

November 20, 2011 – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Nov 13, 2011	\$ 7,644.00
Tithing Income: Nov 14, 2010	\$ 6,700.00
Children's Offering:	\$ 2.00

Next Week's Tithe is for:

Wreaths Across America

Tithe for 11/13/11 supported the following:

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 765.00

From the Pastor:

Giving Brings Freedom. As strange as it seems, money and possessions, which should be among the blessings of life, have tied more people in knots than we'll ever know. This is largely because those who live by the pocketbook find it easy to act as if God doesn't exist. They try to solve their problems by use of material possessions and wind up tense, anxious and bound by their lack of faith. Giving a meaningful percentage of income to Church helps a person to develop a right perspective and ultimately frees him or her from the shackles of faithless fear. I thank those of you who have developed a right attitude of faith and are committed, consistent givers to Christ's Church."

Comments on Tithing from the pews:

"Tithing . . . To see how God works in making our ends meet is just another of many small miracles we see performed each day. However, we do not give in order to make ends meet. That is merely the by-product. We love to give to God and to His Church so we may continue to receive His graces."

My Good Deed for the Week:

Here's what one of our young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift:

One of our little ones did a great job with please and thank you this week!

OF MOUNTAIN MEN AND ONE 91-YEAR OLD MOUNTAIN WOMAN

I announced at Masses last weekend that I was going on a hike up to the top of Blue Mountain, on the other side of the Juniata River, along Route 333. I said all were invited to accompany me, hoping to get some hale and hearty teenagers.

After the 7:30 a.m. Mass, while greeting the people, 91-year-old Katherine Costa walks up to me and says, "I'm going with you. I love to walk."

Several months ago, I buried her husband, the iconic Dr. Earl Costa, a well-known dentist, who practiced in town beginning in 1947. In his later years, Katherine visited him

faithfully, driving every day to the Malta Home and she remains spry, energetic; sharp as a tack.

I wasn't sure she was serious. Not knowing quite what to say I just said "uh...okay." And when the rectory doorbell rang at the 2 p.m. departure time, there she was, in her polyester jump suit, sneakers, and cap, ready to go.

It was just the two of us, along with Dr. Michael Murray and his 16-year-old-son Matt. We drove to parishioner John Stryker's house near Hawstone, at the bottom of the mountain, with only one way to go from there: Up. Katherine soon began to realize that this was more than she bargained for. But she was a trooper.

My plan to get to the very tippy top was altered when John said it takes two hours, and that's when you're young and in shape. But he pointed us to a utility road by the big communication tower that would give us a nice hike and some good views along a lower ridge.

Matthew, who has been working out at the gym, took off way ahead of us while Dr. Murray and I stuck with a very persevering and patient Katherine. And it was up, up, up, over a loose stone and gravel utility path. "I didn't realize it was going to be like this," she said.

After about one hour, a mile up and a few short rests, we all decided we should head back down, after Dr. Murray went on ahead to retrieve a now way-out-of-sight Matthew. Sitting on a flat-top rock of just the right height, Katherine and I waited. And waited and waited. We decided to hike up some more and meet them coming down.

After about 20 minutes of that and no sign or sound of them, with a cloud cover moving in, and the hour getting late, we decided to head back down on our own.

Down is different from up. Up is bad enough but down, I think, can be more treacherous. That loose stone and gravel made for hundreds of separate little booby traps. Katherine held firmly onto my hand. There were a couple of close calls but she stayed on her feet the whole time, aided by both me and a walking stick borrowed from John.

We stopped a couple of times to try and see or hear the other two. Only silence. We had been separated over a half hour now and I had neglected to get Dr. Murray's cell phone number, although I had John Stryker's. I thought that upon arriving at his house, he and I would get on ATVs and go back, searching. It was like the mountain had devoured them. As Katherine and I trudged on by ourselves, it felt like the beginning of some horror movie, with the Blair witch or zombies about to attack, not to mention real-life bears.

Finally, they came up behind us. Whew. Was I ever happy to see them! It seems that Matthew had indeed forged way ahead and it just took time catching up with him. Dr. Murray got on Katherine's other side and we continued down, without an incident, back to the house. We dropped a very appreciative, grateful and happy Katherine off at her Brown Street home.

This morning I received a gracious e-mail from her. "I NEVER expected it to have been so rugged," she wrote. "Thanks to you, Dr. Murray, and son Matthew, we started the trek, with nary a thought to turn back. It never got better, but the footing on the terrain got persistent and on we went, not knowing what to expect... The walking stick really helped along the way but actually it was the firm grip on your

hand, Father that I felt secure the full length of the way...what, perhaps, two miles? We made it and God was with us all. Thanks to you Father for this experience. I never, never expected it to have been this steep and rugged a terrain. I love walking and the outdoors but yesterday's experience was so unexpected, enjoyed, but not for me to experience again. Again, thank you for the outing, a new experience for me, and I hope that I didn't deter too much from the pleasure of the day to reach the top of the mountain. However, I did enjoy my day with you and the boys. GOD BLESS you for always and forever."

Hey God, if I make it to 91 years...make me like her.
Fr. Bill



Weekly Readings

Monday – November 21(Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Daniel 3:52-56; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday – November 22 (St. Cecilia)

Daniel 2:31-45; Daniel 3:57-61; Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday – November 23

Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Daniel 3:62-67; Luke 21:12-19

Thursday – November 24 (St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions)

Daniel 6:12-28; Daniel 3:68-74; Luke 21:20-28

Friday – November 25

Daniel 7:2-14; Daniel 3:75-81; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday – November 26

Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3:82-87; Luke 21:34-36

Sunday – November 27 (1st Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mark 13:33-37

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November:

11/19- 20 - Tithing Weekend Update Speakers at all Masses

11/20 – CCD/9am/SHS

11/20 - K5 Youth Group Mtg/2pm/Church Basement

11/20 - Childrens Choir Practice/4pm/Choir Loft

11/21 - Columbiette Mtg/6:30 pm/ K of C House

11/21 - Parish Council Mtg/7pm/Parish

11/22 – Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish ofc. Basement

11/22 - Development Mtg/6:30pm/SHS Faculty Rm

11/23 – SHS Early Dismissal/11:3am

11/23 - Adult Choir Rehearsal/7:30 pm/ Choir Loft

11/23 - Parish office CLOSED at 12:00 pm

11/ 24 – School & Parish office CLOSED –

Thanksgiving Day

11/25 - School & Parish office CLOSED

11/27 - NO CCD Classes

11/27 - NO Children's Choir Practice

11/28 - NO SCHOOL

11/29 - NO SCHOOL

11/29 - Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish Ofc. Basement

11/30 - Adult Choir practice/7:30 pm/ Choir Loft

December:

12/01 - 15th Annual Ice Festival Begins/Dtwn Lewistown

12/01 - Sacred Hearts Children's Choir to

Sing/7pm/Mifflin County Court Hse Steps.

12/01 – Cursillo Group Mtg/4:30pm/Parish Ofc.

12/01 - RCIA/7pm/Parish Ofc. Boardroom

12/02 - ALL DAY ADORATION after 7am Mass

12/02 – Columbiettes/5:30pm/Adoration –Church

12/02 - 15th Annual Ice Festival/downtown Lewistown

12/03 - Ladies Guild Meeting/8am after Mass

12/04 – CCD Classes/9am/SHS

12/07-9 – Santa's Workshop @ SHS

12/7 - Pro-Life Mtg/6pm/Parish Office

12/7 - Adult Choir Practice/7:30pm/Choir Loft

12/8 - Cursillo Group Mtg/4:30 pm/Parish Ofc.

12/8 - RCIA/7pm/Parish Ofc.

12/11 – CCD Classes/9am/SHS – Last day of Semester

12/11 - PENANCE SERVICE/3pm/Church

12/11 – Children's Choir Practice/5pm/Choir Loft

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 20

7:30 AM Frank Manganaro

11:00 AM Michael DelVecchio

Monday, November 21

7:00 AM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

Tuesday, November 22

7:00 AM Arthur Leeper

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 PM Thomas & Marge Connare

Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving Day)

9:00 AM Judith & Honey Gers

Friday, November 25

7:00 AM Special Intentions for Kyle Shuey,

(this is a correction from last week do to clerical error)

Saturday, November 26

8:00 AM Marjorie A. Kaufman

4:00 PM Frank Guerrini

Sunday, November 27

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Frank Guerrini

Van Transportation to Mass: The following is the van schedule:

Nov 27 – Mel Reed

Dec 04 - Russell Krug

Dec 11 - Dave Kanicki

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: Nov 20, Dec 4. Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements.

Memorialize Flowers: If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (pulpit) please call the parish office to schedule. Dates available are Nov 27 & Dec 11. Flower colors should be coordinated with the church seasons.

*Altar Flowers are in Loving Memory of:
Michael Del Vecchio
From his wife Fran & family*

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Attention Parishioners, All Gifts for the Community Christmas Project are to be turned in to the church or parish office November 19th & 20th. Feel free to contact the parish office with questions. *Thank you in advance your goodness will not be forgotten.*



Sacred Heart Children's Choir, rehearsals have begun, but they still need singers! All students K - 9 should consider joining the choir and are welcome to come to practice. The

Children's Choir will sing at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve and will also sing at the Festival of Ice during the first week of December. Students in grades 7, 8, and 9 who are interested in singing or helping out can receive service hours for confirmation by attending practices. If you have any questions please contact Chad Reed at creed1187@comcast.net or the Church office 717-248-2781.

Beginning Sunday, November 27th St. Vincent DePaul will be collecting grocery items for the church's Christmas Baskets to be given out to those in need in the parish or

in the community on December 18. The following is a list of the items needed:

Cranberry Sauce
Boxes of Stuffing or Bread cubes to make stuffing
Peas, Corn, Green Beans
Cake Mixes, Frosting
Items for making pies
Canned Fruit, Sweet Potatoes
Box Potatoes for mashing
Tea Buns

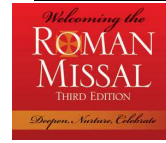
Also needed are turkeys if you have on to donate. Please bring your items to the sacristy of the church or to the church office on 9 N. Brown St.

December 4th & 11th we will be taking monetary donations to purchase turkeys and anything other than food items we may need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

P.S. If you know of anyone needing a basket please call the parish office. Thank you.

Attention Parishioners, please remember while you are in Church you are in a sacred place. And the use of cell phones is **not permitted**, this also applies to ***"texting" before & during Mass.*** In addition, ***chewing gum is also not allowed.*** Thank you in advance for respecting our Church.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Every end marks a beginning. The Solemnity of Christ the King marks the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical calendar. The images presented for our reflection show forth the end of

the world and the fulfillment of all the work God is doing for us in Christ Jesus. In our celebration, we look forward to the end times, not as something to be feared as destructive, but as the complete inauguration of the Kingdom of God. This is the fulfillment of our hope, when there will be a new heaven and new earth, and all will be one in Christ. In light of these beautiful themes, we might also reflect on the end of our use of the current words for Mass as we look forward to next Sunday when the revised translation of the Roman Missal

Adult Bible Study Class will end on November 22nd for the Holiday Season. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 10th at 7pm, have a Joyful Holiday season.



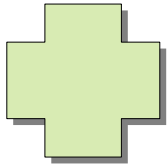
Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy is looking for a donation of a 10, 12, or 14 foot Christmas tree to display in the student union. If you are interested please contact Katie

at 808-6118.

First United Methodist Church Thanksgiving meal: Thursday, November 24th, 1st seating begins at 10:30 am, if you would like to volunteer to help, serve or set up please contact them at: 248-4618



Mifflin County Roundtable of Christians and Jews. Nominate someone for this years Brotherhood Award. The person nominated should have demonstrated through religious community work, or other humane expressions, the qualities that embrace Brotherhood. The process is easy. Just pick up an application form at any area bank or at the Juniata Valley Chamber of Commerce office, complete the form and mail to: Mifflin County Roundtable of Christians and Jews, PO Box 1136, Lewistown, PA 17044. Entry **Deadline is Thursday, December 15th**



Local Blood Drives for November:

Friday, November 25th:

10am – 4pm, Lewistown Moose,
80 Brady Lane, Lewistown

Wednesday, November 30th:

9:30 am – 3:30pm
Lewistown Hospital – Classroom #4
400 Highland Park Ave, Lewistown



St. Jude Thaddeus Mass Schedule & Events:

Saturday:

Confessions: 4pm -4:45 pm
Mass: 5pm – English
6pm - Spanish

Sunday:

Mass: 9:15 am

Weekday Masses: M & Fr 9:00 am

Events:

11/18 - Soup & Pie Pick - up
11/ 19 – Health Screening for Hispanics
11/24 - Thanksgiving Day Mass – 9:15a.m.

Cookie Bakers: Cookie Walk is Dec 10th,
Donations of 12 dozen of your favorite cookies or candy

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING
November 20, 2011

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry... I was thirsty... a stranger... naked... ill... in prison... Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

The judgment scene painted by Matthew is both familiar and quite clear. The Lord assumes His place as we go before Him in final judgment. For some it may be a traumatic and fear filled image. For others, it will be a meeting of friends.

For the former, who have perhaps been concerned only about themselves and forgot or avoided the different groups mentioned in the scripture, it becomes a fear filled challenge. Will I pass the test?

For others who have made time, not just found time, to live the corporal works of mercy, to show concern for those in greater need, it will be a moment of acknowledgement and reward. Consider for a moment, the rich history of Christians providing for those in need. Do I find myself in any of the categories? Take the test – I have brought food for the pantry, or sent a donation to a worthy organization providing meals or housing. I am concerned about the needs of immigrants and legislation which is fair and just. Do I need some of the clothing in my closet? Have I sent a card or made a call to someone confined to home or in hospital treatment? Do I shun or share with the plight of incarcerated persons, so that they do not fall back when released from prison?

On this last Sunday of the church's year, it is a good time to look at my life, Christ's judgment and the works of mercy which I am called to practice. How interesting as Jesus tells me, it is in these people and practice that I will find Him.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL



Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday (11/22)- Art Club for Grades 3-5;
Development meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday (11/23) – Early Dismissal – No After School program

No School 11/24, 25 – Thanksgiving Break

✠ SHS administration, faculty/staff and students wish all of our parishioners blessings for a **Happy Thanksgiving!**

✠ **Thank you** to all families who donated to our Food Basket drive and to all who attended our Thanksgiving Social.

Substitutes for teaching positions are being sought. Degree and clearances are required. Please contact school office.

