

May 29, 2011 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing Income: May 22, 2011	\$ 8,165.00
Tithing Income: May 23, 2010	\$ 6,941.00
Children's Offering:	\$ 1.50

Next Week's Tithe is for: St. Vincent De Paul

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 29, 2011

"If you choose you can keep the commandments; it is loyalty to do his will... Before man are life and death, whichever he chooses shall be given him... The eye of God sees all he has made; he understands man's every deed...." "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much dawned on man what God has prepared for those who love him."

A sign outside a church reminded us that "God gave us commandments, not suggestions." Whether we recite the ten given to Moses on Mount Sinai, or summarize them in the great commandment of Jesus to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves, we have the norms to direct our lives and maintain our oneness with God and each other.

Every day we make countless choices, from the time we rise until we say good night to the Lord. Some are insignificant, others are weightier. We choose clothing, route to work, foods to eat and television programs to watch. The choices we make are part of our daily routine.

We who claim discipleship make our daily choices in light of the gospel and its values. We respond to the Spirit, praying as we begin our day. We offer praise to God for family, faith and friends. We allow the scriptures to fill our mind. We meditate on the mysteries of the life of Jesus when we pray the rosary. We reflect the words of Jesus in the way we take care of others through kindness, generosity and service. How many times our prayer becomes action.

The eye of God sees all we do, and as the writer of Genesis said 'He saw what he made and it was very good.' Our eye is limited, but our faith tells us that our loving God has made a promise He will not take back. He has chosen us to receive His life and His love. We cannot imagine what He has in store for us. When we live the commandments we are assured of His great reward. The commandments of the new law, the beatitudes tell us of His promise and reward.

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A CALL TO ACTION

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), along with Bishop McFadden, is encouraging all Catholics to take action to encourage our state representatives to support Senate Bill 1: The Opportunity Scholarship and Educational Improvement Tax Credit Act. An explanation of this bill and its impact on Catholic (and public) education in the state of Pennsylvania appeared in the last issue of "Straight from the Heart" which we published in early March. We are asking all parishioners to take a few minutes to cut out the "post card" in this bulletin, personalize it, and send it to your state representative in order to make a public show of support for school choice and Senate Bill 1. Without your support, it may not make it out of the House of Representatives! This bill is too important to the future of school choice and Catholic education to let it not be considered!

The first part of SB1 will allow parents of children who attend one of 140+ failing schools in PA and qualify within the income guidelines to choose a different school for their children to attend, private or public. A portion of the state subsidy will follow that child to the school of their choice in the form of a scholarship grant. Year one applies only those students who are currently attending a failing school; year two allows students who could be attending a failing school, but may have already chosen a different school, to receive the scholarship; year three opens up this scholarship to any family in PA who falls within the income guidelines. It is only then that parents in PA will truly have the right to determine which school will best meet the needs of their children.

The second part of SB1 will expand the resources available to businesses who apply to the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program by an additional \$25,000. Families at SHS have been receiving 1000's of dollars through this program to help make a Catholic education within their reach, regardless of their financial reality, once again allowing parents to choose.

By supporting this bill, not only are you making a stand for school choice, you are making a stand for Catholic education, confirming your commitment to the mission of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church to SHS. We believe that by supporting SB1, we are encouraging public schools to become better and it will be financially beneficial to them.

Simply fill out the "post card", personalize and sign it, and send it in an envelope addressed to one of the state representative listed below. May God bless you in your faithfulness to his call!

District 81
Mike Fleck
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Huntingdon PA 16652

District 82
Adam Harris
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Weekly Readings

Monday – May 30

Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15;
Psalm 149:1-6, & 9; John 15:26-16:4

Tuesday – May 31

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12:2-6;
Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday – June 1

Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22-18:1; Psalm 148:1-2,
11-12,13,14; John 16:12-15

Thursday – June 2 Ascension of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 18:1-8; Psalm 98:1-4;
John 16:16-20

Friday – June 3

Acts of the Apostles 18:9-18; Psalm 47:2-7
John 16:20-23

Saturday – June 4

Acts of the Apostles 18:23-28; Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10;
John 16:23-28

Sunday – June 5

Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8; Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10;
John 16:23-28;



Sunday, May 29

7:30 AM Joe & Lucy Hallinger
11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, May 30

7:00 AM Joseph Tice Sr.

Tuesday, May 31

7:00 AM Dr. Earl C. Costa

Wednesday, June 1

7:00 PM Deceased of the Battista Family

Thursday, June 2

7:00 AM Rocco Soccio
9:00 AM Mary Drozda

Friday, June 3

7:00 AM Thomas & Mary Connare

Saturday, June 4

8:00 AM Jake Moran
4:00 PM Caterina & Croce Czacchiolo

Sunday, June 5

7:30 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Mary Drozda

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

June 5 - Dave Kaniecki
June 12 - Mel Reed
June 19 - Russell Krug

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: June 19 – July 3. Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements.

Memorialize Flowers: If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (pulpit) please call the parish office to schedule. Dates available are June 1-11. Flower colors should be coordinated with the church seasons.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

29- Greeter Workshop/9:15am/Church
29- SHS Family Fun Day/Del Grossos Park
30- **Memorial Day: Parish Office & School Closed**
30- **Blessing at Cemetary/9am/SHS Cemetary**

June

1- Pro-Life Mtg/6pm/Parish Office
1- Mass/7pm/Church/Vigil of Ascension
2- Mass/7am/Church/Ascension of the Lord
2- Mass/12pm/Church/Ascension of the Lord
2- Mass/7pm/Church/Ascension of the Lord
2- Parish Staff Meeting/1:45pm/Parish Office
3- SHS 5th Grade Graduation Mass/9am/Church
3- (Following Graduation) All Day Adoration/Church
3- Holy Hour/7pm/Church
4- Octogenarian Mass & Dinner/4pm/Church/Rec.Ctr.
5- High School Senior Mass/7:30am/Church
5- High School Senior Breakfast/after 7:30am/SHS Caf.
7- SHS Last Day/11:30 Dismissal
8- SHS Faculty Work Day
8- Mass/7pm/Church
13- St. Vincent DePaul Mtg/7pm/Parish office
14- Knights of Columbus Mtg/7pm/KofC House
15- Mass/7pm/Church
15- Columbiette's Mtg/7pm/KofC House
16- Liturgy Committee Mtg/10:30am/Parish office
29-HSA General Mtg/6pm/SHS Faculty Rm

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week

Altar Flowers for Memorial Weekend:

*In Loving Memory of Joseph Tice Sr.
From Kathryn Tice*

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Octogenarians, A reminder to you faithful servants who have reached the big "O." Mark your calendars and reserve Saturday, June 4, 2011, as your day. A Mass of thanksgiving in your honor will be celebrated in the church at 4pm, followed by a sit-down dinner for you and your escort at 5:30 pm at the Lewistown Rec. Center. If you have not yet confirmed your attendance, please call Sr. Mary Zavacky at 242-0472 or the Parish Office at 242-2781. Let us know if you need a ride, we can arrange transportation. John Kriauckas at 899-5646

Interested in living your Catholic faith more fully? A Cursillo may be for you. Cursillo is the Spanish word for "Short course in Christianity". It covers Theology, Spirituality, Scripture, Prayer, and Study. The upcoming Cursillos are as follows; Women's, July 7-10, 2011 and the Men's July 14 – 17, 2011. Both will be held at St. Pius X in Selinsgrove, PA. For more information and registration, sponsors and candidates can contact Steve or Sherry Troelsch at 717-898-6178, stroelsch@comcast.net or you can visit the website at www.harrisburg-cursillo.org. Applications are in the back of the church, or talk to Fr. Bill

Attention Graduating Seniors:

Sunday, June 5th at 7:30 am Mass, Sacred Heart of Jesus will be honoring our Graduating High School Seniors. Following Mass, the Seniors are invited to a breakfast. Please call Annemarie at the Parish office (717) 242-2781 to RSVP by May 31st.

Corpus Christi Men's Retreat will be at Mount St. Mary's in Maryland starting Friday, July 29th thru Sunday July 31st. Can you give a little of your time to God? If so, please call Fred Gers for information and sign up at 248-9504 or 250-0086.

Help wanted, local parishioner looking for a Catholic cleaning person. Please contact Mr. John Wilkinson at 248-7183.

Thank you! To all who prepared my retirement party and all those who attended; we had a great time. Thank you for the wonderful gifts. God Bless all of you. **Marie Bender**

Congratulations to Local Parishioner! Mr. Dick Calkins was named a 2011 Good Scout recipient by the Shawnee District of the Juniata Valley Council Boy Scout Association. Mr. Calkins received his award on May 25th at the 2011 Good Scout Dinner held at the Lewistown Moose Family Center. Mr. Calkins was honored for his outstanding contributions to the community and its youth. Dick and his family moved to Lewistown in 1978, when he was appointed Publisher of the Lewistown Sentinel. In 1982 he bought Shelly Pontiac, Cadillac, GMC dealership and changed the name to Calkins Automotive. He has served on the Board of Trustees of the Lewistown Hospital, the Lewistown Borough Council and Board of Directors for the Juniata Valley Council, Boy Scouts. In addition, Mr. Calkins also served on the Parish Council here at Sacred Heart. Congratulations, again to Mr. Calkins!

Attention all Parents, we are having Vacation Bible School for Children July 11- 15, 2011. Contact the parish office to sign your children up for this fun and exciting opportunity! More details to follow.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caelorum, the next Caelorum at St. Joan of Arc Church in Hershey will be held on Wednesday, June 1st, at 7pm. Come and experience the joy of the Easter Season through praise and worship music as we adore Christ in the most holy Eucharist. A reception will be held immediately following the Caelorum in the Cafeteria. St. Joan of Arc Church is located at 359 West Areba Ave., Hershey, PA 17033.

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation in your area concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to the church teaching. This presentation will be helpful for divorced catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held on June 9, at 7:00 pm, at St. Patrick Parish, Carlisle, in the cafeteria. No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, extension 304, or email: tribunal@hbgdiocese.org.

Upcoming blood drives, in Lewistown area:

Thursday, June 2nd, 11am -4pm. Lewistown Walmart, 10180 US Highway 522 South.

Monday, June 6th, 1pm -7pm. St. Marks's Lutheran Church, 573 Alfarata Rd, Lewistown

Thursday, June 23rd, 12pm – 6pm. Rhodes Memorial United Methodist Church, 500 Highland Ave, Lewistown.

Thursday, June 30th, 12pm – 6pm. First Methodist Church, 200 E. Third St., Lewistown.



Attention Parishioners who subscribe to Nittany Media, tell them you want the "Eternal Word Network" (EWTN), call or write, we also have a Petition located in the Church Vestibule for you to sign.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL



School News, May 29th - June 3rd, 2011:

Sunday, May 29th: SHS Family Day at Del Grosso Park; compliments of the HAS

Monday, May 30th: No School

Tuesday, May 31st: School Nurse Assembly

Thursday, June 2nd: Mass at 12 Noon

Friday, June 3rd: Grade 5 Graduation Mass at 9am followed by Graduation Ceremony, awards, and reception in the Cafeteria for the Graduates and families

To our Fifth Grade graduates we extend our best wishes and prayers for success in their future endeavors: Ty Ferencz, Adam Kurtz, Yanelys Melara, Tyler Mitchell, Ronald (Joey) Rupert, Keith Shearer, Alexander Shoemaker, Ian Shoemaker and Jordan Sylvester.

May 23, 2011

Dear Representative _____,

Providing a quality education for our children is the most critical investment we can make for our future. Pennsylvania needs a more effective and less costly way to educate our children. **SB1 is the right choice for Pennsylvania's future!**

School choice saves tax dollars. Catholic schools provide an excellent education and they do this often for a fraction of the cost of educating the same child in a public school. At Sacred Heart School, the cost of education is \$5,850 per pupil, far less than the approx. \$14,000 spent per pupil on average by public schools in PA. Catholic schools already save tax dollars. When School Choice becomes law in PA all taxpayers will save even more.

Parents want School Choice. Recent polls in PA surveyed parents' attitudes toward their children's education. Overwhelmingly, parents say they wish they had more choices. Taxpayers favor education vouchers, too. In a November 2010 poll, half of Pennsylvanians said they support and another 20% are undecided about education vouchers which help parents pay the costs of the school of their choice (Pulse Opinion Research).

We believe that the parents of 171,000 students are currently making a choice to provide their children with a Catholic education at one of PA's 530 Catholic schools. Every school is accountable to parents and the community around them on many fronts.

We also believe that the EITC program has given school choice to thousands of students; the Opportunity Scholarship Grants offered by SB1 will grant that opportunity to thousands more.

When it comes before you for a vote, please support SB1 – The Opportunity Scholarship and Educational Improvement Tax Credit Act. The parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Home and School Association: New Officers for 2011-2012: Liz Meyer, President; Ed Thompson, Vice President; Yvonne Hoppel, Secretary; Amy McCahren, Treasurer; Mary Aultz, Mae Spotts, and Sharon Whitesel, Publicity.

We extend our thanks to outgoing officers, Susan Gilbert and Karen Zimmerman.

Upcoming Events:

Last day of School is June 7th with dismissal at 11:30 am

Wednesday, June 8th: Faculty Work Day

Good News! Thanks to Senator Jake Corman and Aetna, Sacred Heart School was chosen to receive \$10,000 in Scholarship funds through the Bravo Foundation. Income guidelines have also been broadened: A family of 4 can earn \$84,000 in total household income and still qualify for these scholarships! **Deadline is May 31st, 2011!**

Kindergarten Registration: We have reached full classroom capacity for Kindergarten for 2011-2012, however, we are taking names for a waiting list. Please contact the school office ASAP to get on this list. We have hired a part-time aide as well. We still have openings in Grades 1 – 5. There is still time to consider SHS for your family! Check out our website (www.sacredheartschool.com) or call the school office for registration materials and information.