

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

April 4, 2010

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: for March 28, 2010	\$2379.00
Income for March 29, 2009	\$1999.16
Income for March 30, 2008	\$1897.30
Student	\$ 1.00
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 put away all the groceries." A 2nd grader said, "I helped my neighbor clean his garage." A 6th grader said, "I made my parents an anniversary dinner."



Biblical Basis of Tithing:

Tithing is rooted in the Hebrew Scriptures, or Old Testament, reinforced by the New Testament teaching on generosity and exemplified in the lives of the early Christians.

The following passages illustrate this Scriptural challenge of tithing and generous giving.

Old Testament: "Glorify the Lord generously and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness." (Sirach 35:8-9)

New Testament: "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Holy Scripture also promises that God will care for the needs of those who tithe and generously return a share of what the Lord has given them.

The following verses also exemplify this biblical summons to trust and the promise of our Creator's providential support: "I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging for food" (Ps 37:25). Also consider, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matt. 6:33-34).

Assistant Pastor's Column

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them?" (Deuteronomy 5:8-9a).

This passage is often used by our fundamentalist brethren to attack the Catholic practice of statues, paintings and icons of Jesus, Mary and any number of saints. It is important to realize that this condemnation of "idols" is not a condemnation of all images. If it were a condemnation of images in general, we would first have to

say that all human beings are condemned, because they are created in God's image (see Genesis 1:26).

In fact, God commands Moses to make a bronze serpent (see Numbers 21:8-9). Sometimes, when I quote this passage, they respond that this is the Old Testament. I remind them of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, when he refers to this Old Testament passage: "just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).

Solomon in building the Temple is instructed by God of the specification of the cherubim that are to be built out of olive wood, overlaid in gold, and placed on either side of the Ark of the Covenant (see 1 Kings 6:23-28).

Finally, it is Jesus who is "the image of invisible God" (Colossians 1:15).

As Catholics, we celebrated the images of those who bring us closer to God and we condemn those images that seek to take us away from or replace God in our lives.

~ Father Thoms

MASS SCHEDULE



Sunday, April 4- Acts of Apos. 10:34-43, Col 3:1-4, Cor5:6-8
9:15am – People of the Parish

Monday, April 5 –Apost 2:14-33, Matt 28:8-15
9:00am – Pietro Evola

Tuesday, April 6 – Apos. 2:36-41, John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 7 – Apos 3:1-10, Luke 24:13-35

Friday, April 9 – Apos 4:1-12, John 21:1-14
9:00 am – Morning Prayer

Saturday, April 10 – Apos 4:13-21, Mark 16:9-15

5:00 p.m. – **Latin Mass** – John Zangrilli

6:30 p.m. – Nancy Danneker

Sunday, April 11 – Apos 5:12-16, Rev 1:9-19, John 20:19-31
9:15 –Frank Flaherty

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Please pray for our hospitalized parishioners:

Ralph Hepner and Tony Zangrilli.

Confirmation Class: Saint Jude 2010 Youth Weekend will be held April 9th and 10th. This special event has been planned as part of the first year of the Confirmation Program. The opening service will be held Friday, April 9th here at St. Jude's at 4:30 p.m. The group will remain at St. Jude's throughout the one-night retreat which will include a pizza party, youth activities, and wonderful speakers, including Father Thoms, who will serve as spiritual director. The event will close with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a special service at 6:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at Saint Jude's for 24 hours, throughout the duration of the youth retreat from April 9th at 5 p.m. to April 10th at 5 p.m. Everyone in the Parish is invited and encouraged to

participate by giving one hour of their time to be with our Lord and pray for our youth, parish unity, world peace and other special intentions. To select your time, a Sign-up sheet has been placed in back of the church.

Traditional Latin Mass: Father Parrinello of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter gave a wonderful presentation on Saturday, March 27th to help those who were interested to deepen their understanding of the Mass. He will be returning this Saturday, April 10th to celebrate the Mass in Latin at the 5 p.m. Father Thoms will be his server.

THANK YOU! The St. Jude Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for their donations, time, talents, support and patronage of our Annual Lenten Fish Dinners. Please have a Joyous and Happy Easter. G.K. Bill Gerberich .

Easter Egg Hunt: Easter Sunday, April 4th, after the 9:15 a.m.

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, 9:00AM Mass as usual.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HERSHEYPARK DISCOUNT TICKETS

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

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.sacredheartsschool.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

