

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

April 11, 2010

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: for April 4, 2010	\$2,055.99
Income for April 5, 2009	\$2536.00
Income for April 6, 2008	\$2147.00
Holy Land	\$ 205.00
Easter	\$1694.00
Parish Debt	\$359,371.00

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A 4th grader said, "I helped my little brother color Easter eggs." A Pre-K said, "I put away all my dolls." A 6th grader said, "I helped my dad change the oil on the car"



How much should I tithe?

Within a hundred years the early Christian document call the Didache refers to Christians tithing money as well as agricultural goods, though the practice was unevenly accepted among the early Christian leaders. Augustine later endorsed tithing as an acceptable minimum standard for Christians. Until very recently tithing was almost exclusively associated with Protestant churches. Catholic parishes often relied on bingo, festivals, lotteries, 50/50's and multiple Sunday collections.

Canon 222 of the Code of Canon Law outlines two financial obligations of the faithful: "to assist with the needs of the church" and "to promote social justice and ...assist the poor." Those Catholic parishes that have adopted tithing often embrace that dual focus, encouraging a gift of 5 percent of gross income to the parish and an additional 5 percent to charitable causes."

Assistant Pastor's Column

"Jesus never said that we have to go to a Catholic priest to confess our sins" –a Pentecostal.

This is wonderful topic to meditate upon for Divine Mercy Sunday! First of all, this question/comment insinuates that "if it isn't in the Bible, it is not Christian" (or something along those lines). The fact is there are many things that we believe as Catholic Christians that are not explicit, like "it is immoral to drop an atom bomb in order to wipe out a whole city, in order to achieve the end of demoralizing a people." The word Trinity, for example, is not found in the Bible and yet no Christian worth their salt would say that he does not believe in it. This is the doctrine of *Sola Scriptura*, which interestingly enough cannot be found in the Bible. As Catholics we believe in Scripture and Tradition, as the very writers of the Bible believe!

St. Paul exhorted the Thessalonians to "stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of our" (2 Thessalonians 2:15). There are aspects of our faith that are *explicit* in the Scriptures and there are those that are *implicit*.

The reality of the Sacrament of Confession is explicit in the Scriptures. As we contemplate the Easter mysteries, let us recall when the apostles were huddled in the upper room "with the doors locked for fear of the Jews" (see John 20:19-23). He breathed on them and said "whose sins you forgive are forgiven, whose sins you hold bound are held bound". We could in turn ask our Protestant brothers and sisters, "Where are the men in your church who can forgive sins?" The fact is, they don't have them. Such a beautiful gift is lost on so many outside the Church—and lost on so many inside the Church!

May our appreciation for this great gift of God's mercy to us through the priest be renewed in us this Easter season.

One way that we can renew our appreciation for this gift is through the devotion to the Divine Mercy and the intercession of St. Faustina. **I would encourage everyone to attend devotions at Sacred Heart today (Sunday) at 3 p.m.** Please pray for me as I go to Chambersburg to stay with my mom and dad this week to continue recovering.

~ Father Thoms

MASS SCHEDULE



Sunday, April 11 - Apos 5:12-16, Rev 1:9-19, John 20:19-31

9:15 –Frank Flaherty

Monday, April 12 - Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31; Psalm 2:1-9; John 3:1-8

9:00am – Marg and Tom Cannare

Tuesday, April 13 - Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1-2, 5; John 3:7-15

Wednesday, April 14 - Acts of the Apostles 5: 17-26; Psalm 34:2-9; John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 15 - Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2, 9, 17- 20; John 3:31-36

Friday, April 16 - Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15

9:00 – Intention of Anthony Zangrilli

Saturday, April 17 – Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-2

5:00 p.m. – Intention of Father Jeffrey Thoms

6:30 p.m. – Intention of Father William Weary

Sunday, April 18 - Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

9:15 – People of the Parish

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Please pray for our recently hospitalized parishioners:

Ralph Hepner, Tony Zangrilli and Father Jeff Thoms.

Parish Council Elections: Would you like to take an active role in advising our pastors on parish issues? Would you like to share in fellowship and prayer with other parishioners? Would you be willing to offer two hours or less of your time each month to do this? Serving on parish council may be for you! We meet the first Monday of the month for two hours or less, and recently decided not to meet during the summer months. If elected, you would serve a three-year term from June 2010-June 2013. There is minimal work in between meetings. Current council members are

asking around to see who might be interested in being nominated. However, we don't want to miss asking someone who is interested in serving. Please consider volunteering your services by notifying us of your willingness to be placed on the ballot in May. If you would like to ask questions before volunteering, please feel free to call Chairperson **Terri Kromel at 436-9552** or Vice-chair **Joe Boyd at 436-8793**. Thank you!

During the month of May only there will be no Monday 9AM Mass. Instead we will have Mass on Tuesdays at 9:00AM. Father Thoms is going to be helping at another church Sunday evenings. We will still have Friday, 9:00 a.m. Mass as usual.

Thank you! Tony and Mary Zangrilli would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, Mass cards, phone calls, food, and flowers during Tony's recent hospitalization. A special thank you to Father Bill and Father Thoms for their visits, prayers and Mass's. We are certainly blessed to have all of you as our friends. Your support was a great comfort to us.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available purchase to parishioners and families at a significant



for their

savings. Regular admission price is \$52.95 for adults but our special price is \$29.90 – a savings of 45%. Regular admission for children (ages 3-9) and Seniors (ages 55-69) is \$31.95 but our special price is \$24.50. Regular admission for Seniors age 70+ is \$20.95, but our special price is \$19.95. Tickets are valid any day *Hersheypark* is open during the regular public season. Orders must be received at the parish by Monday April 26, 2010. Parishes will receive tickets by Tuesday May 25, 2010. If interested contact the church office at 436-6722 or Mary at 363-0997.

Summer Programs and Adventures in New England: The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, located one hour north of Boston, has an array of summer programs for students and adults alike. The Collegiate Program for High School Students offers a challenging introduction to the liberal arts, the history of New England and the Catholic tradition. Offering three college credits, The Catholic Leadership Institute examines inspirational leaders while also providing a means to develop your own leadership skills in the great outdoors and through a service project. Lastly, The Way of Beauty Atelier offers art programs for those of all ages in Iconography and Naturalistic Drawing. For more information, please visit: www.thomasmorecollege.edu/summer or contact Mark Schwerdt in the Admissions office at (800) 880-8308.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

All-cash Raffle tickets for the More Than an Auction will be on sale after masses this weekend and next weekend. \$5.00 each or 10 for \$35...top prize of \$1,000 will be drawn at the auction on 4/25. Need not be present to win...tickets will also be on sale at the auction.

New this year: Chicken BBQ! Tickets for ½ chicken for \$4.50 will also be on sale after masses this weekend and next. BBQ is available at the auction on 4/25, and can be upgraded to a meal for an additional \$2.00. Preorders are requested no later than 4/19,

but some chicken will be available at the auction on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please join us for a day of children's activities, food, fun, and both silent and oral auctions on 4/25 starting at 11:00AM at the Youth Park in Reedsville. Booklets of items and activities are available at the ticket tables.

If you need more information, please call!

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NEED TO RENEW A MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION? INTERESTED IN A NEW MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION?

You can help Sacred Heart School in the process! Simply go to the school's website (www.sacredheartschool.com) and click on the QSP logo. Renewing and/or ordering magazines has never been so easy...and the school receives 40% of the purchase price in profit! This can be done at any time throughout the year. Thanks for your support of SHS!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to register for the 2010-2011 school year AND receive scholarship monies! Thanks to the support of Sen. Jake Corman, Sacred Heart School has received a gift of \$12,500 from the Bravo Foundation for scholarships for the coming school year. We are still accepting registrations for grades K – 5. Please call the school to set up a visit!

Academic Fair with display of projects based on several different subject areas will be held on April 15. Students will be involved in both school and at home projects for the display along with art work.

