

November 16, 2014 – Thirty –Third Sunday

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Nov 09, 2014:

Regular: \$ 6,432.00

Loose: \$ 1,711.00

Children's Offering: \$ 2.00

ONLINE GIVING: \$ 640.00

Tithing Income TOTAL For

November 09, 2014: \$ 8,785.00

Tithing Income: November 10, 2013 \$ 9,358.00

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of November 09, 2014 - 412

Weekend of November 10, 2013 - 436

Next Week's Tithe:

Matthew 25

This Week's Tithe:

Festival of Ice Sponsorship

Tithe Week of 11/09/2014

Stewardship Mission of Faith \$ 294.00

Covenant House \$ 294.00

Human Life International \$ 294.00

Pastor's Comments: Thanksgiving approaches. The trick is, to make this a year-round attitude: a Gratitude Attitude. The holiday is good because maybe this year it will really stick in everybody: from now on, we will be grateful all year long. .

My Good Deed for the Week:

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

We had a 2nd Grader who is doing a GREAT job in taking care of her baby brother. And we have a 5th Grader who is doing an OUTSTANDING job helping with the training of his new puppy.

★ Great Job Kids! ★

Pastor's Column

TALENT AND TIME

Both parishes are in the middle of time and talent (parish volunteering) campaigns this weekend. Sacred Heart had wonderful speakers last week, with cards being filled out in the pews now. St. Jude hears the talks this weekend, with cards filled out next weekend.

Apologies to JFK, but here goes: Ask not what your parish can do for you. Ask what you can do for your parish.

It's so true. Every priest knows this: When that loved one gets married or dies, the parish is there for

them. The priest is there (and often makes a bereavement visit to the home or has many office meetings with the engaged couple). The organist, choir or cantor, altar servers are all there for them. The lights are on, the heat is on, because the utility bills are paid.

And then the family comes into the church for the funeral or the wedding. Most are non-practicing. They haven't darkened the door of the church for years nor put anything in the collection basket on a regular basis, even after being raised in the Faith; sometimes even after Catholic school training. Following the liturgy, they go home and maybe never return. But the Church was there for them.

Many today say that they are against organized religion. "I'm spiritual but not religious," is the mantra. But when Grandma dies or their daughter wants to get married, honey, let's call the church.

What if it all wasn't available? Don't think it couldn't happen. Many Catholic churches have closed around the nation in recent decades. If all the lapsed Catholics in the surrounding neighborhoods had returned to regular Sunday attendance, many of those churches would probably be opened today. Remember, only about 30 per cent of Catholics in the U.S. now attend weekend Mass (down from 75-80 per cent up to 1970).

And so, what if there was no priest or church building available? Here, there is. But who makes that possible? The grace of God, of course, and you, the people of the parish, do. I am very grateful for your support and generosity because you make available the services of the Church not only to our own but to the wider public. St. Jude held a flu clinic for the Juniata County last weekend. Sacred Heart does a monthly lunch for anybody who shows up.

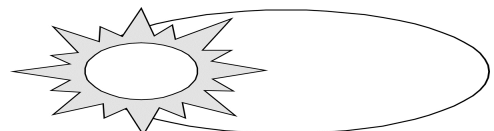
It is what you put in the collection basket and what you do in time and talent that makes possible the services of Jesus Christ offered to the world. I don't mind giving to those who don't give back because that is what we are supposed to do. That is what our Lord and Savior did. And we do it in love.

Juniata Valley Catholic churches operate under the theme of Stewardship. A steward is a caretaker or a servant, taking care of what has been entrusted to him. The principles are the giving of time, talent, and treasure.

Treasure is tithing, i.e., giving 10 per cent of gross household income back to God (5 per cent to the parish; 5 per cent to other charities – and you get to keep the remaining 90 per cent!). Time is time for prayer, every day; Morning Prayer and Nighttime Prayer and maybe an extra time during the day.

Talent is volunteering. No parish can exist without it. The staff can't do it all. Be generous and do for your parish, thus enabling what the parish is doing for others.

Fr. Bill



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

Sunday: 11/16/14:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/SHS

W.A.S.H Light up the Dark Decorating/2pm/Derry Pk

Children's Choir Practice/4pm/Choir Loft

Monday: 11/17/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 11/18/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Wednesday: 11/19/14:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Thursday: 11/20/14:

Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 11/21/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 11/22/14

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 11/23/14:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/SHS

Cursillo Ultreya/5pm/Church Basement

Community Thanksgiving Service/7pm/Church

Community Thanksgiving Reception/8pm/SHS Caf

Monday: 11/24/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Parish Council Mtg/7pm/Parish Office

Tuesday: 11/25/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Liturgy Committee Mtg/10:3am/Parish Office

Wednesday: 11/26/14:

SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL/11:30am

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7:00 pm/ Church

Thursday: 11/27/14 THANKSGIVING Day:

Parish Office & School CLOSED

Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 11/28/14:

Parish Office & School CLOSED

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 11/29/14:

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 11/30/14:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

NO CCD

Children's Choir Practice/4pm/Choir Loft

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, November 16

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128:1-5;

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

7:30 AM Doris Becker

11:00 AM Michael Del Vecchio

Monday, November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, & 6;

Luke 18:35-43

7:00 AM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

Tuesday, November 18

Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Psalm 15:2-5; Luke 19:1-10

7:00 AM Catherine Fuoco

Wednesday, November 19

Revelation 4:1-11; Psalm 150:1-6; Luke 19:11-28

7:00 PM Ralph M Showers

Thursday, November 20

Revelation 5:1-10; Psalm 149: 1-6, & 9; Luke 19:41-44

9:00 AM Michael Del Vecchio

Friday, November 21 Presentation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 10:8-11; Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;

Luke 19:45-48

7:00 AM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

Saturday, November 22 St. Cecilia

Revelation 11:4-12; Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10; Luke 20:27-40

4:00 PM Marjorie Kaufman

Sunday, November 23

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, Psalm 23:1-2,2-3, 5-6; 1

Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

7:30 AM Special Intentions for Nora & Tom

Torquato

11:00 AM Evelyn Ughetto

Van Transportation to Mass: The following is the

Van schedule:

Nov 16 - Dave Kaniecki

Nov 23 - Mel Reed

Nov 30 - Russell Krug

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is in:

In Loving Memory of:

Joseph Tice Sr.

With love from his Wife Kathie and Family

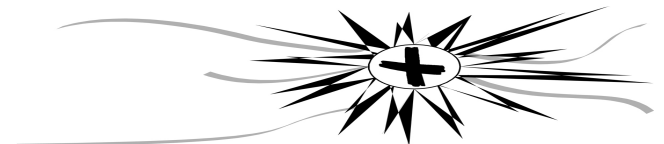
Memorialize Flowers: If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (pulpit) please call the parish office to schedule. The following dates are **available: January 18, 2015**

Flowers on the Altar are:

In Loving Memory of:

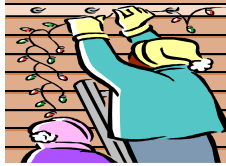
Michael Del Vecchio

With Love from his Family



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happening TODAY, the Women's Association will be decorating the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Pavilion at Derry Park **TODAY at 2pm** for the "Light up the Darkness" during the holiday season. We are asking for Donations of Lights and extension cords... or any Religious decorations (that can be put outside).



starting at 3:30 pm. Please be there no later than 3:25pm. All Children from 1st grade and up are welcome, Teenage help appreciated. When you bring your child the first time please come in with them so that I may get your name and phone number. I enjoyed working with the choir last year and look forward to it again this year. **Sincerely, Wendy Levin – Contact number: (717) 994-7087.**



Saint John XXIII - Did you know you have a nice window in the back of the church of John XXIII; Yes, even before he

was canonized. Lucky us! How God is full of surprises. I also like the votive candle shrine to St.

Therese, the Little Flower. Ours is a beautiful church and so well kept. Evangelize - invite someone who has been away to come to church with you. Share the gift of your faith with others. Maybe someone is just waiting to be invited. You could be the one to bring them back to church.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
National Council of the United States
Seeking Charity and Justice

If you are in need of some help or know of someone who is in need of assistance. Please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 242-2781. **Requests for help are kept confidential.**



Beginning Sunday, November 30 & Dec 7th 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 20th 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 14th 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.

A Note from the Children's Choir

Director:

Dear Parents, The Children's Choir will rehearse for the Christmas program on: November 30th, Dec 7th, 14th, & 21st from 4pm – 5pm. The program will be December 24th at the 4pm Mass,



Community Christmas Project Gifts are asked to be returned unwrapped no later than Today, November 16th.

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.**



Attention all Parish YOUTH Grades 7- 12;

We have a unique opportunity coming in December... **The Christian Rock Band Tenth Avenue North will be playing at Mifflin county High School;**

On December 6th at 6pm in the auditorium. The Youth Ministry would like to take a group of interested Kids to see them play, General Admission Tickets are \$20.00 per person (Financial help is available if needed) **we will need to you to respond by Wednesday, November 19th by 12 noon if you would like to Join us, Contact the Parish Office.** In addition any interested adult who would like to attend and help Chaperone is also welcome however due to limited budget we will not be able to pay for your ticket.

*a worthy partner
has value beyond pearls*



COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The **Matthew 25 Collection** was inspired by the verse from the Gospel of St. Matthew, "Whatever You Did for the Least of My Brothers and Sisters,

You Did for Me". This local collection will be taken up in parishes of our Diocese on Sunday, November 23 with a goal of providing funding to assist those in need of food, clothing and shelter. Of monies collected 25% remain at the parish to meet the needs of specific parishioners and 75% are used to fund local grants for diocesan and/or community agencies that are empowered to meet a larger need. Since 2010 the Collection has provided grants to 42 organizations totaling \$564,328. For more information or to donate on-line visit www.hbgdiocese.org/matthew25 Please give prayerfully.



World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland (July 23 – August 1, 2016) – This promising spiritual journey of faith to Czestochowa, Auschwitz Lagiewniki, Wadowice and Krakow

in Poland for World Youth Day is open to youth (age 16+) and their chaperones and young adults (age 18-35). Pilgrims who wish to join Bishop Ronald W. Gainer on this prayerful pilgrimage should contact the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for information on costs & how to register at (717) 657-4804 ext. 327 or www.hbgdiocese.org/youngchurch. On **Saturday, February 7, 2015** all Diocesan faithful are invited to attend the kick-off Mass at 10 a.m. at the Cardinal Keeler Center, followed by a gathering. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the main celebrant. In addition to the overseas pilgrimage, the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry will be offering a local diocesan-wide World Youth Day experience for those who are not able to travel to Poland. This new endeavor is currently in the planning stage, but details will be provided as soon as they are available.



SAVE THE DATE: WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 Local Events (Open to All):

- One year till *WYD 2016 Papal Mass* celebrated by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, Cardinal Keeler Center (CKC), Harrisburg, 10 a.m.
- WYD Catechesis and Adult/Chaperone Formation, CKC 10-12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 5, 2015; Saturday, March 5 & June 11, 2016
- WYD Send Off Mass, Saturday, July 16, 2016, CKC 10 a.m. Celebrated by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer
- Diocesan Stateside WYD 2016 Vigil and Mass: Saturday, July 30-31, 2016, Location TBA



**School office hours are Monday - Friday
7:30am to 3:30pm**

Sacred Heart School News

We now have a **Prayer Intentions Board** in the cafeteria, and each morning before school the Principal leads our students in prayer for the people and world concerns that the students name. Two examples: "My Mom, who's in the hospital" and "A cure for Ebola." We are following what Jesus said in Matthew 18:20: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I will be there among them." If you'd like our students to pray for special intentions you may have, please contact the school.

Substitute Teachers Needed!

Sacred Heart is in dire need of substitute teachers! We are asking if there are any retired teachers who would be interested in helping at the school once in a while, it would be truly appreciated. A few forms and clearances will get you on the payroll. We can help you with the forms. We also have a donor who will pay the fees for clearances. **If interested, please call the school at 248-5351.** Sacred Heart is K-5, with an average class size is 15 - with wonderful students. We have a "Daily Prayer Intention Board" where we list items we pray for each day. Having substitute teachers come to our school is on the daily student prayer list. **Please consider helping. Thank You!!!!!!**