

## May 17, 2009 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

<b>Tithing Income:</b> May 10, 2009	\$ 8,745.00
May 11, 2008	\$ 8,444.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 8.00

**Next week's tithe:** Next week's tithe will be for to support the Lewistown Ministerium's annual summer-kick-off carnival in June 13 and to help provide scholarships to the Juniata Valley YMCA for underprivileged youth.

**From the pastor:** As pastor and spiritual leader of the parish, I am most grateful that so many people are trusting God to adopt His biblical Plan for giving and are thereby reaping the spiritual and material benefits thereof. God has greatly rewarded our parish for your trust in His goodness.

**Comments on Tithing from the pews:** "I have been tithing without calling it that all my adult life. My mother always believed if you give to the church, no matter what problems come your way, you will overcome them. My experience convinces me that this is true."

**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 kindergartner and 4<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I gave my Mom flowers for Mother's Day" and "I wished her a happy birthday." A 6<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I set the table for the whole week. A 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> grader said: We helped move our sister back in from college.

### **FROM THE PASTOR**

**Weekly Reflection:** The Gospel command to "love one another" demands a different kind of love than is projected by the media and society in general. Our love for one another is to emulate God's love – a love that is total, demanding, self-emptying, self-giving. Jesus doesn't ask us to do anything that He hasn't done first. Yes, the command is simple: "love one another." But the demand is imposing: lay down our lives. Keeping God's commandments is laying down our lives – also a dying. Doing the little things every day, not because we have to but because we see the other as the beloved of God, is dying. We choose all these and other ways of dying because we know this is love and love is risen. Life rising to kiss us with a share in divinity.

**Announcement of Transfer:** Last weekend, I announced that Bishop Rhoades had asked me to become pastor of another parish, and that I had accepted that appointment. Let me share with you a few things about this new assignment and my decision to accept it. I received the "letter" this week officially assigning me as the pastor of **St. Andrew Parish in Waynesboro, PA** (in Franklin County). Also, I purposefully worded the announcement

to say that Bishop Rhoades asked and I accepted. Let me explain my part of the decision...

I have loved my 6 years here in Lewistown. As a new pastor, I've certainly made my share of mistakes and I've learned a lot from the experience of being a pastor. Bringing a spark to dry wood produces a fire – and together we've been able to bring a parish that was dry and turn it into a pillar of fire burning brightly to the glory of God. It is thrilling to see the flame of Christ alive in the hearts of the people in the parish!

My decision to accept the reassignment was not without much prayer and discernment. As much as I love it here and enjoy being part of the community, the assignment has been difficult for me spiritually. The priests of our diocese have a unique bond and brotherhood. Our parish is very remote from the other parishes of the diocese. It has been spiritually and emotionally difficult for me these 6 years, being so far removed from my brother priests and their friendship and support.

Also, St. Andrew needs a pastor with particular abilities and skills, and this is why Bishop has asked me to go there. I recognize that to remain here at Sacred Heart and St. Jude (while it would be enjoyable and that I'd be able to enjoy the fruits of my labors), it is time for me to move to the next assignment to sow seeds of the Kingdom in another part of the Diocese.

I am already grateful for your calls and notes and emails and tears expressing your affection and gratitude. My prayer is that, as you look to a new beginning with a new pastor, that the seeds which have been sewn in your hearts will grow 100-fold into a rich harvest for the Lord.

**Parish Welcomes New Pastor:** Bishop Rhoades has appointed the Rev. William Weary as the new pastor of the parish, effective June 18. Some of you may remember Fr. Weary – he was stationed here at Sacred Heart for a short time back from 1989-1990. Due to some prior engagements, Fr. Weary will not actually arrive in the parish until after June 25. We welcome our new pastor. Please remember him in your prayers during this time of transition.

**The Truth of Jesus Christ** – is passed on in the life of the Church in a special way by the ministry of priests and deacons. Our annual Pentecost Collection provides for the formation of seminarians, the continuing formation of priests and permanent deacons, and the retirement of priests many of whom continue to serve God's people. Please continue to generously support the Pentecost Collection this year so that what has been entrusted to the Church may be guarded and passed on to future generations.

## PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

**Rectory Open House – May 31, 3-6pm:** As the porch on the front of the house nears completion, I felt it was finally safe to schedule an open house. Since the office moved out of the rectory in November, a crew of parishioners has been hard at work “transforming” the office into a home. I invite you into our home to see the renovations. Our parish Knights of Columbus will provide wine & cheese for the event. All are welcome to come and see the recent renovations and improvements.



**ATTENTION Graduating High School Seniors:** The Mass on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30am will be to honor our High School graduating seniors. Breakfast will follow in the school cafeteria. Please attend to receive the blessing of God and your parish community as you venture to new horizons in your life. Please call Marie at the Parish office, 242-2781 if you plan to attend.



**Octogenarian Dinner Workshop, Sunday, May 17** after the 7:30am Mass for all committee members and those interested in helping at the July 25 **Octogenarian dinner**. Note change in date of the dinner from original date. Meeting will be held in the church basement.

**Women's Guild Fundraiser:** Hoss's Restaurant Community Night – TODAY, Sunday, May 17. Women's Guild members will again be distributing Hoss's cards after Masses this weekend. Just present the card when paying for your meal. Card can ONLY be used on MAY 17. Women's Guild will receive 20%. Thank you.

**Fr Bateman Appreciation Day DVD** - Thanks to the efforts of Ashley Henry and Chad Reed, SHS Alumni, a DVD in honor of Fr Bateman's involvement with Sacred Heart School was presented at the reception. We are currently working on making copies of the DVD and they will soon be available to anyone in the parish and school for a nominal fee. We will let you know when they are available. It is also on YouTube....

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May

- 17 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group
- 18 – Pastoral Parish Council / 7pm / office
- 18 – SVDP meeting / 7pm / cafeteria
- 21 – Ascension of Our Lord – Holy Day of Obligation
- 24 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm
- 25 – Memorial Day / office closed
- 30 – Pentecost Vigil Celebration / 4pm
- 31 – Pentecost Sunday
- 31 – Graduation Breakfast / 7:30 / Breakfast following

**Ascension Thursday, May 21: Holy Day of Obligation:** Masses for the Holy Day will be Wednesday, May 20 at 7pm and Thursday, May 21 at 7am and 12noon. (at St. Jude in Mifflintown, Thursday, May 21 at 9am & 7pm)

## LITURGICAL NOTES

**Celebration of the Vigil of Pentecost:** On Saturday, May 31, our parish will celebrate the Vigil of Pentecost during the 4pm Mass. The Church gives encouragement to parishes to a “prolonged celebration of Mass in the form of a vigil, whose character is not baptismal (as in the Easter Vigil), but one of urgent prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This has been done for some time in Rome, as the Pope celebrates an outdoor Mass (in St. Peter's Square) in the looming darkness of early evening. Just as the apostles were gathered in the upper room awaiting the promised Advocate, so we gather in urgent prayer asking the Lord to send that same Spirit on our needy world. The liturgy is slightly prolonged by the addition of 4 readings and responsorial psalms. I estimate that Mass would be about 20 minutes longer. Please consider this in your planning for Masses that weekend.



**The Banns of Marriage** are announced between Barry Francis Minemyer and Kathryn Clare Gehrett who are planning to marry on May 23, 2009 in Holy communion Lutheran Church, Yeagertown.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

### Sunday, May 17

- 7:30 AM Anna E. Hackenberry
- 11:00 AM People of the Parish

### Monday, May 18

- 7:00 AM Dorothy Hoepstine

### Tuesday, May 19

- 7:00 AM Al Pack

### Wednesday, May 20

- 7:00 PM Richard Quilter (Ascension Vigil)

### Thursday, May 21 (Ascension of the Lord)

- 7:00 AM Shirley Molinari
- 12 noon Jack Roddey

### Friday, May 22

- 7:00 AM Doris Witmer

### Saturday, May 23

- 8:00 AM Kay Smith
- 4:00 PM John & Helen Zampelli

### Sunday, May 24

- 7:30 AM Caterina Simonetti
- 11:00 AM Marjorie Kaufman

**Memorialize the Sanctuary Lamp:** The following dates are available: Dates available: None in May

**The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in loving memory of the Cox and Boova families from Ellen Boova.**

**Last week the sanctuary lamp was for Enoch Drozda from his wife Mary.**

**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 May 24, 31.

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

May 24 – Dave Kaniecki

May 31 – Mel Reed

June 7 – Russell Krug

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Keith Carroll to be Ordained a Priest:** Do you remember Keith Carroll, our summer seminarian from several years ago? He has invited the parish to join him for his ordination to the priesthood on Saturday, June 6 at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg beginning at 10am. Then, on Sunday, June 7, he invites us to his first solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish of Saint Rose of Lima in York, PA beginning at 2:15pm. All are invited.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Oberammergau Passion Play – July 14-23, 2010:** If you would like to

join us on this pilgrimage, note the deposit deadline of July 1, 2009. 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. Package price is all-inclusive out of Newark (EWR): approximately \$4,600, but costs are fluctuating a great deal. Information and registration forms are available on the parish website and the pamphlet rack in the entryway. Fr. Bateman’s transfer does not affect the trip – as we will all just meet in Harrisburg and, together, journey to Newark to begin our pilgrimage. **Remember, the deadline for deposits is July 1, 2009!**

**Quo Vadis Days 2009 “Where are You Going?”** Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-25. Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you! You are invited to attend the Diocese of Harrisburg’s 5<sup>th</sup> Annual *Quo Vadis Days*



vocation camp to spend time with other young men your age as you listen to the Lord’s call in your life while having fun. Activities include – Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, hiking, sports, games, great food, talks and more. Priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Harrisburg staff *QVD*. Bishop Rhoades will join us for a day. *QVD* will be held from June 14-18, 2009 at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and College. Cost is free, due to generous donors. Please contact Fr. Bateman, Fr. Thoms or the Office of Vocations at 657-4804 x 282 with questions or for a registration packet.

**The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg** will be giving a presentation concerning divorce and annulment from the Catholic perspective. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held June 11, 7pm, St. Patrick Parish, Carlisle in the parish hall. No prior registration required. For more info call 657-4804, ext 304 or email [tribunal@hbgiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgiocese.org)

## EDUCATION

**About Liturgy: *Questions on the Revised Translation of Mass: Why the changes?*** The *Missale Romanum (Roman Missal)*, the ritual text for the celebration of the Mass, was promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as the definitive text of the reformed liturgy of the Second Vatican Council. That Latin text, the *editio typica* (typical edition), was translated into various languages for use around the world; the English edition was published in the United States in 1973. The Holy See issued a revised text, the *editio typica altera*, in 1975. Pope John Paul II promulgated the third edition of the *Missale Romanum (editio typica tertia)* as part of the Jubilee Year in 2000. Among other things, the third edition contains prayers for the celebration of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass. To aid the process of translation of the *Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia*, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued *Liturgiam Authenticam, the Fifth Instruction on Vernacular Translation of the Roman Liturgy*, in 2001, which outlines the principles and rules for translation. In 2007, the Congregation for Divine Worship issued the *Ratio Translationis for the English Language*, which outlined the specific rules for translation in English.

**What’s new or particularly different about the revised translation?** From the *Ratio Translationis*: “The unique style of the Roman Rite should be maintained in translation. By ‘style’ is meant here the distinctive way in which the prayers of the Roman Rite are expressed. The

principal elements of such a style include a certain conciseness in addressing, praising and entreating God, as well as distinctive syntactical patterns, a noble tone, a variety of less complex rhetorical devices, concreteness of images, repetition, parallelism and rhythm as measured through the *cursus*, or ancient standards for stressing syllables of Latin words in prose or poetry. (no. 112)

The texts of the revised translation of the Roman Missal are marked by a heightened style of English speech and a grammatical structure that is based on the Latin text. In addition, many biblical and poetic images, such as “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof...” (Communion Rite) and “...from the rising of the sun to its setting” (Eucharistic Prayer III) have been restored.

**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 ext. 282 or email at [vocations@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@hbgdiocese.org) or go to diocesan website.

**Protect Your Teens from Harm**  
**Visit:** [www.ConcernedParents.com](http://www.ConcernedParents.com)

## **SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

SHS is looking for a school secretary. Computer and people skills are a must. Applications will be accepted through Friday, May 22. Please send resume to Sr. Marlene, SCC, Sacred Heart School.

**Middle States Accreditation Update:** Back in April, a visit from the Middle States Team concluded our involved in the accreditation process of Sacred Heart School. The purpose of the visiting team was to witness the accuracy of a two year self-study by faculty, staff and members of the parish and local community.

Concluding comments of three Catholic School professionals who conducted a three day intense investigation of the school philosophy, academics, leadership aspects, and evaluation of the existing facility, were presented to the faculty and administration. Their positive report filled each of us with deep joy and contentment! It was obvious to them that our school “abounds with a genuine nature of Christian values.” We were commended for the care and concern we have for the children and each other. Notification of accreditation will be forthcoming in a few months.

“Accreditation status provides a means of accountability to the school community, church community and the general community at large. It validates to all that the educational program meets high academic standards which justifies the faith and resources that others place in the school. It is truly a badge of honor to say a school is accredited and meets high standards.”

The Steering Committee thanks everyone who contributed to the success of this undertaking.

Sincerely: Chairpersons of the Steering Committee,  
Nora Torquato and Steve Dedmon

**What is 3<sup>rd</sup> grade doing?** As we enter the last full month of school with great enthusiasm, the third grade students will continue to enthusiastically enhance their knowledge. They will build on their spelling, vocabulary, reading, and grammar skills through trade books and literature circles. They will also put those skills to work while writing a mini-research paper. With teacher guidance, all students will be writing on the same topic and will use books, encyclopedias, and Internet sites to obtain their own information to be put into the paper. A final draft will be typed, include a cover page, and a bibliography. In Math, the students will finish up division and move into basic geometry, collecting and recording data, and probability. Through the use of K'nex, we will be taking a hands-on approach to geometry. Three minute quizzes and math games will be used on a bi-weekly basis to help with the retention of multiplication facts. Continuing to practice the facts for a few minutes each evening would also be a great benefit. Finally, during the beautiful month of May, Religion has the students learning about our beautiful mother Mary and the Rosary. They will also understand how to build the Kingdom of God, just as Jesus did through His parables. So they can continue His work here on earth. (Mrs. Henry)

**It's Not Too Late** to register for Sacred Heart School for Fall 2009! Registration is ongoing, and scholarship opportunities continue to be available. The Bravo Scholarship Foundation application **must be postmarked by May 29**, so don't delay! We encourage all families of our parish to consider a Sacred Heart School education for your children, where we offer a faith foundation, excellence in academics, free busing, low-cost After-School Program, National School Breakfast and Lunch programs, and a friendly, safe, family-oriented environment in which to grow and learn. Call for an appointment today!

