

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2010

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: for Feb. 7, 2010	\$1609.50
Income for Feb. 8, 2009	\$2337.30
Income for Feb. 10, 2008	\$1617.00
Students	\$ 4.05
Parish Debt	\$364,571.00

Next week's tithe will be for Catholic Charities

From a Pastor: "Tithing isn't a gamble on what can be. It's an acknowledgment of what is. God has, is, and always will do for us. By tithing, we're just saying 'Thank You.'"

Rev. Marcello J. Latona

Holy Trinity, Whitestone, NY

Comments from the pew "Tithing is a very practical way to meet a Christian requirement, namely the financial support of the Lord's good works. I'm sure this is about the best way to solve the money worries that plague pastors and people alike."

A parishioner

Rev. Robert P. Morrissey

St. Mary, Ridgefield, CT

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A Pre-K said, "I got screws and boards for my dad." A 5th grader said, "I entertained my baby brother." A 7th grader said, "I helped get hay for a barn."

MASS SCHEDULE



Sunday, February 14 – Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

9:15am – Vinnie Passalacqua

Monday, February 15 — James 1:1-11; Psalm 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mark 8:11-13

9:00am – Nancy Miller

Tuesday, February 16– James 1:12-18; Psalm 94:12-15, 18-19; Mark 8:14-21

Ash Wednesday, February 17 – Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

9:00 am – Michael Armante

7:00pm – Mildred Rocco

Thursday, February 18 – Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 19 — Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalm 51:3-6, 18-19; Matthew 9:14-15

9:00am – Kay Ronchetta

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20 – Isaiah 58: 9-14; Psalm 86:1-6; Luke 5:27-32

5:00pm (English) – Jerome C. Kulbacki

6:30pm (Spanish) - Stanly Burkeage.

Assistant Pastor's Column:

La Iglesia Doméstica

Un día yo estaba conversando con una señora quien me preguntó precisamente: "¿Que quiere decir, *la iglesia doméstica*?" Yo le dije, bueno, la iglesia doméstica habla del ambiente de oración y santidad en el hogar. Desde el bautismo y su llamada por Cristo, el parejas—madre y padre—son sacerdotes de su hogar. El rol, mas que nada, de un sacerdote es para OFRECER SACRIFICIO. Jesús dijo que "si no alcen su cruz y siguen detrás de me, no serán dignos de ser mis discípulos." El padre de familia, si sea un buen padre, tiene muchos "sacrificios" que hacer durante la semana. Probablemente tienen que levantar temprano para ir a trabajar y trabaja días largos y pesados. Puede ser que gana un dinero que se usa para las necesidades de su esposa y de sus hijos. Además de trabajar fuera de la casa, el padre de familia también esta llamado a ayudar dentro de la casa ayudando a su esposa—quizás lavando los trastes, llevando la basura afuera, pasando la aspiradora, arreglando un lavamanos que gotea o cambiando los pañales del bebé. Sin embargo, su papel más importante como esposo y padre es ser otro Cristo. En la carta a los Efesios, capítulo 5, San Pablo habla de las responsabilidades de los esposos: "Amen a sus esposas como Cristo ama a la iglesia y se entregó por ella." Cristo se sacrificó en la cruz por su mujer, la iglesia. Cuando un padre pone a Dios primero en su vida, se encuentra amando a su esposa y a sus hijos como Cristo y los "sacrificios" ya no pesan tanto. Llega a ser una verdadera alegría de amar y servir a su familia. (Vamos a continuar con **La Iglesia Doméstica** la siguiente semana...).

--Padre Paco

(English translation of **The Domestic Church**):

One day I was having a conversation with a woman who asked precisely: "What is the meaning of *domestic church*?" I said to her, well, the domestic church speaks of the atmosphere of prayer and holiness in the home. From Baptism and then their specific call in Christ, couples—mother and father—are the priests of their home. The role, more than anything else, of a priest is to OFFER SACRIFICE. Jesus said, "Unless you pick up your cross and follow after me daily, you cannot be worthy to be my disciples." The father of the family, if he is a good father, has many "sacrifices" to accomplish throughout the week. Probably he has to get up early to go to work and work long and hard days. It might be that after earning the money, he is to spend it on the needs of his wife and children. As well as working outside of the home, the father of the family is also called to help out his wife inside the home—maybe washing the dishes, carrying out the trash, vacuuming, fixing a leaky faucet or changing the baby's diaper. His most important calling, however, as husband and father is to be another Christ. In the Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 5, Saint Paul speaks of the responsibilities of the husbands: "Love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. Christ sacrificed himself on the cross for his bride, the church. When a father puts God first in his life, he finds that loving his wife and children like Christ does and then the "sacrifices" don't seem so heavy—it becomes a true joy to love and serve his family. (We will continue with this topic of **the Domestic Church** next week...). --Father Thoms

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

Jim Cowan, a Catholic recording artist, with several CDs to his credit, will give a sacred music concert at St. Jude's Church, at 7 p.m., Friday, March 26, with his wife Mary. Jim sings and plays keyboard, leading the congregation in praise and worship music, as he did for many years at the Franciscan University of Steubenville summer spiritual conferences. Go right from the Knights' fish fry dinner to praise and worship, adding an entirely new dimension to your Lenten spirituality

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Training for new altar servers will be a 1:00pm to 2:30pm, on all the Saturday afternoons of March in the church. You must be at least in third grade and make three out of the four sessions to "graduate." Current altar servers are urged to attend to refresh themselves. If interested, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or give to the parish office.

Full Name _____

Parents First and Last Name _____

_____ Phone _____

St. Jude Knights of Columbus Annual Lenten Fish Dinner: St. Jude Knights' annual Lenten Friday fish dinners began this past Friday, and will run until **March 26, 2010** in the church social hall, 4-7 p.m. The meal is all you can eat and includes fried and baked fish, popcorn shrimp, fried clams, French fries, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, puddings, and a selection of homemade desserts. Pay at the door: \$9.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under are free. Please come and enjoy a delicious meal and support the fundraising efforts of our Knights.

Help is still needed for the fish dinners. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Table in the social hall. Please give a few hours of your time, it is greatly appreciated!

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Message from Bishop Rhoades: Thank you so very much for your kind letter and prayers and for the spiritual bouquets from the priests and parishioners from Sacred of Jesus and Saint Jude Thaddeus Parishes. Please convey my deep thanks to the faithful for their spiritual gift, which means so much to me.

Thank you also for the 50th anniversary book of St. Jude Parish. I have enjoyed it and it brings back joyful memories of my visits there.

All is going well here in my new diocese. The priests and people have been most welcoming. I have "hit the ground running," celebrating Confirmations, Theology on Tap, pro-life activities, Notre Dame events, etc.

I hope and pray all is going well in Lewistown and Mifflintown. Thank you for your devoted priestly life and ministry. May our Lord bless you as you continue to serve Him and His people with such dedication and zeal!

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne – South Bend

Port Royal Lutheran Church annual chicken pie luncheon will be Thursday, February 25, 2010, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The meal is \$6.50 each (eat in) \$7.00 (take-out) This meal is by reservation only! Call Wanda@# 527-4595 or Dee @ 527-4878, or the church @5274581. Snow date is February 26th.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR SHS: Sacred Heart School is now taking registrations for the 2010-2011 school year, both for new and current students. A \$50 fee for new students and a \$25 fee for returning student families is required for registration. Forms are available at the school office or online at www.sacredheartschool.com

Monday: 2/15 Presidents Day No School

Tuesday: 2/16 Reading Club Grade 3-5
Development Meeting 6PM School

Ash Wednesday, 1/17: Mass 12 Noon

Thursday, 2/18: No school Mass
HSA Meeting 6PM

Friday, 2/19: Stations for School Children 2pm

REGISTRATION RAFFLE AT SHS

SHS is holding a raffle in conjunction with registrations for the 2010-2011 school year during the month of February. Each registration/registration received through February 28, 2010 will be entered into a drawing for two \$200 tuition vouchers to be used toward tuition in the coming school year. One entry per family. Contact the school office at 248-5351 for information.

NEUMANN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

SHS announces that Neumann Scholarship Foundation applications are now available for families whose children will attend SHS next year. A \$20 application fee is required. Applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN April 1, 2010, but we recommend early application to avoid ineligibility. The Neumann Scholarship Foundation was established by the Diocese of Harrisburg to accept donations through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program for private school tuition assistance. For more information, call the school office or check our website at www.sacredheartschool.com.

If you would like your tax information, Please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket. Thank you.

Contribution Statement

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____