

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

Tithing Income: October 4, 2009 \$8,836.75
Tithing Income: October 5, 2008 \$7,604.50
Children's Offering: \$ 7.25

Next weeks tithe will be for the World Mission Sunday

From a Pastor: "Serenity comes to those who know in their hearts they are doing the right thing. Tithing is a vehicle to attain peace in our lives. Each individual needs to return a tenth to God as much as the Church needs the tithing. Actually, the individual needs to do it more than the Church needs to receive it."

Rev. Charles J. McElroy St. Mary's, Schwenksville, PA

Comments on tithing from the pew: August 13, 2006 "Saying we love someone is easy. Proving it with service is harder, but it really makes our love come alive. Tithing is like that for me." A parishioner **Rev. Msgr. William M. Richardson, V.F.** Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick, Harrisburg, PA

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: An 8th grader said: I passed out papers for my teachers during study hall." A 6th grader said: "I got drinks for everyone at breakfast." A 7th grader said: I helped my Nana do the dishes." A couple of 5th graders said: I helped my neighbor with a yard sale, I took out the trash."

Pastor's Column

"WHAT ORDER DO YOU BELONG TO, FATHER?" II

This is the Year of the Priest and last week I wrote about the difference between religious order priests and diocesan priests. As a diocesan priest, I couldn't resist a holy boast that we were the first priests, before religious orders existed. We go all the way back to the Last Supper table.

I also said that we are the generalists of the priesthood. We are mostly involved in parish life; primary care, if you will, with the religious orders filling in the specialties, particularly as scholars and teachers. That is all by way of vast generalization, with exceptions abounding.

Another asset of diocesan priesthood, in my view, is the fact that each diocesan priest can design his own spirituality and his own patron saints. If you are a Jesuit, you had better be into St. Ignatius Loyola and his

program, called Ignatian spirituality (30 Day retreats, etc.). Franciscans better be into St. Francis of Assisi. All of the other orders specialize in the spirituality of their founder.

As diocesan priests, our spirituality is that of every priest. It is the basics: 1) Daily Mass, 2) Liturgy of the Hours, 3) Daily Personal Prayer. In addition, each priest can add his own prayer preferences from the saints, founders, renewal movements, and various writers.

Daily Mass is obvious, because the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as clergy and laity. Liturgy of the Hours is the official daily prayer of the Church, a collection of hymns, psalms, Scripture readings, for the various hours of the day throughout the year. Priests have a solemn obligation to pray it every day.

Personal Prayer covers a lot. For my part, I try to get in a holy hour every day before the Blessed Sacrament. I have been involved in the charismatic renewal and that has an influence on my prayer life as well, along with the Cursillo movement.

Every priest should have a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and so a daily rosary is to be encouraged. With the Marian Year, I have recently been immersed in the life and writings of St. Louis Marie de Monfort, saying his special daily prayers in preparation for our diocesan Oct. 24 consecration to the Virgin Mary.

But diocesan priests can also be enthusiastic about St. Francis of Assisi, St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Alphonsus Ligouri, or any number of other saints, along with their writings or prayer methods. We can draw from the vast array of the Church's rich and abundant spirituality and make it part of our own.

What a great life! I would encourage any young man to be, not only a priest, but the original type of priest, where he can adopt the general spirituality of the church, and add from whatever saints and authors he chooses. Be the kind of priest going all the way back to the beginning: A diocesan priest.

Fr. Bill

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Thank you to all those who attend the Life Chain Sunday in front of the old courthouse. We sang and prayed. Father Thoms and the youth group led us in praying the Rosary for an end to abortion and to respect life in all stages from pre-born to the aged.

Parish Advocacy Update: The results of the accessibility survey suggest that the Parish Advocacy Committee should place major focus on the following items: accessible and functional parking spaces closer to the church, automatic door on the restroom, doors 36" in

width, and assistive listening devices for persons with hearing difficulties.

Additional areas of focus based on the results are disability awareness training for staff and congregation; pew cuts for accessible spaces throughout the worship space; and a private, accessible area for confessions.

The committee has met with Fr Bill to discuss these suggestions. We are meeting with the Building and Grounds Committee to consider the feasibility of suggestions dealing specifically with any structural changes in the church itself. Mary Lou Sigler is in the process of arranging training sessions to be held early in 2010, and the borough will be contacted regarding the addition of accessible and functional parking spaces. We will also attempt to procure a number of assistive listening devices. Call Mary Lou Sigler with questions or comments.

Father Thoms & Father Bill will be away at the required priest continuing education workshop Sunday evening, October 11th to Friday evening October 16th. If you have an emergency and need a priest Sunday October 11th through Wednesday October 14th, please call Good Shepherd Church, Camp Hill, at 717-761-1167. Thursday October 15 to Friday, October 16, please call Our Lady of Victory Church, State College, at 814-237-7832.



Annual Forty Hours Celebration will begin at 7pm on Sunday, October 18 and end on Tuesday, October 20. Refreshments will be served in the church basement after the October 20th

service. Our guest speaker will be Father Bateman for all three evenings. Please plan to attend.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica: Sign up now for trip to the Basilica in Washington, D.C. on October 24th. The cost is \$40. Send reservation check to the church office by **October 17th**. Any questions, contact Dottie Peiffer at 248-1804 or Nora Torquato at 667-6551.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH. MAKE CHECK OUT TO SACRED HEART CHURCH.



Congratulations!

Knights of Columbus – are having a Social Event on October 20 at 6pm at the Knights hall. The speaker will be the Committee of St. Joseph Academy the new Catholic School being built in State College. All parishoners welcome.

USED – SHOES – NEW

St Vincent DePaul Society – is collecting shoes, new and lightly used, to donate to Soles4Souls. This organization facilitates the donations of shoes which are used to aid the hurting worldwide. Shoe companies, retailers, and individuals can donate footwear. Soles4Souls is a 501© (3) recognized by the IRS, therefore, donating parties are eligible for tax advantage. Soles4Souls have distributed to people in need in over 70 countries on 5 continents including the US. It is so easy for anyone to help give hope, simply by giving a pair of shoes. You may go on the web at www.giveshoes.org and read about this organization. If you would like to donate please bring you shoes to the parish office or call 242-2781 if you need more info. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of mailing the shoes, you may. **Payless Shoe Store** has already donated shoes for this cause, they also donated food to St. Vincent de Paul and clothing to the Thrift Shop. If you visit Payless please be sure to thank them for their generosity.



RCIA will meet Thursday at 7pm – October 15 –
Subject: Jesus the Son of God – Did Jesus always know he was God? The Incarnation – True God & True Man.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 11- St. Monica Prayer Group / 7pm / church
- 11 – CCD
- 12 – SVDP / 7pm / office
- 13 – Bible Study
- 14 – Choir Practice / 7:45pm
- 15 – RCIA / 7pm / office
- 18 – CCD / 9am
- 18 – Forty Hours / 7pm
- 19 – Forty Hours / 7pm
- 20 – Forty Hours / 7pm / Refreshments / Church Basement

LITURGICAL NOTES

Van Transportation to Mass: The following is the van schedule

- October 18 – Russell Krug
- October 25 – Mel Reed
- November 1 – Dave Kaniecki

Mass Intentions for the Week

Father Bill will celebrate Mass for the intentions of all the Masses for this week starting Monday and ending Friday.

Sunday, October 11

7:30 AM Anna E. Hackenberry

11:00 AM Deceased of the Battista family

Monday, October 12

7:00 AM NO MASS Madeline Workinger

Tuesday, October 13

7:00 AM NO MASS Judith Gers

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 PM NO MASS Robert Kline

Thursday, October 15 (St. Theresa of Jesus)

7:00 AM NO MASS Wright & Zeigler families

9:00 AM NO MASS Kathleen Smith

Friday, October 16 (St Margaret Mary Alacoque)

7:00 NO MASS Tom & Marge Connare

Saturday, October 17(St. Ignatius of Antioch)

8:00 AM Paul Wright

4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, October 18

7:30 AM Edward Pallo

11:00 AM Jane Leeper

Memorialize Sanctuary Candles: The following dates are available: October 25. November 1, 15, 22, 29.

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: October 25. November 8, 15, 22, 29.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Annual Fishers of Men Dinner

We are faced with a challenge! Many dioceses throughout the United States are facing the challenge of fewer vocations to the priesthood. We in the Diocese of Harrisburg are faced with a different kind of challenge – the need to provide solid seminary formation for an increasing number of men who are studying for the priesthood. What a wonderful challenge to be blessed with! As we have counted on your prayers for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood, so now we need your financial help in providing seminary formation for them. Please consider attending the first Annual Fishers of Men Dinner on November 13, 2009 in the Cardinal Keeler Center at 4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. Please find more information in the vestibule of the church the diocesan website www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen to RSVP or send a donation to this worthy cause. Let us meet this challenge together!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Mark Your Calendars: Fall into the Treasures of SHS on Thursday, October 15th. An Open House will be held from 6:30 - 8:00PM at the school. Displays, activities, treats and fun for all! Prospective families will want to join us to discover the treasure of a Catholic Education.

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. Thanks in advance for taking advantage of this program to help our parish and school!

Thank you to the children who brought in their stuffed animals for the pet blessing honoring St. Francis of Assisi.

School photos by Lifetouch will be taken on Wednesday, October 14th. Children may wear dress up clothing or uniforms; sneakers needed for phys ed classes.

After School Reading and Art clubs will begin on October 20th for grades 3-5. These activities will be coordinated by Mrs. Niman and Mrs. Henry.

Instrumental Music program under the direction of Heather Jones is now in place. Students can take once a week lessons using a variety of instruments. Classes are held during the school day.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped recently with our playground wall mulch project Great Job!







SHS Treasure Tree



Sacred Heart School needs your help to raise money for the Angel Fund, which provides financial assistance to our school families. You will notice in the next two weeks a pine tree decorated with two different colored apples:

-  Golden apples - the donor will make a one-time monetary donation ranging from \$20-\$500 in the next 6 months.
-  Red apples - the donor will contribute an amount ranging from \$30 - \$270 each month for the next 8 months equal to actual assistance provided to a family this school year.

If you wish to participate in this program, you can select the apple of your choice and indicate your preference by signing the book next to the tree. If you wish to have your donation remain anonymous, please contact the Parish office.



Consider donating 5% of your Sunday
tithe to the Angel Fund!
Thank you for your support!

