

## May 08, 2016 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter & Mothers Day & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion!

### Stewardship is a way of life.

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

<b>Tithing Income: May 01, 2016:</b>	
Regular:	\$ 6,114.00
Loose:	\$ 534.96
<b>Children's Offering:</b>	\$ -0-
<b>ONLINE GIVING:</b>	\$ 1,365.00
<b>Tithing Income TOTAL For May 01, 2016:</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,013.96</u></b>
<b>Tithing Income May 02, 2015:</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,274.77</u></b>

Tithe for Week of May 1<sup>st</sup>:  
Lewistown Ministerium - \$801.00

Tithe for Week of May 8<sup>th</sup>:  
Central PA Food Bank

#### Mass Attendance:

Weekend of May 01, 2016 – 357  
Weekend of May 02, 2015 – 494(1<sup>st</sup> Communion last year)

Pastor's Comments: Old saying: You can't give what you don't have. Makes sense. If you don't have that love in your heart, you can't give love away. Pray for love. Ask for it. "Ask and you shall receive." Try it. Get it. Then give it away.

Something to Ponder: "Neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7)

### Congratulations' to our Students Celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion!



## PASTORS' COLUMN:

### MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE

Visiting missionaries come here every summer, as you all know, and guest preach, informing us of the work they do, petitioning us for support of their efforts. As well they should.

And as well we should; support them, that is. The last thing Jesus Christ said before He ascended into Heaven was "Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the

Holy Spirit (Matt. 28)." That's mission work and it pertains not just to clergy, but to everyone.

To be a Christian is to be a missionary. If we are not called by God to actually go to mission lands and preach (few of us are), then we are called to support those efforts with our prayers, our concern, and, yes, our pocketbooks, if possible.

So important is this commission of the Christian to support missionary work that the Diocese of Harrisburg assigns a mission preacher annually to every one of its parishes for a summer weekend. Our weekend this year will be June 25-26. This is called the Missionary Cooperative, whereby we cooperate with the missionaries in helping them raise funds.

The guest assigned to us this year will be a Benedictine priest, out of St. Vincent Abbey and College, Latrobe, Pa. The Benedictines were founded in Italy by St. Benedict of Nursia, in the 6<sup>th</sup> century; one of the oldest religious orders in the Catholic Church. In this country, besides owning and operating St. Vincent College, they do missionary work. Where, I don't know. But we'll find out.

I remember past preachers and I love the stories of mission lands and village life of the developing world. It is very enriching to hear. As pastor, I receive free monthly mission magazines from the various religious orders: Maryknoll, Columban Fathers, Missionhurst, etc. Articles deal with life on the ground, in the actual villages and rural areas. Work that the missionaries do is amazing, not only spiritually (the most important) but in such development work as social justice, clean water, building homes, child care, etc.

Two other more-or-less private Catholic missionary organizations contact me every year for pulpit time. One is Food for the Poor and the other is Cross International. Both are approved by the United States bishops. I alternate between them every year. It is Cross International's turn this year but I have not assigned a date for them yet; probably in July some time.

Quite frankly, one advantage for their presence here is that the visiting priest can give the pastor a weekend away, although sometimes I stick around anyway. I try to assign these extra groups on a weekend that is sufficiently distant from that of the diocesan-assigned missionary cooperative preacher but I don't always succeed. I know that sometimes you might feel hammered by these fund raisers and I apologize to you for that. Thank you for your patience.

Remember you don't have to give to anybody. It's your decision, pray about it and then you can make a decision.

Both the Missionary Cooperative and the other group can be part of your second five per cent of your 10 per cent tithe to God –if you wish (first five per cent should be to the parish). If another charity gets that second five percent, fine (maybe consider the missionary groups every other year; just a suggestion).

The diocesan Missionary Cooperative has an envelope in your packet and the extra missionary group usually puts its envelopes in the back of the church or in

the pews. You can ignore them or use them as you see fit.

The point is, be a missionary. Have a heart for the missions. "Go out and teach all nations..." Fr. Bill

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May

**Sunday: 05/08/16:**

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

**Sunday Evenings with Fr. Tukura/6pm/St. Jude**

**Monday: 05/09/16:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Tuesday: 05/10/16:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Wednesday: 05/11/16:**

Confessions/6:30pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

**Thursday: 05/12/16:**

SHS Children's Mass/9am/Church

**Friday: 05/13/16:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Saturday: 05/14/16:**

Confessions/3:30pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

**Sunday: 05/15/16:**

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

**Monday: 05/16/16:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Tuesday: 05/17/16:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Wednesday: 05/18/16:**

Confession/6:30 pm/Church

Mass/7pm/Church

**Thursday: 05/19/16:**

Mass/9am/Church

**Friday: 05/20/16:**

Mass/7am/Church

**Saturday: 05/21/16:**

Confessions/3:30pm/Church

Mass/4pm/Church

**Sunday: 05/22/16:**

**Graduating Senior Mass/7:30 am**

**(Breakfast following Mass at the school)**

Mass/7:30 & 11am/Church

**Sunday Evenings with Fr. Tukura/6pm/St. Jude**

### LITURGICAL NOTES:

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

#### And Weekly Readings



**Sunday, May 08**

Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60; Psalm 97:1-2,6-7,9;

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, & 20; John 17:20-26

7:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Betty Hackett

**Monday, May 09**

Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-7; John 16:29-33

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Sister Carmelita

**Tuesday, May 10**

Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21;

John 17:1-11

7:00 AM George Vasiloff

**Wednesday, May 11**

Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36;

John 17:11-19

7:00 PM Helen Carevich

**Thursday, May 12**

Acts of Apostles 22:30;23:6-11; Psalm 16: 1-2& 5,7-8,9-

10,11; John 17:20-26

9:00 AM For the Intentions of Sr. Virginia

**Friday, May 13**

Acts of the Apostles 25:13-21; Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20;

John 21:15-19

7:00 AM Betty Hackett

**Saturday, May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle**

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17,20-26; Psalm 113:1-2,3-4,5-

6,7-8; John 15:9-17

4:00 PM For the Intentions of the Musser Family

**Sunday, May 15**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1,24,29-30, 31,34;

1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23

7:30 AM Antoinette Soccio

11:00 AM John J. Lennartz

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

May 08 - Dave Kaniecki

May 15 - Mel Reed

May 22 - Russell Krug

**Memorialize Sanctuary Candles:** The following dates are **available:** Cost is \$20. Call the office to make arrangements. **Dates Available: May 15**

Sanctuary Lamp this week is in  
Loving Memory of Anna Mae, Henry, & Leonard  
Specht with love from Alan

**Memorialize Flowers:** If you would like to memorialize flowers at the altar or ambo (pulpit) please call the parish office to schedule. **The following dates are available: May 22, 29 June 5**



*The Altar Flowers for  
May 7<sup>th</sup> – 13  
Are from the People of the  
parish in Honor of the  
2016 Sacred Heart of Jesus  
1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you to all those who prayed for me, and sent me cards. I appreciate your caring. My surgery went well and I am on the road to recovery. Please continue to pray for me. Thank you and God Bless all of you.

*Lovingly in Christ, Marie Bender*



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
National Council of the United States  
Seeking Charity and Justice

ST. Vincent de Paul needs help! They are looking for donations for the small travel size toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, shaving cream, deodorant, and baby items, etc....



### Attention Graduating Seniors!

On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 am Mass, Sacred Heart will honor our Graduation High School Seniors. (All

Seniors are to wear their cap and gowns for Mass) Following the Mass, seniors are invited to attend a breakfast in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria. **Call the Parish office (717) 242-2781 to RSVP by May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ENVELOPES

Thank you so much to the many parishioners who have already made a gift toward our Capital Campaign goal of \$30,000! We have reached \$6,500 this week! A few questions concerning the envelopes have surfaced, so hopefully this will clear up any confusion: Parishioners will receive one Capital Campaign envelope EACH MONTH for your convenience. You may donate once, once monthly, or as many times as you feel called to do. If you would like to make a weekly or bi-weekly gift, you can do so by placing your donation in a separate envelope marked "Capital Campaign" and placing it in the basket along with your regular envelope. There will also be a giving option for you on our Online Giving page. We will continue to include an envelope each month through August. If we have not yet met our goal by then, the envelopes will be extended as needed. Thank you for your generosity!

### REEDSVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH BELL CHOIR TO PERFORM

The Reedsville Evangelical Lutheran Church Bell Choir, under the direction of Sharon Wilson, will provide a musical prelude to the **Mass on Saturday, June 4 at 3:40PM. All are welcome to come early and enjoy!**

### C.C.D. Kindergarten and First Grade:

For a student to receive First Holy Communion in the Second grade they **must** attend 2 years of preparation. You may register your child now for Kindergarten or First grade. **Please call Connie Quinn at 667-6507 or e-mail to [quinn6507@gmail.com](mailto:quinn6507@gmail.com). Accepting registration all summer.**

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### it's Baby Bottle

### Boomerang time again!

**Your change can CHANGE lives! May 8-June 19 2016**

Spare change, cash or checks collected will help fund our annual budget to continue our

life-saving work. **Pick a bottle up when you leave Mass today!**



**A Franciscan Priest from Italy will bring relics of St. Padre Pio to the 6:00PM Healing Mass at St. Jude on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.** He will pray over people after the Mass using the mittens and cloth used to cover

Padre Pio's stigmata wounds. **All are invited to attend.**

**The Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking dedicated Catholic educators for our Catholic Schools** who are rooted in their faith and prepared to share the message of the gospel. Positions are available for **September 2016** from Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information contact the Diocese of Harrisburg, Secretariat for Education, 4800 Union Deposit Rd. Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710, (717) 657-4804 or visit our website [www. Hbgdiocese.org](http://www.Hbgdiocese.org).

**Camp Veritas 2016:** Camp Veritas is a one-week play and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2016; July 24-30 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 31-August 6<sup>th</sup> at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD and August 14-20 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens 1/1/16 and the enrollment price for each week is \$400.00 per camper. More details and **information can be found on [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com)**





### IHM Nun Run

Join us on June 4, 2016 for the IHM Nun Run, a 5K run/walk at Villa Maria House of Studies, Immaculata, PA which is across the street from Immaculata

University. Start time is 8:30am. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the retirement home for the aged and infirmed Sisters of IHM. Donations are \$30 for individual and \$15 for a child 12 yrs. old and under. Register online: [www.ihmnunrun.org](http://www.ihmnunrun.org), **May 27<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register.** No race day registrations.

**The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation in your area concerning marriage, divorce, and annulment according to Church teaching.** This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. **This session will be held on May 10, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Parish, Danville, in the parish hall.** No prior registration is required. For further information please visit [www.HbgDiocese.org/tribunal](http://www.HbgDiocese.org/tribunal) or call (717)657-4804, extension 304, or email: [tribunal@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org)

### Quo Vadis Days 2016

Attention **all Catholic young men ages 15-25.** Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you! You are invited to attend the **Diocese of Harrisburg's 12th Annual Quo Vadis Days vocation camp** to spend time with other young men your age as you listen to the Lord's call in your life while having fun. Activities include – Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, hiking, sports, games, great food, talks and more. QVD is staffed by the Diocese of Harrisburg's priests and seminarians. **QVD will be held from June 19-23, 2016 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Cost: there is a \$50 registration fee;** all other expenses are funded by the Diocese of Harrisburg. Registration forms can be found on our website at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org). also at your parish office. Or you may also contact the Office of Vocations at (717) 657-4804, ext. 282 with questions or for a registration packet.

### Fiat Days 2016

Attention **all Catholic young women ages 15-25.** Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you! You are invited to attend the **Diocese of Harrisburg's 9th Annual Fiat Days vocation discernment retreat** to spend time with other women your age as you listen to the Lord's call in

your life while having fun. Activities include – Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, sports, games, great food, talks and more. **Fiat Days will be held July 5-8, 2016 at Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary. There is a \$50 registration fee,** all other expenses funded by the Diocese of Harrisburg. **Registration packets are available at your parish office or please contact the Office of Vocations at (717) 657-4804, ext. 282 with questions or for a registration packet.**

### Pilgrimage of Mercy

All are invited to participate in a Pilgrimage of Mercy which will take place on **May 22, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.** The Pilgrimage will begin at 12:30 PM with a 5 mile walk from the convent of the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 1872 Munster Road, Portage, to St. Francis University in Loretto. At the university, participants will make the Stations of the Cross and then have a bite to eat. The pilgrimage will then continue with stops at the University's Chapel, the Carmelites' Monastery, the Loretto Shrine in the Sunken Gardens, and finally the Basilica of St. Michael's. For the day of this pilgrimage, Bishop Mark Bartchak has designated a Holy Door at the Basilica, so that all participants—those who walk and those who can only meet us at the various sites—may receive an indulgence by passing through the Holy Door during this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. There will be a shuttle system worked out to transport participants back to the convent, where a spaghetti dinner will be served. **Proceeds will be given to the Dorothy Day Foundation and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Rain date is June 19<sup>th</sup>. RSVP's are not necessary but would be helpful. Please call 814-505-2290, or email [sisterjacinta@gmail.com](mailto:sisterjacinta@gmail.com)**



**IMPORTANT REMINDER: Sacred Heart School is currently enrolling for K-5<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2016-2017 school year.** If you are interested in sending your child to SHS in the fall, please call the office at 242-5351 and schedule your visit today! We will hold Kindergarten Assessments this week. The Financial Aid process has also begun. **You can find more information by visiting our website at [www.sacredheartschool.com](http://www.sacredheartschool.com)!**