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Dear Friends,

As a parish community, we have committed ourselves to an annual Stewardship Renewal. We understand stewardship as how we manage and utilize all the resources God has given us for the glory of his name. This month's issue of *Proclaim* is focused on this stewardship: our Time, Talent, and Treasure. What exactly does this mean and why is it so important to our lives? When we are good stewards, we recognize that **everything** is a gift from God, starting with our very life and breath. When we utilize what God has given us according to his will, we will find fulfillment in our everyday lives.

All of us have been given 24 hours in a day – none of us has any more or any less. How we choose to use our time is our choice: we can zone out on our electronic devices, watch our favorite sport or sitcom on television, or we may read a good book that enriches us, visit a neighbor who is lonely, volunteer to give our time and service to others in need. The decision is ours.

Each of us has strengths and talents we can use to build a better world – playing a sport, using our hands in a craft, coaching

or mentoring others, using a professional skill or trade – not only to support ourselves but also to enrich others' lives and give them assistance. We are fulfilled through using the gifts God has given us.

Treasure can be a delicate matter to discuss. We need to work to earn a living, pay our bills, and buy the necessities of life. Some are on fixed incomes in retirement or living with a disability. Our resources are very personal and we all want to enjoy life. However, when we prudently use our treasure to support the mission of the church and various charities, we live the Scripture of serving God and not mammon (all material goods and treasure).

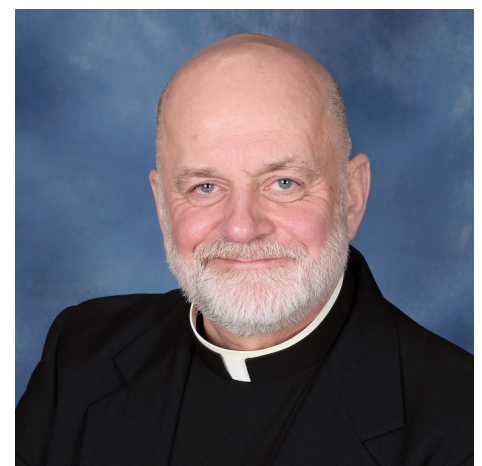
Some of us have been blessed with great treasure through investments, inheritance, or success in business undertakings. Over the years, our parish has benefited from generous people who have remembered us through their donations and bequests. Recently, our parish benefited from the McNeil family as well as Theresa Downing, but there are many others who have given generously: some have supported the purchase of books to be distributed to parishioners during the Advent and Lent Seasons, others have supported us with

resources for volunteers and staff to attend conferences to learn and be enriched with knowledge and skills. Individuals and businesses have supported our publication of *Proclaim* and the parish directory.

All of this has allowed us to grow our parish to better serve those in need and proclaim the Gospel. Christ the King has so many amazing parishioners who generously give of their Time, Talent, and Treasure. During this year's Stewardship Renewal, we look with fresh eyes on the gifts we have at this time and how God is calling us to share them and support the mission of our parish and the Kingdom of God.

Yours in Christ,

Father Rich



Father Richard Roberge, Pastor of Christ the King Parish

LITTLE DEATHS

November is the month that the Church remembers and prays particularly for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We start out the month with All Saints' Day and follow it right up with All Souls' Day. We remember that our home and hope is in heaven and that we too will someday die.

Recently, I took the boys to Mystic, Connecticut. While there, we visited Enders Island, a *beautiful* Catholic retreat center (and the site where Haley Judd got engaged!). The boys and I attended Mass at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption on Tuesday and Wednesday. On one of those days, a young priest delivered a beautiful homily about "little deaths." He explained that the Christian is to die to themselves daily in order to attain new life in Christ.

Father broke it down though and gave tangible examples of "little deaths." Father spread his arms to the congregation and said, "Look

at all of you! It's 9:00 am on a beautiful summer weekday. You are not obligated to be here, but you all woke up and chose to come to Mass instead of sleeping in and doing something else with your time. You died to yourself when you chose to put God first today."

The next day, we were back home in New Hampshire and went to the Rosary Garden at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish to, well, pray the rosary. At the end, when we began the "Hail Holy Queen," two of my boys knelt on the granite stones in front of Mary while the rest of us knelt in the comfortable grass.

When we finished, I asked Jack, "Why did you kneel on the stones, didn't it hurt your knees?" "Yeah, it hurt a little, but 'little deaths,' you know Mom?!" he responded. I was impressed and proud of what my son picked up from that young priest.

Kneeling on rocks may not be

your thing. But this month, as we think about all the holy men and women who have gone before us and we meditate on our own mortality, let us also think about those "little deaths" to which we are called in our daily lives in order to place God first in all things and live for heaven today. ♦



Jen Albee, Coordinator of Young Disciples at Christ the King

Why are there different versions of the Bible?

Over the last two months in our series on Scripture here at *Come Alive*, we have considered the various origins of the Bible. We discussed how this sacred book came to be and what it means to say that it is inspired by God. In the words of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: “For Holy Mother Church, relying on the faith of the apostolic age, accepts as sacred and canonical the books of the Old and the New Testaments, whole and entire, with all their parts, on the grounds that, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author, and have been handed on as such to the Church herself.” (CCC 106)

However, there is one crucial element to the Scriptures that we have yet to discuss. You may have noticed this before, but when you pick up a Bible, not all of them say the same thing! There are many different “translations” of the Bible.

We have to remember that the Scriptures were not written in English. The Old Testament was written mostly in Hebrew and the New Testament, Greek. Around 130 BC, the Old Testament was translated into Greek. This translation is called the Septuagint and it is the translation Saint Paul references throughout his letters. It was the Greek Scriptures that were available and used throughout the early Church.

Then, in the 380s AD, the pope of the time commissioned Saint Jerome to translate these Scriptures into Latin. His translation, called the Vulgate, greatly influenced the English translations we have today. From there, a man named William

Tyndale is credited with beginning the process of translating the Bible into the English language in the 1500s. According to Wycliffe Bible Translators, the Bible is now translated into 717 different languages!

But even within the English language, there are many, various translations of the Scriptures. When translating the Bible into English, there are three “translation theories” that can be adopted. The first is called formal or literal equivalence. Here, passages are translated word for word from one language to another. The second is dynamic or functional equivalence. Using this method, translators use the word or phrase in the new language which best captures the spirit of the old language. Many words do not have a literal translation, making this theory by far the most common. The third and final option is the free or paraphrase tradition where the translation is much looser.

The idea of translation can be a bit off-putting. It can feel like there are too many human hands involved for us to truly trust this “Word of God.” But instead of doubting, we must trust the passionate men and women who commit their lives to bringing us the most accurate, English translations of the Word of God. We must trust that God is a part of the process – that he intended the Bible to be translated and is still inspiring those involved. Finally, we trust in the guidance of the Catholic Church. All that is contained in the Bible is reinforced and clarified by the teachings of the Church. The very compilation

of the Bible itself was an act of authority by the Church!

So how do we navigate which version of the Scriptures we should use as Catholics? First and foremost, begin by confirming your Bible is in fact a Catholic Bible! The Catholic Bible includes something called the Apocrypha or Deuterocanon, which the Protestant Bible excludes. The Catholic Old Testament canon includes Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, First and Second Maccabees, plus additional sections of Esther and Daniel. These books were removed by Protestant leaders during the time of the Reformation. They were, however, included in the Septuagint and Vulgate.

From there, the New American Bible is the translation that is used each week at Mass. I often use the New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition. For a complete list of approved Bible translations, head to the USCCB website. Your homework for next month? Go out and get yourself an amazing Catholic Bible! ♦



Haley Judd, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship at Christ the King



PEACE OF MIND & HEART

Mike and Amy Yanski on sharing their time, talent, and treasure

by Emily Planchet | Photography by Charlene Graham

We hear these verses thrown around so often that they have almost become cliché: “It’s more blessed to give than to receive” or “Whoever sows generously shall reap generously” or “The Lord loves a cheerful giver.” But what happens when these words are truly taken to heart? For Mike and Amy Yanski, giving of their time, talent, and treasure has yielded some amazing fruit in their lives.

While the Yanskis’ story may seem extraordinary, their beginnings mirror that of many Catholics. Amy was born in Nashua to a family that attended Mass regularly but was not as active in any ministries. “We weren’t always involved in the church,” Amy explains. Despite this, Amy’s faith was constant throughout her life, and only increased as she got older.

Mike’s faith journey, on the other hand, was a little less

smooth. Growing up in Concord, Mike’s family attended St. John the Evangelist Parish, where his family, especially his mother, Rosalie, made volunteering a major focus of her life. “She was instrumental in the church,” Mike recalls. “She provided a good model to follow of being involved.” However, her enthusiasm for the faith didn’t necessarily translate to Mike. “I went to church because I had to,” he remembers. As he got older, Mike began to draw away from the church and stopped attending Mass regularly.

While he may have thought this decision was final, his mother had other ideas. Speaking on the phone one day, she gave him an ultimatum. “She said, ‘Michael, you haven’t been going to church. You have to make a decision: are you going to be Catholic or not?’” The candid conversation was exactly

what Mike needed. “It hit home,” he says, “I thought about it awhile and from there on, I just went all the time.” It was a clear turning point. “God really became part of my life,” Mike shares.

With God as a center point in their lives, it was no surprise that Mike and Amy both wanted to find someone who shared their faith. They met through a Catholic dating website in 2007 and married two years later. Even while they were dating, they knew they needed to prioritize what was truly important and what they would devote their time and resources to. After studying the Scriptures and praying, Mike could feel that God was calling them to make a leap of faith. This leap of faith came in the form of tithing, the practice of donating 10% of one’s gross income.

“We chatted about it and we

decided that God was asking us to do 10%," Mike recalls, "we trust him, so we said, 'Let's do it!'" While tithing is not a requirement for Catholics, the Yanskis felt called to make the sacrifice. Mike, a plant manager who just recently celebrated his 40th anniversary at Blue Seal, and Amy, who works in the accounts payable department for the Concord School District, were ready to give what they had. They both admit it is not always easy. "It's supposed to hurt a little, and it does," Mike admits. "Some months may be tough, but we've always worked it out."

While giving so much may seem incredible, for the Yanskis, it makes perfect sense. "We look at it like a family," Amy explains. "It's our church family and we have to provide for it." They have found that God has already given them so much that it is a privilege to offer it up. "We feel so blessed," Amy explains. "Being able to give back in the ways we can, when we can feels good. It feels like you're doing something to help others and serve God."

In fact, by making this sacrificial gift, the Yanskis have seen a transformation of their faith, highlighted by a deepened sense of trust and reliance on God. In their everyday lives, they have found that no matter what they encounter – setbacks, troubles, or uncertain times – God will lead them. "We put our trust in God and he's never let us down," says Mike. Amy agrees, "Even in difficult situations in work, I know that I can trust that He's going to get me through it no matter what." In giving generously to God, He has become a greater part of their lives, and they have never wanted for anything.

While giving of their treasure is certainly a big part of the Yanski's lives, it is not the only way they give. They also give of themselves, of their talent and their time,

and like everything else, they do it as a couple. Together, they are currently involved with Alpha and have also participated in Bible studies, volunteered at the parish Food Pantry, and cooked for the New Parishioner Dinners. "We're very fortunate," Mike says. "We get to share our faith and the ministries we're involved in, we do them together."

Getting to be part of the parish family, the family they are dedicated to providing for, has been nothing but beneficial to the Yanskis. "Now that we're involved in ministry, we meet more people," Amy says. When they were less involved, they were worshipping at Mass with a building full of strangers, and now they are worshipping with a room full of family. "We were just saying one Sunday how we could stand and talk for hours to everybody," Mike says. "It's a great community and people should take advantage of it."

While all this giving sounds good in principle, it can seem overwhelming. What about those

of us who may think, "It's fine for them, but I could never do that?" The Yanski's advice is this: just give it a chance and allow God a greater opportunity to work in your life. "It's hard to devote your time and it's hard to give up some of your money, but try it and see what happens," Mike says. "It helps you build trust." Amy agrees. "Some of the things, like involvement in Alpha, are out of our comfort zones, but we believed that He will get us through it, and good fruits will come about - and they have."

In the end, Mike and Amy discovered that when they gave, they received so much more: increased trust in God, new friends, and a community they can rely on. And they want everyone to know that they're not an extraordinary case; they firmly believe that anyone can follow their path in some way and should. "Whether you're fortunate to have somebody to share it with, or you do it by yourself, just try it," Mike urges. "It's given us a peace, a peace of mind and heart." ♦



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Friendly Kitchen

By Susan Eberth | Photography by Will Judd

Every night, more than half a million people in the United States are experiencing homelessness. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Homeless Assessment Report has found that on a single night in January 2020, 580,466 people – about 18 of every 10,000 people in the United States – experienced homelessness across the country. According to the HUD Report, New Hampshire had an estimated 1,675 people experiencing homelessness each night. The Concord Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) has estimated that there are 150-175 chronically homeless individuals in

the greater Concord area.

Christ the King Homeless Outreach Ministry works with various homeless communities including CCEH’s Cold Weather Shelter and Resource Center, Souperfest, and the Friendly Kitchen. Volunteers affirm that dignity and respect of the less fortunate in our community who are currently homeless.

The Friendly Kitchen currently has 43 volunteers from Christ the King Parish. The team prepares a meal on the third Friday of every other month. Brian LaValley manages our participation in the program by selecting the menu

and, when needed, cooking and serving the guests.

Brian got involved with volunteering at the Friendly Kitchen when he saw an announcement in the Christ the King bulletin. “I had stopped my service activities because of COVID but last December I decided to start up again,” he says. “At the Friendly Kitchen, there are so many choices for what to cook for dinner from all the food donated by individuals, local businesses, and the New Hampshire Food Bank. I wasn’t sure how to plan a meal for 40-50 people (60-70 during the summer).”

Brian was out of his comfort zone and needed help. Melina, his wife, stepped in to help plan the menu and cook. “She and I would go in and look at the donated food that is available, check the white board outside the refrigerator and plan accordingly,” Brian says. “We’ve received lots of wonderful comments from the guests.”

The Friendly Kitchen can accommodate five volunteers in the kitchen at a time. Dinner prep begins at 3:00 pm and the serving window opens at 6:00 pm. “It is very easy service to show up, chop food, cook, serve it out, and clean up,” Brian says. “If you are talented in planning a menu for a large group of people and cooking a large amount of food at once, your skills are particularly helpful.”

Other Christ the King volunteers were also happy to come forward about their experiences in the Friendly Kitchen. Carmen Blaise shares, “I feel as if God is telling me to feed His people with kindness and love; it makes me feel like I’m doing this for Him.” ♦

To volunteer at the Friendly Kitchen or for the Homeless Outreach Ministry, contact Jack Eberth at jack.eberth2@marist.edu.

NOVEMBER 2021

November 1: All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. This is a holy day of obligation and Mass will be available at 9:00 am, 12:10 pm, and 7:00 pm.

November 2: All Souls' Day

All Souls' Day is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. Consider using the provided All Souls' Day envelope to add your prayer intentions. These intentions will be prayed for throughout the year.

November 4 & 6: Emmaus

Emmaus is a place where every disciple of Christ of every age can come and grow deeper in their Catholic faith and deeper in fellowship with their church community. This month, we will discuss "In Fullness of Time: Jesus and Prayer." For more information, visit christthekingnh.org/emmaus.

November 11: Veterans Day

The parish office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

November 20: Solemnity of Christ the King



To celebrate the feast day of our parish, the Mass of Christ the King will be sung at the 11:00 am Mass. Immediately following Mass, there will be coffee and pastries in the Parish Activity Center. Tours will be available in the church at 1:00 pm. Please join us!

November 24: Thanksgiving

"We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus your Son who came to our Earth and lived in a simple home. We have a greater appreciation of the value and dignity of the human family because he loved and was loved within its shelter. Bless us this day; may we grow in love for each other in our family and so give thanks to you who are the maker of all human families and our abiding peace." (*The Catholic Prayer Book*)

November 24 & 25: Thanksgiving Break

The parish office will be closed for a Thanksgiving break.

November 27: Advent Begins

"Mary sustains our journey toward Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent Season in expectation of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!" (Pope Francis)

DECEMBER 2022

December 2 & 4: Emmaus

Emmaus is a place where every disciple of Christ of every age can come and grow deeper in their Catholic faith and deeper in fellowship with their church community. This month, we will discuss "We Dare to Say - Part 1: Exploring the Lord's Prayer." For more information, visit christthekingnh.org/emmaus.

December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate Mary's conception without sin. This is a holy day of obligation and Mass will be available at 9:00 am, 12:10 pm, and 7:00 pm.

December 24: Christmas Eve

There will be two Masses offered on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm and midnight in the church with overflow in the Parish Activity Center. No registration is required.

December 25: Christmas Day

Join us for Christmas Day Mass which will be offered at 9:00 am and 11:00 am in the church with overflow in the Parish Activity Center. No registration is required.

JANUARY 2022

January 17: Alpha & Youth Alpha

Alpha and Youth Alpha meet every Tuesday evening for 12 weeks. All are welcome to attend and no questions are off the table. For more information, please visit christthekingnh.org/alpha.

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November 5 & 6:

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November 12 & 13:

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November 19 & 20:

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November 26 & 27:

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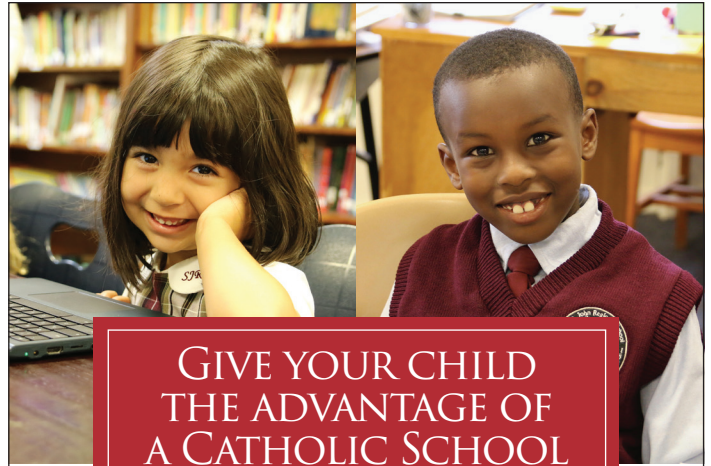
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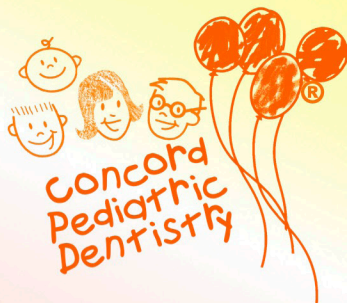
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