

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

**Tithing Income:** June 27, 2010 \$6,554.00

**Tithing Income :** June 28, 2009 \$7,570.00

Children's offering: \$3.00

**Next week's tithe is for: St. Vincent dePaul**

**For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother. Matthew 12:50.**

Give God an inch, and He'll take a mile, encouraging and strengthening you each step of the way.

The Bible is filled with famous brothers. Cain and Abel. Jacob and Esau. Peter and Andrew. The prodigal and his older brother. But there are two unnamed brothers that Jesus introduced in a parable. (See Matthew 21:28-31.)

Their father gave each an assignment. One had a great attitude and immediately told his father, "No problem, I'm on it." The other brother moaned and complained and said, "No way." At the end of the day, the one with a great attitude had done a great job and the one with a bad attitude was still pouting and sullen. Right?

Wrong! The first brother got distracted and never got after it. The other brother thought better of his refusal and got the job done. Jesus asked, "Which one obeyed?" Easy answer. The one who got the job done.

A good attitude is better than a bad attitude, but actions still speak louder than words. Have a bad attitude over a task God has placed before you? Just get busy and it'll disappear before you know it.

**God, sometimes there's a certain joy missing in my efforts to obey You. But I do want to live in a way that pleases You. Teach me to obey whether or not I feel like it. Amen.**

**My Good Deed for the Week:** Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> grader said: "We helped paint our deck rails."

## ***Pastor's Column***

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

I just saw part of a 1946 movie starring James Cagney as an American spy captured by the Nazis during WWII. He is held at Gestapo headquarters, being interrogated and beaten. They want him to reveal the time and place of the big upcoming Allied invasion, probably Normandy. He refuses, despite brutal treatment.

Although this was fiction, there were probably many such things that happened behind the scenes, endured by unsung heroes, who sacrificed much for our

independence. Mel Gibson's movie *The Patriot* makes the same point with the actual events of the Revolutionary War, which freed us from England.

As a spoiled baby boomer, I think that I have this sense of entitlement, just expecting good things to come to me. That's because I have benefited from the sacrifices and hard work of previous American generations, going all the way back to those first patriots in the colonies.

Today's holiday, along with Memorial Day and Labor Day, is a time to remember the price paid for freedom by those who have gone before us. Because of original sin and its effects, that price can be steep at times. The process of payment is not always pretty but sometimes downright ugly. At times, it has to be fought for. After all, there is the teaching of the necessity of the just war. Sometimes it just has to be done.

The greatest independence is the spiritual freedom earned for us by Christ's just war against the forces of darkness. That process wasn't pretty either, earned for us by the cross, God's ultimate weapon. We also have to take up the battle, each one to "take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). And so St. Paul resorts to a lot of military imagery in Ephesians 6, urging us "take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6: 15).

When we've won *that* battle, the *spiritual* battle, with Christ as our commander, then we are truly free. That's why Christian slaves in the Roman Empire could feel free, despite physical confinement. Their baptism was their Independence Day. The same goes for Christian prisoners of all times.

Back to the Cagney movie: Allied officers in the command center send out bombers to destroy that Gestapo headquarters, knowing that the spy is in there. Even though they are confident he won't break down and reveal sensitive information, they nevertheless know that they can destroy Gestapo leadership and put their man out of his misery.

In the last scene, the bloodied Cagney character laughs at his torturers as the bombs fall and the building blows up all around him, making him a sort of martyr. Can we laugh at evil too, knowing that we are free? As we celebrate our political independence this weekend, let's make sure that we are also spiritually independent. And may we be prepared to make the sacrifices necessary to insure both spiritual and political freedom for ourselves, our children, and future generations, as others have done for us.

Fr. Bill



**Scripture Readings for the week:**

**Monday: July 5** – Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22; Psalm 145:2-9; Matthew 9:18-26  
**Tuesday, July 6** – Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Psalm 115:3-10; Matthew 9:32-38  
**Wednesday, July 7** – Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Psalm 105:2-7; Matthew 10:1-7  
**Thursday, July 8** – Hosea 11:4, 8-9; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16; Matthew 10:7-15  
**Friday, July 9** – Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Matthew 10:16-23  
**Saturday, July 10** – Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 93: 1-2, 5; Matthew 10:24-33  
**Sunday, July 11** – Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 69:14,17, 30-31, 33-34; 36-37; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

**SING PRAISE  
TO THE GLORY  
OF GOD**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**July**

4 – Independence Day!!  
5 – **Office Closed for holiday**  
11 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / Church  
17 - Octogenarian Mass & Dinner at Rec Park Community Center  
18 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / Church

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

July 11– Mel Reed  
July 18 – Dave Kaniecki  
July 25 – Russell Krug

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**HELP!! NEEDED**

**We are in dire need of cantors.** If anyone may be interested please call the parish office.

SAVE THIS DATE!!! PARISH PICNIC, Sunday September 19 at Derry Park, 1pm, rain or shine. Chicken, drinks, bingo, 50/50 drawing. Bring a covered dish. Mass will not be at the park.



**LITURGICAL NOTES**



**Sunday, July 4**  
7:30 AM People of the Parish  
11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family  
**Monday, July 5**  
9:00 AM Michael Amarante, Sr  
**Tuesday, July 6**  
7:00AM Katie Malone  
**Wednesday, July 7**  
7:00 PM David Tamburro  
**Thursday, July 8**  
7:00 AM James Magee  
**Friday, July 9**  
7:00 AM Florence Bender  
**Saturday July 10**  
8:00 AM Mary Zarkovich  
4:00 PM Charles Heindl  
**Sunday July 11**  
7:30 AM People of the Parish  
11:00 AM Veronica Miriello

**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are available: July 18.

**The Sanctuary Light** this week is for the intention 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: July 11, 18, 25.

**The Flowers on the altar** this week are in loving memory of Mary & James McMenamin from the Tice family.

**COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**For Fr. Thoms:** July 5<sup>th</sup> kayak trip, we need to borrow some kayaks. If you have a kayak and would be willing to lend it to Fr. Thoms, place it on the back lawn of the rectory before July 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Thank you:** Thank you for making a difference for **Special Olympics Pennsylvania**. Your gift helps support our 20,000 athletes with 23 Olympic-type sports at more than 260 local, sectional and state level competitions across every country in the Commonwealth. With the help of 46,000 volunteers

and the generosity of thousands of donors and sponsors like you, Special Olympics Pennsylvania provides children and adults with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to participate in sports year-round, completely free of charge.

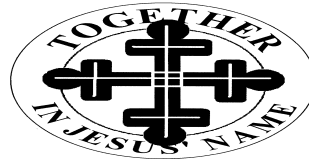
The goal of the Special Olympics movement is twofold: (1) to bring intellectual disabilities out of the darkness and into the light of public acceptance and understanding, and (2) to give all persons with an intellectual disability the opportunity to become productive citizens who are accepted and respected in their communities.

Thank you once again for "Being a Fan" and helping us provide life-changing programs which inspire skill, courage, good health and joy in all our participants. With sincere gratitude for your generosity, Matthew B. Aaron, President & CEO

**RELIGIOUS TOURS PLANNED:** "In the Footsteps of Jesus" Holy Land tour will take place September 27-October 7, 2010. Pray at the tomb of Christ in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, visit the site of His birth at Bethlehem. Travel to Cana, Bethany, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Jericho and many other places where Jesus lived and ministered. A tour to Poland, "In the Footsteps of Pope John Paul II" will take place October 11-19, 2010, visiting Warsaw, Krakow, and many other places where Pope John Paul II ministered, and also sites affiliated with ST. Faustina and the Divine Mercy Shrine. For a packet of details on either tour, call 721-722-3141 or email [padre16201@yahoo.com](mailto:padre16201@yahoo.com). Write: Church of the Seven Dolours, PO Box 308, Yukon, PA 15698.

**Pilgrimage to Italy** - Join Fr. Steve Fauser, Pastor, St. Joseph, Danville, May 11-20, 2011. We will visit Assisi, the Sorrento region, and Rome. Cost is \$3,599 and includes airfare, daily breakfast and dinner, hotel accommodations, etc. For more information, please contact Fr. Fauser at 570-275-2512

**Annual Diocesan Charismatic Retreat** – The Annual Charismatic Renewal Retreat Weekend will be held on July 30, July 31, and August 1. at Sts Cyril & Methodius Villa Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Danville, PA. The theme is "Listening to the Word of God in the Power of the Holy Spirit". The retreat director is Very Rev. Francis J. Karwacki V.F. Diocesan Moderator for the Charismatic Renewal. Call Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 570-339-1031 for more information.



The Annual Men's Retreat sponsored by the Corpus Christi Parish will be held on the campus of Mount St. Mary's University,

Emmitsburg, MD on the weekend of July 30<sup>th</sup> (Friday evening until early Sunday afternoon). Included are 2 nights lodging and 6 good meals, which are incidental to a most enjoyable spiritual experience. If you've never attended a retreat, or it's been a long time since your last one, why not take a chance and "treat" yourself this year? Father Brett Brannen will lead us this year and "satisfaction guaranteed." A minimum reservation deposit of \$60.00 will hold your room. For more information call Fred Gers at 248-9504 or 250-0086.

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**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mt. St. Mary's University and Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diocesan-Wide Pilgrimage for World Peace through Conversion of Heart will take place on Thursday, August 5, 2010

The day begins at 10:30 am and concludes at 3:30pm. Pilgrims will be able to receive the Sacrament of Penance, offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, pray the Holy Rosary, spend time in private prayer, enjoy the beauty and peace of this Marian Shrine, and end the day with Holy Hour of Exposition to honor our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist. This is a day for world peace through conversion of heart.

Pilgrims must make their own provisions for travel to and from the shrine and for lunch and supper. Meals are not available at the Mount. Most of those attending bring a box lunch and many make reservations in nearby restaurants for supper. Please bring family members, fellow parishioners, and other friends with you.



For information, contact Deacon Michael Grella at 717-939-6431 (home) or at 657-4804, ext 266 (diocesan office) or [emaildmgrella@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:emaildmgrella@hbgdiocese.org).

**Join former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum at the 2010 Celebrate Life Banquet** October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey, 4650 Lindle Rd in Harrisburg. Senator Santorum will discuss how he put his Catholic faith into action in leading the fight to ban the heinous practice of partial-birth abortion. Proceeds from the banquet benefit the life saving work of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Education Fund. To reserve a seat or a table of 10, visit [www.paprolife.org](http://www.paprolife.org) or call 717-541-0034.

#### **Retreat for Couples Experiencing Difficulty:**

September 10-12, 2010

Is Your Marriage Tearing You Apart? Rediscover the Joy in Your Marriage. RETROUVAILLE (Ret-tro-vy) is a French word meaning rediscovery. Retrouvaille is a program, which helps to restore communication and trust in marriage. If you feel helpless or trapped by frequent conflicts, please know that hundreds of couples have been helped. Call and give yourselves another chance. The next program will be held September 10-12 at the Hampton Inn in Mechanicsburg, PA/ Let us reserve a place for you. For information call Tom or Patty at 717-938-8229 or 1-800-470-2230.

#### **SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES**

The Diocese of Harrisburg will sponsor its annual summer camp for youth and adults with mental disabilities on August 15-20 at Camp Kirchenwald, near Hershey. The camp is designed for youth and adults, aged 15 and up, with mild to moderate mental retardation and no significant behavioral problems. Tuition for camp is \$425, but camperships are available. For further information, visit the diocesan website at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org) (click disabilities ministry and then summer camp); or contact the Diocesan Family Ministries Office at 717-657-4804 or [kenders@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:kenders@hbgdiocese.org)

#### **SACRED HEART SCHOOL**



Wednesday, September 1, 2010 – School reopens

**Volunteers Needed for 2010-2011 school year at SHS**

**SHS also is in need of Spanish instructor** for weekly lessons in Spanish for Grades 3-5, approximately 90 minutes a week; materials for teaching are available; volunteer basis. Call the school if you would be interested.

#### **SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

Sacred Heart of Jesus School partners with families of diverse cultures and faiths to provide a Christ-centered, affordable, quality education for their children in a safe, nurturing environment. We teach the love of God as revealed in the Catholic faith, promote the highest academic standards, respect individual learning abilities, and prepare students to become loving, active members of their families and faith communities.

**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](http://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!

#### **HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness: that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. Declaration of Independence (1776)**

**Freedom is knowing the right thing to do and doing it.**

