



Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: Dec 11, 2011	\$ 8,698.00
Tithing Income: Dec 12, 2010	\$ 8,673.00
Children's Offering:	\$ 3.65

Tithe for 12/11/11 supported the following:

Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 870.00
Expectations Women's Center (this was from the Immaculate Conception collection)	\$ 150.00

From the Pastor: Thank you all so much for your generosity. You have responded to my appeals for help for the parish and now we are in the black, thank Heaven. And remember, we tithe our collection too, so you are helping not just the church but outside charitable organizations that benefit from our donations, made possible by your kindness. May God bless you all.

From the Pews:

"Just this week my checking account was very low, not enough to pay all my bills when, then I got an unexpected check in the mail. I was enough to cover my bills! I immediately said "Thank you God." I really believe because I give to him, he saw that I got some back. I will give more at Christmas than I usually do."

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 Kindergartener's, helped his dad build a hoophouse. A first grader did a better job listening this week. 2 of our older kids help their parents clean the house.

GREAT JOB KIDS!

Pastors Column

GREAT CHIP DROP AND OTHER ECUMENICAL STUFF

New Year's Eve brings The Great Chip Drop at Monument Square, Lewistown. At midnight, Saturday, Dec. 31, a representation of a giant potato chip bag is dropped, in front of the old courthouse, to commemorate Hartley's Potato Chips, still a major employer here in Lewistown. About ten minutes of fireworks follow. They will be visible from the square.

One big draw that night will be Daniel Kamin, a mime, magician, comedian from Pittsburgh who will perform 8:30 and 10:30 p.m., St. John Lutheran

Church. He tutored Robert Downey Jr. on that actor's role as Charlie Chaplin.

Disc jockey and video artist G Man will be on the square too. Acoustic folk and blue grass music will be in the old courtroom about 8 p.m. to midnight. Children's activities will abound, including horse-drawn carriage rides. Downtown restaurants will have extended hours.

I try to attend these things and that night I plan to be out and about (or "oot and about," as the Canadians say), meeting and greeting, despite Sunday morning Mass the next day.

The Great Chip Drop is in the spirit of such programs as Neighborhood Watch and Take Back the Night. The idea is to reclaim our towns and neighborhoods from gangs, drug activity, drunkenness, loitering, and crime. New Year's Eve can be a hotbed for such things and it is important for families and upstanding citizens to stake their claim downtown on the big night.

One event in which I participated last year on the square around midnight was an ecumenical prayer service. There are plans to repeat it this year. About 15 minutes before the chip drop, a circle of about 25 people gathered and offered informal prayer from the heart. Anyone in the circle could call out a prayer, as the Spirit led. What a great way to usher in the New Year.

The Great Chip Drop is all organized by Community Partnerships RC&D, 3rd street, a regional non-profit group specializing in environmental and cultural programs. Put it on your calendar.

Another New Year event to mark down is the 12 noon Thursday January 19th Sacred Heart Church ecumenical prayer service. This is part of the international Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Lewistown Ministerium celebrates by organizing half hour prayer services in a different downtown church each day during the week. These are designed to be short, sweet, petite lunch-hour services, no food or refreshment, just prayer.

This is a great way to visit local churches and see the beauty within. These old downtown churches, many over 100 years old, are beautiful with their stained glass windows and polished woodwork. St. Mark's Episcopal, corner of Main and Water Streets (across from the old Lewistown Hotel), hosts for Monday, January 16th. Tuesday, Jan. 17th will be St. John's Lutheran, and Wednesday, January 18th will be Lewistown Presbyterian, both on 3rd Street.

Fr. Bill



Weekly Readings

Monday – December 19

Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Psalm 71:3-5, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday – December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday – December 21

Song of Songs 2:8-14; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45

Thursday – December 22

Samuel 1:24-28; Samuel 2:1, 4-8; Luke 1:46-56

Friday – December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9,10 & 14; Luke 1:57-66

Saturday – December 24 (The Nativity of the Lord/Vigil Mass)

Isaiah 62:1-5, & 13; Psalm 89:4-5,16-17,27, 29; Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17,22-25; Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Mass during the Night:

Isaiah 9:1-6, & 14; Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Sunday – December 25 (Christmas Day)

Isaiah 62:11-12, & 15; Psalm 97:1,6, 11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

Mass during the day:

Isaiah 52:7-10, & 16; Psalm 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December:

12/18 - Children's Choir Practice/4pm/Choir Loft

12/20 - Buildings & Grounds Mtg/7p/Rectory

12/21 - Adult Choir Practice/7:30pm/Choir Loft

12/22 - SHS Early Dismissal/11:30am

12/23 - Jan 2nd- NO SCHOOL

12/23 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

12/24 - NO 8am Mass

12/24 - Children's Mass/4pm/Church

12/24 - Christmas Carols/9:30pm/Church

12/24 - Christmas Eve Mass/10pm/Church

12/25 - Christmas Day Mass/10am/Church

12/26 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

12/28 - Mass/7pm/Church

12/29 - NO 9AM Mass – Due to School is out

12/30 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

January:

01/03 – SHS Back in Session

01/03 - Gala Comm. Mtg/6pm/Parish Offc.

01/04 - Pro Life Group Mtg/6pm/Parish office

01/04 - Adult Choir Practice/7:30pm/Choir Loft



01/05 - Cursillo Group Mtg/4:30p/Parish Office

01/06 - First Friday Adoration – After 7am Mass

01/06 - Holy Hour/7pm/Church

01/08 – K5 Youth Grp/2pm/Church Basement

LITURGICAL NOTES

*Mass  for the
Intentions  Week*

Sunday, December 18

7:30 AM Harry D. Johnston

11:00 AM Michael Del Vecchio

Monday, December 19

7:00 AM Arthur Leeper

Tuesday, December 20

7:00 AM Mary Mahon

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 PM Sr. Agnes Marie Therese, O.C. D

Thursday, December 22

7:00 AM Anna Kasmak

9:00 AM Joseph Clark

Friday, December 23

7:00 AM Judith & Honey Gers

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM People of the Parish

10:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25

10:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Dec 25 – Russell Krug

Jan 08 – Dave Kanicki

Jan 15 - Mel Reed

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: Jan 15, 22, & 29 Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements.

*The Sanctuary Candle is for
Leo & Frank Pupo from their loving
Family*

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 Jan 1, 8, 15, & 22. Flower colors should be coordinated with the church seasons.

*Altar Flowers are for
Michael Del Vecchio
From his wife Fran and loving
Family*



Hail, Mary, God is with you.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

For - Girls & Boys Ages 10-14
Held – **Sunday, January 8th from 2:00-5:00PM at YMCA** Doors will open at 1:00PM For entry form & registration info, please call: Scott Richard at 717-953-5164



Our Lewistown Pro Life March we will have their March, Sunday, January 15, 2012. And will march from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's steps to the Bethel Ame Church Hope Center at 23 N. Juniata St. Lewistown. January 15 2012 1 PM We will supply posters and banners. Represent your Catholicism Bring your children and let us pray for the unborn! For information contact Annemarie Swineford at 242-2781 or Frank Cunningham at 667-9334 every pro lifer is welcomed!



Save the Date!

*3rd Annual Sacred Heart School
Gala Savor the Flavors of Mardi Gras...
February 4th, 2012*

Come join us for a night of Fun, Food, & Friends

Social Hour 5-6pm, Dinner begins at 6pm

Rec Park Community Center

Tickets: \$50.00 per person

Entertainment: 3MO

Food & Drinks provided by our Local Restaurants

Games and prizes given out all night!

For Tickets Contact:

Sacred Heart School: 248-5351

Sacred Heart Parish Office: 242-2781

*all proceeds benefit Sacred Heart School

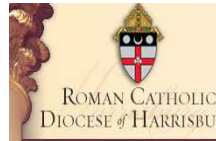


Sister Marlene now has a new CAR!

Thank you to all those parishioners out there who offered suggestions and sent folks our way with cars that they were selling. Special Thanks to Calkins & Zeke Acker, who offered two great cars for our consideration. We also are very grateful for those parishioners who made generous donations that helped with half the cost of the car. Again, our parishioners have out done themselves with their generosity and loyalty to our parish.



COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



“Be it done unto me according to your word.” Docile obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, Call the office of Vocations (717) 657-4804 ext 282, or email: frrlavoie@hbgdiocese.org

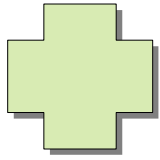
INTERNSHIP with Pennsylvania Catholic Conference - Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) in Harrisburg, PA is seeking an intern for the spring or summer 2012 term. Candidates must be upper-class students majoring in public relations, communications, marketing, journalism or related discipline; or political science/government. This project oriented internship involves research, writing and outreach about public policy issues of concern to the Catholic Church. Contact Amy Hill at 717-238-9613 or abhill@pacatholic.org for more details.

Volunteer Opportunities –

WHYF AM 720 Catholic Radio for Central PA needs your help. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks from clerical to on-air. If you have time to donate to this ministry call (717) 525-8110 or email; Contact@yourhollyfamilyradio.com. Schedules are flexible. www.yourhollyfamilyradio.com

Save the Date - First Communicant Families - On Sunday February 5, 2012, St. Patrick Cathedral Gift Shop will be hosting a First Communion show featuring dresses and veils for girls, suits and ties for boys as well as other gifts and accessories. More details will follow soon.





Local Blood Drives for November/December:

Wednesday, December 21st:

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
First United Methodist Church
200 E. Third St. Lewistown

Tuesday, December 27th:

12:00 pm – 6:00pm
Lewistown Moose
80 Brady Lane, Lewistown



St. Jude Thaddeus

Mass Schedule & Events:

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

Mass: 9:15 am

Christmas Mass Schedule:

12/24 – 6:30p.m - Children's Mass preceded by Caroling at 6:00p.m.

12/24 – Spanish Mass

12/25 – 9:15a.m. - English Mass preceded by caroling at 845a.m.

St. Jude Events:



Olivia Meldrum, who receives a yearly scholarship contribution from the PA Knights of Columbus, will be presenting a vocal recital at the St. Jude parish hall on Sunday Dec 18 at **4 PM**. She would like to thank you and

all Knights for supporting her studies at Franciscan University. We hope you and your family can attend.



CHRISTMAS CARDS: Christmas cards are available in the social hall as part of the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign. Your support is appreciated

BROTHER JUNIPER



SACRED HEART SCHOOL



Weekly Schedule:

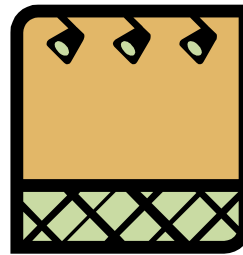
Tuesday 12/20: After School Reading Club

Thursday 12/22: 9am Mass – Grade 5 Prepares; Early Dismissal 11:30 am – Beginning of Christmas Break!

School reopens January 3, 2012



Our best wishes to all of our parishioners for a blessed feast of the Lord's Birth. You are all remembered in our prayers



Congratulations!

To our two 5th Grade Students:

Miguel Vasquez
&
Leah Millard

for winning the Keep Christ in Christmas art contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The Billboards with their art can be seen across from Juniata Bank on Water Street and on 522 down from Walmart (you can see it on your way in from the bypass to Walmart)

Thank you! To all of the families who supported our baby item collection for Crossroads Counseling.

