

## November 13, 2011 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship is a way of life.

### Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Nov 6, 2011	\$ 10,135.00
Tithing Income: Nov 7, 2010	\$ 8,838.00
Children's Offering:	\$ 3.00

### Next Week's Tithe is for:

St. Vincent de Paul

### Tithe for 11/6/11 supported the following:

Operation Home Front	\$664.00
Juniata River Valley Festival of Ice	\$350.00

### From the Pastor:

Our parish thanks our loyal parishioners for being who you are supposed to be. Your generous support makes our parish a place where Christ will always be King.

### Comments on Tithing from the pews:

"When I began tithing I first felt proud to be part of those parishioners who are already tithing; then I felt grateful. I also began to have a greater interest in our church, our parishioners, our faith as a group and my faith as an individual. I know you are not surprised!"

### My Good Deed for the Week:

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

I shoveled the snow off the driveway for my parents.

Each church in town is asked to donate six pumpkin pies for the meal. Sacred Heart parishioners can drop them off starting Monday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at the First United Methodist office, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to noon.

Plus, volunteers are needed for the dinner. Cooks are asked to show up at 8 a.m., Thursday morning; set-up crew by 9 a.m.; servers, waiters and waitresses, by 10:00 a.m. If you would like to volunteer in some way, call the church at 242-0225. They would love it.

The church will also take a Thanksgiving meal to shut-ins on the holiday. If you or someone you know would like a turkey meal delivered to the home on Nov. 24, please call our secretary, Annemarie Swineford, by Monday, Nov. 21. She will collect names and call them in to First United Methodist, which also needs drivers to take the meals to the various homes. Anyone interested?

Here at Sacred Heart, we will have 9 a.m. Mass Thanksgiving morning. Go to Mass and then, across the street, go to the meal. What a deal!

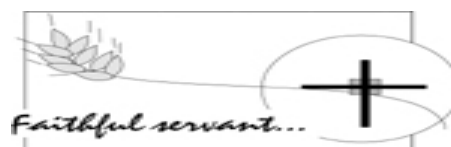
And here's a heads-up on an unrelated matter: Shining Light Through the Darkness, Dec. 10, 2011 to Jan. 4, 2012, at Derry Park. In its fifth year, this remains kind of a best kept secret. Various churches and groups decorate sections of Derry Park and its pavilions in lights and other holiday themes. Families then stroll the lanes to admire the illuminated beauty and to enjoy other activities, of which there are many.

There is food, plus entertainment, provided by various musical and singing groups who offer their talents to those attending. Horse-drawn carriage rides will be available three different nights. A church choir night is being planned, with different congregations taking turns to sing sacred song for the crowds. A large model train set and miniature village will be on display, as well as a group of table-top gingerbread houses. The disabled will be driven around the park in carts. The whole thing is a real kid's world but adults enjoy it greatly as well.

This was begun in 2006 by Darla Gray, a local woman, after she returned from Iraq, serving there in the National Guard. She is chairperson of the committee, which is seeking donations and volunteer workers for set-up, break-down and to fulfill other duties. For instance, greeters are needed every night to welcome visitors at the park's bridge and hand them free gift bags as they arrive (can be cold work). People are needed to sit in the train/village room to guard the display. Churches and other groups are needed to sponsor and decorate a section of the park.

Those interested in donating or volunteering or anyone with questions may call Darla Gray, chairperson, 717-635-0919; Darlene Gray (her mother), 717-953-6352; or Carol Ann Manbeck, 717-248-7428. I'll write and speak about more of this in the weeks to come.

Fr. Bill



## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVENTS

First United Methodist Church, across the street from Sacred Heart, will hold the Lewistown Annual Thanksgiving Service 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 23, the night before the holiday, followed by refreshments.

Rev. Narda Druckenmiller, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Oak Street, will preach. Many clergy from town, including myself, will do Scripture readings and prayers. Of course, everyone is invited to attend. Pumpkin pie and hot drinks are served afterward. This evening of worship and fellowship is a great way to show Christian support and unity among fellow believers.

The next day, Thanksgiving itself, the same church does the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, starting at 10:30 a.m., with turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, and all the trimmings. Once again, everyone is invited. During the meal, which is held in the church basement, worship and prayer services are on-going up in the sanctuary.

## Weekly Readings



### **Monday – November 14**

1Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63; Psalm 119:53,61,134,150,155,158; Luke 18:35-43

### **Tuesday – November 15**

2Maccabees 6:18-31; Psalm 3:2-7; Luke 19:1-10

### **Wednesday – November 16**

2Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8 & 15; Luke 19:11-28

### **Thursday – November 17 (St. Elizabeth of Hungary)**

1Maccabees 2:15-29; Psalm 50:1-2, 5-6,14-15; Luke 19:41-44

### **Friday – November 18**

1Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59; 1Chronicles 29:10-12; Luke 19:45-48

### **Saturday – November 19**

1Maccabees 6:1-13; Psalm 9:2-4, & 6, 16 & 19; Luke 20:27-40

### **Sunday – November 20**

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; Psalm 23:1-6; 1Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Matthew 25: 31-46

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### November:

- 11/13 - CCD/9am/SHS
- 11.13 - Children's Choir Practic/4pm/Choir Loft
- 11/14 - SHS School Board Mtg/6pm/SHS Faculty Rm
- 11/14 - St. Vincent de Paul Mtg/7pm/School Cafeteria**
- 11/15 - HSA Cheesecakes Delivered
- 11/15 – Adult Bible Study/7pm/Parish ofc. Basement
- 11/15 – Buildings & Grounds Mtg/7pm/Rectory
- 11/16 - Adult Choir Rehearsal/7:30pm/Choir Loft
- 11/17 – SHS Thanksgiving Social/1:30pm/School
- 11/17 – Cursillo Group Mtg/4:30pm/Parish Ofc.
- 11/17 – HSA General Mtg/6pm/SHS Faculty Rm.
- 11/17 – RCIA/7pm/Parish ofc. Boardroom
- 11/19 – St. Vincent DePaul Free Meal/11:30am/SHS Caf.
- 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 - Columbiette Rosary Group/6:30 pm/Church

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

## LITURGICAL NOTES

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

### **Sunday, November 13**

7:30 AM Kathleen Smith

11:00 AM Frank Guerrini

### **Monday, November 14**

7:00 AM William & Catherine Smith

### **Tuesday, November 15**

7:00 AM Deacon John Roccio

### **Wednesday, November 16**

7:00 PM Special Intentions for Carol Moschgat

### **Thursday, November 17**

7:00 AM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

9:00 AM Special Intentions Richard Parzanese

### **Friday, November 18**

7:00 AM Special Intentions Sr. Anna Marie Ziegler

### **Saturday, November 19**

8:00 AM Mary Drozda

4:00 PM Blake & Colton Moll

### **Sunday, November 20**

7:30 AM Frank Mangannaro

11:00 AM Michael Delvecchio

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

Nov 20 - Dave Kanicki

Nov 27 – Mel Reed

Dec 04 - Russell Krug

**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are available: Nov 13 –Nov 20. 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 13 & Dec 11. Flower colors should be coordinated with the church seasons.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES



**Attention Parishioners,** the Christmas season is almost upon us, and your generosity is needed. **The Community Christmas Project will be held November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.** This project provides children of our community a

Christmas to remember. All you have to do is pick a tag from the tree and provide a gift for a child. We ask that you do not wrap the gift just attach the nametag to the gift(s) – we will gladly accept paper, boxes, tape as donations. Sign your name next to the number on the sign sheet. **All Gifts are to be turned in to the church or parish office November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.** Feel free to contact the parish office with questions. *Thank you in advance your goodness will not be forgotten.*



**St. Vincent de Paul is asking for turkeys for our Thanksgiving meal on November 19<sup>th</sup> and for our Christmas baskets to be given out in December. If you have a turkey you would like to donate please bring it to the parish office. THANK YOU! In advance for your generosity!**

**\*\*NOTE to all Members of St. Vincent de Paul will meet on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the School Cafeteria \*\***

**Beginning Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

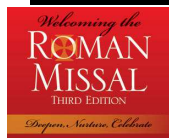
**P.S. If you know of anyone needing a basket please call the parish office. Thank you.**



**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](mailto:creed1187@comcast.net) or the Church office 717-248-2781

## **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Only Christ can make us worthy for Himself.** "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof." These words are taken directly from the Gospel of Luke and recount the

humility of the centurion who asked Christ to heal his sick servant. At every Mass, we take these words upon our own lips as we prepare for Christ to enter into the home of our hearts in Holy Communion. This is a constant reminder that we have become the Temple of the Holy Spirit and that the Lord has come

to dwell within us. There is certainly nothing we can do to make ourselves worthy of this great gift. Yet, there is Someone who has the power to make us worthy. "Only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Christ has the power to render us worthy for His divine indwelling. Our souls can only be made worthy by the forgiveness available to us because of Christ. In order that we may gain the greatest benefit from our participation in the Eucharistic offering, we must be sure that we are properly disposed. For this reason, whenever we have fallen from the state of grace through mortal sin, we must present our selves for sacramental Confession so that Christ can "say the word" to heal and forgive our souls. Nothing we can do can take away the stain of sin: this is the work of Christ that we celebrate in the Sacraments of the Church. Allowing Him to say the healing word of forgiveness opens our hearts to receive the grace that makes us holy and gives us hope that we will become like the "Blessed ... called to the supper of the Lamb.



### **NEW INFORMATION FOR MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON, D.C.:**

The plans for itinerary for the March are evolving. **St. Jude's youth group is still sponsoring a one-day bus trip to Washington, D.C., on January 23, 2012, to participate in**

**the March for Life.** However, we have received information on an opportunity to attend a Sunrise Rally and Mass for our youth at Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD, which is on the way to Washington, D.C. If we have enough youth presence to attend the Mount event, this will preclude a visit the Basilica. The cost for the bus will still be approximately \$45 per person, plus meals. **There is donation for the Sunrise Rally and Mass of an additional \$12, but this includes a boxed lunch for everyone who attends. Regardless of the larger itinerary, the overall mission of the trip is the same: to show our support for life and repeal of Roe v. Wade.** Advanced planning is necessary for a trip of this nature. We must register for the Mount event before it fills up. Therefore, if you are interested in going to D.C. to promote the pro-life cause on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located **in the Church vestibule ASAP, and no later than November 13, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Thome, 694-3607.**

***"For those who cannot make the Washington March there will be a Lewistown Pro Life March to be held on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 1pm We will march from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's steps to the old Court House on Market St."***



**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.



**Training for Volunteer tutors will be held: Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the TIU Community Education Services, PA CareerLink Mifflin County. Adult learners use various workbooks and real world materials such as newspapers and fliers to help

students learn. All training materials are free and continuing support for tutors is provided. Please contact Carolyn Kline, TIU Community Education Services (717) 24-4942 x 109 Thank you for your support of adult education in our community.



**The Ten Thousand Villages' International Gifts Festival** will be held at Cedar Grove BIC Church on **Friday, November 18 from 9am to 8pm and Saturday, November 19 from 9am to 4pm.** Invest in the world. Shop fair trade. Discover unique home décor, musical instruments and jewelry at the festival. Your participation in this sale will help skilled artisans in 32 countries receive a fair price for their products. Featured items include hand loomed textiles, pottery, jewelry, baskets, toys and a variety of nativities and Christmas decorations. Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit fair trade organization based in Akron, PA. **For more information contact Deb Richmond at 717-348-6364 or [debrichmond@nmax.net](mailto:debrichmond@nmax.net)**

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

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**November 13, 2011**

**"For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people are saying 'Peace and security' then sudden disaster comes upon them... 'For everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.'"**

During this month we have celebrated the saints in glory, models for us all, who have attained final glory with God. We have paused to pray for other members of the communion of saints, who ask our prayer for them to achieve the same reward. The scriptures today speak of our opportunities to live our lives in anticipation of the same end. How many treaties and agreements have been struck to achieve peace, reduction of arms, or drawing new national borders? Yet conflict and war remain. Discussion and debate have not produced a change of turning swords into ploughshares or spears into pruning hooks. Security flees us as volcanoes erupt, tsunamis

rush ashore and earthquakes rattle and destroy. We cannot stop working for peace or aiding those who are hurt. Surely we can act, not just react or respond. We have been blessed with so many gifts. We can speak of these as the talents of the gospel, yet we are slow to create an ongoing pattern of aid for others, or demand an altering of military budgets or the arms race. We seem to relegate the beatitudes of peacemakers and justice seekers to the diplomats engaged in these important roles. Consider for a moment what you have done with the five, two or one talent the Lord has given you. What have you done, or what are you doing with it? For many, we have buried it. The Lord wants us to be accountable. He expects us to make a difference in our world today.

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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# Catholic Schools

### Weekly Schedule:

**Monday 11/14** – School Board Meeting 6:00 pm

**Tuesday 11/15**- Reading Club 2:45pm: Grades 3-5

**Thursday 11/17** – Thanksgiving Celebration 1:30 Cafeteria.

HAS Meeting 6pm Faculty Room.

✚ Thank you to parents who recently attended parent conferences.

✚ SHS Food Drive for Thanksgiving is this week. Each family is asked to donate at least one item per child of non-perishable food for our drive. Food will be given to the St. Vincent DePaul Society for Christmas baskets for those in need.

✚ After school Reading and Art clubs begin this mon, Reading on 11/15 and Art on 11/22. (Grade 3-5).

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

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