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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Red Cross** will be holding a **Blood Drive** at our church hall on Thursday, September 3rd. We are very happy to host them as they perform this service in our community. For more information about how to participate, visit www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive and search by our zip code, "16148."

There is still time to support our **Mercer County team in OCMC's "Trek4Missions"**! So far, the team has raised 70% of its \$2000 goal. Proceeds go directly to OCMC to help their ministry. To contribute, you can either go online to OCMC.org/trek4missions and under the "DONATE" tab, search for "Mercer County PA", OR you can give a check made out to "OCMC Trek4Missions" to a team member, such as Henry Van Zanten or Kathy Piston. Deadline is September 14th. *We are grateful to all parishioners who have given thus far, and look forward to others participating in this worthwhile effort!*

Pani Eleanor is looking to identify an individual/individuals from our parish who would be interested in periodically sitting and visiting with Fr. Michael for 1-2 hours when she has to run errands. *(And if you play pinochle, Fr. Michael would love that!)* If you can assist, call Pani Eleanor at 724-981-2520.

ACRY Lots-o-Luck Calendar Tickets are available for a donation of \$25.00. Proceeds benefit Diocesan Funds. Please stop by the office to get yours today!

We would like to thank everyone for the wishes and cards as we celebrated our 25TH wedding anniversary. We truly appreciate the thoughtful and caring friends within our church family. May God grant you all with His blessings.

Love,

Deacon John + Debbie

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP
by Dan Hromyak

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." - Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

Happy Anniversary!

September 2

Deborah & Michael Waryanka
Celebrating 30 years of Marriage

September 3

Dina & Matthew Fabian

September 5

Debbie & John Moon

September 6

Kelly & Ron Figiel

September 6

Father David & Pani Vikki
Mastroberte

September 8

Janet & Chuck Kretchek

September 10

Shannon & Jason Baker

ETERNAL LAMP SPONSOR

SEPTEMBER 6

In Loving Memory of Mother
Katherine O. Varsho
by Kathy & Gary Yonchak



MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

◆ September 6

Pete Roman
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff
Ed Slovesko
Gino Tofani

◆ September 13

Henry VanZanten
Michael Waryanka
Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yoncha

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Happy Birthday!

August 31st Ed Fabian
September 1st Andy Lutz
September 2nd Stephen Chuba
September 2nd Edward Kraynok
September 3rd Cynthia Saluga
September 3rd Aaron VanZanten
September 4th Tom Hellmann
September 4th Emma Kate Ristvey
September 7th Helen Kachaylo
September 7th Donald Yasnowsky
September 8th Nancy Long
September 9th Shelley Hando
September 9th Delores Jisko

God Grant You
Many, Blessed Years!