

August 17, 2014 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Aug 10, 2014:	
Regular:	\$ 5,219.00
Loose:	\$ 721.81
Children's Offering:	\$ 3.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 860.00
Tithing Income TOTAL For August 10, 2014:	<u>\$ 6,803.81</u>
Tithing Income: August 11, 2013	<u>\$ 6,251.00</u>

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of August 10, 2014 - 439

Weekend of August 11, 2013 - 429

Next Week's Tithe:

Catholic near East Welfare Association

This Week's Tithe:

St. Labré Indian School

Tithe Week of 8/10/14:

Center for Bio Ethical Reform	\$ 340.00
Sacred Heart Southern Missions	\$ 340.00

'Taking Gettysburg Home to India'

Dear friends,

My visit to Gettysburg, last week, and a view from the 'Pennsylvania monument' on a hot summer day had a very great impact on me. It was a day of inspiration to me.

The **civil war of 1863** that took place in Gettysburg had forced the members of the same family to fight and kill each other. About **750,000** people seemed to have lost their lives in this civil war. **Abraham Lincoln**, in his speech before the civil war mentioned that **'God had created all men equal'**. Yes, it was a war for **'union'** of the nation and far more **against 'slavery'** of human beings in USA. Abraham Lincoln and his men wanted to do away with 'slavery'. (You know the history better than me).

The slaves did not rise against their masters. But it was the other way. They were the two groups of free-men who fought between each other. I salute Abraham Lincoln and those who supported him. If they were Catholics, the **Catholic Church** would have made them 'Saints' and 'Martyrs'. Yes, all those who were killed for the cause of the abolition of slavery would have been named as 'Martyrs'; and all those who supported the cause would have been named as 'Saints'.

Even otherwise, I revere them as 'Saints' and 'Martyrs'. I believe them to be in heaven. It is because of their **great sacrifice**, which has wiped away 'slavery' from the face of this land, that, this country is blessed with **'unity'** and **'prosperity'**. This land is truly the **'Holy Land'** on the face of the earth planet. This country will continue to remain a 'Holy Land', a **'Blessed Land'** on account of its numerous 'Martyrs' and 'Saints'. One doesn't need to pray **'God Bless America'**; because, God has no choice but to bless America. The duty of Americans is to give **honor and glory to God**, as they **'trust in God'**, by dedicating themselves to wipe out every kind of **'slavery' from the face of the earth**.

My above mentioned words arise from the depth of my heart that longs and yearns with prayer toward the **'Saving God'** for the empowerment of His 300 million Dalit people of India. They live in every nook and corner of India, in all its 600,000 villages, suffering every day the worst form of slavery of 'untouchability'. They are truly the **'living martyrs' of India**. I have expressed their anguish in my previous book, **"Oh God, Empower your people"**. You may still retain your copy with you. Kindly read it.

In a desperate need for **equality and brotherhood** and to abolish 'slavery' of 'untouchability' in India, I wish, there arises a **civil war in India**. But it will never happen as it had happened at Gettysburg. The dominant caste people will never fight with each other for the cause of the Dalits. Because, all the dominant caste people (3/4th Indian population, ie, 900 million) are joined **together with one heart and mind** to oppress the Dalit people (1/4th of Indian population, ie, 300 million).

This slavery of 'untouchability' continues for about 800 years. What a shame! When people are not treated with dignity, how could an animal be treated well? ('holy cow'?) This is the **irony of the Hindu religion**. This is why Abraham Lincoln and all his supports become so important and even venerable to me. Therefore, the land of United States of America with its people has truly been 'blessed' by God.

To greet each other, here people shake hands with each other and even hug each other. I value it as truly human and great. But in India, they keep distance to greet each other with **folded hands**. This is part of Indian culture. There is nothing great in this culture. Whereas, this is a cruel, inhuman and evil practice of untouchability. It is to say, 'keep away from me'; 'I don't touch you' and 'you don't touch me'. What a shame!

By the end of November 2014, I will be able to publish my '**autobiography**' in my mother tongue, Tamil. In it, I have reiterated again and again God's graceful but powerful presence in my life, throughout my life of difficulties, oppositions and intrigues created by dominant caste priests and people. The purpose of the book is to encourage my fellow young priests and people to trust in the power of the Saving God and to continue to be hopeful toward the 'empowerment' of Dalits. Hope, I will be able to publish the same in English around the same time but only on a soft copy. You will like it.

I did enjoy my stay with you nearly for three months. I thank Fr.Bill and the diocese of Harrisburg for their invitation. And I thank you, parishioners of Sacred Heart and St.Jude, for your smiles, words of welcome, appreciation, wishes, gifts and prayers. An extra thanks to Fr.Bill for his extra generosity through the offer of parish 'tything' toward my school project.

I also welcome you to my warm country, to meet my school children and to spend your precious time in their class rooms. They will relate to you well, love you while improving themselves to be able to speak English better.

Hope you are happy that I take 'Gettysburg' home to India. THANK YOU!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

Sunday: 08/17/14:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

Monday: 08/18/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 08/19/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Wednesday: 08/20/14: 1st Day of School!

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7:00 pm/ Church

Thursday: 08/21/14:

Mass/9am/Church

RCIA TEACHERS MTG/7pm/Parish Office

Friday: 08/22/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 08/23/14:

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 08/24/14:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

Monday: 08/25/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 08/26/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Wednesday: 08/27/14:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7:00 pm/ Church

Thursday: 08/28/14:

Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 08/29/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 08/30/14:

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 08/31/14:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

September

Monday: 09/01/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 09/02/14:

Mass/7am/Church

ADULT BIBLE STUDY/7pm/Parish Office Basement

Wednesday: 09/03/14:

Confessions/6:30 pm/ Church

Mass/7:00 pm/ Church

Thursday: 09/04/14:

NO 9AM MASS

Friday: 09/05/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 09/06/14:

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

REGISTRATION FOR CCD/ School Cafeteria after Mass

Sunday: 09/07/14:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

REGISTRATION FOR CCD/ School Cafeteria after Mass

Parish Picnic/12pm/Derry Park

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, August 17

Isiah 56:1,6-7; Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

7:30 AM Doris Becker

11:00 AM John & Mary Lennartz

Monday, August 18

Ezekiel 24:15-24; Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21;

Matthew 19:16-22

7:00 AM Special Intentions for Mary Conti

Tuesday, August 19

Ezekiel 28:1-10; Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35-36;

Matthew 19:23-30

7:00 AM Dick Dannenfelser

Wednesday, August 20 St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor

Ezekiel 34:1-11; Psalm 23:1-3,3,4,5,6; Matthew 20:1-16

7:00 PM Richard and Elizabeth Showers

Thursday, August 21 St. Pius X

Ezekiel 36:23-28; Psalm 51:12-15,18-19; Matthew 22:1-14

9:00 AM Angelo & Mary Esposito

Friday, August 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 107:2-9; Matthew 22:34-40

7:00 AM Ronald & Earl Costa

Saturday, August 23

Ezekiel 43:1-7; Psalm 85:9-14; Matthew 23:1-12

4:00 PM Theresa McMillen

Sunday, August 24

Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8; Romans 11:33-36;

Matthew 16:13-20

7:30 AM Joe & Lucy Hallinger

11:00 AM Catherin Lewis

Van Transportation to Mass: The following is the

Van schedule:

Aug 17 - Russell Krug

Aug 24 - Dave Kaniecki

Aug 31 - Mel Reed

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

Sanctuary Candle for August 17th - August 23rd

Special Intentions for:

Sister Marietta Therese

From the Sanders 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: Aug 24**

Altar Flowers for August 16th-22nd

In Honor of:

The People of the Parish

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



INSTRUCTORS MEETING:

Place: Sacred Heart Parish office, 9 North Brown St.

Date/Time:

Thursday, August 21st @ 7pm

All teachers must attend

If questions call Philip Quinn 667-6507



ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS...

Date: Classes begin Tuesday, September 2nd and every Tuesday thereafter

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Sacred Heart Parish office
9 North Brown St.

Subject: David

Questions call Philip Quinn, 667-6507



C.C.D NEWS 2014-2015

Registration for all grades, will be after each Mass, on **September 6th and 7th**. This will be for new students and change of address or phone number.

All Classes will begin on September 14th at 9:00 am

And Copies of This year's CCD Schedule is located in the Church Vestibule... Pick one up today!



Sister Sez...

Read CCC 2447. What are the corporal (bodily) and spiritual works of mercy? Why are they important to our spiritual life?

The Answer: See next week's bulletin



Save the Date for the Annual Parish Picnic, on Sunday, September 7th at the Orange Pavilion at Derry Park!! Please bring your favorite covered dish, and Silverware for you and your family to enjoy all the different selections, there will be games and activities for all!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



The Sacred Heart Adult Choir will begin its new season with an organizational meeting and rehearsal on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:35 P.M., immediately follow the evening Mass. Rehearsal and events scheduling will be announced at this meeting. Choir members are asked to bring any music previously used for Forty Hours to this rehearsal. **We are always seeking new members from high school age up to join us - please come and bring a**

friend! For additional information please contact Anthony Hallinan at 248-9437, or email at aghdmh@verizon.net



COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



It's hard to believe that we need to start thinking about the next heating season already! Once again,

Nittany Oil Company wants to help you control costs. We are pleased to introduce you to our "Church Program" for Pre-Buy. Nittany Oil was the first oil company in the area to offer this pre-buy program, and we continue to offer it because of the successful partnerships we've built with our local churches and parishioners. We pledge to provide a reasonable price per gallon for heating oil, and also "give back" to the churches and parishioners. We are pleased to offer the pre-buy program for churches for the upcoming heating season (October –April). **Deadline to sign up is August 31, 2014. Every church and parishioner must re-enroll. Please call or visit any of our offices to get more details on our pre-buy payment plans and options. Nittany Oil Lewistown: 717-248-0189**



"Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, located in Boalsburg, PA, seeks a Director of Advancement to begin in September,

2014. The Director of Advancement will report to the Principal and the Board of Trustees, and is responsible for leading and managing Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy's fundraising efforts including annual events, special fundraisers, EITC, sponsorships, endowments, planned giving and capital campaigns. The Director will have an established track record of leadership in organizational advancement and is expected to be capable of developing strong donor relationships and increase the school's overall fundraising capabilities. **Interested candidates should E-mail or mail cover letter and resume to Chris Chirieleison, Principal, at cchirieleison@stjoeacad.org or 901 Boalsburg Pike, Boalsburg, PA 16827."**

School office summer hours are:
Tuesday – Wednesday 9am – 12pm
Thursday 9:00am to 1:00pm

Scholarships Needed for SHS!

As we approach the beginning of the new school year, we are faced with a great need to provide tuition assistance to our school families. Last year, we provided \$43,700 in parish tuition assistance, but only collected around \$20,000 in donations. We are asking that you consider providing a partial or full scholarship, named or unnamed, to make a big difference in the life of a child at SHS. This year, we have one named scholarship: In Memory of Betty Hackett, and several unnamed scholarships that have been awarded, but there is still a need for several more. If you are interested, please contact the Development Office (447-2002) to discuss your arrangements. Thanks so much, as always, for your continued generosity to SHS!

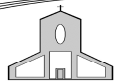
PS: The Angel Tree will be available in a few weeks for those of you who would like to contribute to the Angel Fund. We ask again for your continued support of this ministry as well!

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Catholic Education: Please consider being a part of a ministry to provide a K-12 Catholic education to every family! Currently, bussing to Centre County is not provided for our 7+ students to attend Our Lady of Victory for middle school and/or St. Joseph's for high school. We are seeking donors to help cover the cost of transportation. The total needed for a year is near \$14,000. With your generous help, we can make this a real possibility for our Catholic children! Please contact Fr. Weary or Sue Parzanese to help with this important ministry!



The 2014-2015 school year opens for all students on Wednesday, August 20th

MY HOUSE...



A HOUSE OF PRAYER.