

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

**Tithing Income:** October 11, 2009 \$7,876.00  
**Tithing Income:** October 12, 2008 \$8,023.00  
**Children's Offering:** \$ 4.00

Next weeks tithe will be for St. Vincent dePaul

**From a Pastor:** All it takes is time and effort. Think about it: you have a plain bar of iron worth about \$10 to begin with. Made into horseshoes, it's worth \$22.50. Made into screwdrivers or kitchen cutlery, it may be worth \$250. Made into balance springs for watches, it may be worth \$250,000. The same thing is true of another kind of material – **YOU!** Your decision to invest time and effort in the work of Christ's Church is one of the most fateful decisions you'll ever make. To make that decision in your early years is like putting money into the savings bank and allowing it to produce interest – and value – for the rest of your life."

**Rev. Msgr. Richard Behl, D.Min**  
St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen, NJ

**Comments on tithing from the pew:** "What is the measure of a man? According to people or according to God? I found out that tithing doesn't rely on impressing people or God. It's based on how much we really mean we love God."

A parishioner

**Rev. Marcello J. Latona**  
Holy Trinity, Whitestone, NY

**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 gave my snack to a friend at recess." A 6<sup>th</sup> grader said: "I got drinks for everyone at breakfast." A 7<sup>th</sup> grader said: I helped my Gramma with her laundry." A couple of 5<sup>th</sup> graders said: I cleaned the house, I played with my little brother Kyson."

## **Pastor's Column**

### **WITNESS (TITHING) TALKS AND DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE**

Both of the above events are taking place next weekend.

The witness talks refer to guest speakers coming in from out-of-town, giving testimony at Sunday Masses about tithing. They will speak of blessings they have received from this form of self-sacrificial giving.

Such talks are almost always interesting and inspirational. I love hearing these stories of faith and

triumph over doubt and fear. And, yes, it is scary, at first, dedicating 10 percent of gross income to God. But the results are glorious.

I began tithing years ago, when I started the program at my own parish. I hired the same coaching team that we use here, McKenna Stewardship Ministry, out of New Jersey. This is a lay organization, founded decades ago, to assist pastors and parishes in establishing tithing and related programs in their congregations. They began when tithing was mostly a Protestant thing and virtually unknown among Catholic parishes, where bingo was still the big fundraiser, after the collection.

Tithing does it the right way – no gimmicks or gambling but a simple appeal to the people based on the biblical tithe. I chose McKenna because of the program's simplicity and no-pressure approach: Two mailings to parishioners, weekend talks, and that's it.

There are no pledge cards, phone calls, or house visits, as with some programs. The appeal is made and then it is between the parishioner and God. No follow up, as such, except for one's conscience.

The purpose of the talks is to re-affirm those who are tithing already and to introduce new parishioners to the concept. Joe Sieber, from the Philadelphia area, and Lisa Rohrer, Mechanicsburg, will be our speakers.

That Saturday, October 24, also the diocesan pilgrimage to The National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. We are taking names up to the last minute, so please sign up. We need more pilgrims to fill the bus. Cost is \$40 per person. Call the parish office to register – you can drop your check off at the office too, made out to Sacred Heart Church.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades will celebrate Mass at the basilica and everyone will consecrate themselves, in a solemn public prayer, to the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ, in honor of this Diocesan Marian Year that we are celebrating. If you haven't done the de Monfort 33 days of preparatory prayer, don't worry about it. Come anyway.

I will be the opposite. I've done the preparatory prayers but I can't make it to the shrine. I'll make my solemn consecration privately but in spirit with everyone else.

The bus leaves from the Lewistown Public Library at 6 a.m., and returns that night at 9:30 p.m. – in plenty of time to hear witness talks the next day. What a great deal!

Fr. Bill

## PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES



**Annual Forty Hours Celebration** will begin today Sunday, October 18 and end on Tuesday, October 20. Refreshments will be served in the church basement after the October 20<sup>th</sup> service. Our guest speaker will be Father Bateman for all three evenings. Please plan to attend.

**Knights of Columbus** – are having a Social Event on October 20 at 6 – 6:30pm 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.

**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.

### 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](http://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.



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will meet Thursday at 7pm – October 22 – Subject: Original Sin & Iniquity, Temptation and Sin, Justification and Merit.**

### 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 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 Saturday's November 7 and 14, 21 and Sunday's November 8 and 15, Pick a child's name from 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>h</sup>. Thanks for supporting the community.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

- 18 – CCD / 9am
- 18 – Forty Hours / 7pm
- 19 – Forty Hours / 7pm / School Children
- 20 – Closing Forty Hours / 7pm / Refreshments afterwards
- 20 – No Bible Study
- 20 – Knights of Columbus / 7pm / Knights Home
- 22 - RCIA / 7pm / office
- 24 – Trip to Washington DC
- 25 – CCD / 9am
- 25 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer / 7pm / Church
- 26 – SVDP / 7pm / School cafeteria
- 26 – Parish Pastoral Council / 7pm / Office
- 27 – Bible Study / 7pm / office
- 28 – Adult Choir Practice / 7:45pm
- 29 – RCIA / 7pm / office

## LITURGICAL NOTES

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

- October 25 – Mel Reed
- November 1 – Dave Kaniecki
- November 8 – Mel Reed

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

### October 18

- 7:30 AM Ed Pallo
- 11:00 AM Jane Leeper

### Monday, October 19

- 7:00 AM Sue Rusnak

### Tuesday, October 20 (St Paul of the Cross)

- 7:00 AM Swiden Moore

### Wednesday, October 21

7:30 PM Larry Stoicheff

### Thursday, October 22

7:00 AM Paul Wright

9:00 AM Madeline Wear

### Friday, October 23 (St John of Capistrano)

7:00 Mid Rocco

### Saturday, October 24 (St. Ignatius of Antioch)

8:00 AM Katherine Hughes

4:00 PM Michael Porpotage

### Sunday, October 25

7:30 AM Matthew & Antoinette Soccio

11:00 AM Intention of Rick & Mary Jo Berich

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

**The Sanctuary Candle** this week is in loving memory of Carol Ann Howard from the Howard family.

**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.

**The flowers on the altar** this week are through the courtesy of Anthony & Diane Hallinan.

## 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.

**“Catholic Perspective”** is your award winning **Sunday morning radio alternative**. Tune in for a half-hour of news, information and inspiration for all people of faith.

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**We’re all Missionaries** – Pope Benedict XVI calls all Catholics in the world to celebrated our vocation to be missionary. Today is World Mission Sunday! As Catholics around the world – here at home and in the Missions – gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray those awaiting the “Good News” of our Lord’s great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are o offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.



**“This is not a debate about religious doctrine** or even about public policy options. It is a debate about our understanding of human dignity, what it means to be a member of the human family, even though tiny, powerless and unwanted.” (Republican Henry Hyde during the House debate on the Partial Abortion Ban Act of 2000, NRL News, 12/00)

### **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. Pease 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](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen) to RSVP or send a donation to this worthy cause. Let us meet this challenge together!

## 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!

**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.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE:** Students and families from Sacred Heart School will have a float in this year's Halloween Parade on Wednesday, October 28. This year's theme is "Kids are MAD about Sacred Heart School" and will feature our students dressed as mad scientists discovering all the treasures a Catholic education unfolds! If you have not signed up to participate, be sure and contact Adrienne Zannino (247-3963). If you see us along the parade route, be sure and cheer us on!



**THE TREASURE TREE** - Parishioners can still participate in the Treasure Tree Project, named for SHS's theme for this year: "Catholic Schools - Treasures for Life." This project will benefit the SHS Angel Fund, which provides scholarships and financial assistance to families whose children

attend Sacred Heart School. This year, the need for financial assistance **has already surpassed** the funds available in the Angel Fund. Although the fund will continue to receive donations through the Tuition Dollars Program throughout the year, these donations may not be enough to make up for the current shortfall. Here's how the Treasure Tree will work:

**Yellow Apples** in various amounts from \$25.00 - \$500.00 represent a **one-time donation** to the Angel Fund to be made any time in the next 6 months. **Donors can place their name in the book to pledge their donation, or simply send their donation to the parish or school office when able.**

**Red Apples** in various amounts from \$30.00 - \$270.00 represent **actual amounts the Angel Fund has pledged monthly to families to supplement their tuition payments.** Donors who choose these

apples are pledging to make **monthly contributions over the next 8 months** to "sponsor" these families at SHS. **Donors need to place their name in the book** to pledge their donation, unless they wish to remain anonymous. They can contact Sue Parzanese at the parish office to have their donation remain confidential.

**Donations to the SHS Angel Fund are accepted at any time during the year, however, if you are able, we encourage you to participate in this program. Consider using your 5% tithe to other charitable organizations to participate, if possible. Thanks for your support of SHS!**

**FALL FLING DAY:** October 30th is Fall Fling Day at SHS. Students who wish to



participate can pay \$1.00 to "dress down" for the day. Remember to follow the dress code! All money collected will benefit the missions! Children will enjoy nutritious refreshments and classroom activities in the afternoon.

**OCTOBER IS MISSION AWARENESS MONTH AT SHS:** During the month of October, SHS will be promoting mission awareness. We offer young children the opportunity to grow in faith through mission education, sacrifice, and service to others. We are excited that our students have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of all children by participating in this Holy Childhood Association (HCA) Program.

**SHS WINS DIOCESAN MISSION AWARD:** At the recent Diocesan Educational Conference, Sacred Heart School was awarded the Msgr. George V. Lentocho Mission Award for its significant contributions to the Holy Childhood Mission in 2008-09. Many thanks to the leadership of Sister Marie Luu and Mission Coordinator Lorie Torquato, as well as the generosity of the children and families of Sacred Heart of Jesus School! Look for more information about this ministry throughout the coming school year.



