

March 23, 2015 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Mar 15, 2015:	
Regular:	\$ 5,662.00
Loose:	\$ 1,055.00
Children's Offering:	\$ 1.00
Coffee and Donuts	\$ -0-
ONLINE GIVING:	\$ 1,590.00
Tithing Income TOTAL For March 15, 2015:	<u>\$ 8,308.00</u>

Tithing Income: March 16, 2014 **\$ 7,942.75**

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of March 15, 2015 – 439

Weekend of March 16, 2014 - 443

Next Week's Tithe:

TBA

This Week's Tithe:

TBA

Tithe Week of 3/15/2015:

Catholic Relief Services **\$831.00**

From Our Pastor: Recently, I got a call from an elderly woman to visit her daughter in the hospital. I arrived and the woman in the hospital bed said that her serious condition had given her a wake-up call spiritually. She had not been to Mass for many years and wanted to go to confession and return. I heard her confession, gave her communion, and now we have a sheep returned to the fold. Your stewardship allows for these scenarios, which are not unusual throughout the year. Without your support, there would be no priest to carry out such spiritual rescue missions. So, don't stop; keep it up, ramp it up. Priest and parishioners are partners in bringing Christ to others and calling back the strayed.

My Good Deed for the Week:

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

We had a 2nd Grader who was fantastic... and cleaned her room!

★ Great Job Kids! ★

PASTORS COLUMN

NETTING THEM IN

Twenty-six teens, about half from each parish, did a day-long retreat last Saturday at St. Jude, Mifflintown, hearing a vibrant message of the importance of relationship with Jesus Christ. Rave reviews were given by many of the retreatants and their parents at day's end.

Conducting the retreat was a 10-member team of twenty-somethings from the National Evangelization Teams (NET). They were young enough to relate to our

kids and mature enough to deliver a strong witness of love for Christ and His Church.

NET is a group of traveling young Catholic evangelists who give youth retreats all over the U.S. and Canada. It was founded out of St. Paul, Minnesota, where it is still headquartered. Currently 150 young people are involved, divided into 12 teams of about 12 members each. Others are involved in various kinds of support services. Since 1981 the organization has done about 29,000 retreats.

The team arrived Friday evening and enjoyed the St. Jude fish fry parish dinner before going to parishioner's homes for the night. Many thanks go to parish families who gave room and board to our visitors – and to the parents who planned and provided for the entire event.

I hosted one young man, Christ, who was not here to be on the retreat team but to be on his own personal reflection time at Sacred Heart. NET members are required to do this periodically, i.e., spend a day or two in a rectory with access to the Blessed Sacrament for private prayer. This fortifies them for their ministry.

But first, Chris and I enjoyed a bit of levity together: We walked up the hill to the Juniata High School musical "Sound of Music." I was pleased to point out to him the six or so St. Jude students who had major roles in the production, including Katie Fitzgerald, who starred as Maria Von Trapp, and her cousin Cecilia, who was the Mother Abbess. They are both parish cantors and several times they were on stage together. It was a fine production that brought a standing ovation from the crowd both nights.

The retreat the next day centered on relationship with Christ and with one another. Along with funny skits and ice-breaking exercises, the team members gave talks about their own personal walk with Christ. Some shared that they had been living in darkness but found light after giving their lives to the Lord.

A delicious lunch of tacos, chili, fruits and vegetables was provided by parents. I celebrated Mass and preached for the group and later exposed the Blessed Sacrament for adoration. For that, in my little talk, I quoted Rev. 3:20, where our Lord says "Here I stand, knocking at the door. If anyone hears me knocking and opens the door, then I will enter his house and have supper with him and him with me." I said that door is the door to your heart and Jesus is knocking now. Open the door and listen to Him.

The team and many of the retreatants attended St. Jude's 5p.m. Mass. After communion a NET member gave a short testimony to the congregation about her love for Christ and His Church. I then lined the team up for a special blessing right before the dismissal. They pulled out Sunday morning for another retreat at Corpus Christi Church, Chambersburg.

As I said, comments from the kids were good. One Sacred Heart girl brought three non-Catholics with her to the retreat! One of those later said that she really liked adoration of the Blessed Sacrament! By God's grace, we must have done something right. Stay tuned for more youth activities in the future.

Fr. Bill

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

Sunday: 03/22/15:

CCD/9am/SHS

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

Monday: 03/23/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Parish Council Mtg/7pm/Parish office

Tuesday: 03/24/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish Office Basement

Wednesday: 03/25/15:

Lenten Lunch/12noon/1st Methodist

Confessions/6:30 pm/Church

Mass/7 pm/Church

Adult Choir Practice/7:35pm/Choir Loft

Thursday: 03/26/15:

SHS Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 03/27/15:

Mass/7am/Church

K of C Fish Fry/3:30pm – SHS Cafeteria

Stations of the Cross/7pm/Church

Saturday: 03/28/15:

New Altar Server Training/8:30 am/Church

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 03/29/15: Palm Sunday

NO CCD

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Monday: 03/30/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Mass of the Oils/5:30 pm/ St. Patrick's Cathedral, Hbg

Tuesday: 03/31/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Wednesday: 04/01/15:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Tenenbrae Service/7:30 pm/Church

Confessions/8pm-9pm/Church

Thursday: 04/02/15:

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer/8am/Church

SHS Mass/9am/Church

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper/7pm/Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Until 10pm

Night Prayer/10:00 pm

Friday: 04/03/15:

PARISH OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer/8am/Church

Traditional Stations of the Cross/11am/Church

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross/12 noon *begins at Sacred Heart's Church Steps*

Liturgy of the Lords Passion/7pm/Church

Confessions/8pm/Church

Saturday: 04/04/15:

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer/8am/Church

Blessing of the Easter Foods/11:15am/Church

Easter Vigil Mass/8pm/Church

Sunday: 04/05/15:

NO CCD

Easter Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, March 22

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,14-15; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

7:30 AM Betty Hackett

11:00 AM Richard Calkins

Monday, March 23

Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Psalm 23:1-3,3-6; John 8:1-11

7:00 AM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

Tuesday, March 24

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3,16-18,19-21; John 8:21-30

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Michael McMenamin

Wednesday, March 25 Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10; Psalm 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

7:00 PM Clara Kaniecki

Thursday, March 26

Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-5,6-7,8-9; John 8:51-59

9:00 AM Louis Jordan

Friday, March 27

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-7; John 10:31-42

7:00 AM Anna Zanylo

Saturday, March 28

Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-13; John 11:45-56

4:00 PM Jack A. Stewart

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9,17-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:1-39

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Mar 22 - Dave Kaniecki

Mar 29 - Mel Reed

Apr 05 - Russell Krug

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are **available:** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. **Dates Available: April 26, May 17**

The Sanctuary Lamp:

Is in loving Memory of:

Joseph Miriello

With Love from his family

Memorialize Flowers: If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (pulpit) please call the parish office to schedule. As of **February 18th Lent begins. No Flowers will be on the altar.** The following dates are available: **May 10, 17, and 24.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A New Ministry starting at our Parish: Prayer Shawl Ministry, this new ministry is for all those who like to knit, crochet, pray. It is the love of knitting (and crochet) combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. The Knitter(s) begins each shawl with prayers for the recipient. Intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. The First meeting will be April 15th at the Parish office at 7pm -9pm. **Contact Maggie Janowicz for more information at (717) 994-6203.**

NEW!



Words of Wisdom from Sister Virginia...

Faith Moves Mountains... but you have to keep pushing while you are praying...



Knights of Columbus will be having its **Annual Fish Sandwich Sale every Friday during Lent.** Sale is 3pm - 6pm in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria and **sandwiches are \$3.00 each.**



Lenten Luncheons & Prayer services

will be conducted at several Lewistown churches through March & early April. Each gathering begins at 12 noon with a short 15 minute prayer service and homily by the host pastor, followed by lunch and dismissal by 1 pm. All are welcome.

The schedule is as follows:

March 25 - 1st United Methodist Church



Were you married in 1965? - Come to your Golden Jubilee Mass Celebrated by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer. Please **contact your parish office with your names and address if you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year.**

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015 – 2020 Formation for the Permanent Diaconate Bishop Ronald W. Gainer has announced that he will convene a formation class for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Harrisburg to commence August 14, 2015. The

class will consist of a course of studies including theology as well as pastoral, spiritual and human formation. The program of formation will begin with an aspirancy year which will focus on discerning (the discovery, comprehension, and understanding) the call to ordinate ministry, followed by four years of studies and preparation for ordination which will take place, God willing, in the spring of 2020. **Bishop Ronald W. Gainer invites Catholic men, single or married,** who will meet the qualifications of aspirants to approach their pastors about the possibility of applying and begin the process of discernment and formation. **Applications will become available through pastors March 15, 2015. All applications must be completed no later than June 15, 2015.**

For more information visit www.hbgdiocese.org/deacons

Information Sessions on the Permanent Diaconate: Three informational sessions of about 2 hours length are scheduled for **Saturday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg.** Applicants and their wives are invited to attend one of these sessions to learn more about the scope and content of the Formation years. *Only those who have had an initial meeting with their pastor, have his endorsement, and have obtained an application form should attend.* Applications should be submitted as soon as they are completed. **Please call Deb Kerstetter in the Vocations office at 717-657-4804 x 282 or email dkerstetter@hbgdiocese.org to register to attend.**

A Thank-you note:

Dear Father Weary; Christ gave to His followers, and in a special way to His priests, the task of continuing the mission that was given to Him. The preeminent mission of the Church is to embrace Christ's mission and continue His work of salvation and redemption. Your parish continues the mission of Jesus in a concrete and practical way by their membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. I thank you sincerely for the generous contribution of \$1,494.00 from the people of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. The Propagation of the Faith is the Church's central means for support for more than 1,150 mission dioceses throughout Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. By "Joining" the Propagation of the Faith, your parishioners have made a special commitment to offer prayers and regular financial help that will ensure that the Gospel is proclaimed and loving witness to Jesus Christ offered to the poorest of our

human family. Please assure your parishioners that in "giving" they also "receive," All who support the Propagation of the Faith in this way are remembered in 15,000 Masses celebrated by mission priests; there is also a Mass celebrated daily for members at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy. Again, I am most grateful to you for encouraging the generous missionary spirit of prayer and personal sacrifice of your people. Know that you and they remain in my prayers – and in the prayers of the people of the Missions. ***Fraternally in Christ, Reverend Robert F. Sharman, Diocesan Director.***



"The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women cordially invites all women of the Diocese to attend the **90th Annual HDCCW Convention on April 20, 2015 at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, PA. COST:** \$25 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Contact Linda at 717-939-3629 or linda.hartzell@comcast.net with questions or to register. The registration deadline is **April 6, 2015.**"

"Save the Date" The 5th Annual Women's Weekend Retreat hosted by the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held **June 12 - June 14, 2015 at Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland.** Retreat Master Very Reverend Robert M. Gillelan, Jr. V.F, Pastor at Prince of Peace Parish, Steelton, PA. More details will be published soon."



Hershey Park Ticket Offer! Discount tickets to Hershey Park are

available to the friends and families of the parish at a **significant savings.** Gate admission price for Regular (age 9-54) is \$62.80; our price is **\$33.50** – a savings of 47%. Gate admission for Juniors (ages 3-8) and Seniors (ages 55-69) is \$40.80, our price is **\$28.50.** Gate admission for Seniors age 70+ is \$25.80, our price is **\$21.95.** Tickets may be used any **public operating day** during the 2015 summer season.

ADD-ON: discount Hershey park Meal Tickets for \$14.00 each (enjoy a savings of up to 30% off retail prices). **Meal Tickets include a refillable 2015 Souvenir Cup!**

***** NEW for 2015 Summer Season: \$7.50 Pre-Paid Parking (50% off)!!!*****

****Orders with payment must be received at the parish by Monday, **April 29, 2015.** Parishes will receive tickets by Thursday, May 22, 2015. Stop in at the Parish office for the order forms.



The Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking dedicated Catholic educators for or Catholic Schools who are rooted in their faith and prepared to share the message of the gospel. **Positions are available for September 2015 from Pre-K through 12th grade.** For more information contact the Diocese of Harrisburg, Secretariat for Education, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710, (717) 657-4804 or visit our website www.hbgdiocese.org.



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

Sacred Heart School News

Sacred Heart School is now enrolling! Children who will be age 5 before September 1, 2015 are eligible for Kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year. If you or someone you know has a child who meets the requirement, please call the school office at 248-5351 to meet with the principal and take a tour of the school.

Sacred Heart School Benefit Auction Update: The Sacred Heart School Benefit Auction now has a page on Facebook! Like us today to stay up-to-date on auction news!

Pick up your Raffle Tickets – Before or after Mass on March 14th & 15th and March 21st & 22nd.



A note from Dr. Maginnis:

Please save some time on your calendars for **Sunday, April 26, to visit Sacred Heart's Benefit Auction (formally the "More than an Auction").** It is again being held at **Youth Park in Reedsville.** This is our major fundraiser throughout the year for Sacred Heart School and is an enjoyable event for all. We also have our annual cash raffle where tickets will be sold from now until the Auction. The raffle has prizes of up to \$1000. We ask parishioners and friends to help our school and promote Catholic education in our community by spreading the word of attending the Auction and purchasing raffle tickets. **Thank you so much!**