

### Got “Talent”? Give thankfully!

The parable in today’s gospel reading is so well known, that the word, ‘talent’, has become part of our language! The original story of Jesus, however, had an even more serious message than the development of natural gifts.

The ‘talent’ Jesus refers to was an enormous quantity of precious metal (26 kgs or 56.3 lbs of gold or silver) The immensity of the wealth entrusted to the servants was far beyond that of Jesus’ hearers. The parable challenges us to realize great blessings bring great responsibilities.

The original intent was likely to challenge to the Sadducees – the conservative Temple establishment who were not open to purifying developments, and were thus opposed to Jesus’ mission. When the master ‘hands over’ the talents; this term was associated with the passing on of sacred tradition. The term ‘gained’ - applied to the profits made by the servants - was associated with the winning of converts. In their self-centered conservatism, the Sadducees had no interest to be ‘a light to the nations’. It may be directed against the dangers of complacency in any Christian community - that settles for the minimum requirements of life as the Lord’s disciples, and is not ready to set out upon the great adventure of putting into practice the lessons of the Sermon on the Mount. The conclusion, ‘To anyone who has will be given more; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away’ – a saying of Jesus drives home the point of the parable. Its meaning for Jesus was that one who is spiritually open will enjoy God’s on-going blessings; whereas one who is closed will miss the opportunities offered. Matthew emphasizes the seriousness of the parable’s lesson by concluding his narrative – as he does in other places - with reference to the ‘weeping and gnashing of teeth’ in store for those who have no place in the Kingdom.

This parable points to the ‘Day of the Lord’ when we will be called to account for the responsibilities brought by the great blessings we have received. In our reading from the Thessalonians, Paul continues his instruction concerning the Lord’s return, echoing Jesus in the gospels. It’s not given to us to know the ‘times and seasons’ of the final reckoning; the ‘Day of the Lord’ will come ‘like a thief in the night’; so we must ‘stay awake and sober’, living as ‘children of the light’. It is not difficult to see that these themes provide the background of today’s parable. The master is a long time in coming, and arrives unexpectedly to ‘go through the servants’ accounts’. The servants who have administered well the wealth entrusted to them are to be entrusted with ‘greater things’; they will share in ‘their master’s happiness’ – a clear reference, for those who have ears to hear, of the blessings of the final Kingdom.

If we appreciate our blessings given through our faith in Christ, we will earn “interest” (similar to the “oil” from last week) by attending to the responsibilities they bring.

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sat. 5:00pm** For the repose of the soul of John Conway at request of Mary Jane Morgan

**Sun 9:00am** For the repose of the soul of Regina Sobczak at request of Jay Sobczak

**Sun 12:00pm** For all the members of St. Annas

### TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

**Offertory To Be Announced**  
Average of 9,000.00 per week to balance budget

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS



“Spiritual Short Courses for Christians” will meet today in the Parish Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Join us for coffee and interesting “Catholic” Conversation

There are **NO SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, November 26<sup>th</sup>** due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Class resumes on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



RCIA & RCIC will gather in the church on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for a Teaching Mass led by Fr. Dan & Deacons John & Tom. ALL parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The next **WYN (Wednesday Youth Night)** is Wed., November 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel followed by pizza & activities. Join us for WYN!

### This is the LAST WEEKEND TO GET YOUR FAITH FACTORY T- SHIRTS!



T-shirts are available in the Narthex for only \$20.00 each. Faith Factory t shirts make a great Christmas gifts! Proceeds benefit St. Anna’s Youth group mission trip & Steubenville Atlanta.

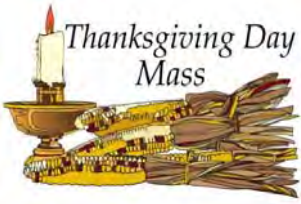
Advent Candles Sale



**ADVENT CANDLES** will be available for purchase the weekend of December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> after all the Masses in the Narthex. Candles are 10” tapers and are available for \$8.00 a set.

# WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here



Thanksgiving Day  
Mass

Celebrate your Blessing  
with us

Thursday - Nov. 23  
10 am

## K of C Baskets of Cheers Raffle

Knights of Columbus will be  
selling \$10 raffle tickets in the  
Narthex on November 25 &  
26 and Dec 2 & 3.  
There will be 6 to 8 Baskets of  
Cheers raffled this year

Drawing will be on  
December 23rd.

Basket of Cheers



Raffle

**The Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Advent By Candlelight**  
will be Sunday, Nov. 26th from 6-8 pm  
Ladies of the Parish enjoy an evening of music  
and two speakers.

### Table hostesses are needed for this event.

To be a table host, for more infor-  
mation, or to RSVP to this event,  
please contact



## A Christmas Musical to Celebrate the Season



Come and celebrate the miracle of  
Christmas performed by  
St. Anna's choir.

**"ONLY LOVE"**  
Saturday - December 16, 2017 @7  
pm

ULTREYA will not gather in November or December  
due to the holidays. We will resume in January.

If you would like to place alter flowers in memory of some-  
one, please contact the Church Office.  
Cost is 60.00 dollars

### Meeting Times for the Week:

OLPH Every Monday @ 3pm (102/3)  
RCIA/RCIC - Every Tues. @ 7:15pm (PH/105)  
Call the Church Office @ 770-267-7637 to add your items

## Community Thanksgiving Service

Lighthouse World Outreach Center on Nov. 19th @ 6 pm.

Meal delivery to homebound @ 4 pm

Dinner will be served to F.I.S.H. Guest  
@ 5 pm

Volunteers are welcomed. This year's  
theme is

"The Heart of a Community is Love."



## This Year's Jesse Tree Ornament Decorating Help make ornaments Monday Nov. 20 @ 4-6 pm PH

Join us on Nov. 25th in the Narthex to  
decorate the Jesse Tree.



### Please notice the due date changes for the bulletins in November.

11/26 bulletin- info due to secretary by Tues, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

## Invitation

All of St. Annas' are invited to attend the  
Solemn Profession of Vows of  
Sister Mary Beatrice Raphael  
at

The Abbey Church  
Monastery of the Holy Spirit  
Tuesday, November 21, 2017 @ 3:00 pm  
R.S.V.P. via email: betterafael@gmail.com

## Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

	11/19	11/26
9AM-	Tim & Angie McElveen	TBA
12PM-	Russ Hamryka & Betsy Marshall	

## WEEKLY VERSES

A week's worth of God's Word

**Nov. 19th thru Nov. 25th**  
**Saturday: Confessions**  
**begin at 4 PM**

**Sunday:** Prov. 31:10-13.19-20.30-31. / Ps 128(127):1-2.3.4-5. / 1 Thess. 5:1-6. / Mt 25:14-30.

**Monday:** 1 Mac. 1:10-15.41-43.54-57.62-64. / Ps 119  
(118):53.61.134.150.155.158. / Lk 18:35-43.

**Tuesday:** 2 Mac. 6:18-31. / Ps 3:2-3.4-5.6-7. / Lk 19:1-10.  
**Wednesday:** 2 Mac. 7:1.20-31. / Ps 17(16):1.5-6.8b.15. / Lk  
19:11-28.

**Thursday:** 1 Mac. 2:15-29. / Ps 50(49):1-2.5-6.14-15. / Lk  
19:41-44.

**Friday:** 1 Mac. 4:36-37.52-59. / 1 Chron. 29:10.11abc.11d-  
12a.12bcd. / Lk 19:45-48.

**Saturday:** 1 Mac. 6:1-13. / Ps 9(9A):2-3.4.6.16b.19. / Lk 20:27-40