

May 16, 2010 –Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Tithing Income: May 9, 2010	\$9,758.00
Tithing Income: May 10, 2009	\$8,745.00
Children's offering:	\$6.00

Next week's tithe will be for:
Pentecost Collection for Retired Priests



Three Reasons for Giving Materially (#2 this week)

2. 1Timothy 5:8 – But if any have not care of his own, and especially of those of his house, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

Mark 7:10-12 – For Moses said: “Honor your father and your mother; and he that curses father or mother shall be put to death. But you say if a person says to his mother or father, any support from me is korban (that is, dedicated to God), you allow him to do nothing more for his father or mother.

The fourth commandment reminds grown children of their responsibilities toward their parents. As much as they can, they must GIVE them material and moral support in old age and in times of illness, loneliness, or distress. Jesus recalls this duty of gratitude.

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 got an ice pack for a friend who was hurt.” 5th, 6th and 7th graders said: We helped out in the kitchen.” A 1st grader said: “I cleared big branches from my neighbor's yard after a storm.”

Pastor's Column

Bishop Rhoades' Spiritual Bouquet

As we await appointment of a new bishop, I confess that I have been remiss in reporting the results of our spiritual bouquet for Bishop Kevin Rhoades. You remember that many of you signed up to do special prayers and sacrifices for him as he reported to his new assignment as bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana. Here's what this parish offered, by God's grace:

422 Our Fathers; 510 Hail Marys, 385 Glory Bes, 90 Masses, 88 Holy Communions, 100 Rosaries, 64 Bible Reading sessions, 41 Eucharistic Adoration times, 71 acts of kindness, 52 acts of charity, and 52 sacrifices.

St. Jude Thaddeus, Mifflintown, offered 76 Our Fathers, 90 Hail Marys, 80 Glory Bes, 58 Masses, 49 Holy Communions, 38 Rosaries, 4 acts of kindness, 1 act of charity, 2 sacrifices.

There's a lot of prayer and love power there. Your generosity is to be commended and I am sure that it has borne fruit in Bishop Rhoades' life. This project has reminded us, once again, of the power of “offering up” for others our “prayers, works, joys, and sufferings,” as one version of the Morning Offering says.

When we thus unite our prayers and sacrifices with the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, the intention we name (a person or cause) is aided and touched in ways that we cannot know. We can do this not only for individuals but for such intentions as peace in the world or for discovery of a cancer cure. And let's not forget the souls in purgatory as objects of our prayer and sacrifices. I believe that we will learn in Heaven all the secret good that we did for the world through our prayers.

Regarding a new bishop, where do things stand right now? Well, the pope may have the “terna” on his desk right now. That's the list of three names from which he may (but doesn't have to) select our next bishop. Moving backward in time, those names would have come to him from the Congregation of Bishops, a Vatican department.

Those names would have been submitted to the congregation from a list given by the apostolic nuncio, i.e., the pope's ambassador in Washington D.C., who, in turn, would have received names from our metropolitan archbishop, Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia. The archbishop receives them through a somewhat involved local-level process which includes parish priests periodically getting a letter asking them for names of clergy whom they consider good bishop candidates. Recommendations from Bishop Rhoades and Cardinal Rigali also hold weight in naming our new bishop.

The announcement will come soon. Pray for God's guidance over this process and for blessings over our future shepherd. Fr. Bill

Pray for Billy – Billy Shearer, son of Tom and Dianne Shearer, is a Green Beret in Afghanistan, and was shot through the cheek, with the bullet lodging in his shoulder. After only 24 hours in the hospital and two weeks bed rest, he is, incredibly enough, back on active duty. His family asks all to thank God for Billy's speedy recovery and for continued divine protection over him and all service men and women overseas.





Scripture Readings for the week:

Monday: May 17 – Acts of the Apostles 19:19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-7; John 16:29-33
Tuesday, May 18 – Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11
Wednesday, May 19 – Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36; John 17:11-19
Thursday, May 20 – Acts of the Apostles 22:30, 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; John 17:20-26
Friday, May 21 – Acts of the Apostles 25-13-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; John 21:15-19
Saturday, May 22 – Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20 30-31; Psalm 11:4-5, 7; John 21:20-25
Sunday, May 23 – Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60; Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26



Annual Pentecost Collection
Most priests of the Diocese of Harrisburg work long after the retirement age of seventy-five. They continue to help in parishes by celebrating mass, hearing confessions, and

providing a wonderful priestly presence for God’s people. Before retirement these priests gave their lives to God and His Church offering many years of selfless priestly service. Because of their love for God and His people they go on bringing Christ to us by their celebration of the Sacraments and their preaching. The annual Pentecost Collection provides funds for their salary, health care and other needs that they may have. Please let them know how much you appreciated their dedicated priestly ministry by making a generous donation to this year’s Pentecost Collection on May 23.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May
16 – Companions of Pauline / 3pm / convent
16 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer / 7pm / Church
17 – SVDP / 7pm / office
20 – Red Hat Society meeting / Red Lobster
20 – RCIA Dinner Party / John Kriauckas
23 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / church
24 – Parish Council / 7pm / office
30 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / Church
June
6 – Sr. Graduates / Mass / Breakfast 8am
8 – SHS 5th Grade Graduation / 9am / church
11 – Most Sacred Heart of Jesus / All Day Adoration / Holy Hour / 7pm

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

May 23 – Russell Krug
May 30 – Mel Reed

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SAVE THIS DATE!!!
PARISH PICNIC,
SEPTEMBER 19 AT
DERRY PARK.
MORE INFO AT A LATER DATE



ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!
The 7:30am Mass on Sunday, June 6th will be to honor you, our high school graduates. Please plan to attend to receive the blessing of God and your parish community as you venture to new horizons in your life. Breakfast will follow for graduates in the school cafeteria. Please call the parish office at 242-2781 between 9 am and 4pm or Donath Korbich at 248-5214 to make reservations.

First Holy Communion

Olivia Ahern	Kathryn Knepp
Blake Bender	Kaela Meyer
Hannah Bonson	Julia Montgomery
Abbey Davis	Darin Richard
Grace Dible	Adam Sheetz
Madison Gagliardo	Kathryn Swineford
Abigail Knepp	Francesca Zannino

Ladies Guild will meet Saturday, June 5, Mass and then meeting will be held in Church Basement

LITURGICAL NOTES



Sunday, May 16
7:30 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family
Monday, May 17
7:00 AM Rita Coppola
Tuesday, May 18
7:00 AM Barbara Bollinger.
Wednesday, May 19
7:00 PM Marjorie Soltis
Thursday, May 20
7:00 AM Madeline Wear
9:00 AM Stella Dulack

Friday, May 21

7:00 AM Valerie Bloom

Saturday May 22

8:00 AM Helen Sutusky

4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday May 23

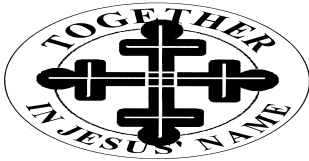
7:30 AM Anna E. Hackenberry

11:00 AM Emanuella & Anthony Simonetti

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: May 23, 30.

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: May 23, 30.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

MD on the weekend of July 30th (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.

Attention: Parish Women: Father's Day is coming soon. Why not consider a memorable gift to that man in your life? A weekend to "unwind" and refresh his life as a Catholic, while attending the 32nd annual Corpus Christi Men's Retreat, July 30-August 2. Your gift could be the deposit (\$60) or the entire cost (\$120). Call to above number to contact Fred Gers to make arrangements.

VOTE – Primary Election is May 18

Election Resources – Before you go to the polls please inform yourself about the candidates' positions on issues important to Catholics. A Voter Guide in the May 7 issue of The Catholic Witness gives candidates' responses and information on all local, statewide and national contests.

It and other resources are also on line at www.hbgdiocese.org, click on the Election Resources link. Please note that the party affiliations for Senator Arlen Specter and Peg Luksik were printed incorrectly in

the May 7 edition of The Catholic Witness.

L Local Haitian Relief efforts – For those interested in putting together a local Lewistown effort for Haitian relief, please come to a 7 p.m. May 26th meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church, North Main Street, Lewistown. Bob Plank will share with us how we might be able to help with his efforts in Haiti Disaster Relief. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE! October 19, 2010 is the date for the Celebrate Life Banquet featuring former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum. The banquet will be held at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey, 4650 Lindle Rd, in Harrisburg. Doors open at 6pm, with dinner following at 6:30pm. Banquet benefits the life-saving work of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Education Fund. To register, visit www.paprolife.org or call 541-0034.

Learn about Planned Parenthood's agenda – *Blood Money* is a documentary film that exposes the truth behind the abortion industry from the pro-life perspective. This film examines the history of abortion in America. Help to get this independent film into theaters. The film needs our support in order to expose the corruption of Planned Parenthood. In order for the producers to get it into theaters, they need to show that millions of interested people have visited their web site. You need only to visit the website; there is no need to sign up as a supporter unless you want to. The web site is <http://www.bloodmoneyfilm.com>. Please visit that website today and help the cause of circulating this film.

ForYourVocation.org is a new website that offers resources for people in discernment. It includes information for parents, teachers, catechists, vocation directors. The effort responds to Pope Benedict XVI's call to use social media. The site has two goals: To help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations. Please visit: www.ForYourVocation.org

Attention all Catholic young women ages 15-25. Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you! You are invited to attend the Diocese of Harrisburg's third Annual *Fiat Days* vocation discernment retreat to spend time with other women your age as you listen to the Lord's call in your life. Activities include – Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, sports, games, great food, talks and more. *Fiat Days* will be held June 27-29, at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and College. No cost due to the generosity of anonymous donors. Please contact the Office of Vocations at 657-4804, ext. 282 with questions or for a registration packet.

Quo Vadis Days 2010 – “Where Are You Going?”

Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-25. Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you! You are invited to attend the Diocese of Harrisburg’s sixth Annual *Quo Vadis Days* vocation camp to spend time with other young men your age as you listen to the Lord’s call in your life while having fun. Activities include – Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, hiking, sports, games, great food, talks and more.

Priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Harrisburg staff *QVD*. *QVD* will be held from June 13-17, 2010 at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and College. Cost is free due to generous donors. Please contact the Office of Vocations at 657-4804, ext. 282 with questions or for a registration packet.

Friday evening, June 11, “The Life & Legacy of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen” with Father Charles Connor: premier scholar on the charism and spirituality of Fulton J. Sheen. Father Charles Connor is a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, frequent presenter on EWTN, author of recently published book, *The Life and Legacy of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*.

6:30pm Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart followed by Conference and book signing.

For more information contact: Our Lady’s Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E Main St. Birdsboro, PA 19508 – 610-582-3333. www.olme.org, olme@olme.org

ALL-CHURCH CARNIVAL

Food booths, pony rides, children’s games, clowns and other attractions will be part of the annual All-Church Carnival Saturday, June 12, at Rec Park, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day starts with an ecumenical worship service. Various booths and tables will be run by local congregations, including Sacred Heart, which will be selling hot sausage sandwiches, thanks to our Women’s Guild. Mark your calendars now.

CURSILLO INFORMATION NIGHTS

Do you want to renew your relationship with Christ and His Church, while renewing your parish at the same time? Make a Cursillo weekend. We will have information nights 7 p.m. Monday, May 17th in Sacred Heart rectory and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 27th St. Jude church social hall, Mifflintown. The next men’s weekend is July 15 to 18 at St. Pius X, Selinsgrove, and the next women’s weekend is August 5-8 at St. Philip’s, Millersville, Pa. You stay there the whole weekend so you need Friday off from work. This movement started in Spain in the late 1940s and has spread throughout the world.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL



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!

SHS cookbooks offered by the Wellness Committee and containing favorite student recipes are available for sale at school for \$3.00

SHS chocolate candy bars from Asher’s Chocolates are available for sale in the school office for \$2.00.

Tuesday, May 18th: Development Meeting 6pm

Thursday, May 20th: School Mass
HSA Meeting 6pm-school

Friday, May 21: Appreciation Tea with grade 3 providing musical selections--1PM school cafeteria
Instrumental Music students recital at 7PM, Bunkertown Church-under the direction Heather McDonald

Congratulations to Joey Rupert for doing well in the recent spelling bee.

Upcoming events

Tuesday, June 8, 9AM Mass, Grade 5 Graduation followed by reception in cafeteria for families

Thursday, June 10: Last day of school, with 1:30 dismissal

Friday, June 11: Teacher Work Day

SHS wishes to thank the members of the School Board and the HSA for their excellent support and help with this year’s school events and projects. Thank you to all school committees, development, wellness, and technology for all the work they did to help us accomplish our goals.

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.



