

July 31, 2011 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: July 24, 2011	\$ 7,579.00
Tithing Income: July 25, 2010	\$ 6,840.75
Children's Offerings:	\$ 7.00

Next Week's Tithing is for: Missionary Cooperative, a Diocesan Collection for which you have an envelope.

Tithing for 7/24/11 supported the following Group:

Outreach International \$ 758.00

From the Pastor:

God is able to take lowly objects like bread and wine and use them to produce great results like the body and blood of His son. In the same manner, He uses our weekly tithing to promote His Kingdom here on earth. Thank you for such faithfulness in proclaiming the Gospel in this community.

Comments on Tithing from the pews:

Think tithing is the best thing that happened in our church. I have prayed and I know this is God's will. It is the right thing to do, give to God first. I want to add that I was just watching TV about Padre Pio and thought, if we take his motto **RAY, HOPE, AND DON'T WORRY**, all will be OK.

My Good Deed for the Week:

Here's what several of our young people offered as their tithing, in addition to their financial gift: Helped unpack from vacation, cleaned my closet, helped pack for vacation, carried my brother home from the boardwalk.

Mass of Healing

This **Wednesday, August 3rd**, the regular 7 p.m. Mass will be followed by prayers for healing. People approach Fr. Bill in line, one by one, and mention an intention for healing. Persons can also come in proxy for someone else who is not present. The healing request can be physical, emotional, spiritual, or psychological. Fr. Bill will lay hands on the person and pray for the request. All are welcome.

Youth Ministry Meeting

All St. Jude and Sacred Heart teenagers and adults interested in reviving youth group ministry in either parish are invited to attend a workshop **Thursday, August 4th, 6:30-8 p.m., at St. Jude social hall**, given by Rob Williams, head of youth ministry for the diocese. He will teach on how to begin and maintain a parish youth group. We are planning separate youth groups in each parish with occasional shared activities.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

It's happened before here and now it's happening again: One priest for the two parishes. And it starts right now.

Fr. Fidelis, as everyone knows by now, is returning to Nigeria for two months as of tomorrow, so I'm covering Sacred Heart and St. Jude for the duration. This is not unprecedented; several pastors of the past have experienced solo runs, so here we go again. Thing is, we all have to be patient and cooperative with the overall effort wherever and whenever we can.

Of course, the big thing will be weekend Masses. Fr. Michael Leteer, full-time diocesan replacement priest, will be helping me out with Saturday evening confessions and Mass every weekend, mostly at St. Jude. I will have 3 p.m. confession and 4 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart and then go to St. Jude for the 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, which I've done every Saturday evening anyway since Fr. Thoms transferred a year ago. This scenario means no Saturday afternoon confessions at St. Jude for the two months; St. Jude parishioners will have to come to Sacred Heart for that.

Sunday mornings I will do the whole shebang, as previous pastors did, i.e., I will do 7:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, run over to St. Jude for 9:15 a.m. Mass, and then back to Sacred Heart for 11 a.m. Mass. It will be important for lay teams to do unlocking, altar set-up and lock-down again. One downturn here: Neither parish CCD class will see a priest dropping into the classroom, since he's off to the next Mass.

Could this be a dry run for the future? Maybe. With the shortage of priests, the day may come when we are back to one priest for both places, more or less permanently. We do have 24 or so seminarians for the diocese in the hopper—so to speak, but many are college level, meaning four or more years yet for ordination. Plus, as they get ordained, one or two per year, we have other priests retiring or going on to their great reward. So, pray for vocations and encourage them.

Perspective: In developing countries (Latin American, Africa, etc.) you often have one parish church, one priest, and 15-20 chapels spread over an area that's maybe the size of Mifflin and Juniata Counties combined. Each chapel is a kind of mini-parish, run by a lay team, which does communion and prayer services and catechesis.

The priest gets to each chapel for Mass, somewhere between once a month, to twice a year, depending on the chapel's size. I know this since I went to Honduras five years in a row, a week each time, for mission trips, working and living with the people in small, remote villages.

They were very happy to get my daily Mass and door-to-door home visits. They didn't see a priest very regularly. While rough terrain plus lack of highways, good roads, and cars makes those chapels a necessity in the Third World, the lesson for us is lay leadership and cooperation with the priest. I made friends with those village lay leaders and they were an impressive bunch, very dedicated to the Kingdom of God.

We pray for Fr. Fidelis during his journey and visit and ask God to return him safely to us. Meanwhile, it's been there, done that, until we return to a two-priest situation, God willing.

Fr. Bill

Weekly Readings

Monday – August 1 (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

Numbers 11:4-15; Psalm 81:12-17;
Matthew 14:22-36



Tuesday – August 2

Numbers 12:1-13; Psalm 51:3-7, 12-13; Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday – August 3

Numbers 13:1-2, 25 . 14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Psalm 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23; Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday – August 4 (St. John Mary Vianney)

Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9;
Matthew 16:13-23

Friday – August 5

Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Psalm 77:12-16, & 21;
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday – August 6 (Transfiguration of the Lord)

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9; 2 Peter 1:16-19;
Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday – August 7

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Matthew 17:22-27

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug

- 1- Mass/7am/Church
- 2- Mass/7am/Church
- 3- Pro-Life Group Mtg/6pm/Parish Ofc.
- 3- Mass/7pm/Church
- 4- Mass/7am/Church
- 5- Mass/7am/Church
- 5- ALL DAY ADORATION**
- 5- Holy Hour/ 7pm/ Church
- 6- Mass/8am/ Church
- 6- Women's Guild Mtg/After Mass/Church Basement
- 6- Mass/4pm/Church
- 7- Mass/7:30 am/Church
- 7- Mass/11am/Church

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 31

7:30 AM Ann Turbett
11:00 AM Frank Guerrini

Monday, August 1

7:00 AM Dr. Earl Costa

Tuesday, August 2

7:00 AM Thomas & Marge Connare

Wednesday, August 3

7:00 PM John Dulack

Thursday, August 4

7:00 AM Pietro Aiello

Friday, August 5

7:00 AM Dr. Earl Costa

Saturday, August 6

8:00 AM Frank Ross
4:00 PM Margaret O'Brian

Sunday, August 7

7:30 AM Shirley Zimmerman
11:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Aug 7 - Dave Kaniecki
Aug 14 . Mel Reed
Aug 21 . Russell Krug

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: Aug 1 - 31. Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements.

*Sanctuary Candle for
Timothy Quinn
Love, Joe & Susan Miriello and 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 Aug 7 & Sept 4th. Flower colors should be coordinated with the church seasons.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Attention Parishioners: During the time Father Fidelis is away, there will be no priest to say weekday mass during Father Bill's pre-arranged scheduled vacation time (**August 16 – August 19th**). During this time the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will conduct communion services, which will include scripture readings and distribution of already consecrated hosts. The services will follow the usual mass schedule i.e. Tuesday, Aug 16th will be at 7am, August 17th . 7pm, August 18th & 19th . 7am. **The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Monday August 15th, is not a holy day of obligation this year. However we will have our usual 7am Mass that day for those who wish to honor the Blessed Virgin.**

Interested in joining the Catholic Church? or know someone who is?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes begin 7 p.m. **Thursday, Sept. 8**, in the parish office and continue most Thursday evenings throughout the school year, through May, 2012. People can begin the classes as a come-and-see opportunity with no obligation at all to enter the Church. If you or anyone you know would be interested in trying out these classes, please contact Fr. Bill, 242-2781. RCIA is also a great opportunity for Catholics to learn more about their faith - all are welcome!

Next weekend, Father Thomas Kosnicki, from Divine Word Missionaries will be visiting our Parish. Divine Word Missionaries is a Catholic missionary society that works among the poor, the neglected and the disadvantaged in more than 70 countries around the world. For over a century, the priests and Brothers have helped those in need build a better future. Often their work takes them to lands so remote that services we consider necessities do not exist. There is no electricity or drinkable water. Medicine and doctors are in short supply, if available at all. Education as we know it does not exist. The work of Divine Word Missionaries is, first and most importantly, to preach the Gospel and share the Word of God. Preaching the Gospel in mission communities is done in many ways. Sharing Christ through the Word brings comfort to those in need, peace to those in pain and builds vibrant Catholic communities of faith. Please be generous with your tithe to support the Missionaries of the world.

The Parish office is looking for a parishioner who has extensive knowledge and background with computers and computer systems. This person must be able to have website building/maintenance experience, and able to program, and work with networking systems. This can be a volunteer or paid position. Please contact Sue Parzanese at the parish office.

Attention Parishioners: If you have begun the search for an oil company for the winter, **JJ Powell** has begun a new program. If you mention that you are a Parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, for every gallon the Church and its members purchase throughout the year, JJ Powell will donate .03 cents per gallon back to the Church. Please contact JJ Powell for prices and the different plans they offer. Their contact information is: JJ Powell, Inc. 520 South Main St. Lewistown, Pa. 17044 Phone: 717-248-3717, office hours are 7:30a . 4p. The Church recommends that you do your research and make sure you pick the right company that will suit your needs both financially and physically.

Welcome to the new members of our Parish!

Delaynie Rae Newlan, Baptized July 17, 2011

Daniel Lee McMonigal, Baptized July 24, 2011



COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) warmly invites you to join them for their first annual weekend retreat, **August 5-7 (Friday evening to Sunday noon)** at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD, home of the beautiful National Shrine Grotto of our lady of Lourdes. The theme will be **Women of Hope** with Rev. Andrew P. Marinak as Retreat Master. Cost is \$130 (Single Room with Shared Bath) or \$155 (Single with Private Bath). Please call Barbara McCarthy at 717-534-1858 to register or to inquire about transportation. We sincerely hope to see you there for this inspiring weekend!

"Holy Words for Holy People" are informational and educational sessions being scheduled in parish ϕ in the Diocese of Harrisburg. These presentations will introduce the upcoming word changes at Mass to the Catholic in the pew. The session will involve going through the parts of the Mass that will be changing and discussing the historical context and the spiritual richness of the words. At the session answers to these questions will be answered; What is changing? Why is it changing? And, How can I reap the most spiritual benefits from the changes? A session will be held at **St. Francis Xavier, Gettsburg, on August 8th, at 7 p.m.** Fr. Joshua Brommer, Liturgy Coordinator for the Diocese will be presenting the Sessions. The Sessions are intended for all Catholics in the diocese at large as well as anyone with an interest in the topic. More information on the topic is available at www.hbgdiocese.org. Can ϕ make the August 8th session below is the schedule of session around the diocese:

August 23	7pm	Our Lady of Lourdes, Enola
September 7	7pm	St. Joseph, York
September 13	7pm	St. John the Baptist, New Freedom

More dates for additional session will be announced for September.

HARRISBURG: The Knights of Columbus Harrisburg Diocesan Chapter will sponsor a Blue Mass to honor law enforcement and emergency personnel and their families **at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11** at St. Patrick Cathedral at 212 State Street in downtown Harrisburg. The ceremonial Color Corps of both the Capitol Police and the Harrisburg Police Department will participate in the Mass. ϕ he Blue Mass honors police officers, firefighters and emergency personnel who have fallen in the line of duty, and it enables parishioners and others to pray for the safety and protection of all of the brave men and women who

serve daily to keep us safe,+said Bert Langendijk of Knights of Columbus Council #11008, which is based at St. Patrick Cathedral. Referring to the blue uniforms worn by so many public safety personnel, the Blue Mass dates back to 1934. It remains a venerable tradition in many dioceses, including Harrisburg. This will be the **FIFTH** consecutive year for the Blue Mass in Harrisburg. **WHO:** Knights of Columbus, Harrisburg Diocesan Chapter, **WHAT:** Blue Mass to Honor Law Enforcement & Emergency Personnel, **WHEN:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, **WHERE:** St. Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg. All emergency and law enforcement personnel in the Greater Harrisburg area are invited to attend. Media coverage also is invited and welcome. Additional information about the Knights of Columbus, Council #11008, can be found by visiting <http://www.kofc11008.org>.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Lourdes Mt. St. Mary's, Emmitsburg MD. The 24th Annual Diocesan-Wide Pilgrimage for World Peace through Conversion of Heart will take place on **Thursday, August 4, 2011**, at the Shrine of our Lady of Lourdes. This day of prayer will offer the Sacrament of Penance, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass praying of the Holy Rosary, a Marian Conference by Fr. John Bednarik, OFM Cap, an act of Consecration to Mary, Mediatrix of all Graces, the chanting of the Divine Mercy chaplet, and will end with a Holy Hour of Exposition and adoration. *The Days Schedule:*
10a Orientation, 10:15a The Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11:30a Rosary at the Grotto (weather permitting), 12p Holy Mass at the Grotto (weather permitting), and Celebrant & Homilist: The Most Rev. Joseph P. McFadden, D.D., and Bishop of Harrisburg. 1p Lunch (pack your own lunch), 2p Marian Conference in the Chapel on the Hill/Presenter = Fr. John Bednarik, OFM Cap, 2:45p Holy Hour in the Chapel on the Hill, 3:45p Dismissal. For general information, contact Deacon Michael Grella at 717-939-6431(home) or at 717-379-8083 (cell), or email at dmgrella@hbgdiocese.org.
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Special Mass for Person with Autism Spectrum Disorders, St. Catherine Laboure Parish invites all individuals with ASD and their families to a special mass that will accommodate their sensory needs (low lighting, limited music, etc.) on **Sunday, August 14th at 12:30 p.m.** Following Mass, a social gathering will take place for with refreshments, networking, and informal discussion on building a Catholic faith-based support group for parents of these amazing children. All children and families are invited to attend. St. Catherine's is located at 4000

Derry St. in suburban Harrisburg. To RSVP for planning purposes or more info, please contact Alice Womer amwomer@aol.com.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

**Sacred Heart School Office will be Open:
Aug 1st – Aug 5th Office hours are as follows:
Tues/ Wed 9AM – 12PM, Thu 9AM - 1PM**

*** Should you need assistance in between office hours, please contact Sue Parzanese at the Parish office: 9 North Brown St. Ph: (717) 447- 2002*

Welcome back to school! SHS will open on **August 31st at 8:00AM**. The Children are to wear phys ed uniforms with sneakers on that day. Breakfast and lunch will not be offered the first three days of school. Kindly bring bag lunch and snack. Milk will be available for purchase at the price of 45 cents. Additional details for school opening will be mailed to parents early August. We wish you enjoyable summer days as we look forward to seeing our children return on August 31st!

Faculty Dates: August 18: In-service at SHS, 9-3PM, Topic: Assessment; August 25th: Faculty Meeting, 10:30-1:30; August 29: Retreat Day at St. Jude's, 9AM Mass - Closing: 1:30; August 30th: In-service Topic: Technology 9-2PM.

SHS is accepting registrations for all grades, K-5. Call the school to schedule an appointment to meet with us and to hear what SHS has to offer as an alternative to the public school system. We accept children of various faiths and we are provided with district busing. Some tuition assistance continues to be available. We offer remedial help as well as enrichment classes for those who qualify. Speech classes and Spanish enrichment continues to be offered as well as after school clubs. All of this is accomplished in an environment of our Catholic faith where children have weekly Liturgy, daily religion classes, prayer throughout the day, celebration of Church seasons and commemoration of the saints. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at (717) 248-5351 or (717) 447-2002. Check us out on the web at www.sacredheartschool.com!

SCHOLARSHIP DONORS NEEDED!

If anyone in the parish is interested in providing a part or full scholarship for Sacred Heart School students, please contact Sue Parzanese. We are in great need for financial aid again this year. Thanks for your generosity!