

# Straight From The Heart

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## **Rectory Renovations**

Since mid-January, Anne Marie Showers, Marie Lepley, Fran Hartman and Tony Halinan have been involved in the renovations at the rectory, updating the spaces that were once offices into spaces for relaxing, entertaining, and praying. Anne Marie stated that the most challenging aspect of the project was transforming the former business areas into a comfortable, "homey" atmosphere. The work involved plenty of caulking, plastering and painting. Father Bateman's former office was transformed into the living room. Old cabinets and old office items were removed. Sections of ceiling tiles were replaced with beautiful bronze-colored tin tiles. Also, a ceiling fan and new lighting were installed. The very old carpeting was removed and laminate flooring with area rugs was laid. The room has been furnished with donated and newly purchased items.

Other rooms that the renovation committee has been working on include Father Thoms' former office, the dining room, the entrance hallway and Marie Bender's former office. Father Thoms' office has been painted and is now a chapel, and the hallway has received a new coat of paint, laminate flooring, and a rug. A new dining room table and chairs were purchased to replace those with wobbly legs and broken backs. And Marie Bender's office area received a new coat of paint (thanks to Don Spangler) and will continue to be used as an office for the residents of the rectory. Father Bateman purchased a new big screen television for the basement and moved some used furniture down there to use for watching sports and entertaining friends.

Father Bateman has been involved in the decisions that were made for the rectory renovations. Anne Marie Showers stated that the goal to be finished with the renovations is mid-March. All costs of the renovations, including the addition of a new front porch, will be paid for by a very generous donation from a parishioner.



## **Parishioners Celebrate 100 Years**

**Happy Birthday** Can you imagine reaching the age of 100? Some of us may think that we'll never be that age or some of us may think it's a possibility. Well, we have three parishioners who have reached that milestone on their journey of life. **Dorothy Ammerman**, mother of Wes Ammerman, turned 100 on January 31st and resides at Ohesson Manor. **Kitty Perry** will reach 100 on March 21st and resides at Elmcroft of Reedsville. Last but not least, **Kathleen Mary**, mother of Wendy Vogt, will celebrate 100 years on August 29th and resides at Valley View in Belleville. To celebrate their centennial, Father Bateman suggested we send flowers to each of these ladies from the parish on their birthdays. We also contacted the Bishop's office and the Governor's office and asked that they send a congratulatory message to these wonderful women. If you would like to send each of them a Birthday card or note, we're sure they would appreciate it. Happy Birthday ladies!!

# Liturgy Notes by Fr. Bateman

## The Sacred Triduum

What is the TRIDUUM? It's a strange word with lots of "U's" – and most of us probably have not heard it before. It's root is "tri-" which of course means "3." The Sacred Triduum refers to the three-days from Holy Thursday until Easter Sunday. OK, how many of you just said, "Wait, that's 4 days from Thursday until Sunday!" Very observant! But if you count from Thursday evening through Sunday evening – we get three. The celebration of the Sacred Triduum is the celebration of the holiest of all days in the Church – the days of our redemption – the days of the Lord's passion, death and resurrection.



As evening begins on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Lent will end and we will enter the most sacred time of the Church's year: **the Sacred Triduum** (Latin for "The Three Days"). The Triduum is the most mysterious and beautiful of all the Church's celebrations. It is not to be considered as three separate liturgies, but **one liturgy** of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ celebrated over three days.

**On Holy Thursday evening** we begin the first day of the Triduum. We recall that Christ has given us the Eucharist as the memorial of his Paschal Mystery. It was during the Lord's Supper, a Paschal (Passover) meal that he gave us a new commandment (*mandatum*, mandate): "Love one another as I have loved you." (Jn. ) He showed this love in taking the role of a servant and washing the feet of his disciples. This is the meaning of Eucharist, the Cross and the Resurrection: a sacrificial love that serves others.

*The Blessed Sacrament is reserved this night for Communion on Good Friday. It is taken in solemn procession to the altar of repose and adored in the repository until 10pm.*

**On Good Friday** we recall the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. We remember that "there is no Cross without the Resurrection and no Resurrection without the Cross." After hearing the Passion proclaimed and interceding for all the world, the priest (or in some parishes, the deacon) carries the cross into the church. We then venerate the Cross, embracing the sacrificial love that it represents.



*The Paschal Fast is observed today, a fast in preparation for Easter joy.*

*The Paschal Fast is a total fast from all foods from the Mass of Holy Thursday until after the Easter Vigil.*

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**SACRED HEART PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:** We are the Catholic community in Mifflin County, a reflection of God's love for the world. We support each other by reaching out to those in need, fostering the beliefs and Tradition of the Universal Church, and educating our youth in knowledge and faith. We live our faith through Word and Sacrament, prayer and action, commitment of time and talent, tithing, and using our resources to honor Christ and respect all human life. By doing so, we strive to bring all people into Jesus' Sacred Heart, uniting us by living the life He exemplified.

- adopted by Parish Council, December 27, 2004

### Upcoming Liturgical Events:

**March 4 (and all Wednesdays in Lent):** Confessions 7:30—8:15pm

**March 6 (and all Fridays in Lent):** Stations of the Cross @ 7pm

**March 13:** Confirmation @ 7pm—St Jude Thaddeus Parish

**March 29:** Penance Service @ 3:30pm (6:30pm @ St. Jude)

**April 2:** Parish Mission @ 7:30pm

**April 3:** Parish Mission @ 8:00am; 7:30pm

**April 4:** Parish Mission @ 8:30am

### Holy Week Schedule:

**Palm Sunday (April 5):** Masses @ 7:30am & 11am (this Mass begins outside at the school with a blessing and procession with Palms)

**Holy Monday (April 6):** Mass @ 7am.; Chrism Mass, St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg @ 5:30pm

**Holy Tuesday (April 7):** Mass @ 7am

**Holy (Spy) Wednesday (April 8):** Mass @ 7pm; Tenebrae @ 7:30pm; Confessions (last chance!) 8-9pm

**Holy Thursday (April 9):** Morning Prayer @ 7am; Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7pm; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8-10pm; Night Prayer @ 10pm

**Good Friday (April 10):** Morning Prayer @ 7am; Office of Readings @ 11am; Ecumenical Stations of the Cross @ 12noon (procession begins 11:15am) (Sponsored by Lewistown Ministerium); Liturgy of the Lord's Passion @ 7pm

**Holy Saturday (April 11):** Morning Prayer @ 8am; Office of Readings @ 11am; Blessing of Easter Foods @ 11:15am; **NO 3 pm CONFESSIONS NOR 4pm MASS**

**Easter Vigil (April 11) @ 8pm** (beginning outside at the school with the blessing of fire)

**Easter Sunday (April 11):** Masses @ 7:30am & 11am

### More Liturgical Events:

**April 19:** Divine Mercy Service @ 2:15pm

**May 2:** First Holy Communion @ 4pm Mass

**May 21: Ascension Thursday** Masses Wed. May 20, 7pm & Thurs May 21 @ 7am, 12 noon, and 7pm

## Focus on....the Job of a Sacristan



There are many duties/jobs of the Sacristan at Sacred Heart of Jesus. Kathleen Quilter, who has given over 30 years of service, and others have volunteered many hours to this parish ministry.

The following is a list of *some* of their many duties.

- The High Altar is kept neat and clean. The altar linens (purificators, corporals and altar cloths) are washed and ironed. The chalices are cleaned and prepared for the Masses, Holy Days and special services. The sanctuary is prepared for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

- Wine is kept in supply and hosts

are counted for Masses.

- The candleholders are regularly cleaned. The candles are checked and replenished when needed. Candle supply is inventoried and organized.

- The Priests' vestments are checked and cleaned.

- The Holy Water is changed weekly.

- The Sanctuary lamp is changed each week.

- When needed, displays are set up and floral arrangements are prepared.

- The Blessed Mother and Saint Jo-

seph statues are cleaned, as well as the Stations.

- The new Missalettes are placed in the pews.

- There are several other miscellaneous jobs that need to be taken care of to prepare for the Liturgy.

We thank our sacristans for their "behind the scenes" job that is an important part of our Liturgies. Help is needed for volunteers to wash and iron the altar linen. If interested, contact the parish office.

## John Brittain Receives Brotherhood Award

John A. Brittain, a parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Lewistown, was recently selected to receive the Brotherhood Award from the Mifflin County Roundtable of Christians and Jews. The award is given each year to someone in the community who has made a significant impact on the community through volunteerism. Mr. Brittain, who was a member of the School Board of Education and Finance Council for the parish, serves or has served on various Boards of Directors in the community, including the LUMINA Center, Central

PA Healthcare System, and the Skate Park Committee. Brittain said if he's done anything in the community, it's because he was brought up to do it, explaining that his parents spent all of their waking hours involved in boards and committees. Fran Hartman, co-chairperson of the Mifflin County Roundtable of Christians and Jews and a parishioner of Sacred Heart, has been anxious for someone from our parish to receive the recognition. Many have been nominated in the last several years, so Sacred Heart Parish is proud that Mr. Brit-

tain represents our parish in the community. For the occasion, Rev. John Bateman, Pastor, presented Mr. Brittain with an icon of St. John at the Cross.



John Brittain receives his award from Fran Hartman of the Roundtable.

## Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday April 19th

The Divine Mercy is a Christian devotion focused on the mercy of God and its power, particularly as a form of thanksgiving and entrusting of oneself to God's mercy. The devotion as known today can be traced to Polish nun and canonized saint, Sister Faustina Kowalska, known as the "Apostle of Mercy", who lived from 1905-1938. It is known that anyone who seeks God's mercy will

not be turned away (Matthew 7:7). "Jesus I Trust In You" are the words inscribed on a picture that Faustina had said was to be made at the request of Jesus himself through the inner speakings of the Lord to Faustina. In 2000, Pope John Paul II officially instituted the Feast of the Divine Mercy universally for the Catholic Church on the same day that he also canonized St. Faustina.

Sacred Heart Parish will again celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 19 with a special service beginning at 2:15pm with a video describing the life and ministry of St. Faustina. The video will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join us in praise of God's Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday.

## Liturgy Notes (Cont. from p. 2)

**Holy Saturday**, until night comes, recalls that the dead body of Christ was placed in a tomb and “he descended to hell” (Apostle’s Creed). There is no celebration this day, apart from Morning Prayer and the Office of Readings. This a day for quiet and reflection. Those able to continue the Paschal Fast are invited to do so.

**At the Easter Vigil**, beginning at night and ending Holy Saturday, we observe the most ancient tradition of the Church: we baptize our adults who have prepared for this moment (if there are any catechumens) and we recall our own Baptism when we were immersed in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. (See Romans 6:1ff) The Vigil begins the Easter Sunday Masses.

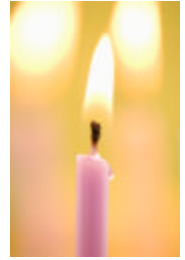
*The Vigil is begun in darkness, the Easter fire is struck, the Paschal Candle is lighted and brought into the darkened church, with the proclamation that Christ is our Light.*

*We hear the story of our salvation proclaimed in numerous Scripture readings;*

*we baptize and remember our Baptism into the Paschal Mystery of Christ.*

*And we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and the Risen Christ who is really and substantially present in the celebration of the Eucharist.*

*The Eucharist is celebrated throughout Easter Sunday and begins **the Easter Season**, celebrated for 50 days and concluding with **Pentecost**.*



**I cannot encourage you enough to attend these liturgies - they are the holiest (and most unique) of all liturgies. Plan to conclude all your Lenten sacrifices by a full participation in the Sacred Triduum.**

### The Parish Register

#### Deaths in the Parish

January Charles W. Lennartz

Roland J. Knapp

Robert Harbst

February

Elizabeth Foresman

Angelo Vannicola

#### Upcoming Parish Events

|         |                       |      |                         |
|---------|-----------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 3/7-8   | Lenten Appeal         | 4/18 | St. Vincent Free Meal   |
| 3/14-15 | Lenten Appeal         | 4/26 | More Than an Auction    |
| 3/21    | St. Vincent Free Meal | 5/1  | All Day Adoration       |
| 4/2-4   | Parish Mission        | 5/9  | Mother/Daughter Banquet |
| 4/10    | Parish Office Closed  | 5/16 | St. Vincent Free Meal   |
| 4/13    | Parish Office Closed  | 5/25 | Parish Office Closed    |

All the important dates are on the parish website. Click on “Parish Calendars”.

## Suggestions for Practicing Good Stewardship

In the midst of these difficult financial times we have all realized (once again) the importance of budgets. Many people used to use the old “envelope budget.” Unfortunately, today’s “moneyless” society makes this old way of budgeting very difficult – and it becomes much easier to just keep spending money we don’t really have. This gets many people in financial trouble and, I guess, is part of the root of today’s national economic crisis.

But our parish has presented to us an alternative. Tithing has asked us to be aware of our income by budgeting, off the top, 10% for God – offering Him a

mere 1/10<sup>th</sup> of all we receive as a gesture of gratitude AND trust. Our weekly tithe is ideally divided in several portions. Here at Sacred Heart

*“When you deposit money with the Diocese of Harrisburg, you invest not only in yourself, but in the whole Diocesan Church.”*

we make the following suggestion: 5% for your parish church; 4% for the charities and organizations of your

choice (including tuition bills); the other 1% is for the Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal.

Another suggestion for practicing stewardship would be to use our Diocesan Savings and Loan. Did you know that the Diocese of Harrisburg offers such a service? What interest rate are you getting at your local bank? The Diocese offers a rate of 3.25% - match that! Your money, safely deposited with the diocese, will earn you a great return, while at the same time enabling the diocesan church to provide for her own needs, as well as for the needs of the poor and needy through

# Parish Organizations Updates:

## More Than an Auction Update:

Spring is on its way... how do we know? Well, the More than an Auction Committees are feverishly planning and organizing Sacred Heart Parish & School's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Our Solicitation committee has been burning up the phone lines getting donations. The Food & Beverage committee is preparing a delicious menu fit for all, and the Raffle committee has already begun distributing raffle tickets. The set up crew is already working out getting ready for the "heavy" lifting, we are gathering volunteers for the day of the event, our "Children's Activity" Committee is working on a special day of fantastic fun for our children, and our "Fudge" Contest is shaping up nicely. Our Plant sale promises to be one that any plant lover wouldn't want to miss, and our CCD classes promise baskets that will be exceptional as always. And let us not forget about the Baked Goods... forget about your diets for this Sunday!

As Auction Chairperson, it is my pleasure to work with all of these wonderful and talented people making this not only fun, but a wonderful day for the families of our parish, and, of course, a successful benefit for our school.

So don't forget **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Reedsville Youth Park.**

For additional information on the More than an Auction, or if you just want to join a committee to help out, you can contact anyone on the list below:

**Auction Chairperson:** Annemarie Swineford: 717-348-9777 or email: [apinti@yahoo.com](mailto:apinti@yahoo.com)

**School Gift Baskets:** Sherry Hutchinson: 717- 348-9838

**Plant Sale:** Patty Fleegel: 248-2209

**Publicity Committee:** Kim Bubb: 994-0885 or [Kimberly.bubb@kishbank.com](mailto:Kimberly.bubb@kishbank.com)

**Solicitation Committee:** B.J. Newcamp: 717-436-9572/ 540-535-8927 or email: [beedgewolf@aol.com](mailto:beedgewolf@aol.com)

**Raffle Ticket Sales:** Elizabeth Grumbine: 667-6020 or 717-348-3108

**Auction Day:** Yvonne Hoppel: 242-2581/250-9738 or [yhoppel@muasd.org](mailto:yhoppel@muasd.org)

**Children's Activities:** Ruth Allison: 242-0984

**Set up Committee:** Dave Sheetz: 667-3227 or Jim Thomas: 667-2979

**Decoration Committee:** Theresa Dybach : 667-6893

**Food & Beverage Committee:** Cyndi Shoemaker: 667-9312 or 717-994-4948

**Fudge Contest:** Marie Bender: 242-2781 or 242-1673

**Basket Raffle Committee:** Connie Quinn: 667-6507

Annemarie Swineford

## C.C.D. News:

Grades Pre-K thru 5 made beautiful cards for Dorothy Ammerman's 100th birthday. We were pleased to brighten Dorothy's day.

The Confirmation class is busy getting hours and preparing for questions from our Bishop.

Second grade is excited about going to their First Penance. They have made beautiful Penance Mats which will be placed on the steps of the Altar where they will say their Penance.

All grades will be picking a theme for their baskets, which they will put together for the annual auction.

Connie Quinn

## Women's Guild:

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Women's Guild meets the first Saturday of the month after the 8:00 am Mass. Our most recent activity was on Saturday, February 7, when members of the Guild visited 39 parishioners who are shut-ins. We had baked and bagged the cookies, then visited shut-ins on February 7 after our morning meeting. We hope to do this project again in the fall.

Our next project is a Mother/Daughter Banquet which is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 at 5:30 pm in the school cafeteria. The banquet is for all women of the parish. Not able to bring your mother and/or daughter? Bring a friend! More information about the banquet will be in the church bulletin.

If you want more info about the Women's Guild, contact Dottie Peiffer 248-1804 or Timi Wills 242-1955.

## Parish Advocacy Program:

The Parish Advocacy Program is new at Sacred Heart. The purpose of parish advocacy is best paraphrased from the Mission Statement of the Diocesan Office of Ministry

with People with Disabilities: to celebrate and promote the gifts of people with disabilities. Our Parish Advocacy Program is committed to including people with disabilities and their families in all parish activities and functions. To that end, the committee is currently developing a survey that will be sent to all members of Sacred Heart so that we can assess the needs of our parishioners with disabilities and determine ways to eliminate barriers which prevent their full participation. Having met on February 8 and February 20, the Parish Advocacy Committee is also in the process of completing an Action Plan and the Parish Advocacy Report which is due to the Diocese in May.

If you are interested in helping our committee, please contact Mary Lou Sigler at 667-2890. Current members, in addition to Mary Lou, include Bob and Pat Rosenberry, Tom Bell, and Martha Cullen.

Mary Lou Sigler

## Knight Watch:

It's been a busy start to 2009 for the Knights Of Columbus, St. John Council 1338. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, the Knights assisted the Sacred Heart HSA by preparing the pancake breakfast during Catholic Schools Week. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, we held our annual Super Bowl party at the council home. This was followed by our council hosting the monthly 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual local Knights Of Columbus Free Throw Competition. Six winners advanced to the District competition which we also hosted the following weekend. We had two local winners at the Districts who will advance to the regional competition in Fairfield, PA. With Lent, comes our annual fish sandwich sale. Please support the Knights Of Columbus by stopping by the school cafeteria for this fund raiser which benefits the Knights Of Columbus St. John Council Home Association. Dates and times will be listed in the church bulletin. Also, we will be sponsoring a spring membership drive. We urge all Catholic gentlemen, 18 years and older to consider membership in the Knights Of Columbus. It is a great way to support our parish, school and community. If interested, please contact any Knight for more information regarding membership and the benefits of membership.

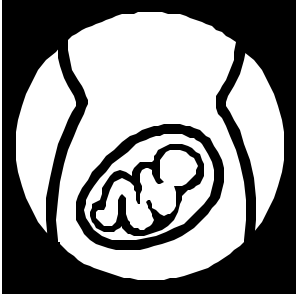
Vivat Jesus!

Jim Thomas, Grand Knight  
St. John Council 1338

# Parish Organizations Updates: (Continued)

## Sacred Heart of Jesus Citizens Concerned for Human Life Mifflin - Juniata, Inc.:

Fr. Bateman and Fr. Thoms would like to thank all parishioners for their participation in the US Bishop's FOCA post card campaign, Jan 24-25 and January 31-February 1. Through our Bishop's office, the campaign was handled by the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment.



Three hundred parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church signed 900 post cards that were sent to our two U S Senators and local House of Representative's Congressmen. It is suggested that we contact Senators Specter and Casey for a no! vote.

Sen Arlen Specter, 711 Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510  
Phone: (202) 224-6324

Sen Robert Casey, 383 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510  
Phone: Tel: 202-224-4254 or Toll Free: (866) 802-2833

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church participated with St. Jude Thaddeus Church in the March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 22, including a short visit to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Rally for Life at the VERIZON Sports Arena, and the March for Life from the Mall to the Supreme Court building.

It is the responsibility of every Catholic to support Pro Life. Contact the Parish office or Frank Cunningham at 667-9334 or [fcunig@embarqmail.com](mailto:fcunig@embarqmail.com).

Frank Cunningham

### The Adult Bible Study Group :

We have comfortably accommodated to our meeting room in the new office. The pleasant decor, beautiful surroundings, warmth, lighting and especially no stairs are all appreciated by all.

We are presently studying St. Paul's letter to the Romans and find it very stimulating and encouraging of much discussion.

In looking ahead to the fall, we are tentatively thinking of reading the Acts of the Apostles. While this book was written by St. Luke and includes much valuable material other than the life of St. Paul, it seems to logically relate to what we are presently studying

Phil Quinn

### RCIA:

A warm welcome to the four new faces in Sacred Heart's congregation: Carol Larson, sponsored by Melinda Rhodes; Kimbra Napikoski, sponsored by Jeannie Krepps; William Napikoski, sponsored by Dan Ahern, and Willis Perry, sponsored by Daniel Swigart.

After six months of near perfect attendance in our Thursday evening sessions, these candidates are now ready for their Call to Continuing Conversion as they are lead to reception into full communion of The Catholic Church. The Rite of Sending took place at the 11AM Mass, Sunday, March 1st, and that evening, they

met with Bishop Rhoades for their Call to Continuing Conversion. They will be brought into the Catholic Church at the Vigil Mass of Easter.

Greet them, open your hearts to them, help them into our family, and, most of all, pray for them.

John Kriauckas



### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC):

The parish is grateful to those who have accepted the call to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion! Some of these ministers take communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes. Others serve at Mass and are responsible to prepare the gifts to be brought forth to the altar at Preparation and make sure all the supplies and implements are prepared for the celebration of the Mass. During Mass, one minister assists the priest in distribution of the Body of Christ, while the other two offer the Precious Blood.

The parish is still in need of EMHC's to take Holy Communion to the homebound and in nursing homes. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Fr. Bateman.

Fran Hartman

## Practicing Good Stewardship (Con't from page 4)

her programs and outreach.

Another suggestion for stewardship would involve our family and prayer. Certainly the material needs of our families and parish are important – but, in reality, not nearly as important as the spiritual needs of our homes. Do you take the time to pray together as a family? Do you offer your “prayer tithe” to God each day – offering Him your BEST time of the

day – and not those last moments of the day when you can barely keep your eyes open?

Remember that wise stewardship of the goods God has given us primarily involves giving God our best – not just the rest. Even in difficult times, this Biblical and spiritual approach to use of worldly goods will keep us focused on God. Try it! You may find it free-

ing as well as being a help to your spiritual life – and that of your family.

*“Do you offer your “prayer tithe” to God each day— offering Him your BEST time of the day...?”*

# Parish Plans Lenten Mission on the Life of Bishop Fulton Sheen April 2, 3, and 4



We all remember watching Bishop Sheen on TV. Join us as we remember him and reflect on his words during our Lenten Mission. Our preacher will be Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR (probably known through his appearances on EWTN) is the Vice-Postulator of the Cause for the Canonization of Archbishop Sheen and was a personal friend of Archbishop Sheen. The purpose of the Sheen Foundation is to make known the life, works and thoughts of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, to educate people in the values that he taught, to assist the missions to which he dedicated his life, to assist others in seeking his intercession, and to undertake and pursue all acts ancillary thereto, in-

cluding, but not limited to, the advancement of the Cause of Canonization of Archbishop Sheen in the Catholic Church, according to the process prescribed in the Code of Canon Law under the supervision of the bishop of the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois. **The times for the mission are: Thursday, April 2 at 7:30pm; Friday, April 3 at 8am & 7:30pm; Saturday, April 4 at 8:30am.**

Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, is a member of the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in 1967. He



has been active in teaching, preaching retreats and parish missions, and in giving spiritual direction. He is an adjunct faculty member of Saint Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, Yonkers, New York. In his community, he has served as Community Servant and Novice Director. He was instrumental in 1988 in helping to found the Community of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Father Andrew has been active over the years producing different TV series for EWTN. He has also been giving talks on various spiritual topics, many of which are available as videos, DVD's, CD's, and tapes. He has written 8 books and 3 pamphlets.

## St. Vincent DePaul Society Ministers to the Community

The St. Vincent DePaul Society has moved to our new location at 9 North Brown St. A room was prepared for us to meet with clients and to attend to their needs. It has worked out fine, and we were given our own phone extension so calls can be transferred directly to the SVDP office.

We were very busy this Christmas, giving out about 75 food baskets to people who might not have otherwise had a decent Christmas dinner. Some of the confirmation students helped out, too, so it went smoothly.

We've also been busy with our monthly free meals and bingo with prizes at the school cafeteria. It's a joy to watch those who attend enjoying themselves. Our next meal is March 21 when we will have our special Easter meal of Ham, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, vegetables, drinks and desserts. The people of the parish are always welcome to attend. The meals are not only for those who need a meal but also for those who just want some fellowship. We enjoy providing for the needy, for

Jesus said: "Whatsoever you do for the least of my brother, you do unto me."

We are very thankful to God for all his generosity through his people. Several new people have joined The St. Vincent DePaul Society to help which is just great. We've also been blessed by others' generosity and especially for our trust and for those who added to the trust. Thank you also to our parish for their monthly support. We are grateful for all our benefactors.

## Second Annual Octogenarian Mass and Dinner

An initial workshop was held and plans are under way for this year's tribute to those who have devoted a life of servitude to Sacred Heart Parish. The date for this year's event is set for Saturday, July 25, 2009 at the 4PM Mass, with dinner to follow at the Recreation Park Community Building in Lewistown.



Various committees are forming and your help is needed. If you have not already joined us, please call John Kriaukas at 899-5646 or Marie Bender at the Parish Office. Look for further updates in the parish bulletin.

All parishioners 80 years young and older are invited to attend, along with family and/or care givers.

### Save the Date



**More Than an Auction**

**Sunday, April 26, 2009**

**11:00AM—?**

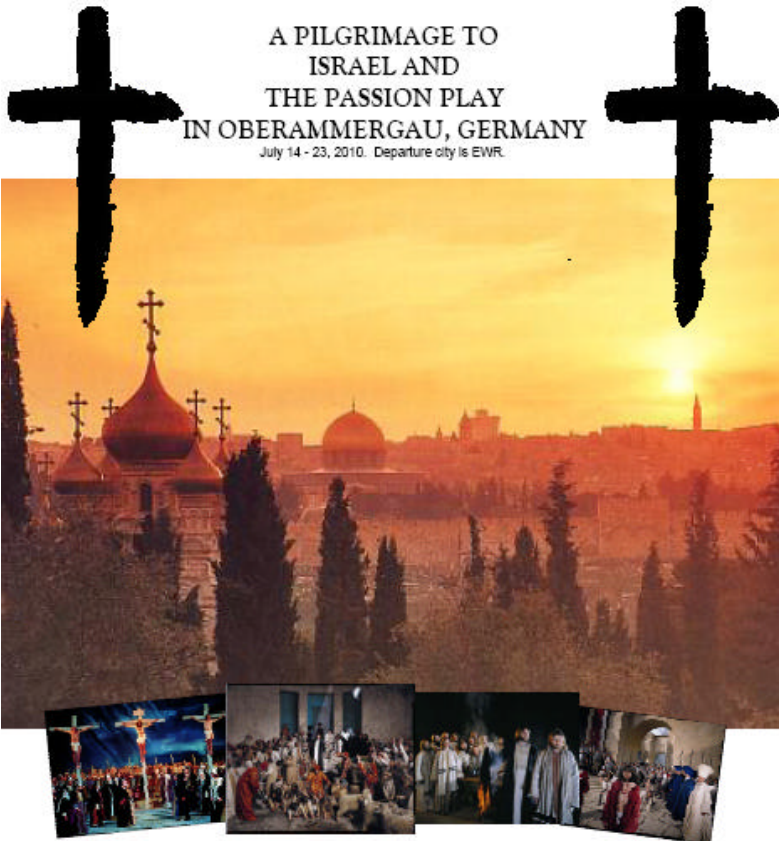
**Reedsville Youth Park**

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

9 North Brown Street  
Lewistown, PA 17044



Phone: 717-242-2781  
Fax: 717-447-0058  
www.SacredHeartLewistown.com



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ISRAEL AND  
THE PASSION PLAY  
IN OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY

July 14 - 23, 2010. Departure city is EWR.

You are invited to join Fr. Bateman and other members of our parish as we experience the Passion Play surrounded by the beauty of the Bavarian hills in the village of Oberammergau, Germany. A fulfillment of a promise to God for sparing this village from the black plague, every villager participates in this presentation, which is done on a magnificent scale every 10 years. Your pilgrimage begins with a visit to Israel, walking the same shores, streets and towns Jesus walked during his ministry on earth.

Complete this "once-in-a-lifetime" journey with the Passion Play in Oberammergau and come to know scripture in a new light. Dates for this program are July 14 - 23, 2010 and package price is all-inclusive out of Newark Airport - approximately \$4,600, but costs are fluctuating a great deal. More information is available on the parish website at [www.SacredHeartLewistown.com](http://www.SacredHeartLewistown.com) or you may contact Fr. Bateman at the parish office.