

June 14, 2009 – The Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ

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

Tithing Income: June 7, 2009	\$ 7,878.00
June 8, 2008	\$ 7,776.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 9.50

Next week's tithe: Next week's tithe will be for the Pastor's Fund which Fr. Weary will be able to use to assist people who come to the rectory in need of financial help or for any small parish projects which he might choose to fund through this parish tithe.

From the pastor: As my stewardship of our parish comes to an end, I can do nothing more than say, "Thank you" to all who have responded so overwhelmingly and embraced the idea of tithing. I will be ever convinced that the reason our parish has thrived in MANY ways is because of our tithing program – not ONLY because of the increased funds, but because of the "spiritual way of life" you have embraced when you accepted the challenge to tithe. The other part of our success is, I believe, the fact that we fully "tithed the tithe," – giving 10% of every weekend collection away. As I've asked you to trust God and offer Him your 10%, so I've asked the entire parish to trust – and God has not been outdone in generosity. Thank you for embracing this wonderful spiritual way of life and I pray you have seen its effects in other aspects of your lives. Please pray for me as I move on to a new assignment and new challenges. You will always be in my prayers. May God bless you all for your faithfulness and commitment to offering to God your tithe.

Comments on Tithing from the pews: "I think tithing is the best thing that happened in our church. I have prayed and I know this is God's will. It is the right thing to do, give to God first. I want to add that I was just watching TV about Padre Pio and thought. . .if we take his motto, PRAY, HOPE, AND DON'T WORRY," all will be OK."

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several of our young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A couple of kindergartners said: "Nana lost \$20 and I found it and gave it back, I helped my Dad cover the tomato plants from frost." A 6th & a 4th grader said: "We swept out the shed." A 5th grader said: "I helped clean out the shed." Some 4th graders said: "I helped clean the house, I was an altar server when it was not my turn." A 7th grader said: "I was a friend to a person who needed one."

FROM THE PASTOR

Weekly Reflection: Well, the day has come to say farewell. "Parting is such sweet sorrow," Juliet said to Romeo from the balcony. I can understand her words so well. There truly is a "spousal" relationship between a pastor and his parish – which is part of the reason for priestly celibacy. For 6 years I have tried to give all that I have to you, the people of Sacred Heart Parish. In some ways I have succeeded in bringing you closer to God and, as we celebrate this weekend, the Eucharist. I'm sure that in other ways I have failed, if not driven some away. For

the successes, give thanks to God for His work through my feeble hands; for the failures, I can only say "I am sorry – pray for this weak priest."

Thank you for all your love and support these 6 years. May the Eucharist, Christ's Body and Blood, always be what draws you to the Church and to weekly Mass. This is the source of all our spiritual strength and is the example for all our service to others. It is Divine Providence that my first Mass at St. Andrew's will be for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Be assured that you will be held in my prayers in a special way.

Thank you for everything, your notes and cards and gifts and kindnesses. Perhaps as closing words, recalling the words we say at the end of Benediction, "May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored and loved, with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

Fr. Bateman's new address is:
St. Andrew Parish
12 N Broad Street
Waynesboro, PA 17268

About Liturgy: *Preparing for and appreciating the mystery:* The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (# 88 & 164) provides that there be a brief period of silence or a hymn of praise after the reception of Holy Communion. Thus the ritual action itself encourages us to spend some time reflecting on and praising God for the gracious and wondrous gift of the Body and Blood of Christ. Even if we faithfully do this every Mass, we know that we cannot begin to have sufficient time to reflect on the depths of the mystery or to give sufficient thanks for it. For this reason it is always appropriate to spend some other devotional time before the Blessed Sacrament (and our reason for having all-day adoration on First Fridays and a special Holy Hour this Friday at 7pm). Our time of adoration and thanksgiving must always flow from the action of the Eucharist itself and lead us to witness more clearly in our lives the self-giving of Jesus. This great Gift always – during Mass and at times of adoration – leads us to identify our lives more closely with Christ. We are reminded that this Gift has its cost: we are to give ourselves for others, as Christ did to give us the Eucharist. Anything less than this is to rob the mystery of its greatest depth- the fact that we eat and drink Christ's true Body and Blood and become what we eat so that we can be the self-giving Christ for others.

Since we naturally take sufficient preparation time for significant events in our lives, it would seem that this



would also be part of our weekly celebration of the Eucharist. Perhaps because it is a weekly event, far too many of us take little or no time to prepare for this most important event of our week. The Church gives us ways to prepare: every Friday is a day of penance, on which we fast, pray and do acts of charity to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Gift we receive on Sunday (the Church continues to recommend – but outside Lent does not demand – meatless Fridays – although we may substitute another penance). Every act of self-giving for the good of others is also preparation for celebrating Eucharist. Reading the Scriptures ahead of time so we can better hear God’s Word proclaimed is another way to prepare (the daily Mass readings are available on the parish website). Dressing in something other than everyday work clothes or beachwear is another way we prepare ourselves and also witness to others the importance of the Eucharist is our daily lives.

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Fr Bateman's Farewell Party, Today, Sunday, June 14 at 2:00PM at the Eagles Club in Burnham. We are expecting a large crowd, more than the capacity of the facility. We will have a presentation for Fr Bateman at 3:00PM. **We ask that some come to eat at 2:00PM and stay until just after the presentation and others come around 3:00PM for the presentation and then stay to eat. This way, we can more easily accommodate everyone and Fr Bateman will have a chance to spend a moment with everyone.** Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated! Also, thanks to everyone who contributed to Fr Bateman's gift and/or to this event.

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – our Parish Feast Day: Join us on Friday, June 19 as our parish celebrates her patronal Feast – the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will have a special Holy Hour beginning at 7pm – but the church will, as always, be open all day for people to come and pray in gratitude for all the good the Lord has done for us, and to pray that Jesus’ Most Sacred Heart continue to lead us as we prepare to welcome our new pastor. Please make special effort to join us for this most important feast for our parish.



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 times 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.

Women's Guild - Saturday, July 11 - Mass at 8:00 am followed by meeting in the church basement.

Summer Kickoff Carnival – The fourth annual Rec. Park Christian Carnival will be taking place on June 20 in Lewistown from 10am-3pm. Christian music, games, free ice cream, free popcorn, free snow cones, free pony rides and low cost drinks and food. A Bounce Hose and Dunk Tank will provide great entertainment. Our mission is to provide a fun time for all ages to celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is not a fundraiser but a giving back event in appreciation for the gift of grace that we all share. Please come and bring a friend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 14 – Celebration for Fr. Bateman / 2pm / F.O. Eagle Club
- 14 – Flag Day
- 14 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / Church
- 15 - SVDP / 7:00pm / office
- 22 – Parish Council / 7pm / office
- 20 – Summer Kick-Off Carnival / Rec Park / 10am-3pm
- 20 – SVDP free meal / breakfast 9am / cafeteria
- 21 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / Church

July

- 3 –Office Closed
- 4 – Independence Day

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, June 14

- 7:30 AM People of the Parish
- 11:00 AM Joey Meloni

Monday, June 15

- 7:00 AM Rocco Soccio

Tuesday, June 16

- 7:00 AM Elizabeth Foresman

Wednesday, June 17

- 7:00 PM Richard & Elizabeth Showers

Thursday, June 18

- 7:00 AM Jean Schultz

Friday, June 19 (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

- 7:00 AM Leora Buckley

Saturday, June 20 (The Immaculate Heart of Mary)

- 8:00 AM Angelo Vannicola
- 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, June 21

- 7:30 AM Frank Ross
- 11:00 AM Richard Quilter

Van Transportation to Mass: The following is the van schedule for the next several weeks:

June 21 – Mel Reed

June 28 – Russell Krug

New EMHC's: The following high school seniors have offered their service to the parish as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Colin Ahern & Nicholas Grimm. Because of the sacred nature of this ministry, if, in conscience, you know of any reason why either of these young men should not serve in this capacity, you are obliged to contact Fr. Weary in the parish office (frweary@sacredheartlewistown.com):

Memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp: The following dates are available: None in June

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: None in June.

The flowers on the altar this week are in honor of the marriage of Jeremy Wells and Kimberly Lechien who were married yesterday, June 13.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Oberammergau Passion Play – July 14-23, 2010: Deadline to send in registration forms is July 1! If you would like to join us on this pilgrimage, the time is NOW! Brochures are available in the pamphlet rack or you can contact Fr. Bateman directly. Join us on this wonderful pilgrimage as we visit Israel, walking the same shores, streets and towns Jesus walked during his ministry on earth. Then we complete this “once-in-a-lifetime” journey with the Passion Play in Oberammergau.



A retreat entitled “A Day of Prayer in American Sign Language with Deaf Catholics,” will be held on June 27, 2009, from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, in Harrisburg. The cost is \$15.00 and includes lunch with Bishop Rhoades. The entire retreat will be in American Sign Language with no voice interpretation. The day will focus on several saints who have lived in our time, and participants will learn how God loves us and how we can become saints ourselves. Confession is also scheduled at 3:30 PM and Mass is scheduled at 4:00 PM. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church and at the office at 9 North Brown Street. The Diocese requests that you register by June 15.



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.

Solemn Closing of the Year of Saint Paul: June 29, 5:30pm: Bishop Rhoades invites all the clergy, consecrated religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg to join him for the Solemn Closing of the Year of Saint Paul with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Monday, June 29, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Saint Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. Plan now to attend this sacred and historic event. Those who require assistance or special accommodations, please contact the Office of Worship at 717/657.4804 x264 or worship@hbgiocese.org.

EDUCATION

Pope Benedict XVI Proclaims “Year of the Priest” to Inspire Spiritual Perfection: VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI declared a year of the priest in an effort to encourage "spiritual perfection" in priests. The pope will open the special year with a vespers service at the Vatican June 19 -- the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the day for the sanctification of priests. He will close the celebrations during a World Meeting of Priests in St. Peter's Square June 19, 2010.

The pope made the announcement during an audience March 16 with members of the Vatican Congregation for Clergy. He met with some 70 participants of the congregation's March 16-18 plenary assembly, which focused on the missionary identity of the priest and his mission to sanctify, teach and govern.

During this jubilee year, the pope will also proclaim St. John Vianney to be patron saint of all the world's priests. At present he is considered the patron saint of parish priests. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the death of this 19th-century saint who represents a “true example of a priest at the service of the flock of Christ,” the pope said. St. John Vianney is widely known to Catholics as the Cure (parish priest) of Ars who won over the hearts of his villagers in France by visiting with them, teaching them about God and reconciling people to the Lord in the confessional.

In his address, Pope Benedict said the priestly ministry consists of total adherence to the ecclesial tradition of

participating “in a spiritually intense new life and a new lifestyle which was inaugurated by the Lord Jesus and which the apostles made their own.”

Priestly ordination creates new men who are bestowed with the gift and office of sanctifying, teaching and governing, he said. The pope underlined the necessary and “indispensable struggle for moral perfection which must dwell in every authentically priestly heart.” The pope said he was calling for the special year for priests in an effort to foster the priest's yearning “for spiritual perfection, upon which the effectiveness of their ministry principally depends.”

Priests must also be “present, identifiable and recognizable -- for their judgment of faith, their personal virtues and their attire -- in the fields of culture and charity which have always been at the heart of the church's mission,” he said. “The centrality of Christ leads to a correct valuation of ordained ministry,” he said, adding that, without priestly ministry, there would be no Eucharist, no mission and even no church.

Please remember your priests in your prayers as they strive to imitate Jesus' Sacred Heart and give of themselves to God's Holy People. As our priests lead us to God, they also rely on your prayers for them to strengthen them in their service. Your acts of kindness your gestures of appreciation all go a long way in helping the priest strive for holiness and spiritual perfection.

Catholic Church, serving people of all faiths. This program offers hope for a new beginning, a sense of community, an adventure in healing among those you can trust-people who have experienced a similar loss. Registration must be in advance. For more information call Eva Simpson at 717-246-1035 or email to HarrisburgBE@gmail.com.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

The DVD's from Father Bateman's Pastor award are now available for purchase at the Parish office. You may pick one up between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm.

The following young men and women who graduated from Sacred Heart School last year won 6th grade awards:

Matthew Hass – Health award
Alyssa Henry – Mathematics award
Courtney DeVita – Science award
Alexander Kurtz – Social Studies award
Congratulations for a job well done!

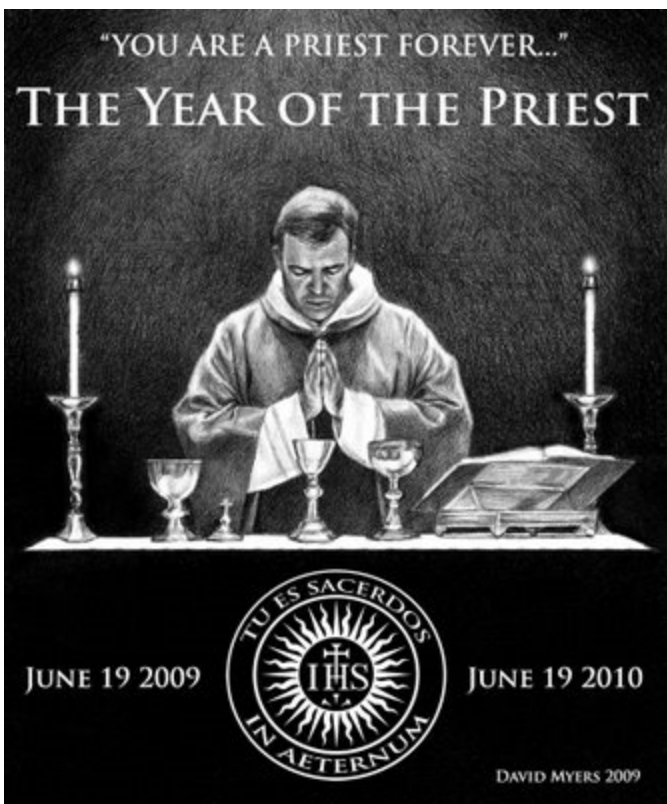
Sacred Heart School 5th grade graduates earned the following awards this year:

Elizabeth Baker-Mikesell – Language Arts – library & music
Michael Bielski – Perfect Attendance, Science, Geography, Spanish.
John Harshbarger – Art
Shawn Jones – Citizenship
Reagan Miller – Language Arts – Public Speaking & Writing
Katie Newcamp – Physical Education
Noah Treaster – Social Studies
Jennifer Tuyen – Religion
Kyle Young – Citizenship

The following students won the Knights of Columbus Award:

Shawn Jones – 5th grade
Emily Bielski – 4th grade

Congratulations to all these fine students!



Harrisburg Beginning Experience – If you are an adult grieving the loss of a spouse through separation, divorce or death you are invited to attend this weekend program on August 14-16 at the Precious Blood Spirituality Center in Columbia, PA. HBE is a peer ministry rooted in the

