

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

<b>Tithing Income:</b> June 21, 2009	\$7,429.00
June 22, 2008	\$7367.50
Children's Offerings	\$ 9.00

**Next week's tithing:** Next week's tithing will be for expenses related to our upcoming parish picnic at Derry Township Park.

**From the pastor:** Let's imagine we are sitting on the edge of a stream looking down at a round stone under the running water. For how many years has that stone been in the water - 10, a hundred years, or even more? The water cannot penetrate the stone and if we break in we would find that it is dry in-side. In the same way, we who are immersed in the presence of God still do not allow Him to penetrate our lives. God stays on the surface until we allow Him to penetrate and change our lives with His love. . . We must not forget to thank our good and loving Father for communicating to us His life, His love, the desire and ability to do good through the grace that empowers us. And thanks also to our faithful parishioners for their generous response to that grace.

**Comments on Tithing from the pews:** "I have received so much from the Lord, I will gladly sacrifice to tithe. Thank you, Father, for emphasizing the voluntary nature of tithing in Sacred Heart of Jesus parish."

**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 6<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I burned garbage." A couple of Pre K said: "I went and got a picnic basket, I helped pick up sticks." A couple of 5<sup>th</sup> graders said: "I helped my Mom, I helped with the yard." A 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grader said: "We helped weed the garden." A couple of 4<sup>th</sup> graders said: "I helped my brother, I made a card for my father." A 1<sup>st</sup> grader said: "I helped my Mom."

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**Weekly Reflection:**

We have a tendency to label people and situations, probably for several reasons.

Our experience might have taught us how to react to certain people or in particular situations, which saves us from thinking things through anew each time. Labeling might serve as a protecting mechanism, preparing us to act appropriately. Labeling might be a way we avoid the heartache and disappointment of unfulfilled expectations. Labeling might be an expression of hardheaded realism in which we coldly look at the facts, just the facts. It would seem that the people in the two situations depicted in this Sunday's Gospel are good at labeling. The disciples are aghast at Jesus' seemingly stupid question, "Who touched me?" when the crowds were pressing around Him. The crowd



at Jairus's house are telling him not to bother Jesus because the daughter was already dead. These would seem to be typical, normal responses of people who used their experience and labeled the people and situations. After all, the woman was "afflicted with hemorrhages for 12 years" – surely long enough to figure out that she wouldn't probably be getting better. The child is dead – what can be done in the face of that? The disciples and crowd use their heads to assess the situation. What they were not prepared for is that Jesus takes familiar, old, labeled situations and treats them as whole new opportunities to call forth faith.

Both healing events in this Sunday's Gospel disclose great faith and trust in Jesus on behalf of the petitioners. On the other hand, the disciples were critical of Jesus, and the crowd gathered in Jairus's house ridiculed him until the raising of the child to life left them "utterly astounded." The faith of Jairus and the woman stand in opposition to the hardheaded realism of the disciples and the crowd. Encounter with Jesus always changes experience, situations and expectations. It is precisely Jairus's and the woman's faith that a new situation with different outcome would be ushered in by the presence of Jesus that opened the door to the new life Jesus offered. These humble petitioners incarnate the faith to which the disciples, the crowd, and we are called.

The crowd is "utterly astounded" after Jesus raises Jairus's daughter back to life. The miracle cued them into the new situation. The challenge of this Gospel is that we must see a new situation in all of life's circumstances, precisely because Jesus is present and absolutely nothing is the same. The challenge is to see the little "miracles" that happen every day in our lives simply because God has as much care for us as Jesus had care of Jairus's daughter and the woman. Labels don't work in faith life, because God always can bring something new out of the ordinary, out of pain, out of even death. The Good News of Jesus' life and mission is that suffering and death are not hopeless situations, but out of them come life. All we need is faith and trust in Jesus.

**About Liturgy: Liturgical Labeling, People and Situations:**

Liturgy always challenges us to examine our labels and expectations. If we come to Mass looking for what it is not supposed to do or to be, we tend to go away disappointed. If we come to Mass simply to be entertained, we leave bored. If we come to Mass just for a particular priest, we have missed the point of what Mass is really about.

Mass, and the Liturgy, is about enacting in our present situation and lives the dying and rising mystery of Christ. In the "here and now" we celebrate the mystery into which we were plunged at baptism and that defines our daily living. As members of the Body of Christ, we are to live

with the self-giving, care, compassion and openness to new life that Jesus demonstrated in His life. This is not always easy, especially when we want Mass to be something very personal, satisfying our own prayer, aesthetic and relational needs. Liturgy calls us to come to each celebration as if for the first time. It calls us to drop our preconceived notions and expectations – derived from countless liturgical experiences – and be open to each celebration as a new encounter with God and each other. The satisfaction of liturgy must come much less from our own personal needs and taste and much more from our surrendering ourselves to God's action within each of us and within the community as a whole.

If we form ourselves in an attitude that each liturgy is new, then we have prepared ourselves for whatever surprises God may have in store for us. Liturgy is rarely an emotional climax, nor should it be. But it is always an opportunity to encounter God and each other in faith, celebrating what is defining for us: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ – and our participation in it.

## PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

**July 8th., Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** all rummage sale volunteers are asked to attend an organizational meeting at McCusker Eye Care, 2 E. Market St., Lewistown. Final plans and new ideas will be discussed. Call Theresa at 667-6893 or Gordon at 248-3643 or 667-9714 if needed. Here's a chance to drop off some items not being used anymore!

**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 5:30pm. Please call either Sister Mary at 242-0472 or Marie Bender at 242-2781 to confirm your reservation.

**Needed** – a Multi-disc CD changer for the parish office. If anyone has one they do not need, please call the parish office. Thank you!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June

**28 – Father Weary installation as Pastor /11am Mass**

### July

**3 –Office Closed**

4 – Independence Day

5 – St Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / church

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

## LITURGICAL NOTES

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

July 5 – Mel Reed

July 12 – Dave Kaniecki

July 19 – Russell Krug

**Father Weary - Installation as pastor of Sacred Heart** will occur today, Sunday, June 28 at the 11am Mass by Father Frank Karwacki dean of the Shamokin-Mount Carmel deanery. Please come and greet our new Pastor. We will welcome Father Weary after Mass in the school cafeteria with coffee and donuts.



### **Knights of Columbus Parish Picnic Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> - 1pm at Derry Park, Burnham, PA**

Rain or shine (we will be under a pavilion) Chicken, 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 weekends of **July 4 & 5** and **July 11 & 12**. There will not be mass at the park.

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



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Sunday, June 28

7:30 AM Anna E. Hackenberry  
11:00 AM Marjorie Kaufman

## Monday, June 29 (Sts. Peter and Paul)

7:00 AM John A. Capozzi

## Tuesday, June 30

7:00 AM Marge & Tom Connare

## Wednesday, July 1

7:00 PM Mid Rocco

## Thursday, July 2

7:00 AM Intention of Jean Metzger

## Friday, July 3 (St. Thomas)

7:00 Cyril Simonetti

## Saturday, July 4 (Independence Day)

8:00 AM Tom McManus  
4:00 PM Deceased of the Drozda & Zampelli families

## Sunday, July 5

7:30 AM Charles Heindl  
11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

**Memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp:** The following dates are available: July 12, 19, 26.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** this week is in loving memory of Anna Kasmark from Larry Sutusky.

**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 5, 12, 19, 26.

**The flowers on the altar** this week are in honor of the marriage of Sylvia Shank & Brock Weiss.

## 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@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@hbgdiocese.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@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:worship@hbgdiocese.org).

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### **BE CAREFUL**

Be Careful of your thoughts  
for they become your words.  
Be careful of your words  
for they become your actions.  
Be careful of your actions  
For they become your habits.  
Be careful of your habits  
For they become your character  
Be careful of your character  
For it becomes your destiny!

## EDUCATION

**Relay for Life:** Now that some time has passed since the event here in Lewistown, perhaps it is a good moment to review Fr. Thoms' comments during his homily. While the “Relay” promotes an admirable cause, finding a cure for cancer, we must be cautious about our Catholic support because of the way the funds we donate and provide are used – in this case, for the promotion and embryonic stem cell research. Here, I've reprinted a bulletin article from March 29 which addressed this topic : **Relay for Life and Research:** I don't believe there is ever a good time to address this issue, but with President Obama's decision to support and fund embryonic stem cell research (which kills innocent human life for the sake of “research”) it seems now may be better than any other.

According to their website, “Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It offers

everyone in a community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of people from all walks of life have fun while raising much-needed funds to fight cancer and raise awareness of cancer prevention and treatment.”

The *Relay* promotes a wonderful cause – help for people who suffer or have suffered from cancer. However, the American Cancer Society is also supportive – extremely supportive – of research to which we, as Catholics, are morally opposed.

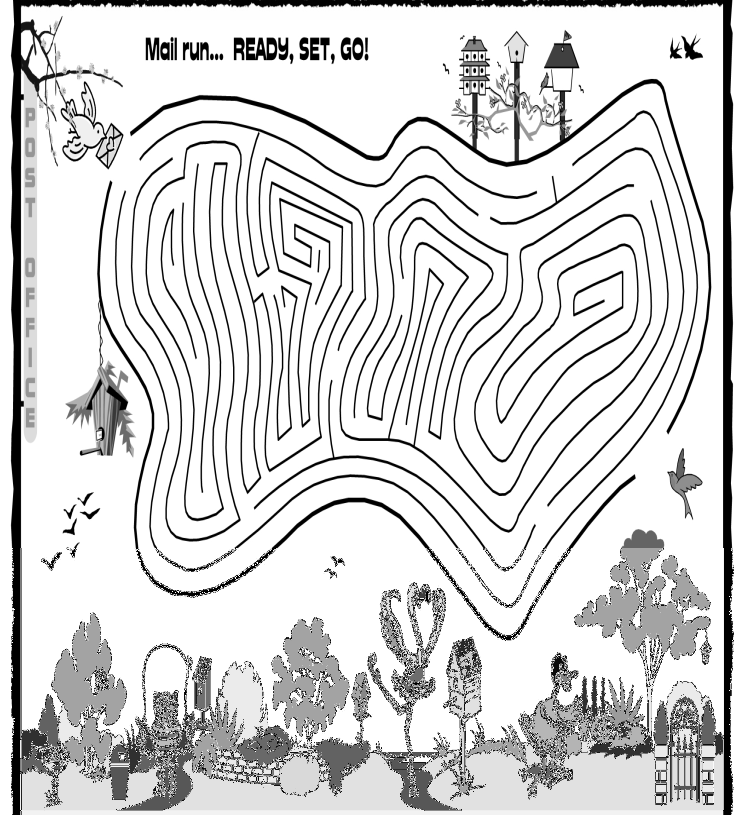
*Frontline*, the official newsletter of the Susan G Korman Breast Cancer Foundation, stated in their fall 2006 edition: “Embryonic stem cells (derived from embryos that develop from eggs that have been fertilized in vitro and then donated for research purposes) have the potential to give rise to many different types of tissue. Because of this, embryonic stem cells are currently considered to have the most potential for use in the regeneration of diseased or injured tissues. Another potential role is providing a better understanding of cancer development.” The organization’s support for the destruction of human life – for solely the purpose of research – is undeniable.

In addition to the American Cancer Society's consistent support for human embryonic stem cell research, the Society refuses to acknowledge the abortion/breast cancer link and declines to even support the idea that doctors should mention it to their patients. Finally, and most recently, the American Cancer Society has awarded financial grants to Planned Parenthood, the nation's leading provider of abortion

It cannot be denied that the *Relay for Life* supports many good causes and is a great source of support for many people who suffer from cancer. However, as Catholics who defend human life, we must stand united against any and all groups who support embryonic stem cell research. If you have or do support the *Relay for Life*, perhaps you may want to reconsider your support – especially this year, when the *Relay* is funneling much of its funding to research, including embryonic stem cell research.

Perhaps, BEFORE next year’s “Relay,” we could petition the organizers to provide a way for Catholics (and all truly pro-life people) to designate our funds to things other than the promotion of and support of embryonic stem cell research. If we do not, in conscience, we as Catholics must refuse to participate in the event – lest we be complicit in promoting the death of unborn children for the purpose of experimentation.

**“The bishop of the united States stated, “The Church’s obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of faith. At the top of their list of Catholic moral convictions, the bishops put defending the inviolable sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until death.”**



### The Holy Spirit

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**WORD SEARCH** Find all the words below in the puzzle... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Baptism	Church
Dove	Faith
Father	Fire
Gifts	Peace
Prayer	Son
Trinity	Witness

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