

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

<b>Tithing Income:</b> May 2, 2010	\$8,005.00
<b>Tithing Income:</b> May 3, 2009	\$9,530.00
<b>Children's offering:</b>	\$3.00

**Next week's tithe will be for:**  
**Catholic Communications Campaign**



**Three Reasons for Giving Materially (#1 this week)**

**1.** Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger, and you

took me in: naked, and you covered me: sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me. Then shall the just answer Him, saying: Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you; thirsty and gave you drink... And the king answering, shall say to them: Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brothers, you did it to me.

From the very beginning Christians have brought, along with the bread and wine for the Eucharist, gifts to share with those in need. This custom of the collection is inspired by the example of Christ who became poor to make us rich. Those who are well off, and who are also willing, GIVE as each chooses. What is gathered is given to him who presides to assist orphans and widows, those whom illness or any other cause has deprived of resources, prisoners, immigrants and, in a word, all who are in need.

God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them: "Give to him who begs from you, do not refuse him who would borrow from you", "you received without pay, give without pay." It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus will recognize His chosen ones. When "the poor have the good news preached to them," it is a sign of Christ's presence. The Church's love for the poor...is part of her constant tradition." This love is inspired by the Gospel of the beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus and of his concern for the poor.

**My Good Deed for the Week:** Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A 5<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I ran the sweeper in the kitchen." A 4<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I helped my little brother up the hill after he got hurt." A 1<sup>st</sup> grader said: "I found a friends toy."

## Pastor's Column

### MOTHER'S DAY

Women are the gateway of life. Face it. We all come into the world through women. They nurture us both inside themselves, in their wombs, and outside themselves, in their loving arms and through their kind words and teaching. How fitting that we devote a day especially to them.

There is one special mother who is the model for all others. That would be the Blessed Virgin Mary, of course, because she brought the Son of God, the Savior of mankind, into the world. It is fitting, then, that we devote this month to her, which contains Mother's Day.

I was trying to make this point to some Hispanic evangelical Protestants last week when I was visiting door to door in Mifflintown. First, let me tell you, you would be surprised how many Hispanics are Protestant or, as they would say, "evangelicos" (evangelical). Muchos! Many! And that's been true for decades now. I have my work cut out for me in Mifflintown.

Twice last Sunday I ran across Hispanic evangelicals and almost immediately the big subject matter for discussion, in both cases, was Mary and the saints. They asked me "Why do you "worship images?"

I made the case that Mary is our spiritual mother because she gave birth to the Savior of the world. We can ask her to pray for us, just as we can ask one another in this life for prayers. That is all done within the power of Jesus Christ who is supreme. Mary and the saints are not our saviors. Christ is. But Mary and the saints are our friends, around God's throne, able to take our requests.

I quoted Hebrews 12:22-23 which says "you have come to Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to the innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the first born who are enrolled in heaven...and to the spirits of just men made perfect." If we've drawn near to those spirits and to those first born and angels, does that mean we can't speak to them? That would be ridiculous. Of course we can, in union with Jesus Christ.

The "images" and statues are reminders, like photos of loved ones in our rooms. The ban on images was very important in the Old Testament when the true God was invisible, not able to be seen. Come the New Testament, God came down as a walking, talking image. Why not represent Him – and the saints – accordingly?

Mary holds pride of place among the saints and among mothers. May we honor our earthly mothers and our spiritual one, all of whom lead us to Christ.



### Scripture Readings for the week:

**Monday: May 10** – Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; John 15:26-16:4

**Tuesday, May 11** – Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34; Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8; John 16:5-11

**Wednesday, May 12** – Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22-18:1; Psalm 148:1-2 11-14; John 16:12-15

**Thursday, May 13, Ascension of the Lord** – Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

**Friday, May 14** – Acts of the Apostles 1-15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-8; John 15:9-17

**Saturday, May 15** – Acts of the Apostles 18:23-28; Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10; John 16:23-28

**Sunday, May 16** – 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 9 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer / 7pm / Church

May 10 – School Board / 6pm

May 16 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer / 7pm / Church

May 15 – SVDP free meal / 11:30 am / bingo follows

May 13 – HSA / 6pm / School

May 13 / Knights of Columbus / 7pm / Knights home

May 17 – SVDP / 7pm / office

May 19 – Liturgy Meeting / 7:30pm / rectory

May 24 – Parish Council / 7pm / office

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

May 16 – Dave Kaniecki

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **LITURGICAL NOTES**



### **Sunday, May 9**

7:30 AM Caterina Simonetti

11:00 AM Angelina Ross

### **Monday, May 10**

7:00 AM John Ryan

### **Tuesday, May 11**

7:00 AM In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Jim & Maureen McCoy.

### **Wednesday, May 12 – Ascension Eve**

7:00 PM Rita Travis

### **Thursday, May 13 – Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day)**

7:00 AM Rita Coppola

12:00 noon Robert Hackett

### **Friday, May 14**

7:00 AM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

### **Saturday May 15**

8:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

4:00 PM Deceased of the Drozda & Zampelli families

### **Sunday May 16**

7:30 AM People of the Parish

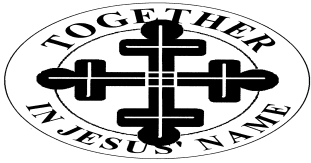
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**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are available: May 16, 23, 30.

**The Sanctuary Candle** is in honor of Mary Drozda from her 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 16, 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 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 32<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### 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)

**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](http://www.paprolife.org) or call 541-0034.

**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.

**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](http://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.

**The Cloistered Dominican Nuns** invite young adults to consider a **Contemplative Religious Vocation** during an Hour of Solitude to be held on Tuesday, May 25, 7-8pm at the Monastery at 1834 Lititz Pike, Lancaster. This hour of solitude will include reflections, contemplative prayer, opportunity to meet the Nuns at the Monastery and chanting the Office with the Sisters. This invitation is for young adults who have questions. For registration please call Sister Maria DeMonte, OP 717-285-4536, extension 717 or email:

[mdemonteop90@gmail.com](mailto:mdemonteop90@gmail.com)

### **THANK YOU –**

Dear Father Bill and Parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish,

In the name of Sister Angela Machuca and Sister Maria Erin Salvivia, we would like to sincerely thank you for your heartfelt and generous donation to the Chilean Province of the Sisters of Christian Charity. At this time Sister Angela and Maria Erin have just returned to their home province, where they are already seeing the devastation from the earthquake. They will eventually join in the effort of rebuilding. While we do not hear about it in the news as much anymore, the country continues to suffer greatly, as we are kept informed by our Sisters on a regular basis. The Sisters living in Concepcion are still experiencing strong aftershocks everyday. Food supply is low in this area, and the task of rebuilding is a great challenge that lies ahead of them. Some of the convents and schools have been severely damaged or partially destroyed.

Your donation has already been sent to the Sisters in Chile and, as you can imagine, is greatly needed and will be put to good use. We want to thank you again for your generosity, and we ask you to continue to pray for our Sisters and all those suffering from the earthquake, whose lives have been completely altered by this devastating natural disaster. God bless you and your families! You will be remembered in our prayers.

Sincerely, Companions of Sister Maria Erin and Sister Angela in initial formation, Sister Donna Marie, Sister Marie Jose, Sister Maria Angeline

“THE GOOD YOU HAVE DONE WILL LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS...”

## **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!

**Monday, May 10:** School Board Meeting 6PM

**Tuesday, May 11:** Faculty Meeting 3-4PM

**Thursday, May 13:** Ascension--Mass at 12 noon  
HSA Meeting--school 6PM

**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.



