

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

Tithing Income: July 04, 2009	\$8,118.00
July 05, 2008	\$7,670 00
Children's Offerings	\$ 34.26

From the pastor "At this time of the year we have so much to be grateful for and find our hearts full of gratitude. In the words of the late Thomas Merton, 'There is no neutrality between gratitude and ingratitude.' To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us – and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is grace for it brings with it immense grace from Him! In the name of the Retired Religious, a million thanks for your outstanding generosity to their collection."

Comments on Tithing from the pews: For me, one benefit of tithing is that for the first time ever I now budget how to spend the resources God provides. Receiving a once-a-month pension was, in the past, a problem. I'd spend much of the money at the beginning of the month, and then *try* to meet my end-of-the-month obligations (at times borrowing on my credit cards). Tithing has helped me to budget carefully. . .to plan in advance to meet my obligations each month. I now write out all of the month's checks when my pension arrives, then hold the checks for use at the appropriate times. The *first* checks each month are for Sacred Heart: 5% for each weekly Offertory collection plus an additional amount (from the other 5%) for any other collections.

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several of our young people offered as their tithing, in addition to their financial gift: A couple of 1st grades said: 'I shared my golf set, I cleaned my room.' A 1st grader said: 'I fed the cat and set the table.' A couple of 5th graders said: 'I cleaned the screens, I held my brother's hand in the doctor's office, I played with my brother, I helped wash down our porch.' A 6th grader said: 'I burned the garbage.' A 7th grader said: 'I helped my friend cheer up when she was sad.'

Pastor's Column

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Everybody wonders what the new boss is going to do. Sometimes the new boss wonders too. The old song says "Ya gotta have heart." As pastor, you definitely "gotta" have that. That and a lot of other things. But you

really gotta have vision. The Bible says, "Without vision, the people perish" (Prov. 29:18).

Vision could be described as plans for the future, but that's a dull way to say it. Think of vision as *excitement* for the future, looking forward to what lies ahead, passion for possible improvements. That's more like it.

As a parish, we have this already. Look at our mission statement, adopted in 2004. Talk about vision! It's on the parish web site. It says, "We are the Catholic community, a reflection of God's love for the world. We support each other by reaching out to those in need, fostering the beliefs and Tradition of the Universal Church and educating our youth in knowledge and faith. We live our faith through Word and Sacrament, prayer and action, commitment of time, talent, tithing and using our resources to honor Christ and respect human life. By doing so, we strive to bring all people into Jesus' Sacred Heart, uniting us by living the life He exemplified."

A lot of vision there! I could make it easy and say, as pastor, I just want to live out the vision of the mission statement, and that would be true. I could also say that I just want to get out of the way and let God move among us. That would be true as well.

Given all that, here are some specifics I would like to see happen, should God so will:

- 1) Maintain and develop the stewardship message of time, talent, and treasure, for God's glory and the parish's benefit.
- 2) On Sundays, preach the robust Word of God, emphasizing deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ and with His bride, the Catholic Church, which He founded.
- 3) Introduce renewal experiences, like Cursillo weekends, charismatic prayer group, and Legion of Mary.
- 4) Revive the teenage youth group.
- 5) Evangelize. Reach out to lapsed Catholics. Maybe door-to-door visitation.

And there's more. But that's enough for now. It's all in line with the mission statement and it gives you some idea of where this boss is coming from. Pray that this is God's vision too. If not, pray that I can get out of the way and let God move.

Fr. Bill

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine—October 24, 2009 in Washington DC. Bishop Rhoades announced the Diocesan Marian Year to take place from October 2009 to October 2010. To begin this year-long celebration honoring our Blessed Mother, the Bishop will lead a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, October 24, 2009 with the theme *Mary, Gate of Heaven*. This is a wonderful opportunity for the faithful of the parish to gather for a day of prayer and spiritual renewal. Men, women, teens please mark your calendar.

Coordinated efforts are being arranged with the Council of Catholic Women, the Knights of Columbus, and the Legion of Mary. For information on the agenda call Dottie Peiffer (248-1804) or Nora Torquato (667-6551). Bus details and costs will be forthcoming.

Housekeeper needed! Whoever is interested in being the Rectory cook and housekeeper, please speak with Father Bill Weary, 242-2781.

Sacred Heart Rummage Sale

– **July 25:** Don't throw away that old fishing pole! The 1st Annual Sacred Heart rummage sale is set for Saturday, July 25th from 8am until 4pm at the



Reedsville Youth Park. I know your basement is just chuck full of stuff you just don't use anymore. Any and all items will be accepted (please use common sense). The two drop-off points are the parish office basement or the basement at Dr. McCusker Eye Care at 2 E Market St., Lewistown. Please feel free to contact Gordon Parker at 248-3643 (work) or 667-9714 (home) or Theresa Dybach at 667-6893 for more information. More details will follow in coming weeks.

Octogenarian Mass & Dinner – Our second annual Mass of Thanksgiving and dinner honoring those of our parish who have devoted their lives to serving Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will be held Saturday, July 25. Mass will be at 4pm and dinner at the Lewistown Recreational Center on Montgomery Ave. will be at 5:30 pm. Please call either Sister Mary at 242-0472 or Marie Bender at 242-2781 to confirm your reservation. If you are 80 or older and have not received an invitation please call Marie Bender at the office.

Attention !! Octogenarian Dinner workers. There will be a meeting after the 7:30am Mass on Sunday, July 12 to make our final plans.



Knights of Columbus Parish Picnic Sunday, July 19th - 1pm at Derry Park, Burnham, PA

Rain or shine (we will be under a pavilion) Pork, Drinks and Kid's Games will be provided. Bring a covered dish and a place setting!

The Knights of Columbus will be in front of the church after Masses on the weekend of **and July 11 & 12.** There will not be mass at the park.

Please feel free to attend even if you miss the sign-ups.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 12 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / church
- 19 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / church
- 19 – Parish Picnic / Derry Park / 1pm**
- 20 – SVDP meeting / 7pm / office
- 25 – Octogenarian Mass 4pm & Dinner 5:30pm**
- 26 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / church
- 27 – Parish Advocacy Meeting / 2pm / office

The **Ladies Guild of Sacred Heart of Jesus** in Lewistown is sponsoring a **Pilgrimage to Loretto, PA on August 1.** We will be visiting the residence and chapel of Fr. Demetrius Gallitzin, a former Russian prince and is in the process of beatification in Rome. We will also visit Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, one of only six designated Minor Basilica's in Pennsylvania. We will also visit the Carmelite Monastery, St. Francis University, and the Schwab Sunken Gardens at the former home of the famous and late Charles Schwab and present home of the retired T.O.R.S. of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. This is a walking tour; however, all is covered in a one half mile area. Yoder Tourways will pick us up at the Lewistown Library at 9am. You may wish to take a bag lunch. There will be a dinner stop at 4pm at the Prime Sirloin Steak House in Duncansville and is included in the price of the bus ticket of \$32.00. For further information contact Martha Cullen at 242-1713, Dottie Peiffer at 248-1804 or Timi Wills at 248-1955. Please respond by July 18.

LITURGICAL NOTES

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

- July 19 – Russell Krug
- July 26 – Mel Reed

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 12

7:30 AM Charles Heindl

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, July 13 (St. Henry)

7:00 AM Judith Gers

Tuesday, July 14 (Blessed Kateri Tekawitha)

7:00 AM Wright & Zeigler families

Wednesday, July 15

7:00 PM Marjorie Soltus (St. Bonaventure)

Thursday, July 16

7:00 AM Madeline Wear (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)

Friday, July 17

7:00 Margaret & Sam Boova

Saturday, July 18 (St. Camillus de Lellis)

8:00 AM Special Intention of the Sanges family

4:00 PM Charles & Anna Zanylo

Sunday, July 19

7:30 AM Anna E. Hackenberry

11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

Memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp: The following dates are available: July 19, 26.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in loving memory of Veronica Miriello from the family.

Memorialize Flowers: If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (podium) please call the parish office to schedule. The next available dates are: July 19, 26.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fiat Days 2009 – Young women 15 -25 years old. Sunday, July 19 – Tuesday, July 21 at Mount St. Mary's College & Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Fiat Days is a retreat for young Catholic women who want to deepen learn more about consecrated life, to deepen their faith, and to better discern God's call in their lives. Activities include prayer (Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, etc.); talks from religious sisters about vocation discernment and their communities; recreation and sports; great food and discussions. For more information or to request a registration packet please contact The Office of Vocations, Diocese of Harrisburg, 657-4804 x282 or email vocations@hbgiocese.org.



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Harrisburg Beginning Experience (BE) Weekend – August 14-16 – If you or someone you know is struggling with the loss of a spouse from separation, divorce, or death, we can help. HBE is a peer ministry focused on spirituality, healing and a sense of community. The next BE weekend will be held at the Precious Blood Spiritual Center in Columbia. 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 Greg at 717-763-0977/Eva Marie at 717-246-1035 or email: HarrisburgBE@gmail.com

Secular Order of Carmelites – Do you desire a deeper relationship and quiet intimacy with God? Our community of the Indwelling Trinity is part of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. All men and women of prayer are welcome. We meet once a month for prayer and formation sessions, studying and following the Carmelite way of life. Through prayer, and with the help of the Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, we strive to go about our every day busy lives as active contemplatives in the world. For more information please contact Judy at 814-353-3425.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Robert S. Lepley and Katie E. Buchanan who plan to marry on August 1, 2009 at the Lewistown Presbyterian Church.

EDUCATION

“The Greatest Prayer Ever Composed by Man” – The Rosary: Some deep instinct in humanity makes it link roses with joy. Pagan people crowned their statues with roses, as symbols of the offering of their own hearts. The faithful of the early Church substituted prayers for roses. In the days of the early martyrs – I say “early because the Church has more martyrs today than it had in the first four centuries – as the young virgins marched over the sands of the Coliseum into the jaws of death, they clothed themselves in festive robes and wore on their heads a crown of roses, bedecked fittingly to meet the King of Kings in whose name they would die. The faithful at night would gather up their crowns of roses and say their prayers on them one prayer for each rose...

From this custom of offering a spiritual bouquets arose the series of prayers known as the Rosary, for Rosary means "a crown of roses."

The beauty of the Rosary is that it is not merely a vocal prayer, It is also a mental prayer. You have sometime heard a dramatic presentation in which while the human voice was speaking, there was a background of beautiful music, giving force and dignity to the words. The Rosary is like that. While the prayer is being said, the heart is not hearing music but meditating on the Life of Christ, applied to our own life and our own needs. As the wire holds the beads together, so meditation holds the prayers together.

We often speak to people while our minds are thinking something else. But in the Rosary we do not only say prayers; we think. Bethlehem, Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Golgotha, Calvary, Mount Olivet and Heaven – all these move our minds eye as our lips pray. The Rosary invites our fingers, our lips and our heart in one vast symphony of prayer, and for that reason it is the greatest prayer ever composed by man.

From an address delivered by Msgr Fulton Sheen on the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, 1951.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Sacred Heart School is accepting registrations for the new school year. We have openings in Grades K-5. We invite our families to enroll their children in our parish school where they will receive an excellent education in major subjects as well as a strong foundation in their Catholic faith. Tuition assistance is available. We accept both Catholic and non-Catholic students. Call the school office to arrange for a tour or to receive further information about our school and its programs. Contact: Sr. Marlene at 248-5351

To our present school families...

For your calendar: Sacred Heart School will reopen for the 2009-2010 school year on Wednesday September 2nd at 8AM. School uniforms are to be worn; children are to bring a lunch the first three days of school.

Families who may need school uniforms may contact the school to make arrangements to visit our uniform "boutique" which provides good but used uniforms.

Month of July: School Office Hours: Tues-Wed Thurs 9-12. If you need special assistance or want to register, then please call school, leave a message and we will contact you as soon as possible. Thank You. (248-5351)



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GOSPEL TODAY

JULY 12, 2009 MARK 6: 7-13

Jesus sent the twelve out in pairs, having been given the authority to preach and heal as Jesus had done. They went only with sandals, staff and faith.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words in the puzzle... left, right, up or down.

- Jesus
- Sent
- Apostles
- Journey
- Authority
- Preach

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SWEET AS HONEY!

To meet these custom great faith for the apostles to leave home without many provisions.

Yeah J.D., I can't even go on a sleepover without bringing my favorite things!