

## A STEWARD'S KEYS: Week V



### 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?

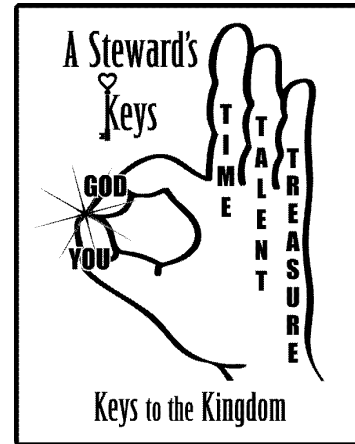
1. God is giving to us and gifting us whether we feel **OK** or not.
2. God is always working in us, in others and in all ways. We call this God's Providence. Prayer is the key to discovering the hidden treasure of God in all things.

### Only Mountains and Snow?

A couple celebrating their Golden Jubilee embarks on a dream vacation through the Alps on a luxury train. During the trip the husband takes a multitude of scenic photos and sends them home to the family to prepare a slideshow. Upon returning the family gathers. But before the show, the children notice that their mom does not seem excited. "Oh," she says, "it was a nice enough trip but all we saw were mountains and snow, mountains and snow, mountains and snow!" However, as the show progresses she begins **REFLECTING** as her memories pass by on the screen. She remembers the goodness of her children planning and sending her on the trip. She **Reflects** on the moment that her husband touched her arm so gently to steady her when the train lurched uphill. Suddenly, grateful and misty eyed, all she can do is to silently whisper thanks to God and then, in a loud and clear voice, to her husband and family. Only mountains and snow? No, Good News and God's blessings everywhere.

**Reflection** is the key that helped the woman to see the beauty and to remember the goodness of her trip. Sometimes it is difficult to find what is **OK** in a situation at the present moment.

**Reflecting** during the day, before bed or early in the morning (recalling the day before) is an excellent way to pray. **Reflection** helps us see, appreciate and thank God for the Good News that sometimes appears, at first, as only mountains and snow.



### 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. Act.

### ***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 services, 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **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. There will be a class on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you Fr. Kevin, for blessing the five dogs at the Blessing of Animals on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### **WIDOW/WIDOWERS**

- *The Monday Night Group*: October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
  - *The New & Recently Bereaved Group*: Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

### **COLUMBIETTES**

#### **MARY ELLEN VALENTIN INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL**

- Sunday, October 16, 1:00 to 4:00 PM - Molloy Center
- \$15.00 Adults, \$7.50 Children under 12
- For tickets contact Sabrina at: [973-779-3636](tel:973-779-3636) or [sabcel1@verizon.net](mailto:sabcel1@verizon.net).  
No need to cook, just come on over!

#### **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](mailto:Beautynj4u@yahoo.com)

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

#### **"PASTA WITH SINTRA"**

- Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM 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

We want to extend our thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who worked so hard to make the Communion Breakfast a success, especially the set-up committee and our student servers. A special thanks to Chef Todd for the delicious and beautifully prepared brunch and our speaker, Judge Margaret Mary McVeigh, for her inspiring presentation.

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

The halls of St. Philip Prep are buzzing with activity during the month of October. On October 5, St. Philip hosted High School Night for middle school students and their parents. High schools from the surrounding area made themselves available to promote their schools. It was a huge success!

This month, the Pre-K and Kindergarten will have their annual Fall Festival. All Pre-K classes will be attending their class trip to Farms View. It will also be orange day for Pre-K. The Kindergarten will be attending their class trip to Turtle Back Zoo. Everyone is getting ready to celebrate St. Philip's annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 28. What Great Fun!

### FAMILY BINGO

St. Philip the Apostle Preparatory School HSA Family BINGO night will be held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium immediately following 5:30 PM Mass. Please join us for BINGO, all new prizes and delicious food. Menu items include: pizza, hot dogs, chicken fingers, french fries and more! Bring your family and friends for this fun filled night!

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>**

### 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](http://ndcarmel.com) (look for Fall Faith Enrichment), or email Fr. Mariusz Gajewsk at [frmariusz@ndcarmel.com](mailto:frmariusz@ndcarmel.com). Registration helps us plan better but is not necessary.

### PRAY FOR

**THE SICK:** Ann Marie Kwiatkowski, Joan Hughes, Mildred Nerone, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Schweighardt, Ryan G. Micale, Emma Wyman, Jane Hughes, Allison Llanos, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Barbara Sikora, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Joseph Buhler, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Josephine Basile, Annette Cavalini, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Mary Ellen Stanton, Margaret Schneider, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Sam Pennella, Alice Negron, Zigrig Roman, Maurice Fleming, Rose Martin, John Strangeway

**THE RECENTLY MARRIED:** Michael Galanti & Joana Merheb

PARISH GIVING			
Total Sunday Collection: Oct. 4, 2015			
	\$17,850.00		
October 2, 2016			
Envelopes	\$		
12,650.00			
Cash	\$		
1,770.00			
Online Giving donations	\$		
4,025.00			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>		
<b>18,445.00</b>			
<b>PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 15/16, 2016</b>			
5:30 PM	Fr. Kevin	10:00 AM	Fr.
Joe			

8:00 AM Fr. Joe Julio	12:00 Noon Fr.
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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016**

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- 8:00** Mary Ellen Valentin  
Joseph Cogliatore
- 10:00** Frank Monopoli  
Leonard Glynn  
John Karagiorgis  
Fred Conforti
- 12:00** John Sonn  
William & Lucy Delvecchio

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016**

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- 7:00** NO MASS AT THIS TIME
- 9:00** Betty & Ed Welsh

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016**

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- 7:00** Robert Kavanaugh
- 9:00** Anna Basile

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016**

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- 7:00** Chioma Ogu  
Joe & Jessie DiDonna

- 9:00** Frank Patierno  
Catherine & Robert Frank

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016**

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- 7:00** Bill Gould
- 9:00** Dominic Scavelli

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016**

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- 7:00** Ralph Wescott
- 9:00** Pasquale Pugliese

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016**

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- 9:00 AM** Generosa Spatola
- 5:30 PM** William & Juliana Ayers  
Anthony Maffei  
June Fischer-Pepe

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016**

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

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In Memory of  
Jeremiah W. Mahoney