



November 01, 2015 – All Saints & Vocation Awareness Week

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Oct 25, 2015:	
Regular:	\$ 6,312.00
Loose:	\$ 466.00
Children's Offering:	\$ 5.00
ONLINE GIVING:	\$ 1,485.00
Tithing Income TOTAL For Oct 25, 2015:	\$ 8,268.00
Tithing Income: Oct 26, 2014	\$ 8,592.00

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of October 25, 2015 - 405

Weekend of October 26, 2014 - 435

From Our Pastor: "You never miss the water 'til the well runs dry," is an old saying, meaning that you sometimes don't appreciate what you have until you lose it. Let's not make that mistake. It might sound morbid, but as a mental exercise, think what it would be like without your family, your friends, your job...your parish church. Middle Eastern Christians are now facing the loss of their faith communities under terrorism. Show God your gratitude by supporting what you've got by exercising time, talent, and treasure for your parish.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

CUTTING CHRISTIANS FROM JESUS' LAND

A kind of Christian genocide occurs now in the lands of Christianity's birth and earliest years, said speakers at an Oct. 22-23 symposium sponsored by the Lancaster Region of The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and Malta (Knights of Malta). Murders, bombings of homes and churches, discriminatory high taxation, and various social pressures are driving Christians from Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, and Egypt.

Christian faith communities existing for almost two thousand years in these countries are fast disappearing, as Christians flee the oppression. Though perhaps subject to less direct violence, even Christians in Israel are feeling the pinch. At its founding in 1948, twenty per cent of modern Israel's population was Christian. Now it is only two percent, with 147,000 Christians remaining.

Syria's population was 10 per cent Christian in 2011 and is now six percent, at less than 1.3 million Christians. Lebanon's 1970 Christian community was 55 per cent of its general population and is now down to 39 percent at 1.8 million.

The Knights of Malta were founded in Jerusalem in 1113 AD, at first to assist Holy Land pilgrims, suffering from attacks by marauders, bandits, and hostile Muslim aggressors. In addition to running hospitals, the Knights also took up arms, at times, to defend Christians. They still maintain a vigorous "Defense of the Faith" education program as part of their mission.

Bishop Ronald Gainer delivered the evening's opening and closing prayers. Main speakers for the Oct. 22 evening, held at the Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, were Bishop Gregory Mansour, Catholic Maronite bishop of Brooklyn, N.Y., and George Marlin, chairman of Aid to the Church in Need-USA and chairman of the Philadelphia Trust Company (and former CEO of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey).

Both speakers presented ISIS as a primary aggressor in this anti-Christian attack. "The intent of ISIS goes beyond destruction," Mr. Marlin said. "It seeks to erase the past, present, and future of Christian culture." He quoted an online ISIS web site that said "We will conquer your Rome, break your crosses, and enslave your women by command of Allah."

He also said that the world media reports very little on this widespread attack against Middle Eastern Christians. "A lot of the world is ignoring what is going on over there," he said. "The West is looking the other way." He said that he wants to "jolt the Western conscience." Marlin also reported that in Iraq, before 2003, there were one million Christians; now there are 300,000.

Although born in the U.S., Bishop Mansour's grandparents were Lebanese. As a Maronite, he belongs to an ancient Lebanese community of the Catholic Church, with its own rite, or distinct way of celebrating Mass, and with its own customs, but in union with the pope. It is named after a 5th century Syrian hermit, St. Maron. There are two Maronite dioceses in the U.S., with his diocese covering half of this country.

He said that "ISIS is a very clear and deliberate persecution of anybody who thinks differently than they think," he said. "And they are cowards" because they attack small communities with little or no security or strong police force.

In Syria, within ISIS-held territory, the largest monastery of the country is now a prison, he said. The largest church is now a mosque. Forty seven other churches are gone.

The bishop said that one imam stood up in his mosque to denounce ISIS, saying that what they were doing was not Islam. "He was shot dead," the bishop said.

The bishop advocated a "creative non-violent militancy, based on love" to combat groups like ISIS and Boko Haram. This would include 1) as much humanitarian support for people on the ground as possible, 2) political lobbying to Congress and President Obama on behalf of persecuted Christians, 3) telling the stories of Middle Eastern Christians.

A hand-out issued that evening quoted Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, saying "We are talking about an extraordinarily urgent issue, an international emergency. This is not some nice idea, this is not some chic hobby, we are talking about life or death, we are talking about the survival of beloved, of ancient, loving, Christian communities; we are talking about something that cannot wait."

The 250 or so in attendance were importuned by Bishop Mansour, "May we have the grace, the poise, the character, the compassion to stand with the Christians in the Middle East in a Christian way... to embrace, to challenge, to stand up against" the forces of evil.

Fr. Bill

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

Sunday: 11/01/15:

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

Monday: 11/02/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 11/03/15 Election Day!

Mass/7am/Church

No Adult Bible Study... GO VOTE!

Wednesday: 11/04/15:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Finance Council Mtg/7:30 pm/Rectory

Thursday: 11/05/15:

SHS Mass/9am/Church

SHS Open House/6pm/School

RCIA/7pm/Parish office

Healing Mass/6pm/ St. Jude

Friday: 11/06/15: 1st Friday Adoration

Mass/7am/Church

Adoration begins following the 7am Mass

Holy Hour/7pm/Church

Saturday: 11/07/15: Angel Tree begins

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 11/08/15:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/SH School

Remembrance Service/3pm/Church

Monday: 11/09/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 11/10/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish Office

Wednesday: 11/11/15:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Thursday: 11/12/15:

Mass/9am/Church

RCIA/7pm/Parish Office

Friday: 11/13/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 11/14/15: Tithing Weekend

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 11/15/15: Tithing Weekend

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/SH School

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, November 01

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14; Psalm 24:1-6; 1John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

7:30 AM Matthew Brahmakulam

11:00 AM Carol Berrier

Monday, November 02 All Souls Day

Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; Psalm 23:1-6; John 6:37-40

7:00 AM Tom & Marge Connare

Tuesday, November 03

Romans 12:5-16 Psalm 131:1,2,3; Luke 14:15-24

7:00 AM Joyce Lavery

Wednesday, November 04 St. Charles

Borromeo

Romans 13:8-10; Psalm 112:1-2, 4-5,9; Luke 14:25-33

7:00 PM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

Thursday, November 05

Romans 14:7-12; Psalm 27:1,4,13-14; Luke 15:1-10

9:00 AM Gary McCoach

Friday, November 06

Romans 15:14-21; Psalm 98:1,2-4; Luke 16:1-8

7:00 AM Repose of the Soul of the Deceased

Members of the Robert Spangler Family

Saturday, November 07

Romans 16:3-9, 16,22-27; Psalm 145:2-3,4-5,10-11; Luke 16:9-15

4:00 PM Anna Hackenberry

Sunday, November 08

1Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 146:7,8-10; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Helen Berich

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

Nov 01 - Russell Krug

Nov 08 - Dave Kaniecki

Nov 15 - Mel Reed

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are **available:** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. **Dates Available: Dec 13, 27**

The Sanctuary lamp is
 In loving Memory of
 Frank Guerrini
 With Love from his wife Marie and 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: Nov 8**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Beginning Sunday, November 29 & Dec 6th St. Vincent DePaul will be collecting grocery items for the church's Christmas Baskets to be given out to those in need in the parish or in the community on December 19th from 10am – 12pm.

The following is a list of the items needed by December 1st:

Cranberry Sauce
Boxes of Stuffing or Bread cubes to make stuffing
Peas, Corn, Green Beans
Box Potatoes for mashing
Cake Mixes, Frosting
Items for making pies
Canned Fruit, Sweet Potatoes

Also needed are turkeys if you have one to donate. Please **bring your items to the sacristy of the church or to the church office on 9 N. Brown St.** December 13th we will be taking monetary donations to purchase turkeys and anything other than food items we may need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

P.S. If you know of anyone needing a basket please call the parish office before 4th of December. 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, and baby items, etc....



Parish Council Nominations Needed!

Nominations are being accepted for Parish Council Members. Applications are in the vestibule of the church. You can self-nominate or nominate someone else you feel would be a good candidate. Applications are due to the parish office by Monday, October 30th. If you have any questions about serving on Parish Council, please contact the current Parish Council Chair, Cathy Stout at 667-7267.



Parishioners we are working on our program for the Remembrance Service on November 8th at 3pm please submit only names of family and friends who have died this past year. All names must be submitted by October 30th by 12 noon to the Parish Secretary. **Light Refreshments following the service.**



Words of Wisdom from Sister Virginia...

Never let yesterday eat up today.



Once again it is time for the Community Christmas Project. It will begin on November 7th. If you would like to help us with this project, **please take a card from the tree and provide the gifts requested on that card.** Some cards are asking for toys and others are for clothes. This is so each child gets both toys and new clothes for Christmas. **Please be sure to write your name and phone number on the sheet provided and mark under toys or clothes depending on which your card is requesting. Gifts are asked to be returned unwrapped no later than November 22.** This date was pre-set by the community committee to enable us to get all the paperwork that is required before distribution. Thank you all in advance for your kindness and generosity. Boxes and wrapping paper is always needed if you have extra. **May God bless all of you. If you have any questions feel free to call Pat at 899-7505.**

Baby Bottle Boomerang Report:

The Baby bottle Boomerang, which is Crossroads Pregnancy Center's major fundraising event, raised \$67,969.58. They have thanked God for his provision! And also thank **Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish for our participation our bottles brought in \$1,273.04!!**

Great Job Sacred Heart!



JUNIATA VALLEY COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA,

Scouting for Food Challenge 2015

Begins: this Weekend

Collection date: Friday November 13th

There will be a collection box located in the vestibule of the Church for you to put your items in. Our local Scout Troop headed up by Jeremy Cirola, will be collecting the items.

They are collecting all types of non-perishable food items including: *Canned good, box mixes, drink mixes, peanut butter, soups, and cereals*

All food collected benefits families through: Salvation Army, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, & Juniata County Food Bank.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS:

For Youth:

5th Quarter at Grove Memorial UMC Church (Behind the Football Stadium)

Friday Nov 6th - 9pm -11 pm (after the Game) Free
Pizza, Music, Fun and Friends



Christmas Bazaars & Craft Shows – A

listings of Holiday Craft Shows and Bazaars being sponsored by parishes or schools in the Diocese of Harrisburg is available on line at the Diocesan website. Look for the link on the right hand side of the home page at www.hbgdiocese.org.



Do you know anyone interested in attending Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy next school year? **Please tell them about our next Open House on Wednesday, November 18th, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.** Interested families and prospective students are welcome to attend in order to meet our faculty and learn more about our mission to provide a college-preparatory education based on the pillars of Faith, Scholarship, Leadership and Service!

St. Clement Church, Johnstown, PA, is selling tickets to win a Super Bowl 50 Package for 2 -- OR --\$10,000 CASH!

Package includes two Super Bowl Tickets, three nights lodging, \$1,500 travel cash, admission to pre-game party, Super Bowl memorabilia and transports to and from the stadium. Winning # is determined by the 1st Pick 4 PA Lottery Drawing on January 1, 2016. Donation is \$10. (5,000 tickets sold, 2 numbers per ticket). For tickets, please contact Dave Pavlik @ (814) 243-9446 or the St. Clement Rectory @ (814) 255-4422. Complete details on the prize package and **how to order tickets are available online on our parish website at:**<http://stclementjohnstown.org/super-bowl-ticket-affle/>



From the Desk of Dr. Maginnis:

We have good news to share! For any new family who registers their child(ren) for SHS for the 2016-17 school year **during the month of October**, we will waive the \$50 registration fee! NOW is the time to consider your options for Kindergarten, as they are also conducting registration in MCSD. Schedule a visit to our school today! **We are working on increasing enrollment and any help such as sharing the good word about our school is very much appreciated.** While parents are often busy during the day, the principal will make home visits evenings or weekends to anyone wishing to learn more about our wonderful school.

Save the Date! Join us Over the Rainbow for an Enchanted Evening in the Emerald City **Sacred Heart School Annual Gala Saturday February 6th, 2016 at the Community Center @ Red Park**

School Open House on Thursday, November 5th from 6:00 - 7:30. For any family who registers from now until November 6th, their \$50 registration fee will be waived.

SHS HSA Events

SHS HSA will be collecting Campbell Soup, Box Tops, and Tyson A+ labels all year. Please put yours in the Campbell Soup bin in the back of the church and help us get some nice items for our school.

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Sacred Heart School! The Book Fair will be at our school **November 2-6, 2015, and a special Family Night is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, from 5:30-8:00 pm, during our school's Open House.** Stop by, check out our school, and visit the Book Fair! Books make great gifts for Christmas, and the Fair helps to purchase new books and supplies for our school's classrooms and library. Thank you for your support!

