

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

<b>Tithing Income:</b> March 21, 2010	\$7,489.00
<b>Tithing Income:</b> March 22, 2009	\$7,556.00
<b>Children's offering:</b>	\$4.00

Next Friday collection for the Holy Land  
Next Sunday collection for The Port



**Biblical Basis of Tithing:**

Tithing is rooted in the Hebrew Scriptures, or Old Testament, reinforced by the New Testament teaching on generosity and exemplified in the lives of the early Christians.

The following passages illustrate this Scriptural challenge of tithing and generous giving.

**Old Testament:** "Glorify the Lord generously and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness." (Sirach 35:8-9)

**New Testament:** "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Holy Scripture also promises that God will care for the needs of those who tithe and generously return a share of what the Lord has given them.

The following verses also exemplify this biblical summons to trust and the promise of our Creator's providential support: "I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging for food" (Ps 37:25). Also consider, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matt. 6:33-34).

**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 5<sup>th</sup> graders said: "I helped a friend learn to bat; I took wall paper off my parent's room." A kindergartner said: "I earned money and gave it to the missions."

***Pastor's Column***

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

It's a new kid on the liturgical block but it's a welcome newcomer. We will celebrate it here again at Sacred Heart, 3 p.m., the Sunday after Easter.

I'm talking about the relatively new feast, called Divine Mercy Sunday, announced by the late, great Pope John Paul II in the Millennium Year 2,000. He had written an encyclical entitled "Rich in Mercy" in 1980 and this new feast day seemed to him a natural follow-up to that earlier document.

This recent calendar addition commemorates the appearances of Jesus Christ to Saint Faustina in Poland in the early 1920s. She was a young religious sister, assigned menial tasks in her convent, when she began receiving visitations from Our Lord.

He appeared to her in that now famous stance, in which he is pointing to His heart from which come rays of white and red light, symbolizing grace and mercy shining upon mankind. He told her to have a painting made of what she saw and to spread news of His Mercy to all. That painting is a common icon of devotion in many churches and homes.

He asked for a feast day of His Mercy to be incorporated into the church calendar. He reminded her that He died on the cross at 3 p.m., which he named as the special hour of His Mercy. Those who say prayers at that particular hour, in honor of His Mercy, will be especially blessed, He said.

He also taught her the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which is said on rosary beads. Repeated on each bead is the prayer "for the sake of your sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." It is very beautiful when sung.

All of this is a bit ironic, considering that the apparitions, the messages, and Faustina's diaries were suppressed by the Church for decades, under suspicion of falsehood and theological error. A sympathetic Polish cardinal-theologian by the name of Karol Wojtyla had the case re-opened for re-evaluation. It didn't hurt that he later became Pope John Paul II and he eventually approved the devotion. He also canonized Faustina at the same Mass in which he announced this new feast day, in the year 2,000.

We will gather in church at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 11, for a Holy Hour, including Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will sing Christ's praises. We will adore Him present in the Blessed Sacrament.

All of this is a perfect complement to the Easter season, when we celebrate God's great mercy extended to us through the death and resurrection of His Son. Enjoy Easter and then follow through with Divine Mercy. Who could refuse such grace?

Fr. Bill

*Holy Thursday*

**The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy:** feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead.

**The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy:** instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the afflicted, admonish the sinner, forgive offenses, bear wrongs patiently and pray for the living and the dead.

It is through the practice of these spiritual and corporal works of mercy that we concretely practice our Christian faith. As Catholics, we cling to these as beacons for living the Christian lifestyle. Through them we show our willingness to enter into the chaos of another's life. Perhaps more than anything else, that's what uniquely defines us as Catholics. It's our legacy

### **TENEBRAE – Wednesday March 31**

This service of worship is taken from an early Christian service called Tenebrae. The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." Wednesday night we will only experience a small portion of Christ's pain and suffering the day of His crucifixion. One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle – the Easter or Christ Candle remains. As it gets darker and darker we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. Toward the end of the service, the Christ candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. At the very end a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of his death (Matthew 27) and his resurrection (Matthew 28:2). At the moment of the earthquake, the temple veil was torn apart, making the Holy of Holies exposed to public view. The hidden candle is then restored to its place, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. By this single light we all depart this service in silence.

**Please plan to attend this very moving service on Wednesday evening,, March 31, 7:30 p.m.**



### **Scripture Readings for the week:**

**Monday: March 29** – Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27: 1-3, 13-14; John 12:1-11

**Tuesday, March 30** – Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17; John 13:21-23, 36-38

**Wednesday, March 31** – Isaiah 50: 4-9; Psalm 69: 8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25

### **Readings for the Paschal Triduum:**

**Holy Thursday, April 1** – Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13: 1-15

**Good Friday, April 2** – Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

**Easter Vigil, April 3** – There are seven preliminary Old Testament readings, ending with Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Luke 24:1-12

**Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday, April 4** – Acts:10:34, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20: 1-9

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **MARCH**

**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 Mass / 7pm**

**2 – Good Friday / Ecumenical Stations / 12noon / SH**

**2 – Good Friday Service / 7pm / office closed /**

**3 – Easter Vigil – No CCD**

**4 – Easter Sunday**

**5 – Easter Monday / Office Closed**

9 – RCIA – 7pm / office

**11 – Divine Mercy Sunday / Service / 3pm**

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

April 4 – Dave Kaniecki

April 11 – Russell Krug

## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

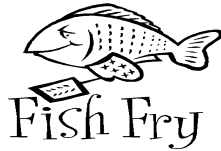
### **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**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 you 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>, Derry Township Park.** More info to follow.



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meets Thursdays at 7 pm – April 1, no Class, since that is HOLY THURSDAY – The Lord is Risen. He is Risen indeed! Happy Easter!**

**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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Blue Ribbon \$100.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Red Ribbon \$50.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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**



**Sunday, March 28 ( Palm Sunday )**

7:30 AM Terry & Albert Attivo  
11:00 AM People of the Parish

**Monday, March 29**

7:00 AM Mary Yebernetsky

**Tuesday, March 30**

7:00 AM Susie Frew

**Wednesday, March 31 (Spy Wednesday)**

7:00 PM Stella Dulack  
7:30PM Tenebrae

**Thursday, April 01 (Holy Thursday)**

**7:00 AM No Mass**  
**9:00 AM No Mass**  
7:00 PM People of the Parish - Lord's Supper

**Friday, April 02 (Good Friday)**

**7:00 AM NO MASS**  
7:00 PM Celebration of the Lords Passion – P. of Parish

**Saturday April 03**

**8:00 AM NO MASS**  
8:00 PM Easter Vigil – People of the Parish

**Sunday April 04 (The Resurrection of the Lord)**

7:30 AM People of the Parish  
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 Honey Gers from Music Study Club.

**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

### **Diocesan Marian Symposium – Mother of God & Gate of Heaven**

On April 24, 2010, the Diocese of Harrisburg will sponsor a Diocesan Marian Symposium at the Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd, Harrisburg. Whether you are a priest, a deacon, a consecrated religious, or a member of the lay faithful, this day of prayer and formation is for you. Our two keynote speakers for the day are well known Catholic author and speaker, Dr. Edward Sri, Provost at Augustine Institute in Denver, CO and well-known presenter on the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sr. John Sheila Galligan, IHM, Professor of theology at Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA. Each speaker will deliver two talks on the Blessed Virgin Mary. Specific topics will focus on: What Catholics Really Believe about Mary, the Rosary & the Bible, Mary as Blessed Among Women, and Mary as Mother of Sorrows and Model of Patience. The day will begin with Mass. Registration is available on-line at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org) and is due by April 13. The cost is \$30 per person and includes breakfast and lunch. Questions, call Kathy at 717-657-4804, c229.

**“Every child with Downs Syndrome, every adult with special needs, in fact every unwanted, unborn child, every person who is poor, weak, abandoned or homeless- each one of these persons is an icon of God’s face and a vessel of His love.”** Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver, October 16 speech to Phoenix Catholic Physicians’ Guild.

### **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.**



### **The following is a thank you from The “New” Shelter Services, Inc.**

I want to acknowledge, with our sincere thanks, your recent gift to Shelter Service in the amount of \$350.00.

Our agency has been extremely busy due to the recent fire at Elsesser’s Apartments and of course the closing of Hotel Lewistown. I am happy to report that through the

networking of our churches and social service agencies most of these folks who have chosen to be housed are in safe and secure housing.

Thank you for your gift and for joining with us as together we serve those who are in need through our outreach ministry.

Sincerely, Wilda Fisher, Executive Director.

## 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](http://www.sacredheartschool.com).

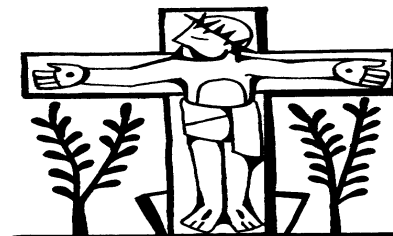
### **NEUMANN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

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](http://www.sacredheartschool.com).

**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

**School Closes at 11:30** on HolyThursday. School will **reopen on Tuesday, April 6th.**

Sacred Heart School wishes all of our parishioners a grace-filled **Holy and Happy Easter.**



*We adore you, O Christ, and  
we praise you because by  
your cross you have  
redeemed the world*