

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

Tithing Income: March 14, 2010	\$7,102.00
Tithing Income: March 15, 2009	\$7,272.50
Children's offering:	\$9.00

Next week's tithing: The Port & Miracle Flights for Kids



Four Principles of Tithing:

- Give back to the Lord in gratitude a portion of everything God has given, whether through paychecks, dividends, unexpected windfalls, Social Security payments, allowances or gifts.
- See the tithe as a sacrifice, a donation that seems almost more than affordable, an offering that "makes holy" (the literal meaning of the word "sacrifice") all the efforts and earnings of the past month.
- Use whatever means the Local Community may use to identify your tithe as a donation from you, thus both manifesting to others your commitment to regular support of the Community and actively participating in the collection as part of the Community's... Mass worship
- Consider the biblical norm of tithing in determining the amount of your sacrificial gift. The biblical norm was ten percent of one's income.

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A couple of 5th graders said: "I helped with the cleaning; I went to visit a friend who is in a cast." A 7th grader said: "I donated money for help in Haiti." A Kindergartner said: "I helped my Mom with the groceries."

Pastor's Column

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

The above words refer to a deceased loved one and they mean "May he rest in peace." The letters "R.I.P." on gravestones are an abbreviation.

I've seen it and prayed it countless times but it really hit me Friday, March 12, attending the funeral of my first seminary classmate to die, Msgr. James Fitzpatrick. He was in his late 50s.

Jim was a great guy. He was friendly, funny, easy going, with a breezy, casual style. He was a real asset to our class of 1984, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia. He had held various assignments in his 25 years of priesthood, including head of the mission office for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where he lived and

worked. Most recently he was pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Morrisville, Pa.

There were 12 in our seminary class, most studying for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, including Jim. I was studying there for Diocese of Harrisburg, another man was for Lincoln, Nebraska, two for Arlington, Va., and one religious order man.

Nine of us, with Jim, traveled to Rome just last April to celebrate our silver jubilees of priesthood. We stayed in a large clergy house (much of the building dated from the 17th century) right in the center of Rome, a block from the Pantheon and within walking distance to the Vatican and many other major sites.

The trip's highlight was a half day with Cardinal John Foley, once head of communications for the Vatican, and now Grand Master for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher (an international group of knights which raises funds for Catholic Holy Land foundations). He had once been a philosophy professor at the Philadelphia seminary and many (not me) had him for class.

With the Cardinal, we all celebrated Mass in one of the crypt chapels of St. Peter's Basilica. Afterward, we had special tours of the basilica itself, Vatican City, and the nearby Holy Sepulcher headquarters. His Eminence then treated us all to lunch in his favorite restaurant.

During all that time, there was no clue of Jim's illness. He was enjoying himself as much as any of us, although I saw that he had not stopped his cigarette smoking habit. But only a couple months later he learned the bad news: lung cancer. The round of chemotherapy and other treatments were valiant efforts to stop the inevitable.

Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, was main funeral celebrant, joined by about 100 concelebrating priests. Our classmate Fr. Paul Convery preached the homily. Fr. Convery recounted that when he visited Jim a few days before he died, the desperately ill priest pointed to a wall crucifix and said "I can go through this because He went through that – for me."

I was touched by the written prayers of the school children displayed in the hall for the luncheon, beseeching God for the repose of his soul. Driving by the rectory as I left, I looked up at the balcony where he and I stood and talked during one of our class get-togethers a few years ago. It was hard to believe he was gone. This was a new rite of passage for me, experiencing the death of a fellow priest-seminary classmate. And all things considered, I will not be long to follow, when you get right down to it.

But that's okay. "For God has not destined us for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us so that, whether we wake or sleep, we might live with Him" (1 Thess. 5:9-10). Jim, we will never forget you. Requiescat in pace, good priest.

Fr. Bill



Scripture Readings for the week:

Monday, March 22 – Daniel B:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23: 1-6; John 8:12-20
Tuesday, March 23 – Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21; John 8:21-30
Wednesday, March 24 – Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52-56; John 8:31-42
Thursday, March 25 – Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Psalm 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Friday, March 26 – Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:3-7; John 10:31-42
Saturday, March 27 – Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10-13; John 11:45-56
Palm Sunday, March 28 – Isaiah 50:4-7 (38ABC); Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22: 14-23:56

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

21 – CCD / 9am
21 – Penance Service / 3pm Sacred Heart / 6pm St Jude
 21 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / Church
 22 – Parish Council / 7pm / office
 24 – Lenten Luncheon / Sacred Heart 12noon / Cafeteria
 24 – Choir Practice / 7pm
 25 – RCIA / 7pm / office
 26 – Fish Sandwiches / 3-6pm / Cafeteria
 26 – Jim Cowan Concert / 7pm / St. Jude
 27 – Women’s Retreat / 8am Mass / Breakfast / Retreat / 10am-2pm / Lunch / Cafeteria
28 – NO CCD / Palm Sunday
 28 – Companions of Pauline – 3-5pm / Convent
 28 – St Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / Church
 29 – Chrism Mass – ST Patrick Cathedral
 30 – Choir Practice / 7pm / Church
 31 – Tenebrae / 7:30pm

APRIL

1 – Holy Thursday / 7pm
2 – Good Friday / Ecumenical Stations / 12noon / SH
2 – Good Friday / office closed
3 – Easter Vigil
4 – Easter Sunday
5 – Office Closed

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

March 28 – Russell Krug
 April 4 – Dave Kaniecki
 April 11 – Russell Krug

PARISH ACTIVITIES

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Van Drivers are Needed – We are in need of men or women who wouldn’t mind helping out with this ministry. At this writing we only have 3 men who are driving. You would have to pick up parishioners who otherwise might not be able to get to Church. and would only need to serve once a month or less if enough people would volunteer. Call the parish office if you are interested in helping. We thank the 3 men who are now volunteering for their faithfulness to this ministry.



The search for items for the 12th Annual More than An Auction is beginning to wind down. But, there is still time to donate!! We are looking for unique, handmade, antique or collectable items. Other options for donation could include gift certificates, gift baskets or monetary donations. If you have an item(s) for donation or if you have any questions, please contact either Kim Bubb at 717-994-0885 or Heidi Gingerich at 717-994-0540.

Knights of Columbus Fish Sandwich Sale during Lent. Serving is 3-6 pm in the school cafeteria. Cost of sandwiches are \$3.00 each. Call-in orders may be placed at 248-5351 after 3pm.



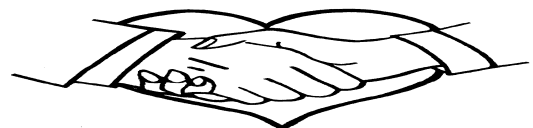
SAVE THE DATE!! Parish Picnic, June 20th, Derry Township Park. More info to follow.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will meet Thursday at 7 pm – March 25. The Kingdom of God.

ALUMINUM CANS

Father Thoms is still collecting aluminum cans to take to the recycling center. The money is then put into our building fund account. Please bring cans to the rectory and leave near the garage. You may also bring the cans to the parish office. Thank you!



FUDGE CONTEST

Sunday April 25, 2009
Youth Park, Reedsville



Held in conjunction with the annual Sacred Heart More Than an Auction
The contest is open to any and all cooks!

Prizes

1st Place – Blue Ribbon \$100.00

2nd Place – Red Ribbon \$50.00

3rd Place – White Ribbon \$25.00

- ? Entrants must complete the registration form and submit the form by April 19.
- ? All entries must be accompanied by a recipe card for the fudge submitted.
- ? Following the judging, all fudge will be sold at the More Than an Auction dessert stand.
- ? The fudge may be any kind - peanut butter, chocolate etc. Disposable pans are encouraged.
- ? All fudge is due at the Auction site in Reedsville (Youth Park) by Sunday, April 25, 2010 between the hours of 9:30am and 11:30am.
- ? Fudge will be judged as follows: Overall Appearance, Flavor, Texture, Creativity. Any age may enter. Entry form due by April 19.
- ? Forms are available in the vestibule of the church or by calling Sacred Heart @242-2781 between 9:00am and 4pm. Entry form can be emailed to you.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 21 (5th Sunday of Lent)

7:30 AM Anna E. Hackenberry

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday, March 22

7:00 AM Barbara Bollinger

Tuesday, March 23

7:00 AM Mary Yebernetsky

Wednesday, March 24

7:00 PM Judith & Honey Gers

Thursday, March 25 (Annunciation of the Lord)

7:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

9:00 AM James Stundon

Friday, March 26

7:00 AM Mary Yebernetsky

Saturday March 27

8:00 AM Leonard McCoach

4:00 PM Stella Dulack

Sunday March 28 (Palm Sunday)

7:30 AM Terry & Albert Attivo

11:00 AM People of the Parish

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: April 18, 25

The Sanctuary Lamp is in loving memory of the Mary Yebernetsky from Gloria & George Truhan.

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: No flowers during Lent. April 11, 18.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

“I just want the truth to be told: that abortion does hurt women. They tell you that it doesn't, (that) it's a simple procedure and that you can get on with your life. Well, you do momentarily, but you spend your whole life trying to forget it.” Leslie Brunolli, abortion survivor, participant in the Silent No More Awareness Campaign: The Southern Cross, November 2009.

HERSHEYPARK DISCOUNT TICKETS

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available for purchase to parishioners and their families at a significant savings. Regular admission price is \$52.95 for adults but our special price is \$29.90 – a savings of 45%. Regular admission for children (ages 3-9) and Seniors (ages 55-69) is \$31.95 but our special price is \$24.50. Regular admission for Seniors age 70+ is \$20.95, but our special price is \$19.95. Tickets are valid any day Hersheypark is open during the regular public season. **Orders must be received at the parish by Monday April 26, 2010. Parishes will receive tickets by Tuesday May 25, 2010. Order forms are in the vestibule of the church in the pamphlet rack.**



St. Jude Knights of Columbus Annual Lenten Fish Dinner: St. Jude Knights' annual Lenten Friday fish dinners will be until **March 26, 2010** in the church social hall. The meal is all you can eat and includes fried and baked fish, popcorn shrimp, fried clams, French fries,

macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, puddings, and a selection of homemade desserts.

Pay at the door: \$9.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under are free. Please come and enjoy a delicious meal.

CONCERT AND WORSHIP by Catholic recording artist Jim Cowan at St. Jude's, Mifflintown, 7 p.m. Friday, March 26th. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament for a Holy Hour with worship songs led by Jim. All are invited.

The staff of Hospice: The Bridge, Lewistown Home Health believes that:

As we give the gift of time, we receive the gift of gratitude. As we give the gift of presence, we receive the gift of trust. As we give the gift of caring, we receive the gift of love. There is no greater gift than love. To share the gift of caring with those among us with end-stage illnesses, please register for the Spring Volunteer Training with **HOSPICE**. The training will be 9:00am – 4:00pm.

We are in particular need of volunteers who are available to provide caregiver relief to family members for short periods of time and bereavement volunteers who periodically contact family members following a death.

If you have any questions, or are interested in registering for these sessions, please call the Hospice office at 242-5000

If Only There Was a Way to Know Your Risks for Certain Preventable Health Conditions...

Now There Is! The Prevention Health Screenings group has solved that problem by offering you 7 quick, painless, non-invasive health tests to see if you are at risk for a serious health problem. On **Monday, April 19th** beginning at **9:00am** the prevention program will be at **First United Methodist Church** located at **200 East Third Street in Lewistown** again this year to offer you & the community several important health tests.

In less than 1 hour you can have 7 different health screenings that will check for things such as: **stroke, heart disease, osteoporosis, thyroid and pulmonary disease**. Did you know that on average in the U.S., someone suffers from a stroke every 45 seconds and dies every 3 minutes?

These screenings are important to have done because physicians cannot usually order these for patients because Medicare and insurance companies will not pay for the service when symptoms are not present. Do yourself a favor and get screened. These affordable health screenings will give you & your doctor so much information about your health status. The tests are very low in cost, non-invasive and are read by a local vascular physician before the results are given directly to you and

are *referred back to your own doctor*. Call 1-800-446-0925 or go to www.preventionhealth.org for more information.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR SHS

Sacred Heart School is now taking registrations for the 2010-2011 school year, both for new and current students. A \$50 fee for new students and a \$25 fee for returning student families are required for registration. Forms are available at the school office or online at www.sacredheartschool.com.

NEUMANN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

SHS announces that Neumann Scholarship Foundation applications are now available for families whose children will attend SHS next year. A \$20 application fee is required. Applications must be postmarked **NO LATER THAN April 1, 2010**, but we recommend early application to avoid ineligibility. The Neumann Scholarship Foundation was established by the Diocese of Harrisburg to accept donations through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) for private school tuition assistance. For more information, call the school office or check our website at www.sacredheartschool.com.

Tuesday, March 23 - Easter Candy delivery

Thursday, March 25 – School Mass 9AM

Friday, March 26 - Sacrament of Reconciliation for grades 2-5; 10:30am, No Stations 2pm

Technology News: In addition to the 15 laptop computers for student use in computer SHS now has a mobile wagon with 15 notebook wireless computers for student use both in computer classes and for classroom projects. The school will also be participating in the diocesan WAN (wide area network) with hardware being delivered this summer.

Academic Fair with display of projects based on several different subject areas will be held on April 15. Students will be involved in both school and at home projects for the display along with art work

