

2014-2015 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Reflecting On Our Church Offerings

Many love the game of golf and to become really good at it requires practice. To **PUTT** on the green is one aspect of golf that requires thought, planning, a sharp eye, and using just the right amount of strength. **PUTT** can be used as an acronym to remind us of the character of our church offerings.



Can we see the **PURPOSE** of our church offering as helping fulfill the work, care, and love of God? Essential are the maintenance and beautification of the church, distribution of the Eucharist and teaching materials, housing for our pastor, operation of the parish office that coordinate various activities to allow the parish community to assemble, be edified, and, most importantly to spread the Gospel.



Is our offering **UPDATED** with the times? Using the Consumer Price Index, we can see that purchasing power has gone down over time. A gallon of milk gallon in 2004 was \$2.88, but now \$3.60. A pound of white bread in 2004 was 95 cents, but now \$1.41. Electricity per KWH in 2004 was .09 cents, but now .14 cents. When we do not regularly increase our financial offering year, we are really reducing our offering.



Is our church offering **THOUGHTFUL** much like a gift we would give to a loved one? Nowadays, gift cards are in increments that represent a tangible value, such as a \$5 cup of coffee, a \$15 pair of movie tickets, or a \$50 restaurant gift card. There are no \$1 gift cards. Like gift-giving, do we spend careful attention (time & thought) into the offering we place inside our envelopes?



Finally, is our church offering a reflection of being **THANKFUL**? The fact that all good things come from God - family, job, annual pay increases, oxygen, all material things, and life itself should prompt us to be grateful and generous to our loving and gracious God.

“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have abundance for every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9, 6-8)

WEEK OF SEP. 21– 27, 2014
SAINTS, SPECIAL OBSERVANCES,
MASS INTENTIONS AND PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEP. 21: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

8:00 †Imelda Mintu
10:00 Birthday Intention Enid Dodough; 8th Gr Mass
12:00p For Our All Parishioners
1:00p Confession*(-1:30pm)

MONDAY, SEP. 22: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); Autumn begins; HAPPY 3RD DEDICATION ANNIVERSARY TO US!

9:00 †Moisies Sayon

TUESDAY, SEP. 23: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5775;begins at sunset

9:00 Birthday Intentions of Nancy Galicia Sheehan

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 24: St. Robert Bellarmine

9:00 †Larry Lewis; † Fr. Bahn Nguyen; For All the September Birthdays

6:30p Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

THURSDAY, SEP. 25:

9:00 †Manuel Agner

FRIDAY, SEP. 26: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

9:00 †Eusebio Banac

SATURDAY, SEP. 27: St. Vincent de Paul

8:30 For the Sick in Our Parish
5:00p †Salve Rasco

***CONFESSION** schedule is subject to change w/o notice. For appointments, please call the parish office, or send an email to Fr. Truc. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding. **To offer Mass intentions:** Donations are \$15 weekday, \$25 Sunday (allow 2-wks. advance). **Bulletin articles** are due Mondays and are subject to edits.

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