

A STEWARD'S KEYS: Week VI



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?

1. God is giving to us and gifting us whether we feel **OK** or not.
2. 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.

My Cloak for My Queen

Bishop Serratelli shares his homily with us this weekend via audio recording. He tells the story of Sir Walter Raleigh's famous gesture of service for Queen Elizabeth I. As they stroll along together the Queen is blocked by a muddy puddle which, should she proceed, would ruin her fine garment. Raleigh takes off his embroidered cloak and throws it to the ground creating a bridge for her majesty to walk on with ease. The Queen and Raleigh, from that day forward, shared a relationship of mutual giving. Bishop points out that God continually shares gifts with us and we in turn are asked to share them with one another.

This week we are asked to give to the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** which is an excellent way to serve our brothers and sisters in need and demonstrates our gratitude to God. We are here to help each other with what we have been given. God gives; we give.

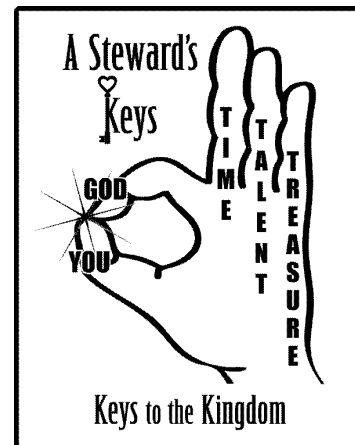
During the last weeks we have been exploring the Good News of God and God's gifts in our lives. As Christian Stewards we share God's gifts, **lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.**

We take **ACTION** as our response to God's bounty.

This week, as we ask the "OK" question, we are invited to concentrate on Step 6, the **ACTION STEP**, in the prayer process in the column opposite this one. There is always a cloak to be thrown for the good of others.

God cannot be outdone in generosity...

That is Good News!



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**.

The USCCB in their *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship: A Disciples Response*, write:

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.

How to Use the Prayer Key Question for REFLECTION

OK God, what's the Good News?

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

OK God, what's the Good News?

RCIA

**Open Your Heart to God
Discover the Keys to the Kingdom**

- Are you interested in exploring your spiritual life?
- Do you want to discover the abundance of God's love & peace?
- Would you like to have greater motivation for service?
- Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith?
- Did you ever think about becoming a Catholic?
- Are you a baptized Catholic and have never made your First Communion and/or Confirmation?
- Are you Baptized in another faith and have a desire to become Catholic?
- Have you never been baptized in any faith but wonder?

JOURNEY WITH US!

Through the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA, we explore all these questions and discover the keys to the kingdom. RCIA is a restoration of the ancient practice of initiation into the Church. Through a process of discernment, spiritual development and ritualizing stages of conversion, you are guided to sacramental initiation. These Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist which are celebrated at the Easter Vigil open your hearts and empower you to lives of service, charity and justice as witnesses to our mission of *OPUS CHRISTI*, Christ's work. RCIA is not a program but a sacramental process. RCIA reflects a sacramental attitude that is at the heart of all Christian living: *CONVERSION*, turning your heart to God.

We invite you to be our companion on the journey. We gather on Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Russo Room. For more information about RCIA please call Donna Scancarella at (973) 779-6200. Our first session will be Monday, October 17th.

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. This semester, 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. It was written later and clarifies issues affecting the early church.

IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be a retreat for First Reconciliation Parents on Monday, October 17th at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

- *The Monday Night Group*: October 17th at 6:30 PM
 - *The New & Recently Bereaved Group*: Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 PM

COLUMBIETTES

COLUMBIETTES ARE HAVING A HOMEMADE RAVIOLI FUNDRAISER!
A Gourmet Dinner in 10 minutes!

- Ravioli 16 to 20 per pack 14oz. \$7.00 to \$12.00 per pack
- Orders and payment are due Thursday, October 27
- Please pay with cash or checks payable to cash
- Delivery will be Thursday, November 17 @ 7 PM
- Please contact Maureen for a list of ravioli choices and to place order at: [201-407-3148](tel:201-407-3148) or Beautynj4u@yahoo.com

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

- Next meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center.
- All crafters are welcomed. For questions or donations of fabric or yarn, call Cathie at [973-471-1265](tel:973-471-1265).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"PASTA WITH SINATRA"

- Saturday, October 22nd at 6:30 PM in the auditorium.
- Full pasta dinner: antipasto, salad, meatballs, sausage, pork, pasta & sauce, beer, wine, soda, coffee with cannoli and cream puffs for dessert

- Entertainment provided by Phil Russo a very well know Frank Sinatra impersonator
- Tickets: \$25 per person; tables of ten are available for reservation. Seating is limited. For tickets and reservations contact Rich Donkersloot at 973-650-3327.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on **Monday, October 24** beginning with the Rosary and Mass at 6:30 PM in Marian Hall. All are welcome -- please join us!

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

This week the First grade is learning how to write acrostic poems about fall. Mrs. Linaris' class created an acrostic poem about Autumn, the fancy word for fall. Mrs. Slater's class did an acrostic poem all about scarecrows. The First grade also has been learning about Citizenship in Social Studies. The students have been hard at work on their interactive Social Studies notebooks. In the Early education wing the Pre-Kindergarten classes recently had their infamous Teddy Bear parade. It was adorable and all the students were so proud to show off their favorite teddy bears.

CUB SCOUT POP CORN SALE

Cub Scout Pack 21 will be selling popcorn after the 5:30 PM mass on Saturday, October 22nd and after the 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM masses on Sunday, October 23rd. Please support our scouts!

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **Thurs 10/20:** 7-9 PM Open Gym and Movie Night
- **Fri 11/18 - Sun 11/20:** SEARCH Retreat for 11th and 12th graders. Please contact Andrew for more information about this amazing program!

DIOCESAN NEWS

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

For couples, married in 1966 or 1991. You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary at Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Parsippany with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant on

Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Registrations will be accepted through **Monday, October 24th**

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Parish, Cedar Knolls, NJ.
 October 27-December 15, 2016 from 7-8:30 PM
 The Life in the Spirit Seminar – an introduction to a life in the power of the Holy Spirit, consists of 90 minute

sessions on 7 Thursdays. Come 'stir into flame' the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to you at Baptism and Confirmation.

For more information or to register visit the Notre Dame parish website ndcarmel.com (look for Fall Faith Enrichment), or email Fr. Mariusz Gajewsk at fmariusz@ndcarmel.com. Registration helps us plan better but is not necessary.

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, Maurice Fleming, John Strangeway, Ron Gorun, Derrick Medeiros

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Marco Michael Scalone, child of Andrew & Amanda
 Lorenzo Rey McGregor, child of Gina & Amanda
 Emma Grace Monne, child of Christian & Gianna
 Olivia Rose Ellerman, child of Brian & Jennifer
 Isaiah Serafin Castillo, child of Roberto & Natalie
 Eva Marie Aiello, child of Salvatore & Jill

THE DECEASED: Margaret Schneider, Nancy Eaton

PARISH GIVING	
PLEASE REVIEW THE PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT IN THE BULLETIN INSERT JULY 2015 – JUNE 2016	
Total Sunday Collection: Oct. 11, 2015	
	\$15,766.00
October 9, 2016	
Envelopes	\$
11,233.00	
Cash	\$
1,041.00	
Online Giving donations	\$
3,716.00	
Total	\$
15,990.00	
Second Collection: World Mission	\$
2,697.00	

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 22/23, 2016			
5:30 PM	Fr. Julio	10:00 AM	Fr. Julio

8:00 AM	Fr. Kevin Kevin	12:00 Noon	Fr. Kevin
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Victor Shami
Norman Dollbaum
John Ragan
Baby Alexander Diodato-Lang
Chioma Ogu-1st Anniversary
- 12:00** Arthur & Ann Biesiada
Kenneth Comtois

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016

- 7:00** Joan Locke
- 9:00** Maria Carbonaro

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016

- 7:00** Millie Scrosia
- 9:00** Irene Wisniewski

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016

- 7:00** Ann, Edward F. Sheridan, Sr. & Jr.
- 9:00** Vincent Ruggerio

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016

- 7:00** Anna Belmont
- 9:00** Joseph Javino

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016

- 7:00** Ralph Meehan
- 9:00** Mildred Pennella

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016

- 9:00 AM** Millie Scrosia
- 5:30 PM** Joseph Hopper
Joseph Murray
Shirley Zicaro

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

- 8:00** Joan Sidor
John Puzio
- 10:00** Helaine Pohle – 1st Anniversary
Eugene Muller
Theodore Heiart, Jr.
Mildred Scrosia
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

In Memory of
The Deceased Members of the McNamara

Family

THE OFFERTORY GIFTS

In Memory of
Victor Shami – 10th Anniversary