

**September 06, 2015 – Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Stewardship is a way of life.**

**Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:**

Tithing Income: Aug 30, 2015:  
Regular: \$ 6,382.00  
Loose: \$ 901.00  
Children's Offering: \$ -0-  
ONLINE GIVING: \$ 1,090.00  
Tithing Income TOTAL For  
Aug 30, 2015: \$ 8,373.00

Tithing Income: Aug 31, 2014 \$ 7,179.60

**Mass Attendance:**

Weekend of August 30, 2015 - 400

Weekend of August 31, 2014 - 426

**From Our Pastor:** It's the year for tithing talks this Fall.

Be open to the message: Giving ten per cent of gross household income back to God gives Him honor and glory and, secondarily, brings blessings upon you and your family (which is not the main reason for doing it but it does happen). You may not win the lottery but people report an increased financial peace and stability when tithing. Also, if you are tithing and are experiencing that peace and stability, then be open to about talking it to the congregation. We should proclaim God's blessings to others when we experience them. That, too, brings blessings. See me if you would consider being a tithing speaker at one of the Masses this Fall.

## PASTORS COLUMN

### FATHER, ARE YOU GOING TO SEE THE POPE...?

I get this a lot and for the record, the answer is no. At least I have no such plans at this time. I am open to any change in that regard but I see none for the near future.

His visit to this nation will be fabulous, no doubt. On his itinerary, he is visiting New York and Washington, D.C., but Philadelphia, given its proximity, would be the venue of choice for us to visit, for the Sunday, Sept, 27<sup>th</sup> Mass there on Benjamin Franklin Parkway, but from the reports we are all getting, it will be jammed. Access and egress and transportation to and from will be difficult.

The Diocese of Harrisburg has 30-some buses going but they are all sold out. It's still not clear how the transportation in Philadelphia will work exactly, in terms of dropping people off and picking them up. It's pretty sure that pilgrims will have to do much walking from their drop-off point to the Mass – and vice versa. Some bridges and highways in the city will be closed altogether for the event.

Benjamin Franklin Parkway is a long boulevard, stretching from Logan Circle, near Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, to the Philadelphia Art Museum, about a mile in length. I understand that the pope's altar will be set up at the top of the art museum steps (yes, not far from the Rocky statue) facing out toward the crowd, which will no doubt fill the Parkway front to back. It will be a sight to see.

His visit is part of the World Congress of Families in Philadelphia, going from Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and capped by the papal visit. This is a series of presentations, liturgies, lectures, and other events, talking up the importance of the traditional family in the Church and in society.

The pope's point in presenting himself in Philadelphia is to support those proceedings and to also provide a preliminary preparation for the World Synod on the Family in Rome, later this autumn. That will be a gathering of bishops, cardinals, and other church leaders, discussing how to best promote healthy, spiritually vibrant families for the Church and the world.

Pope Francis has already come out on record against "gay marriage" and he has shown himself very enthusiastic for the virtues and values that underlie the cohesion of the societal foundation provided by father, mother, and children, living their lives in God.

I believe that the wind of the Holy Spirit will be blowing mightily over the crowds gathered in our country during the World Congress of Families and the pope's visit. Pray for all the organizational efforts in those cities hosting our Holy Father. Pray for the families of the world that they will prosper and flourish, providing future generations of spiritually vibrant leaders, guiding society with values and virtues that will bring justice and charity to all. Pray that the World Congress of Families and the pope's presence contribute to all that.



Meanwhile, I have a front row seat for the pope's visit, the best seat in the house: in front of my TV set.  
Fr. Bill

## **ALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*September*

**Sunday: 09/06/15:**

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

**CCD Sign-up After All Masses**

**Monday: 09/07/15:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Tuesday: 09/08/15:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Adult Bible Study/ 7pm/Parish Office**

**Wednesday: 09/09/15:**

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

**Thursday: 09/10/15:**

SHS Mass/9am/Church

**Friday: 09/11/15:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Saturday: 09/12/15:**

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

**Sunday: 09/13/15:**

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

**CCD/9am/SH School – 1<sup>st</sup> day of classes!**

**Monday: 09/14/15:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Tuesday: 09/15/15:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish office**

**Wednesday: 09/16/15:**

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

**Thursday: 09/17/15:**

Mass/9am/Church

**Friday: 09/18/15:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Holy Hour/7pm/Church**

**Saturday: 09/19/15:**

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

**Sunday: 09/20/15:**

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

**CCD/9am/SH School**

**Parish Picnic/12:30 pm/Derry Park**



## **LITURGICAL NOTES:**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



### *And Weekly Readings*

**Sunday, September 06**

Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146:6-10; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

7:30 AM Samuel & Adelene De Vecchis

11:00 AM People of the Parish

**Monday, September 07**

Colossians 1:24-2:3; Psalm 62:6-7,9; Luke 6:6-11

7:00 AM Charles & Anna Zanylo

**Tuesday, September 08 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

1Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 13:6; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

7:00 AM Tom & Marge Connare

**Wednesday, September 09 St. Peter Claver**

Colossians 3:1-11; Psalm 145:2-3, 10-13; Luke 6:20-26

7:00 PM John Stryker

**Thursday, September 10**

Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 150:1-6; Luke 6:27-38

9:00 AM Gary M. McCoach

**Friday, September 11**

1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14; Psalm 16:1-2, & 5, 7-8, 11; Luke 6:39-42

7:00 AM Kathy Morgan

**Saturday, September 12**

1 Timothy 1:15-17; Psalm 113:1-7; Luke 6:43-49

4:00 PM Frank Guerrini

**Sunday, September 13**

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 116:1-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Richard Calkins

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

Sep 06 - Dave Kaniecki

Sep 13 - Mel Reed

Sep 20 - Russell Krug

**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are **available:** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. **Dates Available: Sep 13, 20**

*Sanctuary Candle is in Loving Memory of:*  
*Frank Guerrini*  
*With Love From His wife Marie*  
*and 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: Sep 13, 20**

*To the Anonymous donor of the Flowers last week!*  
*Thank you and may God Bless you!*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Parishioners, please send all Business correspondence (such as checks, donations, bills) to the Parish office on 9 N. Brown St. Lewistown, PA 17044. Thank you!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
National Council of the United States  
Seeking Charity and Justice

ST. Vincent de Paul needs help! They are looking for donations for the small travel size toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, shaving cream, deodorant, and baby items, etc...



Save the Date for the Annual Parish Picnic, on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 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 adult choir will rehearse on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:35 P.M., following the

evening Mass. We will be preparing for Forty Hours and the Remembrance service. New members are always welcome and needed - just show up at a rehearsal!



Words of Wisdom from Sister Virginia...

The best way to forget your troubles is to wear tight shoes!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY  
BEGINS...

Date: Classes begin Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and every Tuesday thereafter

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Sacred Heart Parish office  
9 North Brown St.

Subject: Catholic Women beginning with The Book of Esther

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Sign up at the Parish Office; for any Questions call Nora Torquato, 667-6551



### C.C.D NEWS 2015-2016

Registration for all grades, will be after each Mass, on This Weekend in the School Cafeteria. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate. Even if they were baptized at Sacred Heart, we need them to update our files. The first day of class is Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am. Registration forms are available in the vestibule, on the wall.



**ATTENTION: WE ARE PLANNING A NEW DIRECTORY FOR SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH,**

complete with professional photos of parishioners and a listing of parishioner addresses and phone numbers in the back of the booklet. Each participating family/household will receive a printed directory and an 8 x 10 photographic portrait—free of charge! At your scheduled appointment you will be able to view and purchase additional portraits if desired. The dates for photography sessions and portrait viewing are: October 14–16, 2:00–9:00 p.m., October 17, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. October 19-20, 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Location to be announced, for October dates) To schedule your photography session, call My Church Family Album at 877-764-4535 or go to <http://bit.ly/1AP9V1e> (If you call, be sure to identify your church affiliation as Sacred Heart of Jesus in Lewistown, PA). If you are NOT available for portraits during either of the weeks named above, contact LaVerne Maginnis through the Parish Office at 717-242-2781; [lavernemaginnis@gmail.com](mailto:lavernemaginnis@gmail.com)

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come and See Dinner – September 29<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for the annual Catholic Charities Come and See Dinner which will take place on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. **The evening includes a reception and auction, buffet dinner, and remarks by Dr. Carolyn Woo, President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services.** All proceeds from the Come and See Dinner will benefit the Catholic Charities Homes for Healing – Evergreen House, Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, and Lourdes house Maternity Home. All are welcome! For more information, contact Christopher Meehan, Catholic Charities Director of Development, at [cmeehan@cchbg.org](mailto:cmeehan@cchbg.org) or 717-657-4804.

**CHARISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**

**Cardinal Keeler Center  
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

*“THE EUCHARISTIC HEART OF JESUS”*

**Presenter: Kathleen McCarthy**

Kathleen McCarthy is a published author, Catholic radio broadcaster, and a Catholic lay evangelist for almost 40 years. Her message of the Father’s merciful love, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and the power of the Holy Spirit are central to the doctrines of the Catholic Church.

Kathleen has experienced the death of a husband, loss of a house through fire, personal and family illness and loss. Through it all, her uncompromising love of God and faith in His love for her has been her source of strength. She is a gifted speaker who shares with enthusiasm and motivates many hearts to experience the living God. In addition to Kathleen McCarthy’s talks, the Day of Renewal will have special times of Praise & Worship by “Break Through” Music Ministry. A Newcomer’s Session, Prayer Team Ministry will also be available. Lunch is included as part of the registration fee with preregistration. Select - Ham, Turkey or Tuna. Preregistration closes **Thursday, September 10.** To register send \$20 check made payable to “Diocese of Harrisburg”, Charismatic Renewal c/o Cardinal Keeler Center, Attn: Jaclyn Curran, Office of Vicar General, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, Pa 17111-3710

**CELEBRATE**  
Hispanic Heritage Month



The entire community is invited to celebrate the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month. The Holy Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer at Holy Name of

Jesus Church, Harrisburg, on **Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 3:30 PM and it will be followed by a gathering.** For more information, check the Diocesan website at <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/special-ministries/cultural-ministries/hispanic-apostolate/>. Come join us!

***The Church and The Environment: The Moral and Ethical Dimensions of Caring for Creation –***

Rev. David Danneker, Ph.D., will discuss foundational documents and current teachings of the Catholic Church as emphasized by Pope Francis in his encyclical, *Laudato Si*. This lecture and discussion will aid us in our understanding of our common responsibility to protect and maintain our environment. **Held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd, Harrisburg, PA.** No fee

or registration is required for this event that is sponsored by the Commission on Catholic Social Doctrine of the Diocese of Harrisburg. For more information contact Pete Biasucci at [pbiasucci@cchbg.org](mailto:pbiasucci@cchbg.org) or 657-4804 ext. 285.



**Labor Day, September 7<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL**

**Back to School Night, September 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm-7pm (Parents only)** – An SHS Alum is having a Bake Sale during Back to School night to raise funds to help the Interiano family with Eva’s medical cost’s

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Farm Tour, September 15<sup>th</sup>;** they will be out all day!

**Education Conference, September 16<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL**

**Open House, September 30<sup>th</sup>; 12:30 pm – 6:30pm**



***From the Desk of Dr. Maginnis:***

The first week of school has been great! Our students are back into their studies and are doing very well. Next week on Sept. 16, all Diocese schools are closed as all Catholic school teachers attend the annual education conference in Harrisburg. Bishop Gainer will be having a mass for us while leading us in prayer to help focus us to do a good job with our students. An array of educational topics will be presented to further help us as educators. **Our annual fall Open House has been scheduled for Wednesday September 30 from 12:30 to 6:30.** We are lengthening our times so people have the opportunity to visit the school while school is in session. The school is quite impressive to see in action. Our students are very well behaved, thoughtful, and hard workers. It is a joy to work with them.