Welcome one and all!

PASTORAL TEAM
Fr. Joseph McCaffrey
Pastor
Fr. Anthony Sciarappa
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Brendan Dawson
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Nicholas Spirko
In Residence
Dcn. John Carran
Dcn. S. Daniel Kielar
Sr. Annie Bremmer, OSF,
Pastoral Associate
Merv E. Knieriem,
Seminarian

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Marla Brown
Amy Chornenky
Phyllis Genareo
Joe Ginocchi
Susan Kearns
Tom Leihy
Matt McCosby
Tom McCosby
Harry Micco
Joe Pascarella
John Provencher

FINANCE COUNCIL
Brad Cain
Vince Fuleno
David Gettings
George Liskooka
Debbie Lynch
Reed Newell
Jerry Prestopine
Jodi Russo
Tracey Vasko

September 20, 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:16

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Know Christ, Love Christ, Serve Christ and Invite others to Christ through Word, Sacrament and Sacrifice!
On the Catechetical Sunday, please join me in thanking all of our catechists and catechist volunteers as we begin this new school year. Of all the things we learn, learning of our salvation is of eternal value! All other knowledge is temporary and passes away.

Thank you to everyone who helped last weekend as we began our Saturday evening Masses back in the church buildings. This would not be possible without the help of many volunteers properly trained to assist. In order to open up more church buildings, we are going to need more help with greeters, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers. There was a training session for Eucharistic Ministers this Saturday and there will be a training session for NEW Ushers/Greeters and Lectors on Saturday, September 26, from 9 to 11 am at St. Camillus. Let Jean Pascale know if you will attend by texting her at 330-770-1635.

This weekend, we also began celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation inside St. Vitus Church. Due to the directives of the Bishop regarding coronavirus, we are not allowed to use the confessionals. Our three priests will celebrate the sacrament in the cry room, the priest sacristy and the baptismal font entrance of the church. Those wishing to receive the sacrament must stay 6 feet apart from everyone else in the church building and also from the priests when they enter the space for their confession. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and understanding during these challenging times.

Congratulations once again to our 95 newly confirmed youth. It was an honor and a privilege to celebrate that sacrament in five different ceremonies for our confirmandi and their sponsors and families. Congratulations also to their parents for their support in bringing their sons and daughters to Christ! I hope and pray that the sacrament of Confirmation will take hold in their hearts and in their lives and that they will participate more fully in the life of our parish! The youth ministry program is designed especially for them. Parents, please support and encourage your young person to participate.

This is a very challenging time to be a teenager. Our world is far more dangerous than it ever was. Don’t let them be stolen from the faith or from Christ by the noise of a very hostile and secular world. Our Savior, himself, asked the question, “What good is it to gain the whole world, but lose your soul in the process?” Of all the priorities you set in your family and for your children, such as a good education and good employment, and so forth, the main goal must be for their eternal salvation! None of the other stuff will matter in the end. All wise people know this, but even wiser people act upon it. It’s not enough to know the truth of life; we must also have the courage to live it.

I encourage all of our young people, not only the newly confirmed, but all of our teens, to be involved in youth ministry and in the life of the parish by being trained to be a greeter/usher, cantor, altar server, Eucharistic Minister, or catechetical mentor for younger children. We need you and welcome you. Be Alive in Christ!

God love you,

FR. MAC
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

The Saturday 4:00 pm Mass will be celebrated in St. Camillus and St. Vitus churches.

On Sundays, Mass will remain at 9:00 am and 11:00 am in the former Sears store parking lot.

Please remember that this bulletin is printed several days ahead of the Sunday date, and details are subject to change.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th—4:00 pm—VIGIL: THE 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
60th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DiThomas, Sr.
Frances Jelar (Marie & Bob Lutton)
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th—9:00 am; 11:00 am—THE 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
James & Dolores McFarland (Family)
Gus, Pheobe & Barb Flynn (Family)
William Mittica (Mr. & Mrs. Gary Yardas)
Joseph, Jennie, Joseph Jr. & Michael Croach (Family)
Pete Julian (Wife & Children)
Fathers William Boak & Don Runyon, Sr. (Don & Michele Runyon & Families)
Coiro Family (Doran Family)
Anthony & Helen Zokle (Family)

ST. VITUS—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st—9:00 am—ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
John & Patricia Flynn & Wheaton Family (Children)

ST. VITUS—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd—9:00 am—WEEKDAY
Donald & Shirley Quarello (Daughter, Debe)

ST. VITUS—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd—9:00 am—ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST
John & Catherine Williams (Family)

ST. VITUS—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th—9:00 am—WEEKDAY
Clara “Bebe” Coyne (Son, Larry & Family)

ST. VITUS—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th—9:00 am—WEEKDAY
Joey LaTona (Marsha Fundoots & Family)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th—4:00 pm—VIGIL: THE 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Louise Conti Louis (Bonita & John Quahliero & Children)
Anna Lepore Conti (Sister, Helen)
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th—9:00 am; 11:00 am—THE 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Annette Krueger (Lou & Marci Roselli)
Isabel K. Alberico (Joseph & Anna Badger)
James & Rose Musolino Family (Frank Musolino & Family)
Paul Gilboy (Wife, Julie)
Cameron Houk (Family)
Harry Strawniak (Strawniak Family)
Michael Edward Cialella (Dad, Chris and Chuck)
Memorial Mass for Benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

THIS WEEK, THE TABERNACLE LAMPS ARE DEDICATED FOR:

St. Camillus
Joseph Paul Ziccardi by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ziccardi

St. James
Russell Noga by Wife & Sons

St. Joseph
Marie Mittica by Family

St. Mary
Donald G. Hannon by Wife, Dorothy

St. Vincent de Paul
Stacey Pierog Lambert & Stanley Pierog by Art & Cheryl Pierog

St. Vitus
Quarello, Moraldi & Ialongo Families by Debe, Ron & Ilana Ialongo

St. Vitus
Mary & Joseph Lamp Mary Jo Roscetti-Rae by Family

Holy Spirit Parish Main Office  910 S Mercer St  New Castle PA 16101
**BAPTISM**

Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of: November, January, March and May.

To register, please call the main office at 724-652-3422 X 2210 to speak with Jan Book or visit hsplc.org/baptism for the Baptismal Prep Class registration form.

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**In Our Prayers**

Please Pray for the Families of Our Recently Deceased:

- Judith Califato
- William T. Huncik
- Edith M. McVay
- Ada Prekopi
- Louis M. Ross

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**Prayer Network**

Visit HSPLC.ORG Click the Home Tab (on left) Scroll Down to Prayer Network There you will find In Our Prayers, as well as the form to submit Requests for Prayers, Prayer Suggestions and instructions of how to sign up as a Prayer Warrior.

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**Readings for the week of September 20, 2020**

**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a  
**Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13  
**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45  
**Next Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32
This past week repairs were made to some of the sidewalks and steps at St. Camillus. Repairs will be started Monday, September 28th on the entrance steps at St. Vitus located at the alley off Maitland Street. (Across from the Gift Shop.) If you attend daily Mass at St. Vitus, please note that this entry will be closed for several days. We apologize for any inconvenience. These repairs will ensure better safety for all.

This coming week we are undertaking a major project in having all the air ducts cleaned at St. Vitus. Due to the scope of the work, which will take two days, please note the parish office will not be open on September 24th and 25th.

The staff will be working remotely, and phones will be answered as usual. Again, our apologies for any inconvenience you may experience during this time.

Our parish school has now been open for two weeks. Many thanks to our teachers and staff who worked so hard in preparing for the reopening of school, especially in having to deal with changes caused by the COVID-19 Virus.

Some of these changes now require our teachers to check the temperatures of our students prior to their entering the classroom each day. In order to streamline this process, students now enter the school building through multiple doors. The alleyway between the church and school buildings is now used for dropping off and picking up students. We ask when you are using the alleyway, take extra care, as students may be coming out of the building.

The most dangerous is the gym door, as it opens directly into the alleyway. May your week be filled with God’s peace, grace and love.

**God love you!**

*Deacon John*

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**Time, Talent & Treasure: Financial Stewardship**

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**PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN**

| Parish Share Goal: | $402,313.00 |
| Parish Share Paid: | $243,240.85 |
| Parish Share Collected: | $3,412.00 |
| Parish Share Bal. Owed: | $159,072.15 |
Conversation

My name is Joseph Pascarella. I am a member of our Pastoral Council. When it comes to my family, I am truly blessed. I am married to my gift from God, and together we have three beautiful children, along with their spouses, and five blessed grandchildren. It occurred to me that lately our family has gotten together in a deeper way to converse with each other, just like long ago. These conversations, whether on the porch, in the living room, or even over a vdeo call, feel so rich and empowering, because we are committed to being truly present with one another. This makes me think that “presence” can transcend any distance or space between us. Our conversations, both in-person and over the phone, are rewarding because we see each other’s facial expressions, and we smile and we laugh together. This makes us feel like people again, and restores a sense of humanity.

When we are blessed to be in person with one another, having a real, authentic conversation results in us adults and even the grandkids putting down our devices to sit at the table or outside on the porch and just talk to one another. Thanks to modern technology, conversations are possible in so many different ways—through phones, IPADS, and computers, or over text messages, emails, and calls. While we all need to set healthy boundaries with screen time and device usage, this ever-present connection to each other is a blessing. We can easily Facetime with family and friends across many miles. In the click of a few buttons, we can even watch Mass on our device, which is the most holy conversation we can have with our Lord.

The Lord wants us to converse with Him daily. He wants our lives to be full and He waits to hear from us. He gave His life for us; what better example is there of true love? Our Blessed Lord spoke the world into existence and in today’s world, speaking with our Lord is paramount to our lives. May we thank Him in all things. As members of the body of Christ, let us always speak to one another—to our spouses, our children, our friends and our neighbors—and make an intentional effort to “see” each other. If you need uplifting, enjoy a good conversation! It brings joy and happiness to me and hopefully to others, but mostly to our loving and caring Lord Almighty who surely smiles upon us.

—Joseph Pascarella

Our psalm this week is #145, “The Lord is near to all who call upon Him” How comforting! It reminded me of the song, O Lord I know You are Near. We will sing that during communion. Do you remember when we used to sing that song with different words? Originally the refrain was “Yahweh, I know You are near” Remember? Did you ever wonder why it was changed? It’s been several years, but if you don’t remember or were never told, here’s the reason:

In the Hebrew language, Yahweh is the Name of God! And it is too sacred to be pronounced.

They will spell it, YHWH (The Hebrew language does not use vowels) but will not say it.

They may substitute Adonai, which means Lord or something similar. Because they don’t have vowels and they have not spoken the “name”, we really don’t even know how it should be pronounced. Yahweh is a guess.

The name Jehovah comes from the same YHWH. It’s a different pronunciation. (Js and Ws are pronounced as Ys and Vs.)

Also, in Sing a New Song, (another favorite song) the second verse used to say “Yahweh’s people dance for joy”. Now it says “Rise O children from your sleep.”

Now of course, we are Catholic, not Jewish—so why would we need to change our wording? Well, it is a sign of respect for the tradition of our Jewish brothers and sisters. After all, the Jewish people are God’s chosen people from whom Jesus, our Lord and Savior was born.

—Brenda Kostial
The Good News will be now be told to our young parishioners in the new CGS atrium!

The first, in-person session is October 18th, 9:30 am—10:45 am in the new atrium at the former St. Camillus offices, in front of the Religious Education building.

Please register your 3, 4, & 5 year old for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd by calling Vicki Pavalko at 724-498-0904, emailing at vpavalko@hsplc.org, or going to our website to register (HSPLC.ORG, Faith Formation, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd). Space is limited.

The first online meeting for parents is Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30 pm. The meeting code will be emailed to you after you register. All parents of preschoolers may register for the meetings even if your child is not attending in person. The meetings are geared toward preschool faith formation in your home as well as atrium updates!

Be on the look out for “In the Sheepfold” newsletters available on-line monthly! See our website or go to our Facebook Group “The Sheepfold” under our parish Facebook page: Holy Spirit Parish of Lawrence County.

Welcome to the Sheepfold

Times & Locations of FAITH FORMATION Sessions:

• St. Camillus: Sunday Sessions for K-8th Grade: 9:30 am—10:45 am
• St. Camillus: Monday Sessions for K-5th Grade: 6:15 pm—7:30 pm
• Holy Spirit Academy (St. Vitus School): Sunday Sessions for K-8th Grade: 10:15 am—11:30 am

Saturday, October 3rd 10:30 am
ST. CAMILLUS BARKING LOT
All Pets should be leashed or in carriers.
We are Proud to Recognize the Catechists and Aides of Holy Spirit Parish:

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Catechism of the
Good Shepherd Aides
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Lilia Fortuna*
Susan Kearns *
Mary Ann Nobers
Eileen Untch
*Catechists after December

Kindergarten Catechists
Lisa Dombrosky
Amanda Guido
Rosalia Pace

Kindergarten Aides
Lexie Dombrosky
Giulia Pace-Fenner

1st Grade Catechists
Ashley Ahern
Anta Brucker
Kim Hannon
Randi Heasley

1st Grade Aides
Alexa Caravella
Theresa Pitzulo

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Website: holyspiritparishoflawrencecounty.org
Facebook: facebook.com/hsplc
Did you know there are topics so difficult to consider and filled with such emotional pain that we are afraid to talk about them?

Suicide is one of those topics. This month is Suicide Prevention month. Suicide is the act of self-murder; something a person chooses to do to him/herself.

We as followers of the Catholic Church believe we are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of. (CCC 2280)

There are many reasons for suicide, including psychological impairment. When a person commits suicide for a reason such as clinical depression, it is recognized that he/she may not have been fully capable of the knowledge and consent necessary to commit mortal sin. The Catholic Church teaches that salvation is possible for those who commit this act.

We should not despair the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives. (CCC2283) An excellent resource on suicide is Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI. http://ronrolheiser.com/struggling-to-understand-suicide/#.XzWO5G5FyUk

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**FULFILLED**

Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism

Monday Evenings: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm through November 16th
St. Camillus Church or Zoom Meeting

IT’S NEVER TOO LATE
TO REGISTER:
Call the parish Office at 724-652-3422
or follow the link on HSPLC.ORG

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**HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY:**

Matching Donations

$362,627.00

GOAL: $250,000.00

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**RCIA**

Curious? Interested?

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?

For more information contact Fr. Brendan Dawson at: bdawson@hsplc.org
724-652-3422 ext. 2202
CHRIST’S INVITATION TO SERVE:
All women and men of the parish are invited to participate in these ministries

Bereavement/Funeral Home/Prayers:
Sr. Annie Bremmer | 724-652-3422 x 2205

Cards for Nursing Homes:
Paula St. Clair | 724-714-1567

Confirmation Blankets:
Susan Kearns | 724-651-1992

Follow up Calls to Bereaved:
Edna Hill | 724-654-5620

Food Pantry:
Sr. Annie Bremmer | 724-652-3422 x 2205

Journeying Through Grief:
Mary Ann Isaac | 724-971-8539

Lunch for Feed My Sheep Ministry:
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For Assistance: Call 724-652-3422
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Saint Vincent de Paul Society Memorial Mass

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Spirit Parish gratefully acknowledges that money has been contributed in memory of the following individuals. They are included in our prayers and remembered as a source of strength for our mission to serve the needy in our local community. On September 27, 2020—the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul—a Memorial Mass will be celebrated for these benefactors of the Society:

Marie Chlebowski
Richard T. Costello
Judy M. Cubellis
R. “Tiny” Henderson
Edward Konop
George M. Lamorella
Richard C. Ludwiczak
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—names submitted by John Grzebieniak

IMPORTANT HOT LINES:

MENTAL HEALTH:
NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS 24-HOUR HOTLINE 1-800-950-6264

ABUSE:
LAWRENCE COUNTY CRISIS LINE:
724-652-9036

SUICIDE PREVENTION:
CRISIS INTERVENTION: 724-652-9000
September is Suicide Prevention Month

The Lawrence County Suicide Prevention Coalition would normally hold its Out of Darkness Walk at the Riverwalk in New Castle at the end of the month.

Due to COVID-19 they had to make other plans. Members decorated doors at local business; this door is at the St. Camillus Faith Formation building. (Content is kept at the K-5th grade understanding level since that is who uses the building the most.) Cathy Frank said “You know the message is being spread when the door is only half complete and KKPA preschoolers are asking what the head is about. I was able to discuss, on a preschool level, what mental health means and that is awesome!” If you need someone to talk to within the parish, you may contact Cathy at 724-654-9371 Ext. 1

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-8255

FOOD PANTRY

THE FOOD PANTRY AT THE ST. JOSEPH SITE IS OPEN EVERY SATURDAY FROM 10:00 AM TO NOON.

Donation Boxes are in the entrance ways to the parish offices at St. James and St. Vitus.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

MINISTRY TRAINING

Training for NEW Ushers/Greeters and Lectors
Saturday, September 26th
9:00 am—11:00 am
St. Camillus Church

RSVP by text to Jean Pascale at 330-770-1635

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

6 Sessions Beginning Thursday, October 1st
1:00 pm—3:00 pm
St. Joseph the Worker Rectory

Please call Karen Gentile at 724-652-3422 Ext. 2200
To let us know you will be coming.
Mercy

Pope Francis celebrated Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, inviting us to accept Jesus’s Mercy as the Apostle Thomas did, and to show Mercy to those around us. The Pope went on to talk about “Selfish Indifference”. He said this crisis is worse than COVID-19. This, in simple terms, is the thought that life is better if it is better for me and that everything will be fine if it is fine for me.

We need to consciously examine those around us and be merciful to those for whom things are not fine. This is a core part of our Christian Faith.

As we walk through this week, let us look around and be aware of what is happening to others. We must learn from the first Christian communities. Because they received Mercy and lived with Mercy, they shared that with those in need. Be merciful and live the faith. May God have Mercy on us all.

Word of the week: Mercy

—David Gettings, Finance Council
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

FUNDRAISERS
TAKE OUT DINNER

Schnitzel Take-Out Dinner
Hot and Ready to Eat!

Pork Schnitzel, Sauerkraut,
German Potato Salad,
Bread & Butter, Apple Crisp
ALL FOR ONLY $ 10.00!

AVAILABLE BY PRE-ORDER ONLY!
CALL 724-654-7076 on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th
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Curbside Pick-Up 4:00 pm—6:00 pm
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020
PICK UP FROM YOUR CAR
AT ST. MARY SITE BEHIND THE PARISH CENTER
(117 N. Beaver St., New Castle, PA 16101)

HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY FUNDRAISERS

IF YOU ORDERED, DON’T FORGET!
AUGUSTINE’S PIZZA SALE PICK-UP
Wednesday, September 30th,
2:30 pm—6:00 pm, HSA Gym
Questions, call Toni at 724-651-2778

Daffin’s Candy Bar Sale is On-Going.
Call Tonilynn Ross at 724-651-2778 to make arrangements to get a box to sell.
**Life is a Journey**

We might not contemplate that daily, but if we take a moment to reflect on our lives, this simple phrase is profound. If we allow this reflection to transition from an intellectual exercise to one that reaches the heart, we appreciate how our faith, and God’s guiding hand, shapes our lives. Nobody’s journey is without ups and downs, twists and turns, but can we sense a correlation between how we arrive at places in our life and where God is calling us to be? When we are thrust into challenging or uncomfortable situations that we miraculously find a way through, strengthened, and fulfilled?

My name is Tom Leihy. I am a member of the Holy Spirit Pastoral Council. In August of 2018 I loaded my vehicle with some essentials to journey 1,000 miles east of what our family called home for 25 years; Marion County, Kansas. From a corporate perspective I was the logical choice to move to a newly acquired facility in the Neshannock Industrial Park, (RIDC), in New Castle, PA to start up a new blow molding facility—I had 21 years of experience with Container Services, Inc. (CSI).

**Over the years, I have learned that when our lives are jolted out of the routine and comfortable, God is saying it is time to grow; in faith, in trust, in Him.**

There is also a way to serve, by virtue of what you have experienced so far along your unique journey. God prepares us to help others in His divine plan.

From day one in Lawrence County, the Catholic Church has been my family. (I have no relatives or friends in Ohio or Pennsylvania.)

There were seven Catholic Churches, each with concerns of future consolidation, a process that I experienced on a county-wide scope in our home, Marion County, Kansas, 25 years ago. Coincidence or was I being prepared?

There were concerns about losing the last Catholic Elementary School in the County. I am a product of 12 years of Catholic education from the Kansas City, Kansas Archdiocese. I value that formation tremendously. We just moved from the Wichita Diocese, (91,000 registered Catholics), which has 34 elementary schools and 4 high schools totally funded through stewardship. They are generating vocations and have one of the lowest median ages for their diocesan priests in the country. Look at the recent response locally for Holy Spirit Academy, “Where your treasure is, there your heart is also!” (Parish Prayer). What a tremendous response.

You don’t have to move 1,000 miles to a town where you don’t know anybody to have your lives jolted out of the routine, the familiar, or the comfortable. God has His ways of challenging us, saying it is time to grow; in faith, in trust, in Him. The “faithful” are those who are responding to that call. In my past two years I have had the privilege of meeting many of the “faithful” of Holy Spirit Parish.

We never know who God will put in our lives or where our journey will lead us next. From the friendships that I have been blessed with here, I truly feel at home among the faithful I have met so far. I look forward to meeting more of you.

I appreciate those who have shared parts of their journeys with me. The challenges we face today as “church” appear to be apostolic in nature, similar to what the first apostles experienced. Today, this is our mission as Holy Spirit Parish, to:

**Know Christ, Love Christ, Serve Christ and Invite others to Christ through Word, Sacrament and Sacrifice!**

To grow as a community of faith, we need to not only share with others the significant events that have shaped our lives, but how God has transformed us through those experiences. When we transition from knowing “about” each other to truly “knowing” each other, it is through these stories. We become more aware of how God is working in and through our lives, and the lives of others. Our lives are enriched by transitioning from knowing “about” Christ to “encountering” our Lord.

I encourage you to reflect on your journey. Reflect, take it to prayer, take it to heart and ask our Lord for direction. You are where you are for a reason. What has God prepared you for through your experiences? What talents has he blessed you with? What is he calling you to today? Be filled with the Holy Spirit and continue to grow; in faith, in trust, in Him.

—Tom Leihy
Pastoral Council
HOLY SPIRIT GIFT SHOP
12 Maitland Street, New Castle, PA 16101
Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 am—3:00 pm
Please Call 724-654-8851 for Information

Holy Spirit Church Sites

SAINT ANTHONY SITE
411 W. Poland Ave., Bessemer, PA 16112

SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS SITE
314 W. Englewood Avenue, New Castle, PA 16105

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SITE
4019 US 422, Pulaski, PA 16143

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER SITE
1111 South Cascade Street, New Castle, PA 16101

SAINT MARY SITE
124 North Beaver Street, New Castle, PA 16101

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SITE
1 Lucymont Drive, New Castle, PA 16102

SAINT VITUS SITE
910 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Cemetery Question?
Please Contact:
The Catholic Parish Cemeteries
Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh
North Regional Office
2636 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101
724-323-0033
cpca@cpca-pgh.org

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OFFICE
910 South Mercer Street,
New Castle, PA 16101
724-652-3422

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE
4019 US 422
Pulaski, PA 16143
724-964-8276

HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY
915 South Jefferson St.,
New Castle, PA 16101
724-654-9297

NEED A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE?
Please Contact the Archives & Records Center
of the Diocese of Pittsburgh:
email archives @diopitt.org
or call 412-456-3158

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOT-LINE:
If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.
We invite you to contact our Diocesan Assistance Coordinator toll free at 1-888-808-1235

To report abuse to Childline, please call (toll free) 1-800-932-0313
Call 911 if a child is in immediate danger.
Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise my soul, the King of heaven
to His feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
to His people in distress.
Praise Him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Text: Psalm 103; Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt. Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, 8'7'8'7'8'7'; John Goss, 1800–1880

Psalm Response:
The Lord is near to all who call upon Him. (Ps 145)

Our Parish Prayer

Lord Jesus, you told us,
"Where your treasure is, there your heart is also!"
The parish of Holy Spirit treasures our faith in You, our children, and every person who gathers here.
Help us to have the courage to sacrifice, to love, and to build in Your name.
Guide us by Your Spirit of Wisdom, give success to the work of our hands, and keep us in your peace.
Saints, Martyrs, and Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

Amen

When We Are Living

When we are living, we are in Christ Jesus and when we die, we remain in Him.
Both in our living and in our dying, we are the Lord’s. We belong to Him.

While we are living, we have fruit to bear
Good works of service; these are ours to share.
If we are giving or are receiving we are the Lord’s We belong to Him.

Text: Verse 1, Romans 14:8; traditional Mexican; vss. 2–4, Roberto Escamilla, b.1931, © 1983, Abingdon Press; tr. by Ronald F. Krisman, b.1946, © 2004, Abingdon Press

Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled,
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us.
Make us your living voice.


Where Your Treasure Is

Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be.
All that you possess will never set you free.
Seek the things that last;
come and learn from me.
Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.


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