

A STEWARD'S KEYS: Week VIII



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.

Caped Crusaders

The WARNING TAG on a Superman Halloween costume reads,

"CAUTION: CAPE DOES NOT ENABLE USER TO FLY"

One of our recent parish spirituality themes was, "SUPERHEROES FOR CHRIST"

In both cases flying was not an option.

We know that what we wear or what we call ourselves has little to do with who we really are in action. What we do defines our character and is our spirituality. Spirituality is more than professing a list of beliefs; it is living out our faith in action through our experiences. We are Christian Stewards when we share our Time, Talent and Treasure with others. We become in word and deed Good News for others. Sharing our Time, Talent and Treasure is the way our spirits fly – no cape needed.

This weekend during the Eucharist we are praying for two groups in special ways, the sick among us through the Sacrament of Anointing and our beloved faithful departed with an honorary display of names.

REFLECTION, PRAYER and PROCESS

You are invited to participate through your prayer in some or in all of these activities.

Reach out your hand. Be a steward of Good News.

1. Recall those who are sick that you know. Pray for them. Reach out in some

tangible way, telephone, write, email, send a gift....Take action.

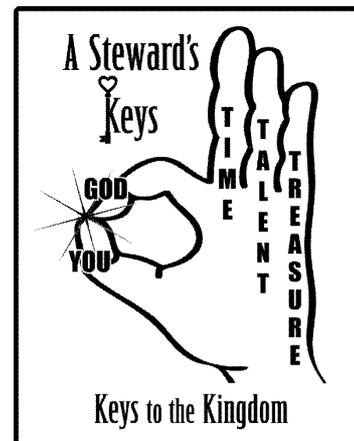
2. Remember loved ones from your life that are deceased. Pray for them. Pray to them. Thank them for their gifts and for the Time and Treasures that they shared with you. Have a Mass said in their memory.

3. Reach out to someone who is grieving or has suffered a loss. Any gesture to those in pain is Good News to them.

4. If you are suffering ask the Prayer Key Question

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.

WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

During the month of All Saints we **remember** our loved ones who are with the Lord, we **celebrate** the gift of eternal life, we **believe** in God's gift of peace in the kingdom. A memorial list of our fellow parishioners who died from November 2015 to November 2016 is displayed near the Ambo.

A SACRAMENT OF HEALING

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

"Is anyone sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the church, and let them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them."

James

5:14-15

This weekend at all of the Masses we will celebrate the Sacrament of *The Anointing of the Sick*. The Sacrament of the Sick is one of the healing sacraments. It is a balm for physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual ills.

The Ritual

- The Sacrament may be administered individually or in a communal setting.
- After an appropriate Scripture reading, the priest prays over the sick person by the laying on of hands on the head of the sick person.
- The forehead is anointed with the Oil of the Sick. The prayer:
"Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." R. Amen.
- The palms of the hands are anointed:
"May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up." R. Amen.
- The following prayer is said after the anointing:
"Father in heaven, through this holy anointing grant your people comfort in suffering. When they are afraid give them courage, when afflicted give them patience, when dejected, afford them hope, and when alone, assure them of the support of

your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord." R. Amen.

Our Parish Plan for Prayer and Healing This Weekend

- Prayer for the healing power of God to be manifest in each one of our lives accompanied by appropriate music for healing will shape our worship theme.
- Those who choose to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are asked to sit in the first or last row of any section of pews. Wheelchairs can be accommodated in the open space in front of the Ambo. This seating arrangement will allow us to have access to your head and hands for the anointing.
- The Sacrament will be administered directly following a brief homily at all of the Masses.

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.

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

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our inner-city area elementary schools and our priests' retirement residence. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal are returned to the parish directly. Please know that Appeal funds are used for no other purpose and serve only those who live in Morris, Passaic, and Sussex counties.

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.

Gratefully,

Fr. Joe, Fr. Miguel, Fr. Julio, Fr. Kevin and the Pastoral Team

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.

A TIME OF PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

On Saturday, November 5th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in Church, accompanied by times of prayer and silence ending with Benediction at 12:45 PM. This will be a time of prayer for our country on the eve of the national election for president of the United States. Please join us.

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

PRIME TIMERS

St. Philip Prime Timers will hold their next meeting on Friday November 4th at 1:00 PM in the Molloy Center. The November program will feature a Tricky Tray. All members are reminded to bring "new only" items to be auctioned off at the Tricky Tray when arriving at the meeting - not before as place to store items is not available. Members are also reminded that table reservations for the Christmas party are needed as soon as possible. The Christmas Party will be held at the Valley Regency on December 1st at 12 N featuring a full course dinner, cocktail hour, and the band Misfits will be performing. Members: \$45 and non-members \$48. Contact Paul Doviak at 973-777-9227 for more information.

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The Blanket Ministry will meet Thursdays, November 3rd & 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).

N ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Animals, animals everywhere! The 3rd grade class at St. Philip Prep has been very busy in science. We began our unit on animals and we just can't get enough. We are learning all about how animals adapt to their environment for protection and how they find food. We began classifying them into animals with and without backbones. In Religion we have been studying how the Church began, Pentecost and The Apostles' Creed. Finally, Halloween will soon be here! The third graders are gearing up for our annual parade on October 31st. Everyone is looking forward to a great day!

The H S A will hold its annual Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale on December 3rd. We currently 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 @ [201-396-4374](tel:201-396-4374) or by email: laross67@aol.com.

N 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

N 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!

N 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 the weekend of November 5 & 6.

"The baby in the womb, being so small, so weak, so dependent and so unable to defend its life, is the poorest of the poor." St. Teresa of Calcutta

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, Bishop Serratelli, Al Castrovallari

THE DECEASED: Maurice Fleming, Jose Luis Vega, Chester Sutphen

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 5/6, 2016

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

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection: Oct. 25, 2015	\$
17,717.00	
October 16, 2016	
Envelopes	\$
11,229.00	
Cash	\$
1,541.00	

Online Giving donations	\$
3,487.00	
Total	\$
16,257.00	

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 11:22—12:2; 2 Thes 1:11—2:2; Lk 19:1-10

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016

- 8:00** Joan Sidor, John Puzio
- 10:00** Frances Dollbaum
Nancy Markey – 4th Anniversary
Angeles Cabigao
Antoinette “Anne” Gentiluomo
- 12:00** Joe Basile–18th Annv; Mary V. Crosby–26th

Annv.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016

- 7:00** Larry Less
- 9:00** Violet Lapinski; Angeles Cabigao

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016: ALL SAINTS DAY – (HOLY DAY)	
7:00	Mariano Valdez
9:00	Rosemarie Caradonna
7:00PM	John Grieb

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016: ALL SOULS’ DAY

- 7:00** All Deceased
- 9:00** All Deceased

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016

7:00 Deceased members of the D’Alto & Pansini Family

- 9:00** Joanne Koval

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016

- 7:00** John Strangeway
- 9:00** Jerry Scrosia; Charles Marvin

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

- 9:00 AM** Vittoria & Antonio Masucci
- 5:30 PM** Mary Lou Hauser
Norman Dollbaum
Cait Hughes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Vincenza & Giovanni Minervini
Dec’d members of the Llames & deRamos

Family

Jean Claude Dandaliex
Edward Kishel

- 12:00** Guy Scafidi – 20th Anniversary; Maria Lopez

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

In Memory of
Millie Scrosia