

A STEWARD'S KEYS: Week IX



Not Feeling OK? Pray!

Prayer is the key that sets us free to be **OK**. Prayer is the key that unlocks the treasure of the Good News.

What Good News?

God is giving to us and gifting us whether we feel **OK** or not. God is always working in us, in others and in all ways. We call this God's Providence. Prayer is the key to discovering the hidden treasure of God in all things.

WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED

In her autobiography, Helen Hayes tells a story about her encounter with a famous Russian ballerina on a train trip from California to New York. The ballerina was fatally ill and heard that Helen Hayes was aboard the train. The ballerina asks Helen to visit with her to pass some time. Helen expected that she would be reading poetry or something in line with her being an actress. Instead, the ballerina asked her to take a small box from a shelf. Inside were the ballerina's jewels. Helen was instructed to lift up and to hold the jewels to the light so that they would shine brilliantly. Helen's job was to "ooh" and "ah" over their beauty. "It was the most difficult acting job I had ever been given," Helen said, "because although I expressed delight at the jewelry all I felt like doing was bursting into tears. I thought, 'Is this all the treasure the ballerina wants to see at the end of her life?'" Helen expressed her belief that memories of loved ones, good deeds and the beauty of God's creation in the world are the true treasures of life. According to Helen, "True treasure can be seen with your eyes closed."

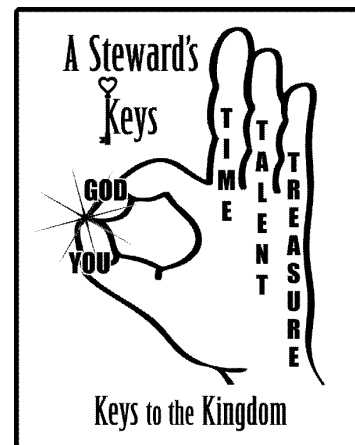
Jesus says, "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Where are our hearts? What is our treasure?

REFLECTION ACTIVITY

Close your eyes and see the treasures that you hold most dear. Thank God for the treasures gifted to you by God. How might you be a better steward of God's treasures in your life? What one action can you take in service for others to express your gratitude?

OK God, what's the Good News?

- Look. Be attentive. Be honest. Be aware.
- Identify in what way you are not **OK**.
- Pray: **OK** God, what's the Good News?
- Reflect; look for God's Providence. Name what's good, gift (person, place or thing), blessing or hope in the situation.
- Thank God for those gifts.
- Decide how you will express gratitude to God through service for others. **Take ACTION.**



Christian Stewards Share the Keys to the Kingdom

The hand gesture for **OK**, pictured above, forms an **O**, a **circle of mutual giving** as the pointer finger meets the thumb.

The **burst of light** symbolizes the moment in prayer when we give our **thanks** to God. God gives all to us (Providence) and we are invited to respond in gratitude by reaching out in love and service to others.

The **three fingers** extending outward toward others represent the **key gifts** that we share:

Time, Talent and Treasure

God Gives; We Give

A **Steward** is one way that Jesus uses to describe our relationship with God (Mt25:14-30, Lk12:42-48).

An *oikonomos* or Steward is the one in whom the master places trust by sharing responsibility for the care of all people, resources and work.

The circle of mutually giving love is the key and at the heart of what it means to be a **Christian Steward**.

A Christian Steward receives God's gifts gratefully, cultivates them responsibly, shares them lovingly in justice with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY : MEDITATION HOUR



"Be still and know that I Am God!" Psalm 46: 10

Join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection the first Thursday of each month beginning December 1st at 7:00 PM in the Russo Room.

BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Kevin's Bible Study Sessions: **Mondays at 11:00 AM** in the Molloy Center. Our theme this year is the Good News. We will study the Good News of the Gospel of St John. It contains a more developed theological reflection than the other three (synoptic) gospels.

RCIA

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

We invite you to be our companion on the journey. Our next session is Monday, November 7th at 7 PM in the Molloy Center. For more information about RCIA please call Donna Scancarella at (973) 779-6200.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY AT THANKSGIVING

Our parish has a long history of giving service through ministry especially in the area of feeding those in need at Thanksgiving. We will not be collecting food but rather taking free-will donations that will be converted into food gift certificate cards.

HOW THE NEW THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATION WORKS

A free will donation envelope will be available in the vestibule in the back of the church. The **Thanksgiving Food Donation envelope** can be picked up next

weekend, November 12/13 and then returned in the collection basket the following weekend, November 19/20. You may write your parish giving envelope number on the Thanksgiving Food Donation Envelope in order to have your gift added to your yearly contribution statement.

Your contribution will be converted into food certificate gift cards. An added benefit is that for every \$100 donated, five dollars is given to us in return by the food store for our charitable works and therefore a gift of \$100 becomes an actual gift of \$105.

2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: *BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS*

Thanks to your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence in Chester, is a home to a number of our priests who have served parishioners of our Diocese for decades. At Nazareth Village, the resident priests live in a community and many assist parishes in the area. Your support of the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal is a wonderful acknowledgement and recognition of the years of dedicated service these priests have given to Christ and his Church. For your convenience, you can make an on-line gift or pledge at www.2016appeal.org.

ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND LECTORS

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 16th** at 7:00 PM in the Russo Room for prayer, a celebration of our shared ministry, a catechesis session and refresher training.

Dessert and coffee will be served followed by the scheduled events. We will end in Church.

Be assured of our continued prayer for you and our gratitude for your participation in our Opus Christi, Christ's Work.

SAINT PHILIP HANDBELL CHOIR

The St. Philip Handbell Choir is seeking to expand its membership for the upcoming choir season. It is inviting new members, as well as returning members, to attend an organizational meeting/rehearsal on **Monday, November 7th** at 6:00 PM in church. Participation in the Handbell Choir is open to persons high school age and up, although music literacy is certainly appreciated, is not limited to persons with previous musical training. Rehearsals are held regularly in church on Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM. Please feel free to contact Frank Hydash, Director of Music, or stop by after mass to speak in person. Please join us and become a part of this beautiful ministry!

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Third graders at St. Philip's Prep have had a busy October. In Social Studies, students have been

learning about our government. They have shown great enthusiasm about the upcoming election! As we begin the month of Thanksgiving, we look forward to celebrating Mass together on All Saints Day and attending the Book Fair.

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

The H S A will hold its annual Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale on **Saturday, December 3rd**. We still have openings for vendors. If you are a crafty person looking to sell your craft the H S A Craft Fair committee wants you! Please contact Lisa Ross at [201-396-4374](tel:201-396-4374) or by email: laross67@aol.com.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 21 ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Boy Scout Troop 21 will host their annual "*All You Can Eat*" Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, November 13th** from 12 Noon - 5 PM in the School Auditorium. Dinner (all you can eat) includes: salad, homemade sauce, hot spaghetti, garlic bread, and dessert. Refreshments will also be served.

Tickets are: Adults \$10, Seniors \$8, Children 4-11 \$5, under 4 years - free with an adult. Tickets are available at the door. To buy tickets in advance contact troop21cliftonnj@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6: November 13, December 4, 18

Grade 2: November 13, 20, December 4, 11, 18

Grades 7, 8: November 20, December 11

Confirmation Grade 9, 10: November 20, December 11

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **Fri 11/18 - Sun 11/20:** SEARCH Retreat for 11th and 12th graders. Please contact Andrew for more information about this amazing program!

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

- *The Monday Night Group:* November 7th & 21st at 6:30 PM
 - *The New & Recently Bereaved Group:* Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 PM

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society is Monday, **November 14, 2016 in Marian Hall**. The meeting will begin with the Rosary at 6:30 pm followed by Mass. In honor of All Souls month, our November Rosary will be offered for all deceased Rosarians and especially for our departed loved ones. All are welcome!

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The Blanket Ministry will meet Thursday, November 17th at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcomed. For questions or fabric/yarn donations, please call Cathie Murtha at [973-471-1265](tel:973-471-1265).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Philip's Knights of Columbus and friends of Peter Wilk will be having a Peter Wilk Memorial Pasta Dinner at the Clifton Boys & Girls Club on **Monday, November 14th** at 6:30 PM. For tickets (\$25.00) and or/donation, call Richard Donkersloot at 973-650-3327, Steve Shukautis at 973-418-1717, or Jeff Camp at 973-865-9001.

DIOCESAN NEWS

SUPPORT NJ RIGHT TO LIFE

Take a chance to win a 2017 Volvo XC 60 SUV. Other prizes include Shop Rite Gift Cards valued at \$500, \$750 & \$1,000. This is the only fundraiser of the year to benefit NJ Right to Life. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be sold this weekend.

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Barbara Sikora, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Mary Ellen Stanton, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Zigrid Roman, Ron Gorun, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenco, Mary Becker

THE DECEASED: Al Castrovillari, James Harrington, Claire Jaeger, Alice Yurga

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 12/13, 2016

5:30 PM	Fr. Miguel	10:00 AM	Fr. Julio
8:00 AM	Fr. Kevin	12:00 Noon	Fr. Joe

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection: Nov. 1, 2015	\$
17,746.00	
October 30, 2016	
Envelopes	\$
12,174.00	
Cash	\$
1,426.00	
Online Giving donations	\$
3,581.00	

Total	\$
17,181.00	
2 nd Collection: Project Faith	\$
2,422.00	

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Vincenza & Giovanni Minervini
Dec'd member: Lames & deRamos Family
Jean Claude Danaliex
Edward Kishel
- 12:00** Guy Scafidi -20th Anniv; Maria Lopez

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016

- 7:00** Ned Tierney
- 9:00** Betty & Ed Welsh

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

- 7:00** Hilda Carlucci
- 9:00** John Buck

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016

- 7:00** Gary J. Bergman
- 9:00** Rosemarie Fritsch – 4th anniversary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016

- 7:00** Chester Krawiec – 1st Anniversary
- 9:00** Giovanna & Antonio Caradonna

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016

- 7:00** Peter Wilk
- 9:00** Elizabeth & William McGuire

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016

- 9:00 AM** James Lake – 12th Anniversary
- 5:30 PM** Eleanor Sanfilippo
Andrew Wojtowicz
Frank Maucher

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016

- 8:00** Joan Sidor; John Puzio
- 10:00** Evelyn Shaughnessy – 1st Anniversary
Charles & Lee Ganguzza
Maria Dewera
Anthony Schimenti
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

In Memory of
Albin Rybolowick
From his family

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

In Memory of
Henry & Maryann Spohn