

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

Bulletin was sent in early – Financial figures will be in the next bulletin.

**Next week's tithe will be for: St. Vincent de Paul**

**The tithe (10%) is a standard and a promise of blessing, given to the spiritual leadership**

**Malachi 3:8-10** Dare a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me! And you say, "How do we rob you?" In tithes and in offerings! You are indeed accursed, for you, the whole nation, rob me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try me in this says the Lord of hosts: Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessing upon you without measure?

One of the commandments of the Church is to contribute to the support of the Church. Each of us is obligated to bear his fair share of the financial burden of the Holy See, of the Diocese and of the Parish. If the parish and the diocese are behaving in a questionable way (supporting programs or organizations that are not in line with the teaching of the Magisterium of the Church), giving must be prayerfully considered.

**Luke 16:1** - Another time he said to his disciples: "A rich man had a manager who was reported to him for dissipating his property. He summoned him and said, "What is this I hear about you? Give me an account of your service, for it is about to come to an end."

There are many good programs in the Church. Divide your gift as you see fit. Remember that generosity is a virtue highly praised by scripture and the Church, and rewarded by the Lord. But, again, give responsibly; money given to a parish, diocese or other body that is promoting an agenda in contradiction to traditional Church teaching or practices is wrong

**Luke 6:38** - Give, and it shall be given to you. Good measure and pressed down, shaken together, running over, will they pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.

**My Good Deed for the Week:** Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: None available at time of printing.

## *Pastor's Column*

### **HEY, WHAT'S HE DOING UP THERE?!**

I hear that some of you are wondering about the higher position of the celebrant's chair at church. This provides an opportunity to explain my approach to liturgy and the Sunday Mass in general.

The Vatican II Council (1962-65) said that the liturgy (i.e., the official public prayers of the Church, especially the Mass) is the "source and summit" of all that we do as Catholics. This is because the Mass is the re-presentation to the Father by Christ of His sacrificial offering for the world. In the process, the bread and wine become the resurrected Christ Himself; His body, blood, soul and divinity. It's the most awesome event taking place on the face of the planet.

At Mass, we are on the threshold of Heaven, connected to that celestial worship going on always, which we hope to enjoy someday. Our guardian angels fall down in awe at the consecration. Souls are released from purgatory. We take Christ into our bodies and grace fills our soul, making us holy, preparing us for Heaven.

Therefore, the Mass is to be celebrated respectfully, devoutly, one might even say formally. People should come dressed as for a wedding. They should sing robustly, listen intently, pray intensely. As celebrant I strive to conduct myself in a way that reflects awareness of the divine presence and inspires others to do so as well.

I've always said that one big secret for presenting a noble liturgy is well-trained altar servers. I tell servers that "comportment" is key, i.e., the way they "hold themselves." They should look composed, be still when kneeling or standing, with hands folded properly. Only dress shoes should be worn, not athletic wear. They then show respect for God and present an inspiring picture.

I do drill them over and over on their actions, at times even issuing instructions quietly during the Mass when mistakes are made, so that they learn to carry out their duties at the altar smoothly, in an admirable, presentable way. This makes them look good and makes the Mass look good. If they pout at times, parents should back me up, explaining that "Father wants you to be the best and so do we."

At my previous parish I had achieved such a well-trained corps of about 50 servers that after one confirmation liturgy, Bishop Rhoades said "they are so devout and reverent! I want seven of them for the next Rite of Election at the cathedral." And off they went!



Finally, as to why the chair is “up there,” I have a profound theological answer: I can see you guys better! And you can see me better. I feel that my presiding is improved. When I reach out to you and say “The Lord be with you,” I can better scoop you up into my arms as a good shepherd. Now let’s put all this into practice come Sunday. Fr. Bill



**Scripture Readings for the week:**

**Monday: May 31 – Memorial Day** Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 1:39-56  
**Tuesday, June 1 – 2 Peter** 3:12-15, 17-18; Psalm 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mark 12:13-17  
**Wednesday, June 2 – 2 Timothy** 1:1-3, 6-12; Psalm 123:1-2; Mark 12:18-27  
**Thursday, June 3 – 2 Timothy** 2:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; Mark 12:28-34  
**Friday, June 4 – 2 Timothy** 3:10-17; Psalm 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; Mark 12:35-37  
**Saturday, June 5 – 2 Timothy** 4:1-8; Psalm 71:8-9, 14-15, 16-17, 22; Mark 12:38-44  
**Sunday, June 6– Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ** - Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110:1-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**May**  
 30 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer Group / 7pm / Church  
 31 – Memorial Day – Office Closed

**June**  
 2 – Feasibility Meeting / Rectory  
 2 – Pro-Life / 6pm / Parish office  
 6 – Senior Graduates / Mass / Breakfast After Mass  
 8 – SHS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation / 9am / church  
 10 – Last day school/11:30 dismissal  
 11 – Most Sacred Heart of Jesus / All Day Adoration/ Holy Hour / 7pm  
 12 – Summer Kick-Off Carnival / Rec park / 10am

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

June 6 – Dave Kaniecki  
 June 13 – Russell Krug  
 June 20 – Mel Reed



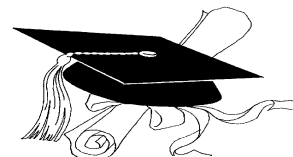
**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

SAVE THIS DATE!!!  
 PARISH PICNIC,  
 SEPTEMBER 19  
 AT DERRY PARK.  
 MORE INFO AT A LATER DATE



**ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!**

The 7:30am Mass on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> will be to honor you, our high school graduates. Please plan to attend to receive the blessing of God and your parish community as you venture to new horizons in your life. Breakfast will follow for graduates in the school cafeteria. Please call the parish office at 242-2781 between 9 am and 4pm or Donath Korbich at 248-5214 to make reservations.



**Ladies Guild will meet Saturday, June 5, Mass and then a meeting will be held in Church Basement**

**LITURGICAL NOTES**



**Sunday, May 30**  
 7:30 AM People of the Parish  
 11:00 AM James Stundon  
**Monday, May 31**  
 7:00 AM Wright & Zeigler families  
**Tuesday, June 1**  
 7:00 AM Rocco Soccio  
**Wednesday, June 2**  
 7:00 PM Larry George  
**Thursday, June 3**  
 7:00 AM Donald Francis Haley, Sr. & Caroline Gallagher Cranston  
 9:00 AM Valerie Bloom  
**Friday, June 4**  
 7:00 AM The LeGuen family  
**Saturday June 5**  
 8:00 AM Anna Palocisk  
 4:00 PM Honey Gers  
**Sunday June 6**  
 7:30 AM Marie Spagnoletti Esposito  
 11:00 AM People of the Parish

**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are available: June 13, 27

**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: June 6, 27.

**The flowers on the altar** this week are in loving memory of Richard and Elizabeth Showers from the family.

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

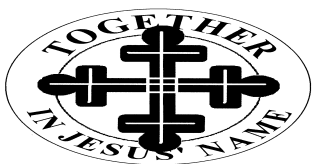
**Thank you from Sun Home Health** - Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$275.00. Please know that your gift brings hope to those we are serving through home health and hospice in their homes.

The opportunity to heal at home brings quality of life to many facing chronic or life-limiting illnesses. The support our team of professionals provides to caregivers as well as the care provided to the patient is of great importance in our community. The support of donors like yourself helps us to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of families each year.

On behalf of SUN Home Health Services' board of directors, our staff and most importantly our patients, please accept our deepest appreciation for your kind donation.

Steven Richard, MBA, DHCE, President/Chief Executive Office

**Annual Diocesan Charismatic Retreat** – The Annual Charismatic Renewal Retreat Weekend will be held on July 30, July 31, and August 1. at Sts Cyril & Methodius Villa Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Danville, PA. The theme is "Listening to the Word of God in the Power of the Holy Spirit". The retreat director is Very Rev. Francis J. Karwacki V.F. Diocesan Moderator for the Charismatic Renewal. Call Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 570-339-1031 for more information.



**The Annual Men's Retreat sponsored by the Corpus Christi Parish** will be held on the campus of Mount St. Mary's University,

Emmitsburg, MD on the weekend of July 30<sup>th</sup> (Friday evening until early Sunday afternoon). Included are 2 nights lodging and 6 good meals, which are incidental to a most enjoyable spiritual experience. If you've never attended a retreat, or it's been a long time since your last one, why not take a chance and "treat" yourself this year? Father Brett Brannen will lead us this year and "satisfaction guaranteed." A minimum reservation deposit of \$60.00 will hold your room. For more information call Fred Gers at 248-

9504 or 250-0086.

**Attention: Parish Women:** Father's Day is coming soon. Why not consider a memorable gift to that man in your life? A weekend to "unwind" and refresh his life as a Catholic, while attending the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Corpus Christi Men's Retreat, July 30-August 2. Your gift could be the deposit (\$60) or the entire cost (\$120). Call to above number to contact Fred Gers to make arrangements.

## **MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS**

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation in your area 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 process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held on June 10, at 7pm, at St. Patrick Parish, Carlisle, in the cafeteria. No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, extension 304, or email:

[tribunal@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org).

**SAVE THE DATE!** October 19, 2010 is the date for the Celebrate Life Banquet featuring former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum. The banquet will be held at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey, 4650 Lindle Rd, in Harrisburg. Doors open at 6pm, with dinner following at 6:30pm. Banquet benefits the life-saving work of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Education Fund. To register, visit

[www.paprolife.org](http://www.paprolife.org) or call 541-0034.

**ForYourVocation.org** is a new website that offers resources for people in discernment. It includes information for parents, teachers, catechists, vocation directors. The effort responds to Pope Benedict XVI's call to use social media. The site has two goals: To help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations. Please visit:

[www.ForYourVocation.org](http://www.ForYourVocation.org)

**Attention all Catholic young women 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 third Annual *Fiat Days* vocation discernment retreat to spend time with other women your age as you listen to the Lord's call in your life. Activities include – Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, sports, games, great food, talks and more. *Fiat Days* will be held June 27-29, at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and College. No cost due to the generosity

of anonymous donors. Please contact the Office of Vocations at 657-4804, ext. 282 with questions or for a registration packet.

### **Quo Vadis Days 2010 – “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 sixth 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*. *QVD* will be held from June 13-17, 2010 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and College. Cost is free due to generous donors. Please contact the Office of Vocations at 657-4804, ext. 282 with questions or for a registration packet.

**Friday evening, June 11, “The Life & Legacy of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen”** with Father Charles Connor: premier scholar on the charism and spirituality of Fulton J. Sheen. Father Charles Connor is a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, frequent presenter on EWTN, author of recently published book, *The Life and Legacy of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*.

6:30pm Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart followed by Conference and book signing. For more information contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E Main St. Birdsboro, PA 19508 – 610-582-3333. [www.olme.org](http://www.olme.org) , [olme@olme.org](mailto:olme@olme.org)

**SAVE THE DATE**, October 2, 2010 – **Closing celebration of the Diocesan Marian year** at the National Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, MD

## **SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

**SHS cookbooks** offered by the Wellness Committee and containing favorite student recipes are available for sale at school for \$3.00

**SHS chocolate candy bars** from Asher's Chocolates are available for sale in the school office for \$2.00.

**Sunday, May 30:** Family Picnic sponsored by the HSA -Knoebel's Park 11AM with lunch at 3PM

**Monday, May 31:** Memorial Day **NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, June 1:** Grade 5 students to Lewistown Middle School for Orientation

**Thursday, June 3:** School Mass

**Tuesday, June 8, 9AM Mass, Grade 5 Graduation** followed by reception in cafeteria for families

**Thursday, June 10:** Last day of school, with 11:30 dismissal

**Friday, June 11:** Teacher Work Day

**Wednesday, September 1, 2010** – School reopens

**SHS thanks** all the volunteers who spend hours of service as aides, cafeteria and library help. Thanks for all you do for us.

**A+ School Rewards** – Thank you to all those who participated in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. Giant has raised \$8.1 million since the inception of this program in 2005 which directly benefits local participating schools. Sacred Heart School has received a check for \$1,638.99 for this past year's participation. Thank you again to all who participated. We will resume again in October.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE** to register for the 2010-2011 school year AND receive scholarship monies! Thanks to the support of Sen. Jake Corman, Sacred Heart School has received a gift of \$12,500 from the Bravo Foundation for scholarships for the coming school year. We are still accepting registrations for grades K – 5. Please call the school to set up a visit!

### **SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

Sacred Heart of Jesus School partners with families of diverse cultures and faiths to provide a Christ-centered, affordable, quality education for their children in a safe, nurturing environment. We teach the love of God as revealed in the Catholic faith, promote the highest academic standards, respect individual learning abilities, and prepare students to become loving, active members of their families and faith communities.

