

**Stewardship is a way of life.**

**Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:**

<b>Tithing Income:</b> November 1, 2009	\$6,991.25
<b>Tithing Income:</b> November 2, 2008	\$6,690.00
<b>Children's Offering:</b>	\$ 5.00

**Next weeks tithe will be for St. Jude Church in Mifflintown**

**From a Pastor:** "As I finish my time of stewardship of the parish, I give thanks to God for leading us to God's Plan for Giving. It truly has been a blessing for us in many ways. Thanks, as always, to all who are faithful stewards and good tithers."

**Rev. Alexander Masluk**  
**Our Mother of Sorrows, Phila., PA**

**Comments on tithing from the pew** August 6, 2006 "I'm glad we've begun tithing. We've doubled our giving. It was about time. I guess we needed to be motivated. It's definitely the right thing to do. We would like to know what's being done about 'tithing the tithe'. Have we given any donations to the poor?"

A parishioner

**Rev. Msgr. J. Peter Cullen**  
St. Aloysius, New Canaan, CT

**My Good Deed for the Week:** Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A 1st grader said: "I helped my sister paint a school project." A few 5<sup>th</sup> graders said: "I made my bed, I helped with my brother, I washed dishes." A 6<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I took zucchini bread to our neighbor lady." A 7<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I helped plant our garden and put on mulch."

**Pastor's Column**

**"O DEATH WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY...?"**

O death, where is your sting?" St. Paul asks those questions in 1 Cor. 15:55. We do too, especially on Nov. 1, The Feast of All Saints; and Nov. 2, The Feast of All Souls. These are the days of our dearly departed loved ones, whom we remember in prayer and charity. The after life is possible because of Christ's own death and resurrection, conquering death, opening for us the gates of glory.

On Nov. 1, we celebrate those in Heaven, especially the canonized saints, gathered around God's throne, praising Him and interceding for us. Yes, we can address them in prayer, asking them to

take our concerns God Himself. Hebrews, chapter 12, says that "we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses" (v. 1). It also says "You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, to the Heavenly Jerusalem, and innumerable angels...to the spirits of just men made perfect..." (vs. 22-23).

If we have come to them (or "drawn near" to them, as another translation says), can we not talk to them? We ask one another for prayer in this life. Can we not, in Jesus Christ, ask those in the next life (the heavenly life) for prayer as well?

Of course we can. This is not idolatry or worship of false gods, as some say. We know that saints are not gods but simply human beings who have made it to their heavenly goal. Praying to them does not disrespect God's sovereignty but glorifies it. God shares intercessory prayer power with His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the prime intercessor before the Father. Christ then shares that power with us and with the saints in Heaven.

Speaking of intercessory prayer, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> reminds us that we can pray for the souls in purgatory. Purgatory is a temporary state of purification for those judged saved by God but first in need of purification from certain minor sins and selfishness before entrance into glory.

We don't know a lot about Purgatory. Sacred Scripture is vague on it. Christ speaks of a prison house from which you will not be released until "you have paid the last penny" (Lk. 12:54-59). Some say St. Paul obliquely refers to it in 1 Cor. 3:15.

Information on Purgatory mostly comes from Sacred Tradition. From the Church's authoritative teaching (church councils, etc.), we know that it does exist, that those there undergo a type of holy suffering (perhaps a fire of some sort), and that we can help them by Masses, prayers, sacrifices, and good works applied to them. The graces which they receive, relieving them and eventually leading them to Heaven, flow ultimately from Christ's death and resurrection. Nov. 2 reminds us of all this.

These glorious and beautiful truths have been somewhat twisted, this time of year, into the ghoulish and macabre themes of Halloween (a word meaning "All Saints' Eve"). I've often thought that vampires and ghouls, etc., are false perversions of the resurrection from the dead that we all face at the Last Judgment. Let's celebrate that resurrection now – and be ready when it comes.

Fr. Bill

## PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

**Archives** – We are trying to set up an Archives Committee. Several people signed up at our last Time & Talent. The Diocese is hosting a workshop for anyone interested in Archiving. If you are willing to attend the workshop which will be held on November 14 from 9:30am – 2:30pm at the Cardinal Keeler Center, please call the office.

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

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

**Ladies Guild** will meet in church basement on Saturday, November 7 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Reminder for NY trip:** Money is due November 13<sup>th</sup>. Price for shopping and show is now \$70. Bus only is \$30. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church and mail or bring in to the parish office



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will meet Thursday at 7pm – November 5** – Subject: The Church (God's Family) Infallibility, Magisterium, The Precepts of the Church. The Mystical Body 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

**Thank you** to the ladies of the Thrift Shop for their generous monetary donation to Sacred Heart Church.

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 on **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.

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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **November**

- 1 – CCD / 9am
- 1 – All Souls Day of Remembrance / 2:30pm
- 1 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer / 7pm / church
- 2 – All Souls Day
- 3 – Bible Study / 7pm / 7pm / office
- 4 – Citizens Concerned for Human Life / 6pm / office
- 4 – Choir Practice / 7:45pm / church
- 5 – RCIA / 7pm / office

**Thank You** – A big thanks goes to everyone who helped with the 40 hours dinner last week. Your help was very much appreciated. **The Forty Hours Crew**

**Thank you** to all those who donated shoes or money for our St. Vincent DePaul project, Sole for Souls. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

**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 below and put in the collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Indicate curriculum you would be interested in:

A \_\_\_ Basic Catholicism

B \_\_\_ Bible Study

C \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**A Date is Set**



**Thank you letter from  
The International  
Catholic Migration  
Commission (ICMC).**

Thank you for your most recent and generous gift of \$793.00 which we received on 10/6/2009.

Your generous donation will help provide nearly 4.5 million refugees and displaced persons around the world with hope, compassion, shelter, medical care, food, blankets, heaters, cleaning supplies and basic toiletries. These people wait for the day when they can return home or find a country that will welcome them for resettlement.

With prayerful support of loving Catholics like you, the ICMC, is able to offer help & hope to millions of people around the world. The ICMC is a Vatican Commission, whose members are the Catholic bishops' conferences of the world, assisting those who have been displaced by war, poverty or natural disaster.

It protects and heals the bodies and minds of young children and women who are preyed upon, brutalized and victimized by modern-day slave traders-human traffickers. The commission also assists refugees in retuning safely to their homelands or in building new lives in accepting countries.

For more than 50 years, the ICMC, with the blessings of the Holy See and financial support from charitable Catholics, has been bringing Christ's love to suffering and persecuted peoples. Everything we do to help our brothers and sisters, we do in God's name and with your ongoing financial support. Thank you again for your kindness. And God bless you for your compassion and generosity to these, the world's neediest.

**Winners of the 50/50**

- January – Sue Parzanese – \$120.00
  - February – Louise Hughes - \$110.00
  - March – Albert Battista – \$115.50
  - April – Fran Hartman – \$100.00
  - May – Harry & Pat Carothers - \$100.00
  - June – Bill & Faye Headings - \$105.00
  - July – Frank Cunningham – 92.50
  - August – Harry & Pat Carothers - \$115.00
  - September – Tom Bell – 107.50
  - October – Ed Reed – \$120.00
- Congratulations to all!!!

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

- November 8 – Mel Reed
- November 15 – Russell Krug
- November 22 – Dave Kaniecki

**LITURGICAL NOTES**



**Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Day)**

- 7:30 AM People of the Parish
- 11:00 AM Pietro Aiello
- 2:30 PM Service of Remembrance

**Monday, November 2 (All Souls Day)**

- 7:00 AM All Souls

**Tuesday, November 3 (St Martin DePorres)**

- 7:00 AM Bernard Sutusky

**Wednesday, November 4 (St Charles Borromeo)**

- 7:00 PM All Souls

**Thursday, November 5**

- 7:00 AM Madeline Workinger
- 9:00 AM Benny Barr

**Friday, November 6**

- 7:00 AM Paul Wright

**Saturday, November 7 (Blessed Virgin Mary)**

- 8:00 AM Deceased of the Drozda & Zampelli families
- 4:00 PM Edward Pallo

**Sunday, November 8**

- 7:30 AM Matthew & Antoinette Soccio
- 11:00 AM Daniel McMath, Sr

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

**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** are in honor of the wedding of Mark DeVechhis and Valerie Ripka.



**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

**Perhaps true sainthood** consists of accepting challenges and relying on God to rise above them. A pregnant woman pressured and confused feels abortion is the only solution. Yet in the struggle against this temptation, there is always grace to do what is right. "God will not let you be tested beyond your strength. Along with the test, he will give you a way out of it so that you may be able to endure it." (1Cor. 10:13)

**Buy dinner and support seminarians and their vocations:** The Fishers of Men dinner will be held at the Cardinal Keeler Center Friday, November 13, with hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$150 per plate, with proceeds supporting the Bishop Joseph T. Daley Scholarship Endowment Fund, which reduces educational costs for our 26 (that's a lot - yay!) diocesan seminarians. At the dinner, you will meet many of our current seminarians, studying for the priesthood. If you are coming, please register on line at [www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen). Deadline is Nov. 3.



**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)

**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

**NEW OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SACRED HEART PARISH AND SCHOOL FROM KISH BANK!** It has recently come to our attention that Kish Bank has a Customer Loyalty Program that allows customers to accumulate points for doing business with Kish Bank which they can donate to a charitable organization in their community. Thanks to Dominic and Joyce Damicantonio who recently donated \$50.00 to Sacred Heart School through this program! For more information, contact Kate Clark at Kish Bank at 717-667-9208 or [kate.clark@kishbank.com](mailto:kate.clark@kishbank.com). Thanks in advance for taking advantage of this program to help our parish and school!

**Campbell Soup Labels** collection has resulted in new play items and wagons for the playground. Thank you to all donors; please place labels in the collection boxes in church or simply drop them off at the school office.

**Be sure to check out our new advertising signs** at the Parish Office, at St. Jude's Parish Office and in other places of our local area. Kudos go to the Development Committee for this effort.

**Nov 3:** Grades 3-5 Art Club After School Activity 2:45-3:45

**Nov 5:** 9AM School Mass

**Nov 6th:** Fire Prevention Assembly

**Book of the Dead** – All Sacred Heart School families are invited to include the names of family loved ones in our school Book of the Dead. These will be remembered in our daily morning prayer at school.

**Planning for Catholic Schools Week** HSA Meeting, Monday November 2, in school 6-7PM; all parents are welcome to attend.



