

My Dear Parishioners,

Aaron Collins was a computer technician in Lexington, Kentucky who died at the age of 30. Family and friends remember Aaron as a fun guy who took great joy in sharing unexpected kindnesses especially to those whose hard work is little appreciated; like food servers (Aaron had been a waiter while attending college.) Aaron's best friend told his family of the time Aaron had once given a \$50.00 tip to a waitress who was very rude and the unexpected gift changed her whole attitude. Aaron had a final wish for his family: "Leave someone an awesome tip and I don't mean 20 percent. I mean \$500.00 on a pizza for a waiter or waitress." So Aaron's mother, brother and sister did just that. They went to a pizzeria in their hometown and at the end of their meal, they told their waitress Sarah about Aaron's wish and then handed the stunned waitress \$500.00. Aaron's brother Seth set up a website and posted a video of them giving the tip to Sarah. What happened next was amazing. By the next evening \$11,000.00 was donated by individuals to continue "Aaron's Wish" of giving awesome tips to food service providers. Since then Aaron's family and friends have collected more than \$50,000.00 and they will continue "Aaron's Wish" to provide for those whose job is serving food and surviving on tips. Many of the recipients of the generous tips are struggling single parents and students juggling full-time low paying jobs along with their studies.

Aaron and his family have embraced in their own way a Scripture-centered understanding of the meaning of work and **wealth**. Scripture does not state whether wealth or material possessions are good or evil. However Scripture does challenge us to ask ourselves what we do with what we have and own. What is our sense of responsibility for the many blessings God has given to us? **Wealth** and material possessions enable us to live life to the fullest. But too often what we have can weigh us down, preventing us from moving on with our lives. The prosperity that should enable our journey becomes more important than the journey itself. Today's Scripture readings challenge us to think about how we use our **wealth** and blessings and to what extent we allow money (the pursuit of it or the lack of it) to control our lives. Today's readings ask us to ponder and reflect upon the age-old question: "What am I looking for in this life?"

King Solomon faced essentially that same question. The Book of Wisdom (from which today's first reading is taken) refers to Solomon's age-old prayer for prudence and wisdom. Solomon recognizes that he cannot gain wisdom through his own efforts. He knows that true wisdom is

something that comes only with a right relationship with God. Solomon knows that he must depend upon God and he must set aside all pretense of self-reliance. Solomon addresses his prayer to God, requesting that he be granted the blessing of wisdom. In Scripture, wisdom is personified as a woman and she is praised as a priceless treasure beyond compare. Solomon prays for a wisdom that would enable him to rule judiciously. He proclaims that he prefers her to riches, to power, to health, to beauty, to everything that women and men normally cherish. Of all the wonders and blessings that life has to offer (in Solomon's eyes) wisdom is the most precious treasure. Only wisdom can bring him true happiness. Solomon also knows that the gift of wisdom will bring with it many good things that monarchs normally desire. When wisdom comes first there is little danger of worldly interests interfering with a king's true purpose: service to God and people. As a result of his choice King Solomon became a legend for his own time, for all Jews thereafter, and for all people.

Today's Gospel consists of three passages all focusing on the topic of **wealth** and the kingdom of God. Traditionally **wealth** was understood by Judaism as a sign of God's blessing. People who had **wealth** were expected to be active in almsgiving and to be concerned for the poor and destitute. To be **wealthy** did **not** necessarily imply selfishness or lack of concern for the poor. Nevertheless, Jesus' teaching on **wealth** and material possessions challenges the acceptable teaching of His day and even shocks His own disciples.

In today's passage St. Mark paints a vivid scene of a young wealthy man meeting Jesus on the road to Jerusalem. The young man throws himself at Jesus' feet and addresses him as "Good Master". Jesus declines the flattery and tells the man that God alone is good. The young man asks Jesus what must he do to inherit eternal life. This exchange between Jesus and the rich man raises an important theological question: Can one gain eternal life, or is it a gift from God? The man's question implies that he believes that he can do something to deserve eternal life. Jesus argues that eternal life is a gift. However, a particular way of living is indeed called forth for those who desire eternal life. The rich man is not putting Jesus to the test since he has approached Jesus with great respect. The man is honest and upright; one who has been observant of the Mosaic Law from his youth, but who realizes that there is still something missing in his life. Jesus acknowledges and recognizes his goodness and Jesus loves the man dearly. The man wins Jesus' heart so Jesus invites him to join His disciples and be part of a new family, leaving behind his property, possessions, **wealth** and all that binds him to the past: "There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give

the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come follow me.” The cost of Christian discipleship is heavy for this prospective disciple as he must renounce his security and prestige that his **wealth** brings him. The cost of following Jesus is too much for him. The young man turns and goes away (sad and disappointed) returning to the **wealth** that holds him from being with Jesus. His lack of outgoing generosity caused him to love **things** more than Jesus. This young rich man was the only person in the entire New Testament who left the presence of Jesus “**sad**”.

Jesus invited the wealthy young man in today’s Gospel to make a choice. Challenged to return love for Jesus, the man couldn’t since he could not remove the obstacle of his **wealth** and material possessions. **Wealth** and possessions can be a prize to share with others or a prison. For the young man **wealth** was a prison. Jesus commented on how hard it is for those who have **wealth** and many possessions to enter the kingdom of God. “**Kingdom of God**” here means the freedom and willingness to have God rule one’s life. If God does not rule over a person’s life, the person will eventually lose his or her soul!

The story of King Solomon’s choice for wisdom and Jesus’ encounter with the young rich man and His teaching on **wealth** and possessions are issued as a challenge to all of us today. We live in a society which measures success and happiness in terms of economic growth and security. We live in a world that places great value on power, profit and property. The danger we all face is the possibility that we can become the devoted disciples of consumerism and materialism powered by desires that will never be satisfied. Our readings for today ask us to pause and reflect about these matters and look at ourselves critically in the light of Jesus’ values. If our identity is locked into our **wealth** and possessions, who are we when they are taken from us? Attachment to our **wealth** and material possessions can lead to our being possessed by our attachments. When this happens, we are no longer free to accept Jesus’ invitation to come and follow Him since our attachment to material goods can steal our freedom to choose.

Jesus wants us to enjoy an inner independence so that **who** we are is not dependent on **what** we have. Jesus’ disciples are identified by their **relationship with Him** and by their **relationship with their neighbor**. Christian discipleship challenges us to change not only ourselves but also our economic system when it is solely market-driven, heartless, and materialistic. What do you want? What do I want? **Wealth** or **wisdom**? True value or price? A complete understanding of the full dimensions of human life or simply a notion of what it appears to be? Before our God we shall be held responsible

to return love for love. The choices we make will have a tremendous effect. Those choices will define **who** we truly are. Have a blessed week.

Love & Prayers,

Fr. John

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Diocese of Harrisburg’s annual Mass Celebrating the Gifts of People with Disabilities will be held on **Sunday, November 18**, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Catherine Labouré church in Harrisburg. Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the Celebrant and Homilist. This year also marks the 40th Anniversary of the signing of the 1978 Pastoral Statement on Persons with Disabilities. A light reception will follow the Mass, which will include reflections on the 1978 Pastoral Statement. To assist with planning, it is requested that those attending from outside Saint Catherine Labouré Parish or in need of any special accommodations, kindly RSVP to LKiley@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804 ext. 322 prior to November 9, 2018. All are welcome to attend.

A TIME of PRAYER and PENANCE

This past August, Bishop Gainer designated the rest of this year and next year as a “**Time of Prayer and Penance**” throughout our Diocese in reparation for the sins of clerical sexual abuse and the sins of Church Leadership within our Diocese. Bishop Gainer designated certain days each month to mark a corporate act of reparation for the whole Church: clergy, religious, and lay members. These days of **Prayer and Penance** are as follows: **December 5th**, January 16th, 2019, February 8th, 2019, March 6th, 2019, April 15th, 2019, May 16, 2019, June 28th, 2019, and July 17th, 2019.

Everyone is invited to **fast** and **pray** on these days for the forgiveness of sins within our Diocese. A Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins will be celebrated on these days. Thank you. Fr. John



**HOLY HOUR
AND
HEALING SERVICE**

The Parish Pastoral Council and I would like to invite you to a time to gather in prayer for the survivors of clergy abuse, for their families, and for the reparation of the sins of the clergy and those in leadership roles within the Catholic Church **and** for the healing of all on **Wednesday, October 24th**. We will have a Holy Hour and a Healing Service from **6:30-7:30** followed by some time to talk about and share our feelings about the Grand Jury Report. May God continue to bless us and Our Mother of Perpetual Help watch over and protect us as we move forward as a Eucharistic Community. Fr. John



PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work. OFFER financial HELP through the Society for the PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 15, St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

- 7:00 ✦ Jim Cavanaugh
- 9:00 ✦ Aleyda Buitrago

Tuesday, October 16, St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

- 7:00 Mary Crawford
- 9:00 ✦ Richard Stewart

Wednesday, October 17, St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

- 7:00 ✦ Thomas Clay
- 9:00 ✦ Lou Leone

Thursday, October 18, St. Luke, Evangelist

- 7:00 ✦ Margaret Rosina
- 9:00 ✦ Poor Soules in Purgatory

Friday, October 19, Saints John de Brebeuf, and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

- 7:00 ✦ Lucy Marrone
- 9:00 ✦ Ray Fulton

Saturday, October 20, St Paul of the Cross, Priest

- 9:00 ✦ Donald & Eleanor Monath
- 5:00 ✦ Jean Givler

Sunday, October 21, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 For the Parishioners
- 9:00 ✦ Patty Hamer
- 11:00 ✦ Justo Liwag

CHURCH SUPPORT

Date	Amount	Needed	Difference
10-7-18	\$14,728.35	\$14,300.00	\$428.35
YTD	Amount	YTD Needed	Difference
10-7-18	\$187,701.31	\$214,500.00	\$26,798.69

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Registration is now available at www.hbgdiocese.org/women, for the **4th annual Diocesan Women's Conference**, taking place **Saturday, October 20, at Bishop McDevitt High School**. Theme is *Women of Life and Love: Celebrating the Beauty of Humanae Vitae*. Keynote Speaker is **Jennifer Fulwiler** of Austin, TX, well-known Catholic radio personality, speaker, and author. The title of her keynote address is: **"Pro-Choice to Pro-Life Conversion."** This conference includes **36 workshops** from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, a **Eucharistic Holy Hour** with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction, **Confession** available throughout much of the day, beautiful music from **"Women at the Well"**, lots of **Catholic exhibitors**, good food, **Mass with Bishop Gainer** as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, and fellowship with hundreds of women. **Last year, 900 women attended** this conference. Besides the online registration, registration brochures are also available at the church. This conference is available for all women both within and outside of our diocese. We expect another large crowd this year. We would love to see you there! Thank you!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Calling All Mission Voices! Next Sunday **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, we are called to be a part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need.

As Catholics around the world – here at home and in the Missions – gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us.

2019 DAILY MASS RECORD BOOK
The parish office is ready to take your Mass intentions, and Sanctuary Lamp intentions for 2019.



SANCTUARY LAMP

You may have the Sanctuary Lamp burn for a sick or deceased loved one for a donation of \$5, to defray the cost of the candles. This week the candle burns for Alice & Courtney Morrison.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Today in Rome, Pope Francis will canonize Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, in addition to Pope Paul VI, who is featured. As archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, Romero served during a time of intense political turbulence and religious persecution. Constantly referring to the message of the gospel, he condemned the violence and corruption that plagued his country.

Countless threats against his life didn't deter Romero. In one homily, he said, "You can tell the people that if they succeed in killing me, I forgive and bless those who do it. Hopefully, they will realize they are wasting their time. A bishop will die, but the Church of God, which is the people, will never perish."

Pope Francis wrote, "In the beautiful land of Central America, bathed by the Pacific Ocean, the Lord granted his Church a zealous bishop who, loving God and serving brothers and sisters, became the image of Christ the Good Shepherd. Oscar Romero lived out today's readings. He chose God's wisdom over the wealth and comfort of the world. He proclaimed the word of God in a way that cut people to the heart. And he gave everything to the poor of El Salvador. May his witness move all of us to answer the cry of the poor and downtrodden."

MARY 101



On **Sunday, October 14**, we will present our first discussion and film about Mary. The film is Mary 101. We will explore the mysteries and wonders of the Blessed Mother. We will discover how Mary helps us become holy and guides us to faithfully do God's will.

**THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH LIBRARY
BEGINNING AT 3:00.**

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We will be publishing the names of your dear loved ones who are seriously ill or injured. After the period of one month their names will be removed. **For example, names announced in the bulletin the third week of the month will be removed the third week of the following month.** If at that time prayers are still needed, please feel free to contact the parish office, and we will be more than happy to re-publish your loved one's name.

Bishop Ronald Gainer, Phoenix Rann, Margaret Gardner, Abigail Lowe-Critchfield, Michael Lillis, Richard Warner, Anna Leshner, Florence Windish, Gloria Reynolds, Patrick Michael Ward, Jeff Gorman, Wanda Rutt, Pat Fry, Robert Bevans, Bob Eisenbise, Carlos Luciano, Margot Arden, Jennifer Ranker, Mary Kay Hensel.



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Religious Education Corner:

Isaac's Fundraiser To Benefit OMPH RE

On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, now all day from 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Isaac's Famous Grilled Sandwiches (Ephrata) will host a fundraiser to benefit the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Religious Education Program. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY to enjoy homemade soups, grilled sandwiches, and fresh green salads. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of your meal will go directly to the OMPH RE Program. Dine-In, takeout and online orders apply! You will need the special form that has been inserted in the bulletin this week. Want to help us earn even MORE? Add an Isaac's Gift Card to your check and 15% of the gift card sale will be added to the fundraiser! Gift card must be used on future visit. Hope to see you there! Thanks!

Our October RE Class Schedule Is As Follows:

Sunday, October 14th

First – Sixth Grade Meet At Normal Class Time.

There Is NO Confirmation One (7th Grade) Class This Week Due To The Parent/Child Meeting And Other Activities.

Confirmation Two Class Meet For An Extended Class From 4:00 PM –6:30 PM This Week Only.

Sunday, October 21st

First – Fifth Grade Meet At Normal Class Time Along With The Seventh And Eighth Grade.

All Sixth Grade Students Will Attend The I AM Rally At LCHS Along With Any Seventh Or Eighth Grade Students Who Have Not Attended The I AM Rally Previously.

Sunday, October 28th

All Grades Meet At The Normal RE Class Time.

Confirmation Two Students Will Present Their Saint Reports In Their Class And To All Younger Students Towards The End Of Classes.



Parents of 8th-12th graders, is your teen coming with Radiate Youth Group to Steubenville Youth Conference next summer? Main Campus 4 July 12-14 is the date for your calendar. **I need to know by October 20th so I can register your teen on November 6th** of this year when registration opens. The down payment to hold the spot is \$40.00 per teen and the remaining balance is determined after fundraising takes place in February. Contact me at 717-989-8900 or email me at deniseives89@yahoo.com. In His Service, Denise Ives

**LET THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BAKE YOUR HOLIDAY PIES!**



Order forms will be in the bulletin In the coming weeks
Completed forms will be collected after Masses on Oct.
27/28 and Nov. 3/4 Distribution will be on Nov. 20

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Knights of Columbus Council 4191

www.kofc4191.org



TREASURES ABOUND!



Find your treasure at OMPH School's Treasure Island Auction on **Saturday, November 3rd**! Purchase your ticket(s) in advance for \$20 and receive 5 Treasure Tickets at the door! For more information, or to purchase tickets, call or stop by the School Office (717-738-2414). Bring your friends and get ready for an evening of fun, food, and winnings! Doors open at 6p.m. Auctioning begins at 7 p.m. If you have a treasure you would like to share, please contact the Development Office (717-738-2414). **You must be 21 or over to attend.**



LANCASTER CATHOLIC NEWS OPEN HOUSE



Who can you become in our colors? Our annual Open House will take place on Sunday, October 28 from 2:30-4:30 PM. This is a unique opportunity to tour Lancaster Catholic with one of our students, observe our faculty and students in classroom activities and enjoy performances from a variety of our student ensembles. Register at www.lchsyes.org/open/.

GROUP SHADOW DAY

Lancaster Catholic's 1st Shadow Day is approaching and all interested students are encouraged to spend a day at Catholic High. This allows students to experience our community for themselves. Students in eighth through eleventh grades in public schools, or other private schools, are encouraged to join us for a Group Shadow Day. Group Shadow Days for 2018-2019 are November 8, February 7 and May 9, though we are happy to accommodate students on any day that best fits their schedule. A FREE LUNCH is provided to all prospective students when they visit. You can register for a shadow day at www.lchsyes.org or by contacting Kyla Hockley at khockley@lchsyes.org.



FALL PLAY



Lancaster Catholic is proud to announce its Fall Play is the audience interactive murder mystery/comedy by Billy St. John, "Murder's in the Heir."

Turn the game Clue into a play and you have the masterfully entertaining Murder's in the Heir! Almost every character in this hilarious mystery has the weapon and opportunity to commit the unseen murder. And it's up to your audience to decide who actually did it! Each of the heirs to the tyrannical billionaire Simon Starkweather has the motive to do away with him.

"Murder's in the Heir" will be taking the Main Auditorium Stage from November 15-17th at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$13 for Adult General Admission and \$7 for Students. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door or in advance.