

November 09, 2014 – Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Nov 02, 2014:

Regular: \$ 5,585.50
Loose: \$ 818.00

Children's Offering: \$ 1.00
ONLINE GIVING: \$ 1,900.00

Tithing Income TOTAL For
October 26, 2014: \$ 8,303.50

Tithing Income: November 03, 2013 \$ 9,543.00

All Souls day Collection 2014 \$ 1,049.00
All Souls day Collection 2013 \$ 902.00

All Saints day Collection 2014 \$ 663.00
All Saints day Collection 2013 \$ 1,406.00

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of November 02, 2014 - 445

Weekend of November 03, 2013 - 470

Next Week's Tithe:

Festival of Ice Sponsorship

This Week's Tithe:

Stewardship Mission of Faith
Covenant House
Human Life International

Tithe Week of 11/02/2014

Operation Home front
National Pro-Life Alliance
Food For the poor

Pastor's Comments: As I said in my homily last weekend: You never see a U-Haul It behind a hearse. You can't take it with you. It all stays here. This is November, the Month of the Dead. Some say you only take with you what you give away here. Therefore, exercise Stewardship in this life and see it benefit you in the next life. Be generous and give away what you can; at least 10 per cent of gross household income. That's Stewardship for Eternal Glory.

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 one second grader help out with taking care of her little brother.

★ Great Job Kids! ★

Pastor's Column

YEAR OF THE FAMILY

We need one. It is coming next year, with a big celebration in Philadelphia, where a visit by Pope Francis is planned, as yet unconfirmed.

Some say that the traditional family is in shambles, especially in America and Western Europe. The Church hopes to address the problem with this theme year, celebrated around the world, and with much prayer and consultation.

The 10-day Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in Rome (253 in attendance), called to prepare for the upcoming Year of the Family, just issued its final report or "relatio." The wording seemed to back away from the controversial mid-term draft report, two weeks ago, which appeared lenient on homosexuality and communion to the divorced and remarried (who have no annulment of the previous marriage).

That latter situation "still needs to be thoroughly examined," the final report said, without issuing any further details or directives. This leaves room for more debate on that subject among the bishops and cardinals in the upcoming year.

Cardinal Walter Kasper of Germany, in a February speech, had proposed allowing those in second marriages to receive communion, without an annulment of the previous marriage, under certain circumstances. He was vigorously opposed by other church leaders, both in February and during this synod.

While many agreed that perhaps the somewhat cumbersome annulment process could be simplified, many opposed giving communion to those in second marriages without some form of annulment process, out of respect for the indissolubility of a true marriage.

The current church practice, based on Scripture and ancient Tradition, says that a valid marriage lasts forever (indissolubility). Divorce is a legal fiction; the first marriage still lasts in God's eyes, unless proven otherwise, beyond a reasonable doubt, after a thorough church investigation and conclusion (based on evidence) that the first marriage was invalid. Only then is the person free to enter a second marriage.

When a person divorces and enters into a second marriage, without an annulment of his or her first marriage, a violation of that first marriage occurs. The second marriage is then no marriage (trumped by the first) and constitutes adultery and, thus, mortal sin. And one is never to receive communion in the state of mortal sin (cf. 1 Cor. 11:27-30). Receiving communion in that state is called a sacrilegious communion; sort of a second mortal sin; a double whammy.

But the pastoral situation is very painful, with many divorced and remarried alienated from the church, seeking return to communion, unable to pursue an annulment, for various reasons (cost, time, unavailability of documents, etc.) It can break the heart of pastors, including mine, and thus the debate.

What would Jesus do? Uh...we already know: "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery" (Mark 10:11-12). These are tough words but they're not mine or the pope's. They are Jesus Christ's.

The synod fathers also wrote "There are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual

unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family." At the same time, they said that "men and women with a homosexual tendency ought to be received with respect and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided."

This next year will be a roller coaster ride of continuing discussion. Coming up next year is the Ordinary Synod of the Year of the Family, combined with various celebrations around the world. Some would say everything I just wrote about is mere footnote compared to the big issue: The incursion of the secular, materialistic world against the holiness and integrity of the family. I would tend to agree. And I hope that the Year of the Family can effectively address that.

Fr. Bill

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

Sunday: 11/09/14:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/SHS

ALL Parish Youth Bowling – stay tuned for time!

Monday: 11/10/14:

Mass/7am/Church

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting/7pm/SHS Caf.

Tuesday: 11/11/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Wednesday: 11/12/14:

W.A.S.H Mtg/5:30pm/Parish Office

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7:00 pm/ Church

Thursday: 11/13/14:

Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 11/14/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 11/15/14:

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

St. Vincent de Paul Free Meal/11:30am/SHS Caf.

Sunday: 11/16/14:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/SHS

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

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

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, November 09

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

7:30 AM Sarah Stoicheff

11:00 AM Albert Battista

Monday, November 10 St. Leo the Great

Titus 1:1-9; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 17:1-6

7:00 AM Deceased Tice & McMenamin Families

Tuesday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours

Titus 2:1-8,11-14; Psalm 37:3-4, 18 & 23,27 & 29; Luke 17:7-10

7:00 AM Tom & Marge Connare

Wednesday, November 12 St. Josaphat

Titus 3:1-7; Psalm 23:1-6; Luke 17:11-19

7:00 PM Battista Family

Thursday, November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Philemon 7:1-20; Psalm 146:7-10; Luke 17:20-25

9:00 AM John & Rose Tote

Friday, November 14

2 John 4-9; Psalm 119:1,2,10,11,17,18; Luke 17:26-37

7:00 AM Kathleen Smith

Saturday, November 15

3 John 5-8; Psalm 112:1-6; Luke 18:1-8

4:00 PM Jerry Wagner

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

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

Nov 09 - Russell Krug

Nov 16 - Dave Kaniecki

Nov 23 - Mel Reed

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

Mr. & Mrs. John Clarke

From Patricia Rhodes & 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 Honor of the

People of the Parish

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Let us raise our children's voices in song; The Parish Children's choir is assembling to prepare for

Christmas Eve Mass. **Rehearsal's have started and will be held at 4:00pm in the Church.** All Parish Children K – 12 are welcome. We are once again having the Nativity Scene: therefore we will need many angles, Mary, Joseph, Three Wise men, and Shepherds. The children will be singing many beautiful traditional Christmas hymns as well as some new ones. **If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at (717) 242-27891**



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.*

Monday, November 10th @ 7pm Meeting – SHS Cafeteria

Saturday, November 15th @ 11:30 am Free Meal – SHS Cafeteria



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.



"For all the saints..." What do you know about your patron

saint - Margaret Mary Alacoque?

She was given the mission to spread the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I was impressed with the

lovely mural above your main altar, but I wasn't satisfied until I knew who all those other saints were on the mural. I found the answers in one of your parish books. **Do you know who they are? It's an open book test. And the Answers are:** The figures in the mural from left to center are an altar boy, Pope Pius XII, a priest, Father Matteo (*founder of the devotion of the enthronement of the Sacred Heart*), St. John of the Cross, St. Catherine of Sienna, and the beloved St. John the Apostle. From the center of the mural to the right are St. Margaret Mary (*through whom the Sacred Heart promised us eternity in His revelation of the First Friday Devotions*), the Blessed Claude de la Colombier, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Gertrude, St. Francis de Sales, and an altar boy.

Hello, I am Tina Stryker, The Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities.



Since my relocation to the Lewistown area, I have been

volunteering for a summer camp for adult persons with disabilities held at Kamp Kerchenwald in Colebrook, PA (half an hour past Hershey Medical Center). Through this ministry, I have met Ginny Duncan who has also attended the camp for some years and is the Director of the Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities for our Harrisburg Diocese (You can see her contact information following this announcement). One of Ginny's goals is to have an advocate for all parishes in the Harrisburg Diocese. She has asked and I have said yes to be that person. Ginny tells me there are many tools from the diocese available for the asking. But, I am not sure what needs there are in Sacred Heart, Lewistown. That's where you come in. I want you to give your input on what our needs may be. Consider such topics as: Who are people with disabilities? What's our Catholic perspective? Do we need to become more aware of what a disability is; how can we relate to the person and not the condition? Do we support families? Do we need interpreters? Are our buildings accessible to all persons? Do we need to be more welcoming to persons with disabilities and their families?

After you have given some thought to this topic, contact me with your ideas. What are our needs and wants? How can we be of assistance to

someone at our local parish? Please contact me via email at johnnastryker@gmail.com or phone at 717-437-3349. Jesus tells us to love your neighbor as yourself (Rom.13:9). Thank you, Tina Stryker & Ginny Duncan, **Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities** Harrisburg Office: 717-657-4804 Email: vduncan@hbgdiocese.org



Attention: Parishioners,

the Women's Association will be decorating the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Pavilion at Derry Park **on November 16th 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*). You can drop them off at the Parish Office. *Thank you in advance!* Also, Confirmation Student's, need Church hours? You get 1 hour per every hour you are helping and 1 hour if you bring a string of lights! Call the parish office to sign up to help!



Once again it is time for the Community Christmas Project. Has begun! 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 16.** 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.**

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November is Black Catholic History Month

Saints Victor, Melchiades and Gelasius

Among the 266 popes of the Catholic Church, between Saint Peter and the current pope Francis, there are three popes known to be of African descent. Saint Victor was a deacon when he became the first black and the 14th pope in 189 A.D. He established a set date for the yearly celebration of Easter. Saint Victor died a martyr for

the faith in 199. Saint Melchiades (mel-KY-uh-des) reigned as the Church's second black and 32nd pope, from 311 to 314. He signed the Emperor Constantine's laws that ended persecutions and made Christianity the established religion of the Roman Empire. Saint Gelasius the First was the Church's third black and 49th pope from 492 to 496. He was known then for saving Rome from famine, composing a book of hymns, and clarifying Church teaching on the Eucharist.



**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.

Our school is in its 66th year, and our continued service has been helped tremendously by donations from the good people of Sacred Heart Parish. **Annual Fund** letters will be mailed out soon, and any donation you can give will be greatly appreciated. *God bless you.*

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!!!!!!**