

*Pastoral Reflections:*

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

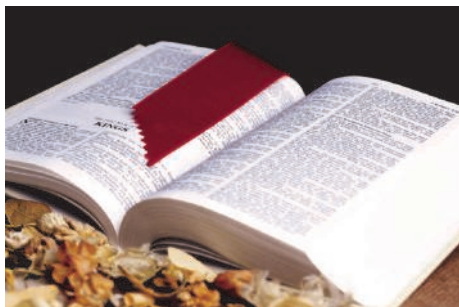
"Then they abandoned their nets and followed Him." (see Mark 1:14-20) Just like that--they followed Him! Seems too easy. Shouldn't there be an interview of some kind? A resume submitted? Letters of recommendation? But there's no evidence in the gospel of any kind of formal process that was employed by Jesus to recruit His disciples. He walked by, invited them and they followed.

When they abandoned their nets, they left behind all that was familiar, safe, comfortable. While fishing would have been long and tedious work, it was "a living" and probably an activity that they knew by heart. Being a disciple of Jesus, on the contrary, necessitated learning a lot of new things. While a catch of abundant fish may have been elusive at times, "catching men" would be much more complicated and would demand much creativity on their part as well as a willingness to do it Jesus' way. What is the way of Jesus? Beating people over the head with a Bible? I don't think so. He spoke a message of truth that was direct and inviting. The rewards and promises He spoke about were those blessings to be obtained in heaven, not the here and now. He inaugurated a kingdom that acknowledged the nearness of the kingdom of God. He spoke of it being "at hand". It's not in some distant place or a place where only certain people can go to get it or can afford to enter into it but rather, it is "at hand". It's within reach. It's at the present moment. It's as I type these words and as you read them. The kingdom of God is **NOW!**

And so I ask myself: What do I bring to this present moment? How can I enrich what is going on right here, right now? I may need to "Repent, and believe in the gospel" so fully that it truly becomes the standard by which I live. I may need to perform some tangible act as did the Ninevites---they fasted and put on sackcloth---so as to drive the message home in my own heart, mind and soul of what I need to "abandon" so as to attach myself, so as to conform my life to the life of, the Person of, Jesus Christ.

**Praised be Jesus Christ.....  
.....now and forever. AMEN!**

Fr. Samuel Houser



*Mass Intentions of the Week*

**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

**MONDAY, January 23**

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of Gerry Short

**TUESDAY, January 24-St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

- 6:30 a.m. † Michael Klamut

**WEDNESDAY, January 25- The Conversion of St. Paul The Apostle**

- 4:30—5:00 p.m. Confessions

- 5:15 p.m. † Mary Ellen Lau

**THURSDAY, January 26- Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops**

- 4:30—5:00 p.m. Confessions

- 5:15 p.m. † Robert Casseday

**FRIDAY, January 27- St. Angela Merici, virgin**

- 6:30 a.m. † Dallas Taylor

- 8:30 a.m. † Robert Linh, Sr.

**SATURDAY, January 28- Vigil of Sunday**

- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions

- 5:30 p.m. † Richard Felix

**SUNDAY, January 29-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 a.m. † Anne Skehan

- 9:00 a.m. † Charlean Mingora

- 11:00 a.m. † Helen Bradley

- 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

*Pray for Them*

**Votive Candle at the Altar of the Blessed Mother:**

One for Fred.

**Sanctuary Lamp** burns this week for a Special Intention.



*Income through the week of January 15*

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
WEEK	\$14,092.00	\$15,200.00	\$-1,108.00
YTD	\$435,798.00	\$440,800.00	\$-5,002.00

**Christmas Offering: \$34,320.00**

**Christmas Flowers Offering: \$3959.00**

*Rest in Peace*

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD...

Those recently deceased:

**James E. Hess Sr.**, father of James E. Hess Jr. and Nicole Hess, parishioners.

...AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

*Next Week's Readings*

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28



**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 this weekend 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*

**Congratulations to our recently baptized:**

**Cameron Lewis Dammann**, child of Matthew and Stacey Dammann.

**Connor Drew Haller**, child of William and Nicole Haller.

**Congratulation to Celine and Bob Kane** who will celebrate their 59th Wedding Anniversary on January 24.

**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. **Please print all names clearly.**

**4th Annual Heritage Festival** planning meeting will be held on January 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. **Festival Date is May 20 at 12:15 p.m.** Volunteers needed. For more information contact Rick Shaffer at [rick@countonrick.com](mailto:rick@countonrick.com). (note meeting change to cafeteria)

**Parents of Teens and Preteens (ages 11-19):** Join us for a "Whine" & Cheese Night on Wednesday, February 8 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the youth room at St. Joseph Church. We enjoy a selection of wines, cheeses, coffee and desserts, listen to a chapter from the book *Good Discipline, Great Teens* by Dr. Ray Gaurendi, have small group discussion and conclude with prayer. We hope you can join us!!

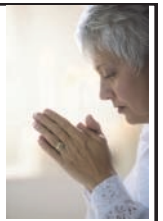
**Lost and Found**

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

**A Portable Media Player** was found in Church. Please call Terry in the parish office at 848-2007.

**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 23- March 14 from 9-10:00 a. m. and on January 23 - 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.



**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 #:** \_\_\_\_\_



**"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men."** Are you considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call the Office of Vocations 657-4804 ext. 282, or email: [frlavoie@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frlavoie@hbgdiocese.org).


**Compassion York Meal:** St Patrick will be doing the January 22 Compassion York meal for the homeless and needy. If you can volunteer, please call Sharon Wilt 792-2282 or Howard Cosgrove at 654-2026 or meet at Grace Lutheran Church on the corner of Pershing and Jefferson at 4:00 p.m. to help serve.

**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.

*Religious Education News*



**Important Reminder for Confirmation Candidates:** Confirmation Formation meeting tonight, Sunday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. at St Mary Social Hall. Topic:Vocations. Call Religious Education office at 854-6653 with any questions.



**St. Patrick Catholic School**

**“Virtue of the Month” Recognition:** During the month of December our students made an effort to grow in the virtue of **Joy**. Joy is the happiness and contentment no matter what the circumstances that is rooted in the awareness of the presence of Christ in our lives. 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 - Ryan Musso**  
**First Grade - Samy Garcia**  
**Second Grade-Avery Young**  
**Third Grade - Sean McKeague**  
**Fourth Grade - Ariyanna Fisher**  
**Fifth Grade - Ali Logsdon**  
**Sixth Grade - George Walsh**  
**Faculty & Staff - Mrs. Lightner**


Congratulations to all!! Our virtue for the month of January is **Orderliness**.

**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 pens, permanent markers, and composition type notebooks to school to send to Guatemala with our mission team. We also hope to send 100 t-shirts with our new school mascot, the Irish Wolfhound on them. Donations toward the purchase of the t-shirts are appreciated. 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:** Please see the insert in this week’s bulletin for a list of our Catholic Schools Week events. We hope many parishioners will join us for any or all events to see the academics, faith, & service that are fostered in our Catholic school.

**Community Night:** On Thursday, February 2 the St. Patrick Catholic School community will enjoy a community night at Avalanche Xpress located at Heritage Hills. Snow tubing and ice skating are available. Ticket order forms are available on the website [www.stpatrickyork.org](http://www.stpatrickyork.org) or may be obtained by calling the school office at 854-8263. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, January 27. If your preference is to stay warm, please join us for dinner at Knickers Pub. 15% of all food and drink purchases will be donated to the school! No papers are necessary; simply tell your server you are from St. Patrick!

**St. Patrick Catholic School:** Applications for the 2012-2013 school year are being accepted for all grade levels (PK3 – Sixth). Please contact the school office (854-8263), if you are interested in information about our program.



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


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 Minister of Next Week**

	5:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
A SER	A. Kinney	M Kimes	St. Pat School	St Pat School
A SER	A Matti	A Kimes	St Pat School	St. Pat School
A SER	S Matti	M Connor	St. Pat School	St. Pat School
LECT	W Hansman	A Graf	St. Pat School	St. Pat School
EMCH	C McEachern	A Hough	T Meister	J Gangloff
EMCH	C McEachern	B Hough	L Newcomer	M Springer
EMCH	S McEachern	J Wills	G Pandolfino	B Smith
EMCH	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	S. Peters	JP Capresecco
EMCH	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	R Shaffer	D Cosgrove
SAC	P Rohall	XXXXXXXX	T Meister	J Gangloff

**IGNITE Youth Ministry**



**IGNITE Youth Ministry** (Grades 9-12): View entire January calendar at [www.siy.org/youthministry](http://www.siy.org/youthministry) by clicking on “IGNITE”.

**January 22-** No IGNITE meeting tonight!  
**January 29-** Chill Night (Youth Room) - Games, icebreakers and free time! Bring a friend.  
**February 12-** ENGULF Holy Hour (Youth Room).  
**February 24-26-** 17th Annual Lenten Retreat at Camp Eder in Fairfield. Cost- \$60. To reserve spot, take a nonrefundable \$30.00 deposit to the youth office by February 12.

**OXYGEN Youth Ministry** (Grades 7-8)  
**February 19-** 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - Topic: What is love? Includes icebreakers, games, and more.  
**SPARKS Youth Ministry** (Grades 5-6):  
**February 17-** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the gym. Includes fun stations, games, activities, snacks and more.

DISCOVER THE RICHES OF  
**THE MASS**



Our parish will be having a fascinating 6-part Lenten Series on the Mass, entitled, [A Biblical Walk Through the Mass](#). You will discover the rich meanings behind why we say what we say and do during the Liturgy. The words and gestures of the Mass will be seen in a new light, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. This series is being offered on Sunday or Tuesday evenings 6:45 — 8:15 pm. from Feb 19 through April 3. Consult the Parish Website: [www.stpatrickyork.org](http://www.stpatrickyork.org) or contact Deacon Michael 347-7350 [gospamir@comcast.net](mailto:gospamir@comcast.net) or Tom Meister 858-1127 [tfmeister456@yahoo.com](mailto:tfmeister456@yahoo.com) for more information! A short presentation on this Series will be made at the Masses next weekend.

Registration for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass (One form per Participant)  
Sunday or Tuesday Evenings (Feb. 19 to April 3) Only 6 Study Weeks

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday Evening Session     or    Sunday Evening Session  
Check enclosed for \$10 (Payable to St. Patrick Church)     \$10 (cash)  
(Contact Deacon Michael if you need any assistance with payment)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please put this form in a plain white envelope addressed to [The Mass](#)  
Return in the Offertory Collection, or to the Rectory, or Mail to  
The Mass St. Patrick Church 231 S. Beaver St. York, PA. 17401 by Feb. 13.