

Pastoral Reflections: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What are you looking for?" What is your expectation? What do you want? The first of these questions was posed by Jesus (see John 1:35-42). When I'm looking for something, I have some expectation or some agenda or some want. The "want" may be based on a need. I need to complete a task of some sort and may need also to ponder so as to determine how to carry it out. Some tasks are done by rote and do not need much forethought; others do demand some plan of action. What were the two disciples looking for as they followed Jesus having heard John state, "Behold, the Lamb of God"? Their answer to the question was, "where are You staying?" What does it matter where Jesus was staying? Were they curious to know if He was staying in a five star hotel? Did they expect to see a large villa in the suburbs? Or a penthouse condo?

"So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with Him that day." So where was it? What's the address? 1 Jesus Way? Is that what He meant when He identified Himself as "The Way"? Maybe the more appropriate question to ask Jesus is not "where" You are staying but where You would "like" to stay. What is Your expectation, Jesus? What do You want? What is Your agenda? I believe His answer would be, "I want to stay in your heart, your soul, your mind, your body." I want you to open your life to Me. I approach you with an expectant attitude but I realize that you have been given a free will that empowers you to make your own choices even when those choices are not what I really "want" for you. It may be said of a woman that "she's expecting", meaning, she's pregnant. What would the woman be "expecting"? Obviously, a child. DUH! She may be hoping for a boy or a girl and probably hopes for a healthy child but the basic expectation would be that a "child", a baby human, will be born.

What are my expectations for the new year 2012? What do I hope to accomplish? This past year I worked on getting back to "normal" after tearing an ACL and have been blessed to meet that goal somewhat beyond my expectations. But that's physical matter. What about the inner, spiritual needs within? I think I must work more diligently to make a more suitable dwelling place for the Lord Jesus so that He has a more fitting place to "stay". How is that accomplished? Prayer. Confession. Pondering the Word of God. Seeking the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially through the Holy Rosary. Adoration.

Come, Lord Jesus. Stay with me!



Fr. Samuel Houser

Mass Intentions of the Week

SUNDAY, January 15—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. † Grace Driscoll
- 11:00 a.m. † Jacob C. Gurreri
- 5:30 p.m. † Lou Cipro

MONDAY, January 16

- 6:30 a.m. Intentions of Paul and Joan Gunning

TUESDAY, January 17— St. Anthony, Abbot

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, January 18

- 4:30—5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:15 p.m. † Karen Rachel Noll

THURSDAY, January 19

- 4:30—5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:15 p.m. † Olivier Volk

FRIDAY, January 20— St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr, & St. Sebastian, Martyr

- 6:30 a.m. † Doris Orr
- 8:30 a.m. † Christiane Walsh

SATURDAY, January 21— Vigil of Sunday

- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

SUNDAY, January 22—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. † James Tighe
- 9:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of St. Patrick Knights of Columbus
- 11:00 a.m. † Caron Ehehalt
- 5:30 p.m. † Helen Strine

Pray for Them

Votive Candle at the Altar of St. Joseph:
One for safety and protection.



Income through the week of January 8

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
WEEK	\$ 15,734	\$ 15,200	\$+ 534
YTD	\$421,706	\$425,600	\$-3,894

Next Week's Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20



Guatemala Mission Trip: February 2 to 11!

Eleven of us will be traveling to the area of Guatemala City, Guatemala, for a nine day Mission Trip experience. We will be hosted by a Catholic parish where we will be lodged and working nearby. The team includes: Joe Adams, Barbara Conran, Donna Giberti, Dennis Goodwin, Jim & Marsha Haldeman, Celestia Harper, Mike Knapp, Dave Olsavsky, Guy Pandolfino and me, Fr. Houser. A SECOND collection will be taken at all the Masses next weekend, January 21/22, to help defray the expenses incurred by the team and to give a donation to the parish in Guatemala. Please pray for us! Trent Davis, director of "Servants" (based in Hellam) is coordinating all the details and will be traveling with us.
Fr. Houser

Parish News

Thank You from Sister Monica on behalf of the Adopt-A-Family Program:

Because of the generosity of so many parishioners some 40 families of our parish benefited by this program. Many thanks to all who gave money, scrip and food baskets. You made many families and children very happy. Thanks so much for caring and sharing.



The Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

would like to express gratitude for the many wonderful gifts and baby items given to us by St. Patrick parish through our Giving Tree and Baby Bottle Change for Life. Special thanks to Mrs. Varholy and the Religious Education students and to Sister Mary Elizabeth and St. Patrick Catholic School. We are, once again, overwhelmed by your generosity! Thank You!

Breaking Bread Hymnal Maintenance: In an effort to preserve the condition of both the BB hymnals and their covers, we would be very grateful if you would *not* place the front cover of the hymnal into the front pocket of the cover. I know . . . it *can* be done, and a cover really *should* hold both the front and back covers of a book. Right? Well, in this case, our parents' words of wisdom (right up there with "Would you jump off a bridge just because Jimmy did?") are appropriate: "Just because it *can* be done, doesn't mean it *should* be done." When both back and front of the hymnal get put into the pockets, both covers end up getting folded, torn, and tearing the covers themselves. Leaving the front cover free helps preserve the life of both the hymnal and its cover. Thank you for helping in this matter.

St. Patrick Knights of Columbus will be holding a Pancake and Egg Breakfast on Sunday, January 15 following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses which will include all you can eat pancakes, eggs and sausage. Beverages will also be provided. Proceeds will benefit Steve Kelley, parishioner and our Council's sponsored seminarian.



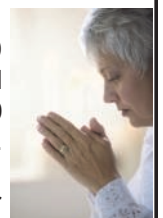
Ministers of Holy Communion needed: We are in dire need of people to serve in this wonderful ministry. Volunteers must be a high school senior or older, a practicing Catholic in good standing and be approved by our pastor, Father Houser. Mass preference is given high consideration. Please consider serving the parish as a Minister of Holy Communion. Please contact Joellen Dodson 747-3969 or email: mjdmusic1@comcast.net.

Blankets Needed: We are asking for donations of blankets to be handed out to the families at the St. Patrick Compassion York Meal, being served on January 22. Please donate new or good used blankets. There will be a donation box in the front lobby. If you have any questions call Sharon Wilt at 792-2282 or Howard Cosgrove at 654-2026.



Help Needed: St Patrick's will be doing the January 22 Compassion York meal for the homeless and needy. We are in need of monetary and food donations and volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal. The menu will be a casserole type meal of ham and potatoes. Items needed are scalloped potatoes -40 pkgs., individual small drinks-200, #10 size cans of peas-4 cans, individual applesauces-200, and bread-5 loaves. If you can donate or volunteer please call Sharon Wilt 792-2282 or Howard Cosgrove at 654-2026

Give yourself a spiritual gift for the New Year! Spend some time in the Good Shepherd Perpetual Adoration Chapel (the York Deanery Adoration Chapel) with Jesus, whom we celebrate and adore. Maybe one of these open hours would fit your schedule: Monday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.; Tuesday 6:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.; and 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.; Friday 12:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.; Saturday 3:00 a.m. -4:00 a.m.; 4:00 a.m.- 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Substitutes are needed for January 18- March 14 from 9-10:00 a. m. and on January 15 - March 25 from 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. If you cannot fill any of these hours, please say a prayer that others will do so. Call Bernadette Martin at 741-3585 or Jeanne Gangloff at 225-5033.



Bracelet Found: A parishioner found a bracelet on church property. If you lost it, please call Rick at 542-2007.

Mass Intentions: It is a wonderful practice, as Catholics, to arrange for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for those who have died or to honor someone living in our midst. Place the name of your intention (indicate living or deceased) with the suggested donation of \$10 in an envelope marked Mass Intention in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Indicate if you wish to have this Mass said on a particular date/time. Include your name and phone number and Peggy will call you if it is not available. Now is a good time to arrange for Masses you wish to have said this year for these special intentions.

4th Annual Heritage Festival planning meeting will be held on January 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room in the convent. **Festival Date is May 20 at 12:15 p.m.** Volunteers needed. All are welcome. Please join us. For more information contact Rich Shaffer at rick@countonrick.com.



St. Patrick Catholic School

“Virtue of the Month” Recognition: During the month of November our students made an effort to grow in the virtue of **Compassion**. Our entire student body is to be commended for the ways in which each one has practiced this virtue. Even adults need to practice this virtue. Special recognition is given to the following students & staff:

Kindergarten- Avery Phelps, First Grade- Erin Butler, Second Grade- Natalie Javitt, Third Grade- Annika Stewart, Fourth Grade-Seamus Landis, Fifth Grade-Amillion Kearse, Sixth Grade- Carolyn Haskell, Faculty & Staff- Mrs. Karla Jelonek.

School Students will Participate in Parish Mission Trip: St. Patrick Catholic School students will partner with our parish mission team to bring school supplies to children and teachers in Guatemala.

Students are asked to bring all types of school supplies to school to send to Guatemala with our mission team. The team is scheduled to leave on Thursday, February 2, during Catholic Schools Week in which we will celebrate our commitment to service!

Catholic Schools Week: The Catholic Schools Week (January 29 through February 3) theme, Faith, Academics and Service, celebrates the best of who we are as a Catholic school. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for many of our activities. We will have many activities to celebrate each dimension (faith, academics & service). There will also be activities to celebrate and enjoy our Catholic school community!

York Catholic High School

YCHS Open House: The public is invited to attend York Catholic Annual Open House and Science Fair on Sunday, January 15 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Prospective students and their families are welcome to tour the school; talk with faculty, staff, and students; view students' scientific projects; and enjoy refreshments. For more information, contact York Catholic High School at [846-8871](tel:846-8871) x20.



*Thanks to all men and women who are serving our country in the U. S. Military.
Please keep them in your prayers.*

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| Sr. Master Sgt. William Arcuri | Staff Sergeant Arley Lawson III |
| Lt. Com. Andrew Avillo | SPC Nichole Leighty |
| Spec. James Bloomfield Jr. | Sgt. 1st Cl. William Leuenberger |
| Airman 1st Cl. Nicholas Borsa | LCPL Justin Mattes |
| 2nd Lt. Alex Darr | Lt. Zachary Merritt |
| Capt. Elena Darr | 2nd Lt. Kevin M. Morrison |
| PFC Gregory Figdore | Lance Cpl. Michael Payne |
| PFC Gregory Galiardi | Lt. Patrick Skehan |
| Captain Timothy J. Goodwillie | Major Dennis Sprenkle |
| Pvt. William Greenawalt | Capt. Amy Staub |
| Sgt. Ryan Hoyme | Lt. Patrick Staub |
| Sgt. Eric Hudak | P.O. Zachary A. Wisman |
| Col. Dona Iversen | 1st Lt Thomas J. Valley |
| Capt. Michael Klopfer USAF | PFC. Shane Warner |
| Lance Corp. Andrew J. Logsdon | PFC. Michael G. Melhorn |
| Capt. Kathleen Stayman USN | |

Please inform the parish office of those members of your families serving in the military.

Liturgical Ministers for Next Week

	5:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
A SER	K Jelonek	Bri Smith	E Pandolfino	E Javitt
A SER	K Jelonek	E Smith	C Parks	A Javitt
A SER	K Jelonek	Ben Smith	B Wilking	S McKeague
LECT	E Goodwillie	D Giberti	Rel Ed-Gr. 6	M Javitt
EMCH	K Jelonek	M Goss	J Ruby	A Ventrice
EMCH	W Walsh	M Galiardi	P Adams	D Crerand
EMCH	P Copenhaver	J Galiardi	J Bering	JP Capresecco
EMCH	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	G Bissoli	P Hoffnagle
EMCH	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	E Bissoli	T McGraw
SAC	P Copenhaver	XXXXXXXX	J Ruby	A Ventrice



Sandwich Sale: York Catholic High School Music Association is taking Sandwich orders until January 27 and they will be available for pick-up February 1 from 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$4 per sandwich and options include: Pretzel roll sandwiches – ham & Swiss, ham & American, turkey & provolone, roast beef & American; 8” sub sandwiches – Italian. Advance orders are required and can be placed by contacting Kris Rieth at [993-0092](tel:993-0092) or kdrieth@verizon.net

YCHS Night at Texas Roadhouse: York Catholic High School is hosting YC Night at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant on Monday, January 30 from 4:00-10:00 p.m. Present a YC coupon to your server and 10% of your net check will go to York Catholic. For more information or to receive a coupon, call York Catholic High School weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at [846-8871](tel:846-8871) x51. Texas Roadhouse is located at 1510 Mt. Zion Road.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2011 Statement of Contribution to St. Patrick Church:

Please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket, mail it to the rectory or drop it off in the rectory mailboxes if you wish to receive a contribution statement for 2011. We ask that you do not call the parish office to request a statement. Also, note that any monies received after December 31 will be posted to your 2012 contribution statement. Thank you.

NAME: _____
(Please Print)

ENVELOPE #: _____



"Behold the Lamb of God." Could it be that you are being called to point out the Lord to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call the Office of Vocations (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email: frlavoie@hbgdiocese.org.

Boy Scouts: Attention Eagle Scouts of St. Patrick Parish: In observance of the 100th anniversary of the First Eagle Scout Award, we will be honoring those who have achieved this highest rank. The celebration will take place at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Boy Scout Sunday, February 5. Please contact Audrey Parks at 779-5003 to register.

Diocesan News



March for Life Bus Trip: Once again there will be buses leaving the York area to take parishioners and friends to Washington, D.C. on Monday January 23, to participate in the pro-life march. We encourage anyone, who is able, to participate with us in this very important event. Being a short distance, for York countians, perhaps we could make a strong showing in defense of the right to life from conception to natural death. Busses will leave from Holy Infant Catholic Church, York Haven at 7:30 a.m. For more information contact Becky Papa at 266-5286 or Jerry Sanders at 757-1230.

Women of Grace News! The next Morning of Grace mini retreat "Mary, Mother of Mercy," will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 6190 Allentown Blvd. Harrisburg, Pa. on Saturday, January 21, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Fr. Edward Quinlan will offer a presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join other women from across the diocese for an inspiring and uplifting morning of grace. Donation \$7. Please RSVP to Vicki Crispo wog325@gmail.com or [717.757.4295](tel:717.757.4295) or Chris Arnold Chris.arnold@gmail.com or [717-671-9256](tel:717-671-9256).