

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

Tithing Income: October 18, 2009 \$6,920.00
Tithing Income: October 19, 2008 \$8,689.75
Children's Offering: \$ 5.00

Next weeks tithe will be for Covenant House.

From a Pastor: If your spiritual life is bogged down in apathy, indifference or failure to produce fruit, make God your priority through tithing and see the difference. Thank you for being a dedicated tither."

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Hudak
Immaculate Conception, New Oxford, PA

Comments on tithing from the pew "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 gave my snack to a friend at recess." A 6th grader said: "I took a note down to the office for my teacher." An 8th grader said: "I helped a kid pick up his books." A 7th grader said: "I helped a friend with homework." A 5th grader said: "I shoveled the neighbor's driveway."

Pastor's Column

PRIEST AS SPIRITUAL FATHER

The above was the theme for the annual priests' continuing education conference which Fr. Thoms and I attended October 12-16 in Hunt Valley, Md. May God forgive me, but at first I thought it all sounded boring.

Sure, I knew that the theme was appropriate, given this official Year of the Priest. Still, it sounded so general, almost fluffy. How wrong I was. The week was actually very good.

When the first speaker, an 85-year-old religious sister, stepped to the podium, it seemed like my initial misgivings were confirmed. Wrong again. She was fabulous.

Sister Agnes Cunningham was a walking, talking encyclopedia of the Church fathers, who were writers and bishops of the early Christian centuries. As a lover of ancient church history, she had my attention. Sister, who

teaches on the seminary and university levels, spoke of how those first leaders extolled the priest as spiritual father. At times, she was actually moved to tears while quoting from both patristic works and from Scripture.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades also spoke beautifully on the theme, followed by Dr. Edward Siri, who developed the concept of fatherhood along such titles as "The Primacy of the Interior Life" and "Law, Freedom and the Crisis of Moral Relativism." He is professor of theology and Scripture at the Augustine Institute in Colorado.

Father David Toups, from the national bishops' conference headquarters in Washington, D.C., spoke along the lines of Priest as Spiritual Brother, Spouse, and Father.

The week ended with our own Dr. Paul Schenck, from the diocesan pro-life office, speaking of his experiences from the Jewish tradition, into which he was born and raised before converting to the Catholic Church. Actually, he had first converted to the Anglican Church, and had been a pastor in that denomination.

He said that the father-son bond is very important in Judaism but that a child can have a spiritual father relationship with other relatives and family friends. He said he likes his visiting priest friends to stay in his home so that his children can experience priest as mentor, friend, and father.

We had daily Mass. We also had Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer almost daily with a Holy Hour and Benediction twice during the week. I took an optional side trip into Baltimore to see an historic chapel where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton took her first religious vows before John Carroll, our nation's first bishop. Next door is an 1805 house where she lived for a year and set up the first Catholic elementary school.

A grand seminary, demolished about 1969, once stood on the site as well. The property is therefore a sort of cradle for Catholicism in the United States. A handsome new visitors' center, operated by the Sulpician Fathers, explains it all through wall photos, posters, and documents.

And so it was an enriching week for your two priests who are now better spiritual fathers, we hope and pray, thanks to the efforts of those providing such a fine week of shared wisdom.

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.

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

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(c)(3) recognized by the IRS, therefore, donating parties are eligible for tax advantage. Soles4Souls has 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 your 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.

The NY trip is still a go. We have found a group rate for the Show. It is \$50.00 for the Christmas Spectacular. That price gives you orchestra 1st mezzanine seats. If we fill the bus the cost for the bus is only \$30.00. If you are interested please let the Church office know by Nov 26. The money for the trip is not due until Fri Nov 13th.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will meet Thursday at 7pm – October 29 – Subject: The Communion of Saints, Grace & Conversion.

A Date is Set

In our last Parish Newsletter, the **Sisters of Christian Charity**, who work in our parish, extended an invitation to interested parishioners to become acquainted with their **Associate Program**. Sister Joseph Spring, SCC, Director of the Program, will be here on **Sunday, November 15th** 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 7th.** Thanks for supporting the community



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 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

November

- 1 – CCD / 9am
- 1 – All Souls Day of Remembrance / 2:30pm
- 1 – St. Monica Rosary Prayer / 7pm / church

LITURGICAL NOTES

Van Transportation to Mass: The following is the van schedule

- November 1 – Dave Kaniecki
- November 8 – Mel Reed
- November 15 – Russell Krug

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 25

7:30 AM Matthew & Antoinette Soccio

11:00 AM Intention of Rick & Mary Jo Berich

Monday, October 26

7:00 AM Betty Naftzinger

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 AM Marge & Tom Connare

Wednesday, October 28 (St Simon & St Jude Apostles)

7:00 PM Paul Wright

Thursday, October 29

7:00 AM Helen Berich

9:00 AM Kathleen Smith

Friday, October 30

7:00 Deceased of the Battista family

Saturday, October 31 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:00 AM Wright & Zeigler families

4:00 PM Amil. Mamie, Mark Bielarski and Pauline
Bobonich & Spokus family

Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Day)

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Pietro Aiello

2:30 PM All Souls Day Service of Remembrance

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

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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Klinger for features about people, their faith, their ministries and their lives. That’s “Catholic Perspective”,

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. **POD Casting** – mp3 files of Catholic Perspective are available at www.hbgdiocese.org.

The Ten Thousand Villages’ International Gifts Festival will be held at Cedar Grove BIC Church on Friday, November 20 from 9am – 8pm and Saturday, November 21 from 9am – 4pm. Invest in the world. Shop fair trade. Discover unique home décor, musical instruments and jewelry at the festival. Your participation in this sale will help skilled artisans in 32 countries receive a fair price for their products. Featured items include hand loomed textiles, pottery, jewelry, baskets, toys and a variety of nativities and Christmas decorations. Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit fair trade organization based in Akron, PA. For more information contact Deb Richmond at 717-348-6364 or e-mail at debrichmond@nmax.net.

Crossroads Pregnancy Center Annual Fall Banquet “Water of Life” will be held Thursday, November 5 at Evangel Baptist Church in Lewistown. Seating begins at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7pm – Program to follow. This year’s special guests: Acts of Renewal – the husband and wife drama team of Jim and Carol Anderson-Shores from Black Mountain, NC. They say “We want to create and produce excellent Christian theatre that glorifies God and challenges people to seek God through Christ for hope and meaning.” Their uplifting high quality performances entertain as well as educate the audience about the work of CPC. Their final piece reaches the heart and provides an evening of uplifting quality entertainment that also speaks clearly about the issues. An opportunity to give financially to Crossroads ministry will be offered. Tickets are free but reservation tickets are required. To obtain tickets or more info, contact Crossroads: 242-4800 or 814-643-0331 or visit our website www.cpcfornlife.org/support

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

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. Deadline is Nov. 3.

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

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!



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.

October 29th: Father Thoms will be taking his Spanish Classes, **Grades 3-5** to the Sacred Heart Cemetery for a prayer blessing for our deceased loved ones in conjunction with the upcoming celebration of Dia De Los Muertos on November 2, All Souls Day. Following that they will enjoy some Spanish food.

October 30th: Grades K-2 will be traveling to the Vo Tech School to enjoy Fall Activities prepared by the Early Childhood Teaching students and then snacks prepared by the school's culinary class. This should be an enjoyable experience for our children and for the VoTech students.

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 school or simply drop them off at the school office.

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.



Thank you to all who attended our Fall Open House. It was a night for families to meet and greet and to view the exhibits on display throughout the building. SHS is grateful to Mrs. Sue Parzanese and the Development committee for planning this activity.

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

SHS Treasure Tree Update: Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Treasure Tree Project over the last two weeks. Once again, you responded to a need with overwhelming generosity! We received pledges for \$2,170 in one-time donations, and \$484 per month (a total of \$3,872) in monthly donations for the next 8 months. This should make up for the shortfall, and then some! The administration, faculty, and families of SHS can now concentrate on the mission of the school! Thanks again for your prayers and monetary gifts. If you would still like to donate to the Angel Fund, please contact the Development Office @ 447-2002.

