

Stewardship is a way of life.
Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: March 28, 2010	\$8,213.00
Tithing Income: March 29, 2009	\$8,355.50
Children's offering:	\$10.00

Next Sunday collection for Human Life International



Additional Principles of Tithing:

The word "tithe" originally meant ten percent (10%). The "tithe" however, is only a barometer or guideline to help determine one's

sacrificial giving. Some can and should offer more than a 10% tithe; others may have circumstances that warrant them paying less than a 10% tithe.

If a tithe (10%) is legitimately too much for one's current budget, a member may begin with a lower percentage that will be both sacrificial and yet possible. Then the member may gradually raise the level of giving until the full tithe is reached. In this way brothers and sisters and families are making a decision for the Lord first and only afterward considering their own needs and wants.

Families should involve their children in tithing by teaching them through word and by example the priority of returning to God a portion of their blessing He has given us. Children may do this through tithing their allowances or income from part-time jobs.

Those faithful Christians who do tithe (give sacrificially) report how remarkably their material needs have been met. Moreover, these blessings are even greater in spiritual rewards:

1. A sense of serenity and satisfaction that comes from generosity;
2. An awareness that God comes first, even in decisions about money;
3. A recognition that one has eliminated the practice of making contributions that are mere leftovers or contributions of habit;
4. An ability to distinguish between wants and needs;
5. A deeper consciousness of society's materialism and consumerism;
6. A quiet confidence in the Lord's protective care.

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A 5th grader said: "I helped my brother with homework." A kindergartner said: "I took laundry off of the line for my Mom." A 5th, 6th, & 7th grader said: "We helped our neighbor." A 7th grader said: "I planted flowers with my neighbor."

Pastor's Column

MASS OF THE OILS

It's Monday of Holy Week as I write this (ancient history, I know – we're in Easter now, but humor me) and I have just returned from the Mass of the Oils or the Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Harrisburg. If there is any such thing as an annual Mass of the diocese, presided over by the bishop, surrounded by his priests and people, this is it. If you've never attended put it down on your calendar for next year (5:30 p.m., April 18, 2011).

At this Mass, all the priests of the diocese stand up to renew their vows. Plus, all the sacramental oils for all of the parishes for the upcoming year are blessed by the presiding bishop. That would be the oil of catechumens (the first anointing of baptism), the oil of chrism (for the 2nd baptismal anointing, and the oil for confirmation and ordination) and the oil for the anointing of the sick.

Every year, we priests are first treated to an afternoon of recollection before the Mass, usually in a chapel near the cathedral. This year the guest preacher was Fr. Frederick Miller, associate professor of theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.

This still being the Year of the Priest, Fr. Miller focused, in his remarks, on St. John Vianney, the 19th century pastor of Ars, France and the official church patron for parish priests. He spoke of Vianney's great love for the priesthood and he urged us to follow the saint's goals of 1) getting people back to Sunday Mass and 2) teaching the people the faith. Those attending then had an opportunity to go to confession, if so desired.

The cathedral was filled for the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Robert Maginnis, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (we're still waiting word on our new bishop). All the readings referred to anointing and priesthood. Isaiah 61:1-3 started out "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to bring glad tidings..." In the Gospel selection from Luke 4, Jesus quotes that very verse from Isaiah in a talk he gives.

In the vows that followed, the bishop asked us "are you ready to renew your own dedication to Christ as priests of His new covenant? Are you resolved to unite yourselves more closely to Christ and to try to become more like Him by joyfully sacrificing your own pleasure and ambition to bring His peace and love to your brothers and sisters? Are you resolved to be faithful ministers of God, to celebrate the Eucharist and the other liturgical services with sincere devotion?"

We all answered "I am." Then the bishop urges the laity present to support, love, and honor their priests. It is all very moving and provides a great segue into Holy Week and the great Easter season that we are enjoying now.

Fr. Bill



Scripture Readings for the week:

Monday: April 5 – Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 6 – Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 7 – Acts of the Apostles 3: 1-10; Psalm 105: 1-4, 6-9; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 8 – Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26; Psalm 8:2, 5-9; Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 9 – Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12; Psalm 118:1, 1-2, 4, 22-27; John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 10 – Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1, 14-21; Mark 16:9-15

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11 – Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20: 19-31

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4 – Easter Sunday

5 – Easter Monday / Office Closed

8 – RCIA – 7pm / office

10 – Ladies Guild/Following 8am Mass/Church Basement

11 – CCD / 9am

11 – Divine Mercy Sunday / Service / 3pm

11 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer / 7pm / Church

12 – Board of Education / 6pm / School

13 – K of C meeting / 7pm / Knights Home

14 – Liturgy Meeting / 7:45pm / Rectory

15 – RCIA / 7pm / office

17 – SVDP Free Meal / 11:30am

19 – SVDP / 7pm / office

20 – Bldg & grounds / 7pm / Church basement

26 – Parish Council / 7pm / office

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

April 11 – Russell Krug

April 18 – Mel Reed

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Ladies Guild will meet Saturday, April 10 in church basement after 8:00am Mass

The search for items for the 12th Annual More than An Auction is beginning to wind down. But, there is still time to donate!! We are looking for unique, handmade, antique or collectable items. Other options for donation could include gift certificates, gift baskets or monetary donations. If you have an item(s) for donation or if you

have any questions, please contact either Kim Bubb at 717-994-0885 or Heidi Gingerich at 717-994-0540.

SAVE THE DATE!! Parish Picnic, June 20th, Derry Township Park. More info to follow.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meets Thursdays at 7 pm – April 8. Providence.

ALUMINUM CANS

Father Thoms is still collecting aluminum cans to take to the recycling center. The money is then put into our building fund account. Please bring cans to the rectory and leave near the garage. You may also bring the cans to the parish office. Thank you!

FUDGE CONTEST

**Sunday April 25, 2009
Youth Park, Reedsville**



**Held in conjunction with the annual Sacred Heart More Than an Auction
The contest is open to any and all cooks!**

Prizes

1st Place – Blue Ribbon \$100.00

2nd Place – Red Ribbon \$50.00

3rd Place – White Ribbon \$25.00

- ? **Entrants must complete the registration form and submit the form by April 19.**
- ? **All entries must be accompanied by a recipe card for the fudge submitted.**
- ? **Following the judging, all fudge will be sold at the More Than an Auction dessert stand.**
- ? **The fudge may be any kind - peanut butter, chocolate etc. Disposable pans are encouraged.**
- ? **All fudge is due at the Auction site in Reedsville (Youth Park) by Sunday, April 25, 2010 between the hours of 9:30am and 11:30am.**

- ? **Fudge will be judged as follows: Overall Appearance, Flavor, Texture, Creativity. Any age may enter. Entry form due by April 19.**
- ? **Forms are available in the vestibule of the church or by calling Sacred Heart @242-2781 between 9:00am and 4pm. Entry form can be emailed to you.**

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Sunday, April 4 (Easter Sunday)

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, April 5

7:00 AM Valerie Bloom

Tuesday, April 6

7:00 AM Wright & Zeigler families

Wednesday, April 7

7:00 PM Stella Dulack

Thursday, April 8

7:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

9:00 AM Marie Terese LeGuen

Friday, April 9

7:00 AM Sarah Elizabeth Blakey

Saturday April 10

8:00 AM Oattie Olnick

4:00 PM Intention of the Zannino family

Sunday April 11 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Angelo, Kathryn & John Meloni

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Sunday Service

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: April 18, 25

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in honor of the Pannizzo family.

Memorialize Flowers: If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (pulpit) please call the parish office to schedule. The next available dates are: April 11, 18.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Golden Anniversary? Fifty Years Married?

Were you married in 1960? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special mass and reception on Sunday, June 6, 2010, at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations: In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday as



World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects us as his flock and promises us the gift of eternal life. As followers of Jesus we are called to remain faithful to the grace of God.

Diocesan Marian Symposium – Mother of God & Gate of Heaven

On April 24, 2010, the Diocese of Harrisburg will sponsor a Diocesan Marian Symposium at the Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd, Harrisburg. Whether you are a priest, a deacon, a consecrated religious, or a member of the lay faithful, this day of prayer and formation is for you. Our two keynote speakers for the day are well known Catholic author and speaker, Dr. Edward Sri, Provost at Augustine Institute in Denver, CO and well-known presenter on the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sr. John Sheila Galligan, IHM, Professor of theology at Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA. Each speaker will deliver two talks on the Blessed Virgin Mary. Specific topics will focus on: What Catholics Really Believe about Mary, the Rosary & the Bible, Mary as Blessed Among Women, and Mary as Mother of Sorrows and Model of Patience. The day will begin with Mass. Registration is available on-line at www.hbgdiocese.org and is due by April 13. The cost is \$30 per person and includes breakfast and lunch. Questions, call Kathy at 717-657-4804, c229.

Census 2010

The census defines who we are as a nation. Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. This data helps determine congressional representation, grant funding and it guides local decision-makers on where to build new roads, hospitals, housing, schools, places of worship and more. The census forms were mailed out starting March 15. Residents with a PO Box will not receive the form, and will be visited by a census worker starting in May. In its newer, shorter format, the form is only 10 questions, and should only take 10 minutes. **Please take time to fill out your census form when you receive it.**

Commenting on a Belgian man who awoke from a coma after 23 years having been misdiagnosed as being in a persistent vegetative state a member of Belgium's Coma Study Group observed, "Despite the importance of diagnostic accuracy, the rate of misdiagnosis of vegetative state has not substantially changed in the past 15 years with up to 43% of patients with consciousness disorders misdiagnosed as being in a vegetative state." San Diego Union Tribune, 11/24/09.

PCC Internship Announcement: Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) in Harrisburg, PA is seeking an intern for the summer or fall 2010 term.

Candidates must be upper-class students majoring in public relations, communications, marketing, journalism or disciplines related to those fields; or in 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 at abhill@pacatholic.org for more details.

HERSHEYPARK DISCOUNT TICKETS

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available for purchase to parishioners and their families at a significant savings. Regular admission price is \$52.95 for adults but our special price is \$29.90 – a savings of 45%. Regular admission for children (ages 3-9) and Seniors (ages 55-69) is \$31.95 but our special price is \$24.50. Regular admission for Seniors age 70+ is \$20.95, but our special price is \$19.95. Tickets are valid any day Hersheypark is open during the regular public season. **Orders must be received at the parish by Monday April 26, 2010. Parishes will receive tickets by Tuesday May 25, 2010. Order forms are in the vestibule of the church in the pamphlet rack.**



SACRED HEART SCHOOL



Academic Fair with display of projects based on several different subject areas will be held on April 15. Students will be involved in both school and at home projects for the display along with art work

**Honor roll for the second trimester--
Congratulations
First Honors**

Grade 4: Tyler Mitchell Joey Rupert and Adam Kurtz; **Grade 5:** Bridget Allison Katie Sheetz Ian Thomas Kyle Zimmerman and Emily Bielski



Second Honors:

Grade 4: Ty Ferencz, Zeb Harshbarger, Keith Shearer, Alex Shoemaker
Grade 5: Allie Amspacker and Colton Bollinger

Monday April 5: No School

Tuesday: April 6: School reopens

Adam Kurtz grade 4 student will be representing SHS at the diocesan geography bee at the Keeler Center. Blessings and good luck, Adam

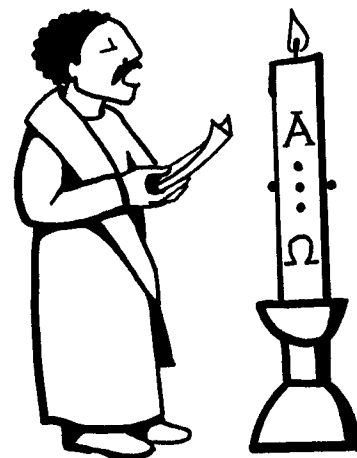
April 8: School Mass 9AM: grade 5 prepares
HSA meeting 6PM School

The Sisters of Christian Charity thank Sacred Heart Parish and School for your donation to our Chile Earthquake aid project. You will be remembered in our prayers. Continue to pray for the families and the Sisters God bless you

NEED TO RENEW A MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION? INTERESTED IN A NEW MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION? You can help Sacred Heart School in the process! Simply go to the school's website (www.sacredheartschool.com) and click on the QSP logo. Renewing and/or ordering magazines has never been so easy...and the school receives 40% of the purchase price in profit! This can be done at any time throughout the year. Thanks for your support of SHS!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to register for the 2010-2011 school year AND receive scholarship monies! Thanks to the support of Sen. Jake Corman, Sacred Heart School has received a gift of \$12,500 from the Bravo Foundation for scholarships for the coming school year. We are still accepting registrations for grades K – 5. Please call the school to set up a visit!

He has risen, alleluia



*Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!*