

October 05, 2014 – Respect Life Sunday



Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Sept 28, 2014:
Regular: \$ 5,811.00
Loose: \$ 722.00
Children's Offering: \$ 2.00
ONLINE GIVING: \$ 510.00
Tithing Income TOTAL For
September 28, 2014: \$ 7,044.00

Tithing Income: September 29, 2013 \$ 7,777.00

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of September 28, 2014 - 430

Weekend of September 29, 2013 - 444

Next Week's Tithe:

EWTN

Ignite Your Torch

This Week's Tithe:

Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Tithe Week of 9/28/14:

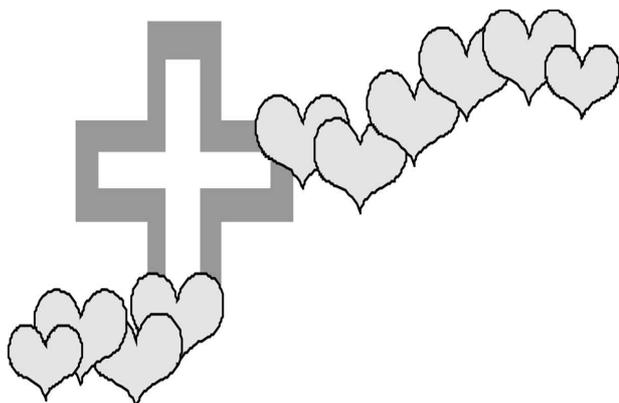
Disabled American Vets \$235.00

Paralyzed Veterans of America \$235.00

Sudan Relief Fund \$235.00

Pastor's Comments:

We are called to care for one another in this world. Look how Jesus reached out to the sick, the poor, the possessed, and those marginalized by society. While not everyone in the towns He visited benefited from his services, those who applied to Him for help usually did. He didn't turn anyone away. What a comforting thought. We can go to Him, like those biblical characters of yesteryear, and He will help us. Maybe answers to our prayers won't be evident right away but grace will get through eventually. Meanwhile, we can be answers to prayer for one another. Let's look for ways to help and be of assistance so that people see that Jesus still walks the earth.



Pastor's Column

SOUND THE RETREAT!

I did last month, for my annual retreat, required for priests by canon (church) law. For my several days away this year I chose the motherhouse of the Sister Servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Cresson, Pa.

They have led Sacred Heart's Vacation Bible School the last several years but canceled last summer because of illness. I have gotten to know them and I knew I would feel comfortable at their place.

I had a two-story, three-bedroom house to myself right by their John Paul II Nursing Home, from which I got my meals. The motherhouse is also on the grounds where I said 6:45 a.m. Mass every morning for the sisters and the few laypeople who showed up.

The purpose of any retreat is to get away, get quiet, get close to God and assess where you are headed spiritually. I prefer solo, silent retreats at monasteries or motherhouses. I take plenty of spiritual material to read and get substantial prayer time in. From time to time I join a group of priests at some venue for an organized schedule of daily talks, preached by a retreat master. Either one is acceptable.

I did some sightseeing during my time. I walked the campuses of Mount Aloysius College and nearby St. Francis in Loretto, remembering that I was accepted at the latter when I graduated from high school. I chuckle that I chose a four-year Lutheran college instead and here I am anyway – a Catholic priest. God will have his way. Across from St. Francis College, I walked the beautiful public gardens near the one-time mansion home of the industrialist Charles Schwab, now home to retired Franciscan priests.

I also stopped at the Prince Demetrius Gallitzin tomb and walked into the beautiful St. Michael the Archangel Basilica, built gratis by the Schwab family for the town's parishioners. A hand-written letter from Mrs. Schwab, announcing her intention to do so, hangs on the wall.

Gallitzin was Russian royalty who converted from Orthodoxy to the Catholic faith, became a priest and great missionary in the general Cresson region, during the late 1700s – early 1800s, when that area was wilderness. He's a best kept secret but a nearby town and state park are named after him.

At week's end, one of the sisters took me to see their order's beautiful retreat house out in the country. It can sleep around 30 people, with a full kitchen, chapel, meeting rooms, and gorgeous acreage surrounding it. I could picture a bonfire outside for youth retreats.

Yes, I did get meditation and reflection time in as well. It was a good retreat, one that renewed by relationship with God and those wonderful sisters. Who knows? I might sound a retreat repeat performance there for next year.

Fr. Bill

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

Sunday: 10/05/14 Respect Life Sunday:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/SHS

Life Chain/1pm/Market Square

K5 Group Event/1p-3pm/Camp Cirola

Monday: 10/06/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 10/07/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish office Basement

Wednesday: 10/08/14:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7:00 pm/ Church

Thursday: 10/09/14:

Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 10/10/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 10/11/14:

Confessions/3:00pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 10/12/14 Vocation Awareness Sunday:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

CCD/9am/SHS



40 Hours Adoration Begins after
the 11 am Mass

Service/7pm/Church (Fr. Fidelis Umukoro, Homilist)

Service and Social Ministries featured

Monday: 10/13/14:

40 Hours Adoration All Day

Mass/7pm/Church (Fr. Fidelis Umukoro, Homilist)

Religious Education Ministries featured

Tuesday: 10/14/14:

40 Hours Adoration All Day

Service/7pm/Church (Fr. Fidelis Umukoro, Homilist)

The Sacred Liturgy Ministries featured

40 Hours Reception/8pm/Church Basement

Wednesday: 10/15/14:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7:00 pm/ Church

ADULT CHOIR Practice CANCELLED

Next practice 10/22

Thursday: 10/16/14:

Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 10/17/14:

Mass/7am/Church

Saturday: 10/18/14:

Confessions/3:00pm /Church

Mass/4pm/Church



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, October 05

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9,12-16, 19-20; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

7:30 AM Sr. Mary Agnes Peiffer

11:00 AM Battista Family

Monday, October 06

Galatians 1:6-12; Psalm 111:1-2, 7-10; Luke 10:25-37

7:00 AM Pietro Aiello

Tuesday, October 07 Our Lady of the Rosary

Galatians 1:13-24; Psalm 139:1-3, 13-15; Luke 10:38-42

7:00 AM Joanne M. Tumolo

Wednesday, October 08

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Psalm 117:1, 2; Luke 11:1-4

7:00 PM Nancy Amole

Thursday, October 09

Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 1:69 – 75; Luke 11:5-13

9:00 AM Albert t. Battista

Friday, October 10

Galatians 3:7-14; Psalm 111:1-6; Luke 11:15-26

7:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Robert Spangler Family

Saturday, October 11

Galatians 3:22-29; Psalm 105:2-7; Luke 11:27-28

4:00 PM John Zavacky

Sunday, October 12

Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 23:1-6; Philippians 4:12-14,19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

7:30 AM John Tote

11:00 AM Doris Becker

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

Oct 05 - Dave Kaniecki

Oct 12 - Mel Reed

Oct 19 - Russell Krug

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

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: October 19, Nov 23**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happening TODAY!! The Pro- Life – “Life Chain” will be 1 pm, on October 5th, 2014. It will begin at the Old Court House steps.



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.*

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – Monday, October 6th at 7pm in the School Cafeteria

Community Free Meal – Saturday, October 18th at 11am in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria.



October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary, Mary and Respect Life. What a beautiful focus for us. And they all blend together so beautifully.

Many a grandparent or mother and father have inspired their family by praying the rosary. I like to think of the rosary as chaining our way to heaven. Get your rosary out and pray it. In this day of "waiting" here and there, put your hand in your pocket and finger your rosary beads. Just lately I heard how a journalist who was beheaded prayed the rosary on his knuckles - remembering the example of his grandma and his mother. See what good example can be? Mary, our mother will surely intercede for us. **St. Louis de Montfort, my holy patron, tells us, "To Jesus, through Mary." May he intercede for all of us.**



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.**

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!



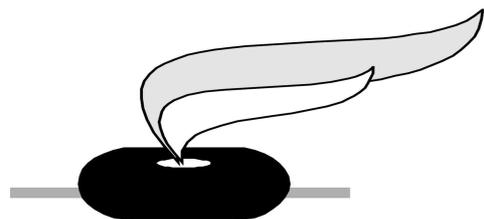
Attention Parishioners, Sacred Heart's Parish Council will be holding elections on October 18th & 19th. If you are interested in being nominated or know someone who would like to be nominated Please call the parish office, or please pick up a nomination form in the Church vestibule, however all nominations need to be submitted by **Monday, October 13th**, In order for them to be on the ballot. Good Luck to those who are nominated.



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

The Parish Council would like to begin a parish prayer that will be said at the beginning of all masses. So, they we would like the parishes input. Criteria for the prayer is: 50 words or less, to the point and should focus on Sacred Heart. **All prayer submissions must be emailed to the Parish Secretary by 12 noon on Monday October 13th. Thank you in advance for your participation!**

MARCH FOR LIFE YOUTH RALLY & MASS: We need to provide the diocese with an estimate of how many people will be attending the **Youth Rally & Mass at the Verizon Center** in Washington, D.C **ASAP! in order to receive tickets for this event.** The March for Life is on Thursday, January 22, 2015. If you are thinking about attending this year's March, please sign-up the sheet is in the vestibule of the Church after Mass today. Or, in case you read this after you have left church, please email Karen Thome, kkthome@centurylink.net, with the number of people in your family who **may** attend. We will be asking for a final commitment in November/December and payment. Thank you.



COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



Red Mass -The Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, will be the principal celebrant at the **Red Mass on Monday, October 6, at 12 noon.**

The Most Reverend Michael J. Fitzgerald, D.D., J.D., J.C.D., V.G., Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Philadelphia, will be the homilist. The Mass will be **held in St. Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg.** All who attend the Red Mass are invited to greet Bishop Gainer and Bishop Fitzgerald after the Mass. At the Red Mass, lawyers, judges, lawmakers, and public officials gather together to pray for God's wisdom and guidance in their pursuit of justice. The Red Mass originated in medieval England at the time of King Edward I, when the twelve judges of the High Court attended Mass as a group on the opening day of the judicial calendar. Today, the Red Mass coincides with the time period in which the U.S. Supreme Court begins its new term. The St. Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania, an organization of Catholic lawyers, sponsors the Red Mass each year. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For additional information, please visit us at www.sainthomasmoresociety.com.

SAVE THE DATE: The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites you to attend the Annual White Mass with renewal of promises for Catholic healthcare workers and their families (medical students and residents welcome!) Celebrant and Homilist: Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L. Bishop of Harrisburg; **October 19, 2014 at 9:30 am at St. Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg, PA.** Please join the Parish community for coffee and donuts following the Mass. RSVP: CathMedHbg@aol.com

Please join us for this annual Diocesan Mass on **Saturday, November 1, 2014 at St. Pius X Church**, 112 Fairview Dr. Selinsgrove, PA 17870. Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the principal celebrant with **participation from persons with disabilities throughout the diocese.** A light reception will be held after Mass. For more information contact Kate Neri at (717) 657-4804, ext 317 or kneri@hbgdiocese.org.



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

Upcoming Events at the School:
October 16th -

Parent Teacher Conferences – school dismissal at 11:30 am

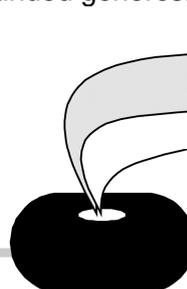
HSA Meeting: 5:30 pm in the Faculty Room



Treasure Tree Project

The administration and families of Sacred Heart School thank you for your participation in the Treasure Tree Project over the

last two weeks. We made a good start in reaching our goal but there is still more to go! If you took an apple from the tree, please try and make your donation in the next few weeks. If you were unable to participate at this time, know that **we accept donations to the Angel Fund at any time throughout the year.** You can send donations to the school or parish office, or place it in the **Sunday collection in an envelope clearly marked as Angel Fund. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart School.** As always, thank you for your continued generosity!



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your needs
to God*