

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

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Children's offering: \$1.50

Next week's tithing is for: International Catholic Migration

Stewardship – Doing What We “Believe”

At its heart, stewardship is an expression of what we believe. We believe in “the Lord, the giver of life” – that our infinite God is the source of infinite abundance. The more that we try to claim what God has given as our own, the less we receive. It's like trying to clutch water in your fist. The tighter you clench, the less water you can carry. It's only when you relax your grasp and open your palm that you create a cup.

Often we hear the word stewardship, we think it will involve increasing our financial contributions, spending more time at worthwhile service activities, or visiting the sick in the hospital. It's true that stewardship requires giving, but giving can also mean consciously making ourselves available to our family during conversation at dinner, reading and praying over Church documents, or resolving to use your workday to its fullest. The call to be a steward can be as comprehensive as reorganizing the entire religious education program for your parish or as simple as holding open the door for a young mother juggling a toddler along with a newborn in a stroller.

That's because stewardship is more than a few church-related activities. It's making a choice, one small step at a time, to acknowledge our dependence on God for all we have and all we are. Stewardship lies at the heart and soul of Christian life. In short, it's how we live our lives on a daily basis as a result of professing our belief in the message of God.

Understanding what it means to live as a steward means recognizing that everything we have, and everyone we love, is only on loan from God. The good that we accomplish while using the treasures we've been given, whether a trusted friendship or the physical resources we have available to us, is how we “make good” on our loan - offering it all back to God. So how do we become willing to share our bounty with the rest of God's creation, knowing that only then will Jesus bestow even more blessings on us?

My Good Deed for the Week: A 6th grader said: “I made my Mom and Dad's bed.” An 8th grader said: “I cleaned up the kitchen after dinner.”

Pastor's Column

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

Not too many dioceses do it anymore but we never dropped it. Therefore, let's enjoy it and partake. Our annual Eucharistic devotions are a chance to hear a guest preacher, adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and accrue many graces.



Once common around the world, this custom, also called 40 Hours Devotion, slowly disappeared during the drop-off of religious practice in the 1960s and '70s, largely through disinterest, sad to say. People just stopped showing up and so pastors thought: use it or lose it. They lost it. Some even claim that the growth of TV viewing during that time kept more people at home in the evenings.

Its origins are obscure, but generally it began in Europe, in the 1400s, focusing on adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament for a period of 40 hours, supposedly the amount of time His Body lay in the tomb. Besides in-church adoration, it was then even common for clergy to carry the Blessed Sacrament, in a monstrance (display case), through the streets in a solemn procession during a typical 40 Hours celebration.

In the 1850s, St. John Neumann, bishop of Philadelphia, brought the custom to this country, from his native Bohemia (current-day Czech Republic). Given recent anti-Catholic riots in Philadelphia, he was strongly advised against it. He persisted, however, and even carried the Blessed Sacrament through the streets without incident. What courage. Perhaps it is through his intercession and influence that the practice continues in Pennsylvania dioceses.

Fr. Frank Karwacki is our guest preacher. He is pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Mount Carmel, Pa. He is also bishop's liaison for the charismatic renewal for the diocese, a movement of enthusiasm and joy, so expect some good preaching those three nights. He is a personal friend of mine as well. We are in a priest prayer and share group, and have taken many a vacation and trip together, some overseas. Expect to hear some funny travel stories from the adventures of Frs. Frank and Bill.

Evening services will be 7 p.m. October 17, 18, and 19, i.e., Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights. Refreshments will be served in the church basement after Tuesday's services. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed those days from morning Mass to the end of each service. Please sign up for adoration



time in church those days, so that we can have the hours filled before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Let's all use it and not lose it, to the glory of God and for our own good.

Fr. Bill

Weekly Readings
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Monday, October 04 –

Galatians 1:6-12; Psalm 111:1-2, 7-10; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 05 – Galatians 1:13-24; Psalm 139:1-3, 13-15; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 06 – Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Psalm 117:1-2; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 07 – Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 1:69-75; Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 08 – Galatians 3:7-14; Psalm 111:1-6; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 09 – Galatians 3:22-29; Psalm 105:2-7; Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 10 – 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98:1-4; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

3 – CCD / 9am

3 – Life Chain Sunday / Historic Courthouse / 1pm

3 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / church

4 – Photo Shoot all week

4 – Holy Land Presentation – 7pm / office

5 – Bible Study / 7pm / office

6 – Choir Practice / 7:45pm

7 – RCIA / 7pm / office

10 – CCD / 9am / No classes for grades 8 & 9

10 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / church

12 – Bible Study / 7pm / office

13 – Choir Practice / 7:45pm

14 – RCIA / 7pm / office

17 – CCD / 9am

17 – 40 hours / 7pm

18 – 40 hours / 7pm

19 – Closing 40 hours 7pm/ Refreshments basement

20 – Choir Practice / 7:45pm

21 – RCIA / 7pm / office

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

October 10 – Mel Reed

October 17 – Russell Krug

October 24 – Dave Kaniecki

PARISH ACTIVITIES

PHOTO SESSIONS.

An Olan Mills representative will be contacting any parishioner who has not signed up, please accept their call. You may also call 1-800-866-2263 to schedule directly with an Olan Mills representative. All photo sessions will be held in the school cafeteria Oct. 4-6, 2:30pm-9:30pm, Oct. 11-15, 2:30 pm-9:30 pm, and Oct. 16, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. If you have any questions, call Rose Guerrini, 248-4328

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH PHOTO SESSIONS, HOSPITALITY. If you can donate 4 hours on any of the scheduled days to do registration, or can organize refreshments, please call Rose Guerrini 248-4328.

All Youth 7th – 12th

Grade are encouraged to attend Sacred Heart Parish first youth group meeting Sunday, October 10 at 7pm in the Parish office at 9 N. Brown St. Come and participate!

Enjoy contemporary worship, music, snacks and fellowship while experiencing spiritual growth! Contact the church office for more information.



The Youth of Sacred Heart Parish are invited to attend our 12th Annual Fan the Fire Youth Rally on Saturday, November 20th from 9:30am to 8:15pm at St. Joseph Church in York, PA. Chaperones are needed! Please contact the church office for further details.

The confirmation class will have a retreat on October 9th in the cafeteria. This is a required retreat, and will begin at 9am and end with Mass at 4pm. The retreat will be presented by Art Bamert from Lancaster High School

RCIA - Meets every Thursday at 7pm at the Parish office. If you know someone interested in learning about the Catholic faith, please invite them to come to this meeting or if you are interested in learning more about your faith this is for you also.



There will be a bus trip to New York City on Saturday Nov 13th. A sign up sheet has been placed in the back of church. This is a free day to shop and enjoy the city. The cost will be \$35.00 per person. We will depart

@ 5:30 am from the Bon Ton parking lot and return there around 11:00p.m.

Adult Bible Study every Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish office at 9 N. Brown St.
Subject – The Great Adventure (an overview of the entire Bible!). The cost is \$20.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Choir Will practice on Wednesdays beginning promptly at 7:45PM (immediately following the 7PM Mass). As always, the choir is looking to recruit new members. The choir is currently seeking **vocal and instrumental** musicians. If interested, please contact Chad Reed by email (chadedwardreed@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office at (717) 242-2781 for more information.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, October 03

7:30 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

Monday, October 04

7:00 AM Patricia Ann Tracey

Tuesday, October 05

7:00 AM Hilda Attivo

Wednesday, October 06

7:00 PM Intention of Timothy Hinkle on his birthday

Thursday, October 07

7:00 AM Deceased of the Wright & Zeigler families
9:00 AM SHS

Friday, October 08

7:00 AM Kathleen Smith

Saturday October 09

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
4:00 PM Intention of Mary Null

Sunday October 10

7:30 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: October 10, 17, 31.

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: October 10, 24

The flowers on the altar are in honor of the wedding of Maddie Runk and Pete Pecora

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Land Presentation – There will be a presentation given by Nora Torquato and Dottie Peiffer who traveled to the Holy Land this past summer. The presentation will be October 4 at 7pm, at the Parish Office

Annual Fishers of Men Dinner

We are faced with a challenge! Many dioceses throughout the United States are facing the challenge of fewer vocations to the priesthood. We in the Diocese of Harrisburg are faced with a different kind of challenge – the need to provide solid seminary formation for an increasing number of men who are studying for the priesthood. What a wonderful challenge to be blessed with! As we have counted on your prayers for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood, so now we need your financial help in providing seminary formation for them. Please consider attending the Annual Fishers of Men Dinner on **November 5** in the Cardinal Keeler Center at 4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. Please find more information in the vestibule of the church or go to the diocesan website at

www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen or RSVP or send a donation to this worthy cause. Let us meet this challenge together!

The Diocesan Marian Year

has been extended and will close on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 2010.

In view of the fact that Bishop Rhoades, who convoked the Marian Year, was transferred to another diocese and the office of bishop was vacant for 7 months of the Marian Year it is Bishop McFadden's desire to allow more time for the faithful to focus on this great moment of grace. Consequently the closing Mass scheduled for October 2 at the Grotto of Our of Lourdes at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, cancelled. Bishop McFadden asks that every parish commit to making the month of October a special time to encourage individual group recitation of the Holy Rosary both a home and in the Parish.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL



Monday, October 4: Honoring St Francis of Assisi-- blessing of stuffed animals at morning prayer

Wednesday, October 6: Hoagies delivered

Thursday, October 7: Feast of the Holy Rosary Mass 9AM followed by rosary decade

Friday, October 8: Early dismissal at 11:30; technology in-service session

What is Sacred Hearts Scrip Card Program?

The Home School Association is excited to encourage your participation in this virtually effortless fundraising program that will benefit Sacred Heart School. Similar to our existing grocery and restaurant certificate program, this program offers gift cards and gift certificates from many nationally-known retailers. Due to bulk ordering, SHS can earn from 2% to 25% of each purchase (parents of students can earn half of each of the percentages toward their child's tuition).

Statistics reveal that an organization of 150 families easily spends between one and two million dollars per year on food, clothing, and essentials. If these families use this program for their purchases, they can raise tens of thousands of dollars per year for their organization – without spending an additional penny! That's why we call it effortless fundraising, and this is what we hope for SHS.

The Home and School Association Board members have compiled a list of retailers that represent those stores and restaurants used most by families in our area and placed the list in the vestibule of the Church. Consider making your purchases through our program. The first scrip order is due office/school by Thursday, September 30. Cards will be delivered to church office/school October 12. Please consider using this program to purchase gift cards to use yourself as you do holiday shopping or to use as gifts, Encourage friends and family members to do the same.

Paper SCRIP orders can now be placed for many businesses and restaurants; see flyers in church or call school for information 248-5313

Giant A+ School Rewards Program:

Want to help Sacred Heart School? Do you shop at Giant Food Store? Here is an easy way to help! Simply register your *Bonus Card* with



Giant, designate Sacred Heart School, and the school receives 1% of all your purchases in the form of a financial contribution in the spring. This program has the potential to bring thousands of dollars in additional financial aid to support the mission of the school. If you did not register your Bonus Card this weekend, please fill out and return the following form and we will register your card for you, or go to the A+ link on "SHS" Help Page of the parish website. Thank you for supporting the mission of our parish school!

Giant A+ School Rewards Program Sign-up

Last Name: _____

Bonus Card Number: _____

Filling out this form authorizes a member of the HSA to register my card designating Sacred Heart School.

Note: First School Board meeting will be on October 11 at 6PM in the school resource room, first floor.

Save the Date!!!! 2nd Annual Sacred Heart GALA..... February 5th, 2011. Mark your calendars for a great night of fun and dancing. Tickets will be available in October!!!!

SHS is in need of used instruments for its instrumental music program. If you would have a trumpet, clarinet, trombone, flute that could be used by a beginning student, SHS would be grateful for your donation. If you have questions, please call school and speak to Liz Meyer.248-5351. Thank You

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY **October 3, 2010-Meet at the Courthouse 1pm**



Pro-Child
not pro-choice!

