

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM – WEEK V

Our In-Parish Fall Retreat continues as we learn about and experience the **Keys to the Kingdom** in homilies, song, bulletins and website reflections. The keys joined to the heart in the illustration above represent the **Keys to the Kingdom** which are promised to St. Peter and to the community of the church when Jesus says, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom.” Matthew 16:19.

PRAYER IS THE KEY

Prayer is the Key that turns in **Faith, with Hope and for Love** to set us free.

Prayer in Faith turns us away from anxiety and distress toward the freedom of trust in God’s Providence in all things.

Prayer with Hope turns us away from fear and frees us to experience courage and God’s enduring power at work in our lives.

Prayer for Love turns us toward peaceful relationships with God, self and others by freeing us from the need to judge and control others. **Prayer for Love** transforms us to live our Mission of Charity, which is *Opus Christi*, Christ’s Work.

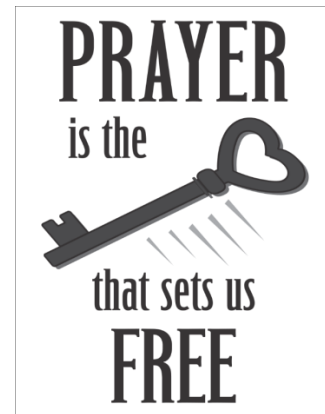
Weekend Scripture Reflection

- Our first reading extols the spirit of wisdom that comes from prayer. Above all gifts wisdom is prized.
- The letter to the Hebrews clearly states that God’s Word is like a sword that reveals truth and gifts us with discerning hearts.
- Jesus announces in the Gospel that what is impossible for humans is possible for God. We are given God’s Word that nothing is impossible for God **in Faith, with Hope and for Love.**

Reflection: “Fire”

Jo Walker tells the following story,

“I was not thrilled with the idea of letting my clueless 13-year-old son babysit his younger sisters, even though he begged me to. “What about a fire?” I asked, referring to my number one concern. “Mom,” he said, rolling his eyes, “I am a Boy Scout. I know how to start a fire.”



When it comes to our relationships we are all good at starting fires. We easily add “fuel to the fire” when we are annoyed or hurt by others. Turning the **Key of Prayer** can set us free from resentments and the damaging negative thoughts that can plague us in relationship.

God wishes **for Love** to be the fire that consumes our hearts but this often seems impossible for us. God promises to do the impossible especially in the areas of our perceptions, judgements and attitudes.

The Word of God teaches us to bless those who curse us and to pray for our enemies. When our relationships are troubled those closest to us can feel like our enemies. **Prayer** is the Key to heal and set us free **for Love.** **Prayer** and **Faith** gives us **Hope** and fill us with God’s love when our own love is in short supply.

Pray this simple prayer,

“I pray that you may bless others (name) and transform me to set me free”

This prayer is liberating when said over time. Even if we have to pray with our teeth clenched. The prayer shifts the focus to God and away from our cycle of worry and fire stoking. God desires to transform us and to shift our attention toward the strength and healing which is at the heart of all prayer. God is able to help us to stop adding fuel to the fire.

We may discover that our tendency to try to control or to judge others is interfering with our being free. God can help us to change our attitudes. God can teach us how to see and feel in new ways.

Remember that the beneficial effects of prayer may not be immediately evident but God is faithful. At the very least, it is comforting to know that we are doing something about our difficulties by releasing our problems to God while trusting in God’s Providence.

God can re-create our hearts and transform us into people who are free to love in word and in deed.

What to Do

Pray the blessing prayer highlighted above which is also listed below under activity. However impossible it may seem, every time we pray **in Faith** and **with Hope** a small spark of divine love grows in our hearts until we are set ablaze with the fire of God’s love.

Prayer Key

If you do not already have a colorful **Blessed Prayer Key**, you may take one as you leave Church along with a **Blue Prayer Booklet**. Attach the key to your own set of keys as a reminder that

"Prayer is the key that sets us free."

Activity

Pray the Blue Prayer Booklet or read the prayer below while turning your **Blessed Prayer Key**.

Lord, I turn the key of prayer in Faith.

I am set free to trust in your Providence.

Lord, I turn the key of prayer with Hope.

I am set free from fear;

knowing that you desire to do for me

what I cannot do for myself.

Lord, I turn the key of prayer for Love.

I pray that you may bless others (name) and transform me to set me free.

RCIA

Journey with Us!

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA** will begin Monday, October 19th at 7:00 PM in the Russo Room. We invite you to be our companion on the journey and discover the keys to the kingdom. All are welcome! If you would like more information about **RCIA**, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Sessions will resume on Monday, October 19th at 11:00 AM in the Molloy Center. We will study the second half of St. Luke's Gospel. All are welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?

ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 4 AND UP ARE INVITED!

PICK UP A FLYER IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND JOIN US ON
OCTOBER 14TH AND 15TH FOR TWO TRAINING SESSIONS.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6: November 8, December 13

Grade 2: October 25, November 8, 15, December 6, 13

Grades 7, 8: October 25, November 15, December 6

Confirmation Grade 9, 10: October 25, November 15, Dec. 6

Catechist is still needed for Grade 2, and Catechist substitutes for Grades 1-8.

You can still register **in person, by appointment only**, by calling 973-779-1439 after 4:30 PM Monday-Thursday and pay in cash or check.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The next Youth Group Meetings will be held in the Youth Room on Thursday, October 15th and 29th at 7:00 PM.

ST. PHILIP'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Second Grade at St. Philip Prep is moving at a very fast pace. We are preparing for our Reconciliation which will be here before we know it. We already know our Act of Contrition. We are learning all about Christopher Columbus. Did you know it took Queen Isabella six years to decide if she was going to help Columbus? In Science, we just finished learning all about plants. We observed a tree for several weeks and kept a diary about it. We have a WOW Wall in our classroom. It stands for Wonderful Outstanding Words. Each week we learn about a very grown-up word. We try to use it as much as possible. Did you know that you shouldn't be boisterous in church? Boisterous was one of our words. Our spelling words are really challenging. We read 20 minutes each night and journal about what we read. As you can see we are very busy!

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All blanket crafters are welcome. You do not need to be a Columbiette to join us. All yarn and material donations are welcomed. If you have any questions, please call Cathie Murtha at 973-471-1265.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

THE DIVORCE HEALING GROUP meets at 7:00 PM and the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Please call Joan at 973-652-5302 for information.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP: October 26th at 6:30 PM. There is no need to sign up in advance. If you have had a loss in your life please join us. THE NEW & RECENTLY BEREAVED GROUP: **Tuesday, October 13th** and **Wednesday, October 28th** at 7:00 PM.

PRIME TIMERS

Greek Isles & the Mediterranean now reduced: \$2999!

April 25 – May 9, 2016

Sail from Rome to Venice. Overnights in Venice, Naples, Malta, Sanorini, Ephesus, Rhodes, Mykonos, Athens & Crete. For information call Sr. Chris @973-779-1295

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

St. Philip Prep will be having their annual Craft Fair/Holiday Boutique on Saturday, December 5th. If you are a crafty person and would like to sell your product please contact Lisa Ross at 201-396-4374 for additional details. **NO FLEA MARKET ITEMS PLEASE.**

DIOCESAN NEWS

OPEN HOUSE

DePaul Catholic High School, 1512 Alps Rd. Wayne welcomes prospective students and parents on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 12:00 PM.

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1965 or 1990? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at St. Mary Church, Denville on

Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 4:00 PM

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Registrations will be accepted through **Monday, October 26, 2015**. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion.

Pray for

THE DECEASED: Msgr. Thomas Coletta, Loretta Wasowicz

THE SICK: Ann Marie Kwiatkowski, Derrick Medeiros, Tressa Bandel Domboski, Joan Hughes, Mildred Nerone, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, John Timochko, Ted Stefaniszyn, Margaret Schweighardt, Ryan G. Micale, Nancy Bandel, Emma Wyman, Jane Hughes, Philomena DiStefano, Georgeanna Hall, Betty Urquhart, Allison Llanos, Bernadette Lancaster, Stanislaw Sudol

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 17/18, 2015

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

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection October 5, 2014:	\$15,736.00
October 4, 2015 Sunday Collection:	
Envelopes	\$12,207.00
Cash	\$ 1,474.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 2,214.00
Total	\$15,895.00
2nd Collection: World Mission	\$ 2,647.00

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015

8:00	Mary Ellen Valentin; Christopher Kelly, Sr.
10:00	Thomas McMillan Francesco Pugliano Cristina Palino Apostadero Robert Jones Derek Scott Rocchini
12:00	All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015

9:00	Frank Patierno; Robert & Catherine Frank
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

7:00	Dorothy Tomasello
9:00	Marie Riegrova

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015

7:00	Stella Holody
9:00	Pasquale Pugliese

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

7:00	Nancy Bondonna
9:00	Nicola Cacciavillani

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015

7:00	James Ferris; Robert Kelly
9:00	Theresa Gabler; Kenneth Comtois

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

9:00 AM	Joseph Hopper; Gustavo Escobar
5:30 PM	Mel Mullins – 4th Anniversary Sean Chambers Audrey Pasmore

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

8:00	Joanna Cheon; Mary Neumann DePascale
10:00	Victor Shami – 9 th Anniversary Paul Van Heest – 1 st Anniversary Diane Cross Jack & Stella Filippone John & Rosalie Ricca
12:00	All the People of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of
Marie Riegrova

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH –
COLUMBUS DAY.
THERE WILL BE NO 7:00 AM MASS.**