

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

**Tithing Income:** November 1, 2009 \$9,541.00  
**Tithing Income:** November 2, 2008 \$8,721.00  
**Children's Offering:** \$ 9.00

**Next week's tithing will be for St. Jude Parish**

**From a Pastor:** "Jesus' fickle followers hailed him as a King on Palm Sunday and demanded his death five days later. One way in which we prove our faithfulness to Jesus is by our tithing - sharing our time, talent and treasure with the Lord's own people. Thank you for being faithful in your support of your parish."

**Rev. Msgr. Leo N. Bierster**  
St. Joan of Arc, Hershey, PA

**Comments on tithing from the pew.** To see how God works in making our ends meet is just another of many small miracles we see performed each day. However, we do not give in order to make ends meet. That is merely the by-product. We love to give to God and to His Church so we may continue to receive His graces."

**A parishioner**  
Rev. Edward J. Keating, Jr.  
St. Pius X, Selingsgrove, PA

**My Good Deed for the Week:** Here's what several young people offered as their tithing, in addition to their financial gift: A 1st grader said: "I fed a stray kitten." A couple of 5<sup>th</sup> graders said: "I took care of a stray kitten, I did the dishes." A 7th grader said: "I helped rake my grandmas' leaves." A couple of 4<sup>th</sup> graders said: "I cleaned my room, I put away the dishes."

## **Pastor's Column**

### **HEALTH CARE AND PRO-LIFE**

The call has gone out from the United States bishops for Catholics to object to lack of pro-life protections in the proposed U.S. health care plan. If we ignore the danger, our tax dollars may go to supporting abortion and other anti-life measures. We face a critical time now, since debate about that national health care plan begins soon on the House and Senate floors.

On Oct. 8 a U.S. bishops' letter said: "No one should be required to pay for or participate in abortion. It is essential that the legislation clearly apply to this new program longstanding and widely supported federal restrictions on abortion funding and mandates, and protections for rights of conscience. No current bill meets

this test...If acceptable language in these areas cannot be found; we will have to oppose the health care bill vigorously."

The bishops have also expressed concern about inadequate conscience clause protections. In other words, the current plan might force health care personnel to perform abortions and other anti-life procedures or leave their professions.

For a full text of this letter and more information on proposed legislation and the bishops' advocacy for authentic health care reform, visit: [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).

We are urged to contact legislators now by: 1) sending a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress via [www.usccb.org/action](http://www.usccb.org/action), and 2) calling the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121 or by calling Members' local offices. Full contact information on Members' web sites can be found at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) & [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov).

Your message to the Senate could read: "During floor debate on the health care reform bill, please support an amendment to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."

Your message to the House could read: "Please support the Stupak amendment that addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights in the health care reform bill. Help ensure that the Rule for the bill allows a vote on this amendment. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."

Both House and Senate are preparing for floor debates and votes now. Act now, so that the pro-life perspective is preserved in the final draft.

Fr. Bill and information taken from a United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) news release.

### **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

#### **Youth Group** upcoming events:

1. Painting the Youth Group Room walls (Church basement), 6 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15.
2. Christmas party TBA.
3. The March for Life, January 22 & 23. Get off school and join us for this educational trip!

**Reminder for NY trip November 30:** Money is due November 13<sup>th</sup>. Price for going on the shopping trip is only \$30. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church and mail or bring in to the parish office. There are still

seats available on the bus but too late to purchase tickets for the show.



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will meet Thursday at 7pm – November 12– Subject: The Four Last Things, Purgatory, Indulgences, Heaven, Hell, Resurrection of the Body/ The Second Coming of Christ.**

**ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM IN THE CHURCH**

**A LISTENING SESSION** - November 10, 2009 7-9 P.M., Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. With the goal of welcome and inclusion of persons with autism in the sacraments and in all aspects of parish life, the Diocese of Harrisburg invites families of children with autism to participate in a discussion about the successes and challenges in the practice of their Catholic faith. Staff from the Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities, the Office of Worship and the Office of Religious Education will also participate. For more information contact: Ginny Duncan Director, Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities (717) 657-4804, Ext. 322 vduncan@hbgdiocese.org

The opportunity is coming again for you to provide **Christmas gifts** for the needy **children** in our community. Look for **the Giving Tree** in church on Saturdays November 7 and 14, 21 and Sundays November 8 and 15. Pick a nametag off the tree and provide a gift. Attach the original nametag to the gift or bag of gifts and **return** them to the church **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22. DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS.** Boxes, wrapping paper and tape are always needed. We will wrap and list the gifts on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for supporting the community.



**Help!!!** Help is needed to update our parish web-site. If you are computer savvy and can help the parish update our web-site, please contact the parish office. We would be most grateful to you.

**A Date is Set**

In our last Parish Newsletter, the **Sisters of Christian Charity**, who work in our parish, extended an invitation to interested parishoners to become acquainted with their **Associate Program**. Sister Joseph Spring, SCC, Director of the Program, will be here **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm in our school cafeteria, to make an informative

presentation and answer any questions. If you are planning to attend, please call the parish office at 242-2781

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**November**

- 8 – CCD / 9am
- 8 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer / 7pm / church
- 10 – Bible Study / 7pm / office
- 11 – Choir Practice / 7:45pm
- 12 – RCIA / 7pm / office
- 15 – CCD / 9am
- 15 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer / 7 pm / Church
- 15 – Rite of Inscription for Confirmation / 11am Mass
- 16 – SVDP / 7pm / office
- 17 – Bible Study / 7pm / office
- 18 – Liturgy Committee / 7:45pm / Rectory
- 19 – RCIA / 7pm / office
- 21 – SVDP Thanksgiving free meal / 11:30am / cafeteria
- 22 – CCD / 9am
- 22 – St Monica Prayer Group /7pm / Church
- 23 – Parish Council / 7pm / office
- 24 – Bible Study / 7pm / office
- 25 – Choir practice / 7:45pm / Church
- 26 – RCIA – No Class
- 26 – Thanksgiving /office closed**
- 27 – Office closed**

**St. Vincent DePaul** is collecting **turkeys** for the baskets to be given out at Christmas. If you have a turkey you would like to donate please bring it to the parish office. Thank you

**Adult Education** – for the Parish, especially parents of the CCD children between the hours of 9 & 10:30am. If you are interested please fill in the form below, fill in all necessary boxes and put in the collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate curriculum you would be interested in:

- A \_\_\_ Basic Catholicism
- B \_\_\_ Bible Study
- C \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

- November 15 – Russell Krug
- November 22 – Dave Kaniecki
- November 29 – Mel Reed

## LITURGICAL NOTES

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### **Sunday, November 8**

7:30 AM Matthew & Antoinette Soccio

11:00 AM Daniel McMath, Sr.

#### **Monday, November 9**

7:00 Mid Rocco

#### **Tuesday, November 10**

7:00 AM Madeline Wear

#### **Wednesday, November 11**

7:00 PM All Souls

#### **Thursday, November 12**

7:00 AM All Souls

9:00 AM Kathleen Smith

#### **Friday, November 13**

7:00 AM Judith Gers

#### **Saturday, November 14**

8:00 AM Special Intention

4:00 PM People of the Parish

#### **Sunday, November 15**

7:30 AM Anna E. Hackenberry

11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are available: November 15, 22

**The Sanctuary Lamp** this week is in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. John M. Clark from Patricia Rhodes and family.

**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: November 15, 22, 29

**The flowers on the altar** this week are in loving memory of my father Samuel McMath Sr. from Martha Cullen.

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Fundraiser to offset costs for People to People Student Ambassador, Gregory McDorman.**

The McDorman family is selling daily number raffle tickets for the month of December. The winning number is determined by the three digit Pennsylvania lottery number drawn at 7 pm. Three numbers per ticket, 31 chances to win. \$10 per ticket. Prizes are Longaberger products which include baskets, totes, picture frames, and some pottery. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket,

or would like more information, please call Elena at 717-667-2263.

### **St. Cyril Preschool and Kindergarten 2nd Annual Basket Bonanza** **Raffling off a Flat screen TV and a Wii!!!!**



This will be held at the St. Cyril School Gym, 580 Railroad St., Danville, on Saturday, November 14, 11am. Drawing begins at 1pm. Tickets for baskets must be entered before 1pm. You do not need to be present to win.

? \$7 for a pack of 25 tickets at the door.

? Raffles \$1 each or 6 for \$5

? Over 30 themed baskets!

? Food available

? 50/50

For more information or to purchase tickets call the school office at 570-275-1505

**“Vianney”, the live one man presentation** of the life of St. John Vianney, Universal Patron of Priests, will be offered by Leonardo Defilippis on Saturday, December 5 at 2pm and 7pm in the auditorium of Trinity High School, 3601 Simpson Ferry Rd, Camp Hill. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for anyone under 16 years of age. Please mark you calendar for this wonderful presentation. Tickets may be picked up at the parish office.

**In a Denver Catholic Register editorial, Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver,** criticized supporters of abortion who use the term “common ground” to appeal to pro-life citizens while inserting abortion into health care reform legislation. No system that allows or helps fund – no matter how subtly or indirectly – the killing of unborn children, or discrimination against the elderly and persons with special needs, can bill itself as ‘common ground,’ Archbishop Chaput insists, adding that, “Doing so is a lie.”

The growing misuse of Catholic ‘common ground’ and ‘common good’ language in the current health-care debate can only stem from one of two sources: ignorance or cynicism.”

The Denver archbishop also relayed the concern of parents of disabled children about troubling aspects of the reforms.

“Lawmakers need to “slow down and listen to people’s concerns more honestly – and learn what the ‘common good’ really means.

### **Passion Play Pilgrimage – 8days**

Germany & Oberammergau

From Newark, NJ May 27-June 3, 2010

\$2,999 (All Inclusive)

Father Robert Nugent, SDS New Freedom

717-235-2156 or [cnew292@aol.com](mailto:cnew292@aol.com)



**The South Central District Office of the PA Department of Health** is seeking volunteers to staff Vaccination Clinics throughout the district for the H1N1 flu vaccine. This district covers 13 counties, including Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry and York, which are part of the Diocese. These clinics will function under the auspices of the PA Department of health and will be staffed with medical and non-medical volunteers. Clinics will be operational from mid November to mid December on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Specific dates for administering the vaccine cannot be given until the vaccine is available. Medically trained personnel will serve as vaccine administrators and onsite staff. These volunteers may include retired but still licensed practitioners, certified paramedics, nurses, physician assistants and certified pharmacists. Medical, nursing and allied health students working under their academic supervision may also be able to assist. Non-medical personnel will be needed to provide administrative and logistics support, including traffic control, parking, registration, restocking supplies (opening band aids) and organizing lines of people waiting for their vaccination. Individuals are asked to commit to a 6-hour shift, if possible. Commitments for smaller shifts will also be accepted.

**How to Volunteer!!** Register online with the Department of Health at [www.serv.pa.gov](http://www.serv.pa.gov) or call the Southcentral District Office at 717-787-8092.

*We're Not Preachy* – Want a Sunday radio program that won't preach to you? Listen to **"Catholic Perspective"** an award-winning program of news, information and inspiration from a Catholic Perspective! Tune in Sunday mornings on WIEZ-AM 670, Lewistown at 8am. **"Catholic Perspective"** is brought to you in part by The Catholic Communication Collection and your parish.

**The Adult Daily Living Center**, located at 505 Harvard St, Lewistown, provides supervised activities in a secure setting to persons age 60 and older from Mifflin & Juniata Counties. Participants benefit from the center by staying mentally, physically and socially active through group and individual activities. The center is licensed by the PA Dept. of Aging. Center hours are 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Participants may attend from 1-3 days per week, full or half days. A hot noon meal is provided. Since there is currently a waiting list for state funds, please consider the following private pay options. This is a wonderful cost-effective solution to help elderly persons have meaningful days as well as to provide respite relief for their caregivers.

Full Day \$46

Half Day \$23 (up to 4 hours)

Transportation can be arranged through the Call-A-Ride program, or you may arrange for your own transportation.

To schedule a tour or receive additional information, please call 242-0492 **Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, 8:00am to 4:00pm**

## **SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

**SHS is participating in the Giant A+ program.** This is a quick and easy way for the school to earn money to help with school programs. We are asking parishioners who shop at GIANT to sign up by listing your GIANT bonus card on the sheet at the entrance of the church. Please stop and add your number and help SHS to benefit. Thanks so much for your help

**Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels** continue to be collected by the school. Both can be placed in the container at the front of Church or delivered to school. The Labels help us to update playground equipment and the Box Tops bring in cash to pay for other school enrichment items. Thank you for your participation.

**Thank you to the Zannino family** for coordinating our float in the Halloween Parade and to the Murphy family for organizing the bake sale. It was a wonderful evening and the children and parents enjoyed being dressed as Mad Scientists for SHS.

**School Mass: 11/12** We pray for our deceased loved ones whose names are written in our Book of the Dead

**Reminder to Parents:** for inclement weather decisions check the school website or TV/radio stations as noted in the Parent Handbook

**SHS families** thank all those who participated in the Treasure Tree by taking apples for tuition gifts to school families.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

SHS Board meeting 11/9 6:00pm –school

SHS Faculty Meeting 11/10 3-4pm



**NOVEMBER 11, 2009**