

Twentysecond Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2009

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: Aug.23, 2009	\$2084.00
Income for Aug 24, 2008	\$2070.00
Income for Aug.26, 2007	\$1310.00
Students	\$ 1.25

Next week's tithe will be for the Building Fund

From a pastor: Giving Brings Freedom: As strange as it seems, money and possessions, which should be among the blessings of life, have tied more people in knots than we'll ever know. This is largely because those who live by the pocketbook find it easy to act as if God doesn't exist. They try to solve their problems by use of material possessions and wind up tense, anxious and bound by their lack of faith. Giving a meaningful percentage of income to Church helps a person to develop a right perspective and ultimately frees him or her from the shackles of faithless fear. I thank those of you who have developed a right attitude of faith and are committed, consistent givers to Christ's Church."

Rev. Msgr. Richard A Behl
Cathedral of St. Francis, Metuchen, NJ

Comments on Tithing from the pews: "Thank you for making our parish a tithing parish. It gives me great pleasure to share the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us. It removes the question of 'How much do I give this week?' I feel truly blessed to be a member of this new parish and look forward to all that is to come."

A parishioner
Rev. Joseph J. Quindlen
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Buckingham, PA

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several of our young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A 4th grader said, "I tied my brother's shoes, and helped him find his toy." A 2nd grader said, "I helped my pap clean the basement." A 6th grader said, "I folded and put away the laundry."

Pastor's Column

MARRIED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

Many Catholics stop practicing the faith because they are married outside the Church, placing them in an objectively sinful state that prevents them from receiving Holy Communion. There are, however, ways for the Catholic to rectify the situation and return to full communion. First, here are some basic principles

A) Catholics must get married in the Catholic Church. That comes from Eph. 5:25, our 2nd reading from last week, remember? It said "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church..." And so we carry out our spiritual lives, including marriage, from within the womb of Christ's Spouse, the

Church. To get married outside the Church, therefore, is invalid for a Catholic, seriously sinful, and bars the Catholic from receiving communion. Remember, one cannot receive communion when in a state of serious sin. Confession and stopping the sin in question are first required before returning to Eucharist.

B) Marriage is permanent and forever, reflecting God's permanent love for each of us. "What God has joined men must not divide" (Mk. 10:9). Christ speaks strongly against divorce. He basically says once married, always married.

C) Divorce is considered a legal fiction by the Catholic Church. It is reluctantly tolerated for a good reason, (e.g., to divide assets, to escape abuse, to protect children, etc.) but the two parties are still considered by God to be married to one another, just living apart. *A Catholic who is legally divorced but sexually chaste and not remarried (i.e., not living with someone in a sexual relationship, can still receive communion.*

D) A divorced Catholic doing a second marriage ceremony in a Protestant church or before a civil official (since the Catholic Church won't do it for the reasons given above), contracts mortal sin and cannot receive communion. Our Lord said, "whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her" (Mk. 10:10).

E) Two baptized Protestants getting married in church or even before a civil official are considered by the Catholic Church to be in a permanent, sacramental marriage.

After divorce, can a Catholic get married in the Catholic Church again? Yes, but only if the Church investigates the first marriage and sees fit, based on evidence presented, to pronounce it null and void. That is called a declaration of nullity (annulment). Unlike a divorce, which is the legal ending of a one-time marriage, an annulment basically means a true marriage never happened in the first place. And, yes, civil courts do give them out, although rarely. More on annulments in the next installment.

PARISH NEWS

MASS SCHEDULE



Sun. August 30 – (Deu 4:1-8, James 1:17-22, Mark 7:1-23)

9:15 a.m. – Michael Sharkey

Mon. August 31 – Thes 4:13-18, Luke 4:16-30)

9:00 am – Bud Frey

Tues. Sept. 1 – (Thes 5:1-6, Luke 4:31-37))

Wed. Sept 2 – (Colo 1:1-8, Luke 4:38-44)

Thurs. Sept 3 – **St. Gregory the Great (Memorial)**

(Col 1:9-14, Luke 5:1-11)

Fri. Sept 4 – (Col 1:15-20, Luke 5:33-39)

9:00 am – MaryAnn Staudt

Sat. Sept 5 – (Col 1:21-23, Luke 6:1-5)

5:00 pm (English) – John & Helen Renz

6:30 pm (Spanish) – Margaret Pusavg

Sun. Sept 6 – (Isiah 35:4-7, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37)

9:15 a.m. – James McAvaney

HELP WANTED: 2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH CCD CLASSES: We desperately need two adults to teach our Catholic faith to CCD children in 3^d and 5th grades. **Our need is urgent, as CCD classes begin September 13, 2009.** If you think you are not qualified for this job, think again. This is an opportunity to evangelize your faith, and, at the same time, to grow in it. The lesson plans in our teachers' guides contain detailed, scripted instructions, Bible and Catechism references, and related activities for every lesson. The textbooks are well-written and inspiring, companion student workbooks have many excellent reinforcement activities, and pre-made quizzes make it easy to evaluate students' progress.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this most important mission of our parish. Contact Karen Thome for more information at 694-3607 or kkthome@wildblue.net.

REGISTRATION NOW FOR CCD: It is time to register your children for our 2009-2010 religious education classes, Pre-K through 8th grade. Classes begin September 13. Children who have been attending CCD classes at St. Jude will automatically be registered for this year's program. **All children who have not previously attended regular CCD classes at the parish are required to register.** The Pre-K class is for 4-year-olds who will be attending kindergarten in September 2009. To register, please contact Karen Thome by **Wednesday, August 27**, at 694-3607 or kkthome@wildblue.net.

Charismatic Renewal is a movement of joy and enthusiasm in the Catholic Church. Those interested in attending the Annual Diocesan Day of Charismatic Renewal at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg, should be in the St. Jude parking lot, at 7:30am on Saturday, Sept. 19th to carpool down. Be prepared for a day of joy, laughter and praise. We will return by 5:40pm.

Celebración del aniversario cincuentenario (50 años): de la Parroquia, San Judas Tadeo que se llevará a cabo el 29 de agosto del 2009, comenzando con una misa bilingüe. Tendremos la dicha de tener nuestro Obispo como celebrante de la misa. **No habrá misa a las 6:30 p.m.** Después de misa en el salón será una cena. La iglesia va a proveer carne y bebidas, y les pedimos a todo el mundo que traigan algo de comer para compartir. Favor de inscribirse en la hoja que se encuentra en el salón.

Cambio de dirección: Favor de avisar a la secretaria, Mary Zangrilli, si usted ha mudado y tiene una nueva dirección. Eso también ayuda con la inmigración y no les perjudique.

Football Frenzies 2009: Pennsylvania Knights Football Frenzy Tickets are now on sale. A small donation could win you a great cash prize. Please see any member of the St. Jude's Knights of Columbus or contact Bill Gerberich at 436-9545 for tickets or information.

K of C COAL (Chance of a Lifetime): COAL tickets are now on sale! A donation of just \$1 will get you a chance to win a great prize. Please see any member of the Knights of Columbus or contact Bill Gerberich at 436-9545 for tickets or information.

Please remember: Mass's are offered, not only in memory of a deceased loved one, but may also be offered in honor of someone on their birthday, anniversary or any special occasion. The usual

donation for a mass is \$10.00. If you would like to have a mass said, please contact Mary at 436-6722, or 363-0997.

Please note: There will be a parish calendar posted on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church, this will be in addition to the calendar on our web site. If your organization has anything you need posted, please, call Mary by the end of August. She will post the calendar for Sept. and Oct. As always you must contact the office to set aside a date, this does not apply to normal monthly meetings.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Mark Your Calendar 

Back to School Welcome Picnic for all school families – Sunday, September 13th at 4pm, Derry Park. The event will include time to meet and greet,

to hear about HSA activities for the year & games for the children. HSA will provide meat. Families are asked to bring a dish to share. More details to follow. We hope all families will be able to attend.

Welcome Back to School! School reopens on Wed September 2. Parents have received August mailing with needed information. If you are registered and did not receive the mailing please call the school office (248-5351). **Back to School Night:** Thursday, September 17th is an evening for parents to hear about school programs, to meet with individual teachers, and to listen to them explain goals and procedures for the year. At least one parent from each family is expected to attend. The evening will begin at 6:15pm with refreshments in the cafeteria, prayer at 6:45, followed by the parents-only meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is an evening for all parents to be knowledgeable about our school programs and to see how parents and teachers can work together to make this a good school year for our children.

To our present school families...

For your calendar: Sacred Heart School will reopen for the 2009-2010 school year on Wednesday September 2nd at 8am. School uniforms are to be worn; children are to bring a lunch the first three days of school.

Families who may need school uniforms may contact the school to make arrangements to visit our uniform "boutique" which provides good but used uniforms.

Horario de la escuela Católica Sagrado Corazón en

Lewistown: martes, miércoles y jueves de 9 a.m. – 12 mediodía. Si necesite ayuda o quiere inscribir a su hijo/a, favor de llamar a: (717)248-5351, deje su nombre e un mensaje breve y le llamara alguien de la escuela lo más pronto posible. Gracias.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER:

BABY CARE ITEMS: WIPES BABY BATH LOTION, DIAPER RASH OINTMENT, DIAPERS, PULL-UPS, ALSO SHAMPOO, LOTION, DEODORANT, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH SOAP