

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

Because of vacation schedules, this bulletin was made early and collection figures were not available. They will be in next week. \$

**From the pastor** "The Christian whose trust in Jesus is growing daily thinks in terms of Christ's love and blessings. He knows that he has received more than he deserves and he desires to respond appropriately. *Growing* Christians know that the grace of Christ enables them to look at life and rearrange priorities so that an increased giving of money becomes possible out of seemingly unchanging financial resources. The Church isn't seen as one more demand or charity which receives a slice of a small pie, but a vehicle which provides a viable and profound channel through which the Lord works."

**Comments on Tithing from the pews:** To see how God works in making our ends meet is just another of many small miracles we see performed each day. However, we do not give in order to make ends meet. That is merely the by-product. We love to give to God and to His Church so we may continue to receive His graces."

**My Good Deed for the Week:** Here's what several of our young people offered as their tithes, in addition to their financial gift: A 3rd grader said: "I helped with the mowing." A 1st grader said: "I emptied the waste basket." A couple of 5<sup>th</sup> graders said: "I cleaned the table and helped with the dishes, I helped with the shopping." A 6<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I helped Dad do some electrical wiring." A 7<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I made my Nunie lunch and did the dishes."

**Pastor's Column**

**YEAR OF THE PRIEST AND OF MARY**

This should be a special spiritual time for us, starting now, with a double-themed year in the Diocese of Harrisburg. The pope has proclaimed the next 12 months, July 2010 to July 2011, the year of the priest. And Bishop Rhoades has proclaimed October 2009 to October 2010 as a Marian year for the Diocese of Harrisburg, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The two go hand-in-hand. Mary is the queen and mother of priests. She has a special love for them, since each priest is an "alter Christus," another Christ, a special channel of her son's graces by virtue of their celebration of the sacraments and preaching of the Word.

Refer to the next bulletin article for information on how to celebrate the Marian year, especially by

participation in our diocesan pilgrimage to the National shrine. Regarding the other theme, no specific plans yet, that I know of, but how about simply redoubling your prayers efforts for vocations and for blessings on your shepherds? What a great Year of Priests project *that* would be. Fr. Jeff and I would obviously have no objection.

The priest year is placed under the patronage of St. John Vianney (1786-1859), the French "Cure (pastor) of Ars," patron saint of parish priests. A simple man, he barely got through seminary (Latin was killing him). The bishop reluctantly ordained him, assigning Vianney to out-of-the-way Ars, where he would do the least damage.

By God's grace, he surprised everybody. John Vianney proceeded to evangelize the country from the confessional booth, where he spent 12-14 hours per day. His reputation for wisdom and counseling had people flocking to him from all over France.

What a great model for us priests and an inspiration of sanctity to us all. This autumn, there is actually an International Priests' Retreat in Ars, France, Vianney's burial place and site of a huge shrine in his honor. It would be great to go but the schedule just does not permit.

As we proceed into this year, may we be open to graces available to us under these themes and patrons. Mary, Gate of Heaven, and St. John Vianney, pray for us.

**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.

**Sacred Heart Rummage Sale**

– **July 25:** Don't throw away that old fishing pole! The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sacred Heart rummage sale is set for Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> - 1pm  
at Derry Park, Burnham, PA**

**Today,** 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! Please feel free to attend even if you miss the sign-ups.

**Knights of Columbus Dinner Cruise**

Friday July 31st 6:00 - 1000pm  
Seven Points Marina  
Clem's BBQ Buffet -BYOB  
Entertainment by Jason Thomas  
Tickets \$35.00 per person  
Contact Jim Thomas 577-3042 or Chuck Zaninno 348-9374

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**July**  
19 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / church  
19 – **Parish Picnic / Derry Park / 1pm**  
25 – **Octogenarian Mass 4pm & Dinner 5:30pm**  
26 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / church

27 - Parish Advocacy Meeting / 2pm / office  
27 – SVDP Meeting / 7pm / cafeteria  
27 – Parish Pastoral Council / 7pm / office

**August**

**1 & 2 – Missionary Co-op / Redemptorists**  
7 All Day Adoration/Holy Hour /7pm

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, whose cause for beatification is being investigated. 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 26 – Mel Reed  
August 2 – Dave Kaniecki  
August 9 – Mel Reed



**Sunday, July 19**

7:30 AM Anna E. Hackenberry  
11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

**Monday, July 20**

7:00 AM Mid Rocco

**Tuesday, July 21**

7:00 AM Madeline Wear

**Wednesday, July 22 (St. Mary Magdalene)**

7:00 PM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

**Thursday, July 23**

7:00 AM Marie Terese LeGuen

**Friday, July 24**

7:00 Kathleen Mary

**Saturday, July 25**

8:00 AM Kathleen Smith  
4:00 PM The Intention of all Octogenarians of the Parish

### **Sunday, July 26**

7:30 AM Michael Helwig  
11:00 AM People of the Parish

**Memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp:** The following dates are available: July 26, August 9, 16, 30.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** this week is in loving memory of Christa Porpotage from Mary Drozda.

**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 26, August, 23, 30

## **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**“Catholic Perspective”** is your award winning Sunday morning radio alternative. Tune in for a half-hour of news, information and inspiration for all people of faith. Join hosts Michael Parks and Brenda Klinger for features about people, their faith, their ministries and their lives. That’s “Catholic Perspective” Sunday mornings on **WIEZ-AM 670**, Lewistown at **8am**. Catholic Perspective” is brought to you in part by the Catholic Communication Collection and your parish.

**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](mailto: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 2nd time for Robert S. Lepley and Katie E. Buchanan who plan to

marry on August 1, 2009 at the Lewistown Presbyterian Church.

## **BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT**

*For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven*

The teaching of Jesus, called by the name Beatitudes, is found in the Gospel of Matthew. Each speaks of reality and a promise. As a spiritual guide for our Christian lives, we can reflect upon one statement each day, to help join our lives with Jesus Christ as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery – the dying and rising of Jesus Christ. Surely the Passion of Jesus is a reality and a promise for all.

To be poor in Spirit...to show a dependence upon God and not on things...to be willing to strip myself of the guards I place around myself, and take risks in the service of others...to allow the first commandment of the Decalogue (respecting God, His name and His day) to be lived in a positive joy-filled way...to discover the many ways God is present in my life and to bring others to enjoy that presence. These are the Beatitudes.

May each day allow me to express a deeper dependence and trust in God. May I look for spiritual strength in the person of Jesus Christ and the promise he has made.

## **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 19, 2009

MARK 6: 30-34



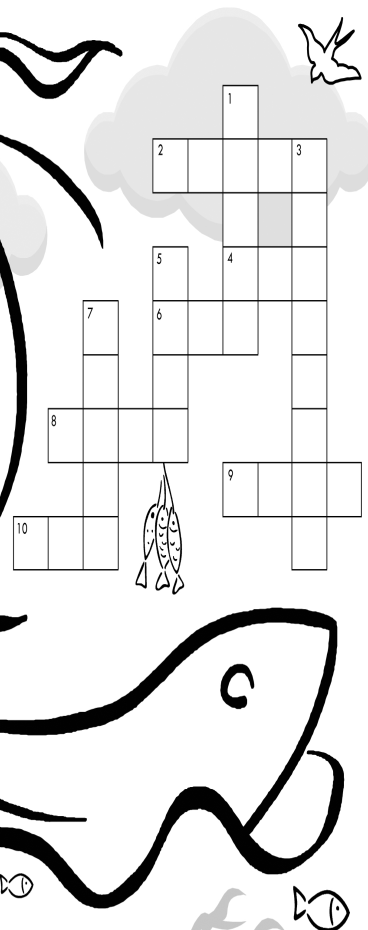
The apostles were hungry and tired after preaching to so many. They went with Jesus by boat to a quiet place across the sea to rest. Many people ran ahead, getting there first, so Jesus began teaching the large crowd. By evening, everyone wanted to eat and needed to be fed.

## DOWN

- (1) The large crowd arrived \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Jesus began \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) The apostles needed to \_\_\_\_\_
- (7) The people following Jesus formed a large \_\_\_\_\_

## ACROSS

- (2) Jesus took the apostles to a \_\_\_\_\_ place to rest
- (4) The water they crossed was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Galilee
- (6) When we are hungry we \_\_\_\_\_
- (8) Jesus took the apostles across the sea in a \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) The apostles \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus
- (10) Everyone was hungry and needed to be \_\_\_\_\_



**How do you think all these people were fed?**

Answer in next week's gospel, John 6: 1-15

answers - down (1) first (3) teaching (5) rest (7) crowd across (2) quiet (4) sea (6) eat (8) boat (9) want (10) feed