head of the church court, i.e., largely doing annulments), Edward Malesic, just named Bishop of Greensburg, Pa., had Holy Infant parish, York Haven, Pa., and also conducted a new building campaign while there.

Going through the directory, I count 93 operating parishes in our diocese. It used to be about 115 but many were closed or merged in the 1990s.

You get the picture and it is as bad or worse in other dioceses around the country. Pray for vocations. Pray also for your priests and cooperate with them. Crunch times call for valor, perseverance and faith. Together we can do it. **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

June

Sunday: 06/14/15:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

Hike with Fr. Bill CANCELLED

Monday: 06/15/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 06/16/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Encounter Bible Study/6pm/Zannino Residence

Wednesday: 06/17/15:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Thursday: 06/18/15:

Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 06/19/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 06/20/15:

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 06/21/15: Father's Day!!

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

Monday: 06/22/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 06/23/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Encounter Bible Study/6pm/Zannino Residence

Wednesday: 06/24/15:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Thursday: 06/25/15:

SHS Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 06/26/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 06/27/15:

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 06/28/15:

Mass/7:30a & 11a/Church

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, June 14

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:2-3,13-16; 2Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

7:30 AM Samuel & Adelene De Vecchis

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, June 15

2Corinthians 6:10; Psalm 98:1-4; Matthew 5:38-42

7:00 AM Special Intentions for Sister Anna Marie & Sister Carmelita

Tuesday, June 16

2Corinthians 8:1-9; Psalm 146:2,5-9; Matthew 5:43-48

7:00 AM Thomas & Marge Connare

Wednesday, June 17

2Corinthians 9:6-11; Psalm 112:1-4,9; Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

7:00 PM Special Intentions for George Vasiloff

Thursday, June 18

2Corinthians 11:1-11; Psalm 111:1-8; Matthew 6:7-15

9:00 AM Patty Beacon

Friday, June 19

2Corinthians 11:18,21-30; Psalm 34:2-7; Matthew 6:19-23

7:00 AM David Kenepp

Saturday, June 20

2Corinthians 12:1-10; Psalm 34:8-13; Matthew 6:24-34

4:00 PM Ann Vasiloff

Sunday, June 21

Job 38:1,8-11; Psalm 107:23-31; 2Corinthians 5:14-17;

Mark 4:35-41

7:30 AM Michael Del Vecchio

11:00 AM Michael J. & Kathryn Z. Porpotage

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

Jun 14 - Dave Kaniecki

Jun 21 - Mel Reed

Jun 28 - Russell Krug

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are **available:** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. **Dates Available: June 14**

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: June 28, July 5, 19**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join Fr. Bill on June 14th at 2pm (depart from the rectory) a nature hike through one of PA's scenic parks... then a home style BBQ afterwards, for all Youth & Parents from Grades 6 through 12.

CANCELLED

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!

The Altar Flowers for
June 12th – 14th
In honor/Memory of the People
of the Parish



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...



Fr. Bill will be retreat master for the annual charismatic retreat **Friday, July 31st at Saints Cyril and Methodius, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville PA.** Registration forms are in the vestibule for those wishing to attend.



Attention: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion... we are in need of one of you to visit Ohesson Manor Nursing Home, on an alternating rotation to give communion. Please call the office if you can help!



Words of Wisdom from Sister Virginia...

Silence can be an answer!



Attention Kid's Kindergarten through 5th Grade... You don't want to miss this adventure! Starting Monday, July 13th – 17th our Mountainous adventure begins... **Tell your parents to call the parish office today (717)242-2781 to sign you up!**



COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Group Informational Session

A Catholic men's group is spreading throughout our diocese in over 20 parishes and may also be started here if men are interested. The program is called "That Man is You!" by Paradisus Dei. A leader of this program will come to our parish to give information if men would like him to indicating by a sign up sheet in the back of church/social hall. The program helps men to become "a man after God's own heart" within the context of their lives. Please sign up to indicate your interest. Independent research by a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll has identified Paradisus Dei programming as some of the most life transforming programming ever studied. These programs integrate the teachings of the Church, with the findings of modern science and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of the human person fully alive. These programs are committed to encountering people wherever they are in their spiritual journey and leading them to a better place. More information can be learned at their website <http://www.paradisusdei.org/index.php/programs/tmiv/>



A Journey toward the World Meeting of Families - Bishop Gainer invites you to join him on a journey of prayer and healing for our families in

preparation for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. Included are presentations by bestselling author, Christopher West and music by Jason Clark. The journey begins by attending an evening of Eucharistic reflection and Adoration. These will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary, Harrisburg, June 24. The journey continues at a Diocesan conference about the meaning and importance of marriage and family, on Saturday, July 11, at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg. The day will end with Sunday Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer. The \$15 conference registration fee includes lunch. For more information or to register visit www.hbgdiocese.org/journey, call 717-657-4804, Ext. 317 or email familyministries@hbgdiocese.org.



Attention all Catholic young women ages 15-25. Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you! You are invited to attend the Diocese of

Harrisburg's 7th Annual **Fiat Days** vocation discernment retreat to spend time with other women your age as you listen to the Lord's call in your life while having fun. Activities include – Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, sports, games, great food, talks and more.

Fiat Days will be held July 5-7, 2015 at Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary. No cost due to the generosity of anonymous donors. Please contact the Office of Vocations at (717) 657-4804, ext. 282 with questions or for a registration packet

Summer Adult Faith Formation Opportunities -

The Diocesan Institute schedule of Summer adult education offerings is now available. Visit www.hbgdiocese.org and click on the Diocesan Institute icon to access the schedule and registration information. Several offerings are also available via webinar, allowing you to participate from home. Contact Ryan Bolster at rbolster@hbgdiocese.org or (717) 657-4804, ext. 225 for information.

Saint Thomas More Feast Day Mass - The Saint Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania, an organization of Catholic lawyers, judges, public office holders, paralegals and legal assistants, respectfully invites you, to attend the Feast Day Mass of Saint Thomas More to be celebrated by the Most Reverend, Ronald Gainer, Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, on Monday June 22, 2015 at 8 o'clock a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 2935 Kingston Road, York. The purpose of this Mass is to gather to pray for God's guidance and to invoke blessings upon those who work in the administration of justice or government.

Do you have a loved one, friend or neighbor who struggles with SSA (Same Sex Attraction)? Do you find it difficult to know what to say or how to reach out to them with Christian hope based in compassion and truth? We have an sterling opportunity right in our own backyard to help us grow in understanding of this difficult "cross" and the very real resources for help and new life afforded to us in the Christian Community. **The Restored Hope Network's national conference will be held this year on the campus of Lancaster Mennonite High School, Lancaster, PA, on Thursday, June 26th and Friday June 27th.** Through nationally known keynote speakers, both Catholic and Protestant, to workshops and testimonies, we will engage Jesus' love and truth for our own sexuality and relationships. And we will leave equipped and encouraged to respond to same-sex and

transgender dynamics with merciful clarity, to be voices of hope in a world which so sadly compromises the beauty of man and woman created for one another in God's image. **For more information, or to register, see www.restoredhopenetwork.org.**



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June 20 – 21, 2014



Hey 20- and 30-somethings... Join us for a Theology on Tap

SUMMER SOCIAL!

When: Wednesday, June 17th 2015 @ 6:30 PM

Where: ABC on CAMERON STREET (50 N Cameron St, Harrisburg, PA 17101) ~ 2ND FLOOR BAR

Who: YOU!... & ANY FRIENDS YOU WANT TO BRING! All 21-39 year olds are **welcome** – single, married, practicing Catholics and seekers.

Hope to see you there!

For more information and to RSVP go to the *Theology on Tap - Harrisburg* group on Facebook or <http://www.stjosephmech.org/adult-education/theology-on-tap/>.



Summer Hours:

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9am to 2pm**

Attention Parishioners!

The Sacred Heart School Board of Education, has an open position for the upcoming school year! If you are interested in participating in this important mission in education please contact Fr. Bill Weary at the Parish office (717) 242-2781 **** Please note that you must be a Catholic in Good Standing****