

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

<b>Tithing Income:</b> June 20, 2010	\$6,977.00
<b>Tithing Income :</b> June 21, 2009	\$3.00
Children's offering:	\$7,429.00

**Next week's tithe is for: Christian Foundation for Children & Aging**

**A generous man himself will be blessed.**  
**Proverbs 22:9**

**You cannot out-give God.**

Go ahead and try. You can't do it. It's impossible to give and not get something in return. Oh, there will be times you extend love and not have it reciprocated; you might give sacrificially from limited funds - and still be short on cash; it is possible to help others get their lives in order only to be left completely alone in a moment of need. None of those things are likely, but they are possible.

But you still can't come up empty handed. It's not possible. Because God, your Heavenly Father, sees your gifts of love and is pleased. Even if no one else thanks you, know that He will reward your kindness.

Maybe you won't receive a return on your investment of service in this lifetime. You probably will, but maybe you won't - but be assured that the very best rewards are eternal.

***Dear God, thank You that You return my acts of kindness to me in greater measure than I could ever give. 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 our Grandma." A 6<sup>th</sup> grader said; I planted plants with my Mom." An 8<sup>th</sup> grader said: I helped my Gramma."

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

### **BE A HOLY SKINFLINT**

It's also called being a cheapskate. It's similar to "going green." What I share with you is a summary of an article in the summer issue of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) magazine. It was entitled "Cheap"

and it praised the value of frugal living. While not a religious article, its ideas seemed very compatible with basic Christian virtues of temperance, and holy poverty.

The author of the AARP article was Jeff Yeager, also author of the book The Ultimate Cheapskate's Road Map to True Riches and The Cheapskate Next Door. He quotes yet other authors who back up his claim that time is more valuable than money. Less is more. When you possess less, whether money or things, you have more time for reading, relationships, travel, hobbies, etc.

Among Yeager's network of loveable skinflints is Bruce Jackson, of Lewisburg, Pa., a 64-year-old retiree who relies on Social Security for most of his needs (except for medical expenses). He gained financial independence by purchasing a duplex, half of which he rents out. Rental income helped pay his mortgage off in eight years.

What caught my eye was the value Bruce gives to giving. He donates 15 per cent of his income to various charities and to the church he attends. "Most of my estate is slated to go to charities," he says. "The more careful I am with my money, the more I can pass it on to someone else who really needs it." Yeager, the article's author, said that self-described "cheapskates" he surveyed for his research donate an average of 5 per cent of their income. The national average is 3 per cent.

Yeager quotes another writer who says many of us could trim 20 per cent off our budget and not notice it. He describes Bob and Welmoed Sisson of Gaithersburg, Md. Bob quit a high-level corporate job 10 years ago and the couple then started a home-inspection business. Three years ago they moved from an 8,000 square-foot house to one about a third that size.

One of the joys of downsizing, the Sissons said, is gaining one another's company. "We started eating nearly all of our dinners here at home, as a family, and - I'm not exaggerating - sitting around the table for a good hour after the meal was finished, just talking about our days," says Welmoed. "We started sharing so much more as a family." Mother and daughter go shopping together but mostly to laugh about how much people buy that is totally unnecessary. The daughter bought her elegant black prom dress at a thrift store for \$12.50.

Yeager interviewed Jacquie Phelan, 55, a professional mountain biker from Fairfax, California, who proudly calls her home the Taj Mahovel. Jacquie says "the relentless pressure to buy more...makes things like sleep, free time, and relationships the real luxuries these days." She says the key is to "spend less, not earn more."

Sound familiar? How about: " 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (Matt. 6: 31-33). Fr. Bill



### Scripture Readings for the week:

**Monday: June 28** – Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Psalm 50:16-23; Matthew 8:18-22

**Tuesday, June 29** – Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; Psalm 34:2-9; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

**Wednesday, June 30** – Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Psalm 50:7-13, 16-17; Matthew 8:28-34

**Thursday, July 1** – Amos 7:10-17; Psalm 19:8-11; Matthew 9:1-8

**Friday, July 2** – Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Psalm 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; John 20:24-29

**Saturday, July 3** – Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 117:1-2; John 20:24-29

**Sunday, July 4** – Isaiah 66:10-14, 1; Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July

2- All Day Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour/7pm

4 – Independence Day!!

5 – **Office Closed for holiday**

17 - Octogenarian Mass & Dinner

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

June 27 – Dave Kaniecki

July 04 – Russell Krug

July 11 – Mel Reed

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Parish Book covers

As you may have seen, the parish has purchased covers for the hymnals and missalettes. The purpose of these covers is to keep the pews neater, and to keep the bindings on the hymnals and missalettes in better condition throughout their usage. Please make sure to close them properly and place them in the pew racks at the end of Mass, and refrain from taking either book out of the covers. With care they will give us many years of service.

### HELP!! NEEDED

**We are in dire need of cantors.** If anyone is 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, June 27**

7:30 AM Anna E. Hackenberry

11:00 AM People of the Parish

### **Monday, June 28**

7:00 AM Joseph Dalton

### **Tuesday, June 29**

7:00 AM Paul Stuter

### **Wednesday, June 30**

7:00 PM Intention of Joyce & Dominic

Damicantonio on their anniversary

### **Thursday, July 1**

7:00 AM Margaret Seiler

### **Friday, July 2**

7:00 AM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

### **Saturday July 3**

8:00 AM Special Intention

4:00 PM Charles Heindl

### **Sunday July 4**

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are available: July 18, 25.

**The Sanctuary Light** this week is in honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dominic Damicantonio and the 62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Dominic & Joyce.

**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 honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dominic Damicantonio and the 62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Dominic and Joyce.

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

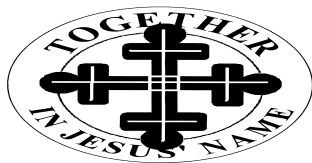
**For Fr. Thoms:** July 5<sup>th</sup> kayak trip, we need to borrow some kayaks. If you have a kayak and would be willing to lend it to Fr. Thoms, place it on the back lawn of the rectory before July 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

### Desktop Support Technician Job Opening

The Diocese of Harrisburg IT department is accepting applications for a Desktop Support Technician. This position will be the primary user contact for computer desktop support and Help Desk issues. Candidate will be expected to perform a variety of computer/network problem analysis and monitoring tasks for the Office of Information Technology. For more information visit our website at [www.hbgdiocese.org/Employment](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/Employment) or email: [cshiley@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:cshiley@hbgdiocese.org).

**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 Dolors, PO Box 308, Yukon, PA 15698.

**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.

### **CHURCHSTOCK 2010**

It's a Youth Ministry Party & You're Invited

Date: August 15, 2010

Time: 2:30pm – 7:00pm

Place: Serb Park on Eisenhower Blvd. in Harrisburg

Cost: \$10.00 + 1 canned good

Open to High School Students

Hosted by: The Diocesan Youth Council

Sponsored by: The Office for Youth and Young Adult

Ministry, diocese of Harrisburg

Friends!

Food!

Music!

Fun!

Games!

### **SAVE THE DATE,**

October 2, 2010 –

**Closing celebration**

**of the Diocesan**

**Marian year** at the

National Grotto of Our

Lady of Lourdes in

Emmitsburg, MD



**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).

### **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 fir your. For information call Tom or Patty at 717-938-8229 or 1-800-470-2230.

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

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)

### **DAILY VERSE**

God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. **Hebrews 6:10-11**

### **DAILY QUOTE**

Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there.

### **DAILY THOUGHT**

You haven't run a marathon until you cross the finish line 26.2 miles from the start. You haven't really read a new novel until you turn the last page. You aren't actually married until you exchange vows and the priest declares you husband and wife. You aren't an inventor until you dust off the blueprints you sketched on the back of a napkin and build something.

Throughout the Bible, one of the key themes is finishing strong. Paul ran the race of life to win - even though it meant martyrdom. He was not alone. Of the original apostles, only John died of natural causes. But even he was exiled because of his faith. Are you as good at finishing as you are at starting? Not every endeavor we start requires our follow-through. Some things don't matter that much. But faith is not one of them. We may never face physical persecution for our Lord's sake, but each one of us

has been called to walk with God, not just for a season, but for all our days. Look to God for hope and strength on your spiritual journey. ***Lord, help me to stand firm till the end. Please give me strength to stand up for You until the end of my days. Amen.***

## **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.

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