

September 21, 2014 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Sept 14, 2014:

Regular: \$ *

Loose: \$ *

Children's Offering: \$ *

ONLINE GIVING \$ *

Tithing Income TOTAL For
September 14, 2014: \$ *

Tithing Income: September 15, 2013 \$ *

*Amounts will appear in September 28th Bulletin

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of September 14, 2014 - 386

Weekend of September 15, 2013 - 468

Next Week's Tithe:

Disabled American Vets

Paralyzed Veterans of America

This Week's Tithe:

Middle East Crisis Special Collection

Sudan Relief Fund

Tithe Week of 9/14/14:

Peter's Pence Collection*

Pastor's Comments: At the annual Hispanic Mass, during the fiesta on the state Capitol steps, a group sang the traditional song "De Colores." The words speak of the colors of nature and how those are reflected in the diversity and beauty of human life. With autumn on us, soon we will be enjoying the diversity of colors in the changing of the leaves. As they display their beauty, what are they doing? They are dying, at least temporarily. Yes, the trees and leaves are preparing for hibernation and beforehand they blaze out in glory. When we die to self, in time, talent, and treasure, we too show forth a beauty, showing forth the colors of grace, certainly before the eyes of God, and sometimes before others, giving witness and testimony to the glory of self-sacrifice. Die to self and who forth your colors. De Colores.

Pastor's Column

THE DIOCESAN HISPANIC HERITAGE MASS

About 600 Hispanics, including about 20 St. Jude Thaddeus, Mifflintown parishioners, gathered from around the diocese in St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg, for the annual Hispanic Mass last Sunday, celebrated by Bishop Ronald Gainer. It was the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross and also in attendance were Governor Tom Corbett and his wife.

I was proud to provide the majority of the altar servers from St. Jude's for the Mass. They were Mario Cabrera, Kevin Cardenas, Jorge Flores, Yanelys and Kenny Melara, Stephanie Melesio, Miguel Vasquez. Also assisting was Matthew Murray from Sacred Heart, Lewistown. They all did a great job and made the Juniata Valley proud by their ministry at the cathedral.

Before the liturgy, a conch shell horn was sounded and Aztec-style dancers then pranced down the aisle to a vigorous drum beat. The Mass then began, with lively Hispanic music and with Bishop Gainer preaching in Spanish.

God blessed us with great weather that day, very mild and clear, so the subsequent fiesta on the Capitol steps was wonderful, complete with food, music and even more dancing by special cultural groups. Governor Corbett spoke and congratulated the crowd on the vibrancy of their culture and its contribution to this nation.

Each Hispanic community from the various parishes staffed tables with literature and religious articles, with each parish's banner standing proudly nearby. St. Jude's table provided free Spanish CDs explaining the sacraments and Church authority.

We also had pamphlets available, including "Pillar of Fire, Pillar of Truth" in Spanish which clearly outlines apostolic succession, i.e., the line of Catholic bishops going back to the 12 apostles. This is important since many Hispanics are tempted by Protestant groups to leave the Catholic Church.

I realize that most of those attending were already committed Catholics, so I'm not sure our literature rack made much difference in that regard, but that's okay. One never knows. Besides, we did pick up a Juniata Valley Hispanic, living in the area several months, which stopped by our booth. She didn't know of our Saturday evening Spanish Mass. It's a new parishioner, I hope. I have her address and I'll visit her, to be sure.

Meanwhile, the music played, the dancers danced, and the buffet line grew longer. Food was very good. We'll do it again next year. By the way, everyone's invited, of any culture. As they say in Spanish "Hasta la proxima vez" - until next time.

Fr. Bill



**Teaching
About God's Gift of
Forgiveness
Catechetical Sunday
September 20-21, 2014**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

Sunday: 09/21/14:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/SHS

Monday: 09/22/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Parish Council Mtg/7pm/Parish Office

Tuesday: 09/23/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Liturgy Committee Mtg/10:30 am/ Parish Office

Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish office Basement

Wednesday: 09/24/14:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7:00 pm/ Church

Finance Council Mtg/8pm/Rectorry

Thursday: 09/25/14:

Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 09/26/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 09/27/14:

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 09/28/14:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/SHS

Youth Grp Training/3pm/Parish Office

Monday: 09/29/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 09/30/14:

Mass/7am/Church

ADULT BIBLE STUDY/7pm/Parish Office Basement

October

Wednesday: 10/01/14:

Confessions/6:30 pm/ Church

Mass/7:00 pm/ Church

Thursday: 10/02/14:

Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 10/03/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 10/04/14:St. Francis of Assisi

Pet Blessing/11am/Rectorry Lawn

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions  for the Week 

And Weekly Readings

Sunday, September 21

Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18;

7:30 AM John & Rose Tote

11:00 AM Helen Berich

Monday, September 22

Proverbs 3:27-34; Psalm 15:2-5; Luke 8:16-18

9:00 AM Evelyne Ughetto

Tuesday, September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44;

Luke 8:19-21

7:00 AM Anna Salopek

Wednesday, September 24

Proverbs 30:5-9; Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;

Luke 9:1-6

7:00 PM Albert Thomas Battista

Thursday, September 25

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, & 17; Luke 9:7-9

9:00 AM Evola Aiello

Friday, September 26

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalm 144: 1-4; Luke 9:18-22

7:00 AM Buck Pacini

Saturday, September 27 St. Vincent de Paul

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, & 17;

Luke 9:43-45

4:00 PM Battista Family

Sunday, September 28

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-9; Philippians 2:1-11;

Matthew 21:28-32

7:30 AM Doris Becker

11:00 AM Frank Guerrini

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

Sep 21 - Mel Reed

Sep 28 - Russell Krug

Oct 05 - Dave Kaniecki

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are **available: October 5, 12** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements.

*Sanctuary Candle for
September 20th - September 27th*

In Loving Memory of:

Harry C. Pinti Sr.

With Love from his children Annemarie,

Diana, & Harry and their Families

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: September 28, Oct 5**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHOIR DIRECTOR

Sacred Heart of Jesus Music Ministry is looking for a choir director for our adult choir. The choir consists of an average of twenty members from high school age up. Responsibilities include leading three or four rehearsals a month, directing at Masses and special services at which the choir sings, and

working with the parish music director in planning events and selecting music. The choir's season runs from mid-September through early May. Qualifications include the ability to instruct and direct choral music (part singing) and leadership skills. Education in a music field strongly recommended. Ability to provide accompaniment (piano and/or organ) is desired, but not required. Salary is commensurate with experience and abilities. **Please send letters of interest and resume to: Rev. William Weary, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 9 N Brown St, Lewistown PA 17044 or email to frweary@sacredheartlewisstown.com. Any questions related to the position please contact Tony Hallinan, Music Director at (717)248-9437 or aqhdmh@verizon.net**



Attention Adults with Teens (Grades 9-12); on Sunday, September 28th from 3pm -8pm, location: Parish Office. We will be hosting Rob Williams from the Diocese who will be talking/training adults who are interested in helping with the High School Youth Group. All Adults are welcome to attend.

Upcoming K5 & Junior Youth Activities:

Sunday, October 5th: 1pm- 3:00 pm Campfire & S'mores at the Camp Cirola... call the parish office for details and directions.

Sunday, October 28th: the K5 Annual All Saints Day Party... come as your favorite Saint! Stay tuned for more details!



"He must increase; I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)

And that doesn't mean in weight - Ha!

Do you have a crucifix in your home? Look at that crucifix every day - there is the answer. Remember the prayer we say while making the Stations of the Cross? "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Because by Your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."

That's your homework this week. Each day as you look at the crucifix, devoutly say this short prayer. Walk with Him daily. He will lead you.



40 Hours Devotions, October 12, 13, 14. Our parish will celebrate her annual Eucharistic Devotions during these days. There will be all -day adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each day with an evening service

beginning at 7pm. **Our homilist for the days will be Reverend Fidelis Umukoro, OP, from Good Shepherd in Camp Hill. A reminder to parish organizations that no other activities or meetings should take place during Eucharistic Devotions** to allow everyone the opportunity to honor Christ's presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. A sign-up sheet for adoration each of the three days will be in the entryway of the church. **Following the closing on Tuesday, October 14th, refreshments will be provided by the Women's Association of Sacred Heart (W.A.S.H.) in the Church Basement. All of Sacred Heart's Parish Family is encouraged to attend.**

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you for your generous support of your Holy Father's work in the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help the Holy Father provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God Bless you!

Middle East Crisis Special Collection – On September 20-21 the people of our Diocese are asked to express their solidarity with Christians and other minorities in the Middle East in the face of ongoing violence and persecution by contributing to a special collection that will be taken up. Proceeds will go to Catholic Relief Services for the support of immediate humanitarian and pastoral needs, as well as the cost of long-term church reconstruction. Our Christian brothers and sisters and other innocent victims of the violence in the Middle East urgently need assistance. **Please be generous.**

Marriage Annulments:

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 3 presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorced leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. No Prior registration is required, **for further**

information, please call (717) 657-4804, ext 304,
or email: tribunal@hbgdiocese.org
September 25th – St. Philip, Millersville 7pm



We are faced with a challenge!

Many dioceses throughout the United States are facing the challenge of fewer vocations to the priesthood. We in the Diocese of Harrisburg are faced with a different kind of challenge – the need to provide a solid seminary formation for an increasing number of men who are studying for the priesthood. What a wonderful challenge to be blessed with! As we have counted on your prayers for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood, so now we need your financial help in providing seminary formation for them. Please consider attending the **Annual Fishers of Men Dinner on October 3, 2014** in the Cardinal Keeler Center at 4800 Union Deposit Rd in Harrisburg. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. **Please find more information in the vestibule of the church or go to the diocesan website at www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen to RSVP or send a donation to this worthy cause. Let us meet this challenge together!**

Grieving the death of a spouse or a divorce? For information on the next Beginning Experience weekend, October 31-November 2nd at Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA contact harrisburgbe@gmail.com or 717-512-2718. Cost is \$249 for everything, partial scholarships available for the most needy. Applications are needed by September 30, 2014.

BROTHER JUNIPER



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



LOOK FOR THE TREASURE TREE THIS WEEK!

Parishioners are asked to participate once again in the Treasure Tree Project. This project benefits the SHS Angel Fund, which provides scholarships and financial assistance to children who attend Sacred Heart School. Once again, the need for financial assistance **has already surpassed** the funds available in the Angel Fund. Although the fund will continue to receive donations through the Tuition Dollars Program, these donations will not be enough to make up for the current shortfall. Here's how the Treasure Tree will work: **Yellow Apples** in various amounts from \$25.00 - \$500.00 represent a **one-time donation** to the Angel Fund to be made any time in the next 10 months. **Donors can place their name on the sheet to pledge their donation, or simply send their donation to the parish or school office when able. Red Apples** in various amounts from \$30.00 - \$332.00 represent **actual amounts the Angel Fund has pledged monthly to families to supplement their tuition payments.** Donors who choose these apples are pledging to make **monthly contributions over the next 10 months** to "sponsor" these families at SHS. **Donors can place their name on the sheet to pledge their donation, unless they wish to remain anonymous. They can contact Rowena Klein at the parish office to have their donation remain confidential. Donations to the SHS Angel Fund are accepted at any time during the year; however, if you are able, we encourage you to participate at this time. Consider using your 5% tithe to other charitable organizations to participate, if possible. Thanks for your support of SHS!**

Return to God

