

December 27, 2015 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Dec. 20 2015:	
Regular:	\$ *
Loose:	\$ *
Children's Offering:	\$ *
ONLINE GIVING:	\$ *
Tithing Income TOTAL For Dec. 13, 2015:	<u>\$ *</u>
Tithing Income: Dec. 21, 2014	<u>\$ *</u>

Mass Attendance:

Weekend of December 20, 2015 - 470

Weekend of December 21, 2014 - 452

Christmas Eve 4pm Children's Mass,

December 24, 2015 – *

December 24, 2014 – *

Christmas Eve 10pm Mass,

December 24, 2015 – *

December 24, 2014 – *

The December 27th bulletin was submitted on December 18th due to the early submission totals will be recorded in January 10th Bulletin

Tithing remarks from our Pastor:

A parishioner from St. Jude wrote this:

"With hard economic times and a church running in the black, it does not seem right to keep asking for more money. This is the poorest Church I've ever been to, income wise, and the only one asking for tithing!"

Lisa Rorher, Director of McKenna Stewardship, Offered this response:

Our Lord exempted no one from giving. Regardless of income or status in life. In the story of the "Widow's Mite" it is important to note that He did not reach into the Offering box and give the widow back her two small coins.

In addition to the fact that you are following God's will and providing your Church with the resources it needs to carry out the work of Jesus Christ here on earth, those who embrace tithing report that this approach has numerous benefits. The satisfaction that comes from gratefully sharing your blessings is tremendous.

•When you take a hard look at your spending and plan to make God first in your budget you quickly begin to realize the difference between what you need and what you want.

•You begin to eliminate the endless clutter of material wants from your life and start to more fully appreciate the many blessings that you already have.

•You realize that commercialism works to convince us that we never have enough of the right things, even though God has already blessed you with all that you need.

•You stop being "consumed by consumerism" and "possessed by your possessions" and begin to slow down and prioritize not only how you spend your money but also how you spend your time.

•Once you stop trying to satisfy yourself with material possessions and spending, you may even find that you enjoy simple pleasures more fully – especially time to deepen your relationships with God, with loved ones and with your community.

Ultimately, those who tithe often feel that the practice brings more joy, more peace, more contentment and more balance to their lives.

The practice of tithing helps us in striving for holiness. It is the WHY of giving. We give because God has placed it on our hearts to give and in giving we are opening ourselves up to His graces.

It is not easy to surrender...but if we trust in God and His plans for our lives He will ease our burdens. I'll be praying for your parishes.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

... I'M AMAZED AT HOW YOU LOVE ME ALL THE TIME

That line from a 1970 Paul McCartney song is a good reflection point for this past year and for the year to come. Let's be amazed at how good God is to us; how He love us all the time.

An ancient Roman symbol of the New Year was the two-faced god Janus (from which we get "January"). One face looked backwards, the other forward. That was the symbol of the transition: reflecting back on the year behind and then looking forward to the year to come. Those pagans did get some things right.

Now is the time to look back a bit, see where we can improve, and then ask God's grace to move forward in a positive way. Yes, it can be the time for New Year resolutions, should you wish.

In any case, let's get excited about the future. If you think about it, you realize that God has loved you all the time, past, present and future. And He won't stop.

Speaking of Sir Paul McCartney, I can't resist talking about his Oct. 15 concert at the Bryce Jordan Center, PSU, which I attended. He was on stage constantly, non-stop, no intermission, for almost three hours, without even taking a drink of

water that I could see. Then he did three encores. The immense crowd, filling almost every seat, kept calling him back. Baby I'm Amazed.
Fr. Bill

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

Sunday: 12/27/15 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

NO CCD

Monday: 12/28/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 12/29/15:

Mass/7am/Church

Wednesday: 12/30/15:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Adult Choir/7:35pm/Choir Loft

Thursday: 12/31/15 Mary Mother of God Solemnity:

Mass/5:30 pm/ Sacred Heart Church

Mass/7:30 pm/ St. Jude Church-Mifflintown

January

Friday: 01/01/15 Mary Mother of God Solemnity/Happy New Year!:

Mass/9am/Sacred Heart Church

Mass/11am/St. Jude Church- Mifflintown

Saturday: 01/02/15:

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

Sunday: 01/03/16:

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

No CCD

Monday: 01/04/16:

Mass/7am/Church

Tuesday: 01/05/16:

Mass/7am/Church

Wednesday: 01/06/16:

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

Thursday: 01/07/16:

SHS Children's Mass/9am/Church

Friday: 01/08/16 First Friday Adoration:

Mass/7am/Church (Exposition after 7am Mass)

Holy Hour/7pm/Church

Saturday: 01/09/16:

Confessions/3pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass Intentions  for the Week



And Weekly Readings

Sunday, December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus

Mary, and Joseph 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm

84:2-3,5-6,9-10; 1 John 3:1-2,21-24; Luke 2:41-52

7:30 AM George and Isabelle Kruchinsky

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, December 28 Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 2:13-18

7:00 AM Special Intentions of N. W.

Tuesday, December 29

1John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-2,2-3,5-6; Luke 2:22-35

7:00 AM Janis Knepp

Wednesday, December 30

1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40

7:00 PM Walter & Margaret Johnson

Thursday, December 31

1John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1:1-18

9:00 AM Special Intentions of Sr Marietta Therese

Friday, January 01

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8; Galatians 4:4-7;

Luke 2:16-21

7:00 AM Tom & Marge Connare

Saturday, January 02 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

1John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1,2 -4; John 1:19-28

4:00 PM Anna Hackenberry

Sunday, January 03

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11, 12-13; Ephesians

3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

7:30 AM Arthur Coder

11:00 AM Marla Jo Marshel

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

Dec 27 - Mel Reed

Jan 03 - Russell Krug

Jan 10 - Dave Kaniecki

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

The Sanctuary lamp is
In Loving Memory of
Milton McGiffin
With love His wife Rose & 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:**

The Altar Flowers are
In Honor & Memorial of
The People of the Parish


Children of God

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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....

Due to the Budget impasse and increase in volume in providing help to those in need, St. Vincent de Paul is also in need of donations to keep on helping those who desperately need our help. **Thank you!!**

Welcoming People With Disabilities So All May Encounter Christ, A Guide for Parishes; Diocese of Harrisburg. *Tina Stryker, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities*

Encountering a Person with a Physical Disability Definition:

A total or partial loss of voluntary movement or an unusual stature that limits a person's ability to move about, reach, grasp, and/or breathe, and is often accompanied by fatigue and weakness that may be seen or unseen. Persons with a physical disability might possess: wheelchairs (manual or powered), scooters, walkers, crutches, canes, braces, casts, prosthesis, and/or portable oxygen tanks. They may display balance problems or shaking, slow or uneven steps, limping, unusually small or large stature, and/or labored breathing. You can maintain eye level contact and talk directly with the parishioner and not through companions. Always ask first if the person needs assistance; do not assume that assistance is always needed. *Do not touch or move assistive equipment without permission.*

As a parish, we can:

- Provide accessible parking spaces and routes with curb cuts and ramps.
- Create wide entrances with automatic or easily-opened doors, near accessible parking spaces.
- Install lifts and elevators.
- Have accessible restrooms in all parish facilities.
- Ensure an assessable sanctuary and spaces for worship with access to the sacraments.
- Use adjustable height/tilt ambo, podium, altars and tables.
- Place hymnals and printed materials within easy reach. Exercise caution with the use of open flames in parish facilities.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join Fr. Bill for the **March for Life walk in Washington, DC on Friday, January 22nd**. This is our annual one day trip all Adults and youth are welcome to attend this event, cost for the event is \$25.00 (all checks should be made out to Sacred Heart of Jesus or St. Jude Thaddeus) Sign- up sheets are in the Church vestibule please **sign up by Dec 31st**. Thank you!



Charismatic Workshop with Rev. Stephen DeLacy - "Freedom in God's Mercy" January 9th, 2016 8am-4pm at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd, Harrisburg PA. Registration \$20.00 per adult/\$10.00 per student includes lunch. Call Lori for information: 717-877-4818 or email: loriribic@yahoo.com Also registration forms are in the Sacred Heart Church Vestibule.



Please say pray for them:

In Loving Memory of
John & Clara Shields
In honor of their 25th & 15th
Anniversary of their Death
With Love, Steve, Eleanor, and Sr.
Ann (Betsy)

BROTHER JUNIPER



2015 FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTION *

FOR THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL

ALL PAYMENTS ON PLEDGES MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE DIOCESE BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2015 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR TAX DEDUCTION FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR ANNUAL APPEAL.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO, DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG



MAIL PAYMENTS TO
DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG
HCAS-LA
4800 UNION DEPOSIT ROAD
HARRISBURG, PA 17111-3710

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ON-LINE VIA VISA OR MASTERCARD
WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/BLACC

*YOUR DONATION MAY BE DEDUCTABLE. PLEASE REFER TO YOUR TAX ADVISOR.

2015 STATEMENTS

FOR THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL

STATEMENTS WILL BE MAILED THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13, 2016
FOR GIFTS OF \$250.00 AND ABOVE.

IF YOU ARE NOT SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE A STATEMENT
AND WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST ONE CONTACT THE

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT
(717) 657-4804 EXT 336

OR EMAIL YOUR REQUEST TO
DEVELOPMENT@HBGDIOCESE.ORG



From the Desk of Dr. Maginnis:

We recently sent out Annual Fund letters asking friends of Sacred Heart School for donations to keep our school in operation for the 64th straight year. We are very grateful to have so many alumni and friends who have continued to help over the years! The school would not have been able to operate without the many donations over the years. We ask parishioners to help spread the good word about Sacred Heart with the hope of more students enroll. It is a wonderful school with some of the best students and teachers around. **We thank you all for your continued support. We wish you the holiest and happiest Advent and Christmas season. May they be filled with joy and love of family and friends and may God's blessing be with you in the New Year.**

Gala tickets on sale now!



Join us Over the Rainbow for an Enchanted Evening in the Emerald City.

Saturday, February 6, 2016

5:00 PM- 11:00 PM

Lewistown Community Center @ Rec. Park

Tickets: \$50 thru Jan. 17, 2016

\$60 after Jan. 17, 2016

Purchase a table of 8 to receive reserved seating & a complimentary bottle of wine! Door Prizes every hour plus Grab Bags, 50/50's & Raffle Tickets will be available for purchase. **Get your tickets at the school or parish office today!**



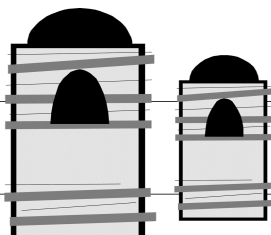
Gala tickets will be on sale after all Sunday masses starting next weekend January 10th through January 30th

It's Your Catholic Connection – During the day Holy Family Radio AM 720, WHYF announces parish and community events as part of their service to the local Catholic community. Tune in to Catholic Radio for the Diocese of Harrisburg and hear what is going on. The Parish Bulletin Board is sponsored by the Catholic Communication Campaign of the Diocese of Harrisburg. You can also listen on line at www.720whyf.com

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass and Rosary Procession

- The Pro-Life Mass will take place on **Sunday January 17, 2016 at Saint Patrick Church, 219 South Beaver Street, York, PA 17401.** Mass begins at 10:45 AM. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant and homilist. Following Mass, there will be a rosary procession from the church to Planned Parenthood. **All are welcome!**

Jesus
remained
in Jerusalem



Attention All Crafters!

Do you have a unique talent like woodworking, painting, cross-stitching, quilting, etc? If so, we would love to have your handmade donation as part of our growing list of items to be auctioned off at this year's More than an Auction event, scheduled for Sunday, April 24th. Each year, these items have proven to be the most sought after and cherished by our generous bidders. **If you are willing to share your talent with us, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office.**