

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

<b>Tithing Income:</b> April 25, 2010	\$8,042.00
<b>Tithing Income:</b> April 26, 2009	\$6,740.50
<b>Children's offering:</b>	\$7.00

**Next week's tithing will be for: Lewistown Fire Dept., Sun Home Health & Hospice, Special Olympics and the Juniata River Fest.**



**Charity is apart and in addition to what is given by tithing** The giving to any diocesan sponsored collection is part of charity, not of tithing. Those who can afford it should minimally give an

additional 10% of their income to a charity serving Christian goals of one's own choosing, that is, not in conflict with the interests of God. Direct acts of charity are to be preferred to institutional giving. Personal involvement in charity is greatly more meritorious than a hands off/indirect method of giving. Those who have substantial wealth should give 20% more to charity in addition to tithing.

**Additional offerings in the form of Mass Stipends**, prayer requests, and other offerings are given to priests or religious. The Church, priests, religious, and the poor are consumers of offerings made to God (God has no practical use for temporal offerings but values them as a witness to faith in Him). These offerings are given either as a corporal work of mercy or in the making of a special request to God. Offerings given to the poor, whether priests, religious, or laymen, are covered under the concept of charity as stated above. The worthiness of an offering to God is largely in the degree of sacrifice being made. NOTE: A dozen Masses said with minimal offering of stipends (non-sacrificial) is of less value than one Mass said as a result of real sacrifice made in faith.

**My Good Deed for the Week:** Here's what several young people offered as their tithing, in addition to their financial gift: A 5<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I took my friend to the carnival." A 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grader said: "We helped with the yard work." A kindergartner said: "I helped my Mom set the table."

## *Pastor's Column*

### **RITE OF THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

We just accepted five people into the Catholic Church here at Sacred Heart at the Easter Vigil Mass, the night of

April 3<sup>rd</sup>. They entered the faith, in part, as a result of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. (RCIA). Based on the ancient Church's conversion process, RCIA guides candidates through various steps of initiation until baptism and/or full communion with the Catholic Church.

Here at Sacred Heart we have 7 p.m., Thursday night RCIA classes beginning this fall for those interested in Catholicism. There is no obligation to become Catholic at any time during the process. Students attending who have been baptized in other faiths are called candidates. The non baptized are called catechumens and sometimes the entire process is simply referred to as the catechumenate.

An RCIA team of parishioners, led by Daniel Swigart, guides the process. Lay team members take turns teaching classes, along with Frs. Bill and Thoms. It is so inspiring to witness the dedication of these speakers, who come from all walks of life. Over the course of the year, team members, candidates and catechumens form together a true family of faith.

As part of the process, RCIA students from all over the diocese go to the cathedral for a special blessing of acceptance by the bishop. Then they are received into the faith at their respective parishes during the big Mass the night before Easter. Classes continue a few weeks more.

And so if you are not Catholic and have been attending Mass for awhile, we invite you to look deeper into our faith. Beginning in September, come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to know you. These Monday night sessions also are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions that you may have about the Church. Please call if you have any questions or would like further information at the parish office at 242-2781 or contact Dan Swigart, RCIA Coordinator at 899-6278.

Fr Bill  
Daniel Swigart



### **Scripture Readings for the week:**

**Monday: May 3** – 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-5; John 14:6-14

**Tuesday, May 4** – Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-13, 21; John 14:27-31

**Wednesday, May 5** – Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-5; John 15:1-8

**Thursday, May 6** – Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; Psalm 96:1-3, 10; John 15:9-11

**Friday, May 7** – Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; Psalm 57:8-10, 12; John 15:12-17

**Saturday, May 8** – Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1-3, 5; John 15:18-21

**Sunday, May 9** – Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

PROVIDED - SIGN UP SHEET IN BACK OF CHURCH. ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT TIMI WILLS -248-1955 OR DOTTIE PEIFFER-248-1804.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6 – RCIA / 7pm / office  
7 – All Day Adoration / Holy Hour / 7pm  
8 – Mother/Daughter banquet / after 4pm Mass

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

May 9 – Mel Reed  
May 16 – Dave Kaniecki

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**The Auction Committee would like to thank everyone** who helped make the auction a success. The chairpersons, and their helpers, all the baskets donated by the parish and school. We thank all who donated money and the benefactors who donated items to be auctioned. It was a wonderful day of fun, food, games for the children and lots of wonderful auction items.

The approximate amount generated from the auction was:  
Raffle tickets sales **\$11,870**  
Auction and food **\$16,130**  
**Approximate total is: \$28,000**

**The raffle winners were:**

Cathy Searer: \$1,000  
Mary Hayes: \$500  
Chris Gearhart: \$250  
Amy Davis: \$150  
Milt Monde: \$100

**The winners of the Fudge Contest were:**

**First prize:** Mary Perry with her entry of Pineapple Fudge.

**Second Prize:** Will Perry with his entry of Rocky Road fudge balls

**Third Prize:** Patti Vogt with her entry of Mocha Fudge.  
Thanks to all who participated. All the fudge entries were delicious, the judges had a hard time making a decision.

**AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH: MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET, SATURDAY, MAY 8 AT 5:30PM – BRING A COVERED DISH - BAKED HAM AND FRIED CHICKEN PROVIDED - PUNCH, COFFEE & TEA**



## **Congratulations to Sacred Heart First Communion Class of 2010**

Olivia Ahern	Kathryn Knepp
Blake Bender	Kaela Meyer
Hannah Bonson	Julia Montgomery
Abby Davis	Frankie Pannizzo
Madison Gagliardo	Adam Sheetz
George Hazard	Layla Shimp

Francesca Zannino

Please remember these children your prayers.

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



## LITURGICAL NOTES

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Sunday, May 2**

7:30 AM Deceased of the Sebastian-Gonzalez family  
11:00 AM People of the Parish

**Monday, May 3**

7:00 AM Rita Coppola

**Tuesday, May 4**

7:00 AM Arlen Bilger

**Wednesday, May 5**

7:00 PM Pietro Aiello

**Thursday, May 6**

7:00 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM SHS

**Friday, May 7**

7:00 AM Marge & Tom Connare

**Saturday May 8**

8:00 AM Dorothy Sieber

4:00 PM People of the Parish

**Sunday May 9**

7:30 AM Caterina Simonetti

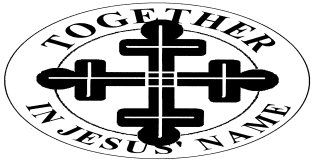
11:00 AM Angeline Ross

**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are available: May 9, 16, 23, 30.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of the deceased of the Sebastian-Gonzalez 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: May 9, 15, 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 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, contact: Fred Gers, 248-9504 or 250-0086.

### Harrisburg Beginning Experience (BE) Weekend –

If you or someone you know is struggling with the loss of a spouse from separation, divorce, or death, we can help. HARRISBURG BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a peer ministry focused on spirituality, healing and a sense of community. The next BE weekend will be held **May 7-9** at Camp Hebron in Halifax. The program begins Friday evening through Sunday afternoon and consists of large group presentations, personal private reflection and small group sharing. For more information or to register contact Eva Marie at 717-246-1035, Greg at 717-763-0977, or Kathy at 717-846-4947 or email [HarrisburgBE@gmail.com](mailto:HarrisburgBE@gmail.com)

**“Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but (rather) to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.”**

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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

Candidates must be third or fourth year college 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](mailto:abhill@pacatholic.org) for more details.

**Interested in making your home a safer place to live?** If you are 65 and older and live in Mifflin County, you may qualify to participate in the REACH Network. The REACH Network is a research project taking place in your community. By participating, you will receive:

- ? A home safety assessment
- ? Flu vaccine survey
- ? A personalized home safety recommendations brochure
- ? Visits from a local trained health professional

There is no charge to take part in the project. The REACH Network is a collaborative effort between Penn State Cooperative Extension, Penn State Hershey Medical Center and Penn State University. If you are interested in participating, please call Leigh Gordon at 248-9618.

### **IN SEARCH OF PHOTOS**

The Holy Union Sisters are going to open a **Heritage House** in 2011 in Groton, MA. This will be a museum displaying various artifacts and historical documents relating to their 125 years in the United States. If you have any pictures or memorabilia that you would be willing to contribute to the museum, the Sisters would be very grateful to receive it. They are especially interested in photos relating to the first years in each of the schools and ministries they staffed. For more information contact their Milton office at (617) 696-8765.

**On the Web – “Catholic Perspective”,** a local program of News, Information and Inspiration to help you know and to grow in your Faith is available at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org). Log on and tune into stories of faith and issues of importance for all people of faith. “Catholic Perspective” is broadcast Sunday mornings on: WIEZ-AM 670, Lewistown at 8:00am. **“Catholic Perspective”** is brought to you in part by The Catholic Communication Collection and our parish.



**Excerpts of an article written by non-Catholic Sam Miller - a prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman:**  
"Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of

the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church?

Do you know - the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to that Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American Taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. The graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%.

The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrollment of 700,000 students.

The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people – not just Catholics – in the United States today.

But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which, is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

Let me give you some figures that Catholics should know and remember. For example, 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner, 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church, 41.8% of clergy women reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed. Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic problem.

A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the Church has been receiving.

The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

Walk with your shoulders high and your head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States. Then remember what Jeremiah said: 'Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls' (Jeremiah 6:16). Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions.

**Be proud that you're a Catholic."**

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL



**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!

**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!

**Tuesday, May 4** Joey Rupert, Grade 4, will be representing Sacred Heart School at the diocesan spelling bee in Harrisburg

**Thursday, May 6:** SHS will be hosting the Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the Communities that Care at 8:30 AM: Grades 4 and 5 will be singing hymns as part of the event. Mass 9AM

**Friday, May 7 First Friday:** Eucharistic Adoration Grades 3-5

**We pray Mothers' Day blessings** to all of our Moms and Grand moms. **SHS thanks** all the chairpersons and their committees for the work done on our recent Auction. It was a wonderful event thanks to you! To our teachers who sponsored the class projects and to our parents who sponsored the class baskets, we are grateful

