

**The Epiphany of The Lord  
January 3, 2010**

**Stewardship is a way of life.**

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

Tithing income: Dec.20, 2009	\$1152.00
Income for Dec. 21, 2008	\$2230.00
Income for Dec. 23, 2007	\$2198.35
Students	\$ 2.15
Tithing income: Dec. 27, 2009	\$2284.00
Tithing income: Dec. 28, 2008	\$2121.-00
Tithing income: Dec. 30, 2007	\$1315.00
Students	2.35
Christmas: Dec. 25, 2009	\$2086.00
Christmas: Dec. 25, 2008	\$2646.00

**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 from the pew:** "To see how God works in making our ends meet is just another of many small miracles we see performed each day. However, we do not give in order to make ends meet. That is merely the by-product. We love to give to God and to His Church so we may continue to receive His graces."

A parishioner  
Rev. Edward J. Keating, Jr.  
St. Pius X, Selingsgrove, 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 helped my dad cook dinner for my mother." A 2<sup>nd</sup> grader said, "I helped make decorations for the tree." A 6<sup>th</sup> grader said, "I carried wood in from the shed."

**Pastor's Column**

**UNITED STATES SAINTS WEEK**

Wave the red, white and blue because Monday it's St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Tuesday it's St. John Neumann. Both were prominent leaders of the faith in this country, especially with the establishment of the parochial school system.

Elizabeth Ann Seton (d. 1821), was born into a prominent colonial Episcopalian family. She traveled to Italy with her five children and her shipping-magnate husband, who attempted to recover from serious illness in a sunnier clime.

After his death, she returned to the U.S. Impressed with the faith of her Italian host family and enthralled with the truth of

Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, she and her children were received into the Catholic Church in New York City.

Rejected by her family for that decision, she nevertheless persevered in the faith, mentored by John Carroll, first bishop of Baltimore and, in fact, the first U.S. bishop. Under his direction, she took religious vows and began the Sisters of Charity, devoted to education of the poor. She and her first sisters endured many hardships running a rural school at Emmitsburg, Md., where her tomb is located at her order's motherhouse.

She is considered the founder of the nation's parochial school system. In a TV movie, actress Kate Mulgrew (a spaceship captain in the Star Trek series) played the saint, with Lorne Greene (of the Bonanza TV series) in a cameo as Bishop Carroll.

John Neumann (d. 1860) was born in the Czech Republic but came to the U.S., to be ordained as a circuit-riding missionary, visiting many locations in Pennsylvania (including our own diocese), and in New York, and Ohio. He was chosen bishop of Philadelphia, where his body is displayed at St. Peter's Church, Girard Avenue.

Neumann founded many parishes and Catholic schools. He was an enthusiastic supporter of Catholic education. He began the 40 Hours Devotion in this country and wrote two German catechisms. He also taught himself Gaelic so that he could hear the confessions of Irish immigrants.

This week, beseech the intercession of these two stellar leaders, that their dedication to church and parish school may gain God's blessings over the Catholic Church in the U.S.

Fr. Bill

**MASS SCHEDULE**



**Sun. Jan 3** - Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

9:15 – Nickolas Pauly

**Monday: January 4** – 1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

9:00am - William Carson

**Tuesday. January 5** – 1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44

**Wednesday, January 6** – 1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52

**Thursday, January 7** – 1 John: 4:19-5:4 Psalm 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14-22a

**Friday, January 8** – 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16

9:00am – Daughter of Cindy Alexander

**Saturday, January 9** – 1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; John 3:22-30

5:00pm (English) – Fred Mitchell

6:30pm (Spanish) – Intention of Gary Gunderson

**Sunday, January 10** – Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (21c); Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

9:15am – Chester Dissinger

**PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES**

**March for Life:** Thank you to all of you who donated money to “sponsor” youth who are not able to afford the registration fee (\$100) for the March for Life this year. Your generosity will have a lasting impact in the lives of our youth. This fee covers the cost of the hotel room, the bus and the group fee for the John Paul II Cultural Center. In addition to this I am asking everyone to bring an additional \$60 for food. This is a *maximum* amount. Some have expressed a desire to fast for the unborn. Everyone is encouraged to fast and pray for the unborn. This would, of course, mean spending much less on food. We will still have regularly scheduled stops for meals, so that those who choose to or need to for health reasons can eat at regular intervals. An important part of a Pilgrimage, as well as the prayer and sacrifice, is the social times where we share the journey with our fellow pilgrims. This is to be done in the spirit of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, who later exclaimed, “were not our hearts burning within us when as He conversed with us on the way!” (Luke 24:32).

Fr. Thoms

**TUTORS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** The CCD program is in need of adults to tutor elementary school children to receive the sacraments of First Communion, Penance, and Confirmation. Volunteers will teach on a one-on-one basis. These are children who have had little or no formal catechesis, and who, because of their age, are required by the Church to be enrolled in a children’s RCIA and receive all three sacraments at the same time. For more information, please contact Fr. Weary, Fr. Thoms, or Karen Thome, 694-3607.

**Traditional Latin Mass retreat at St. Jude:** We will be scheduling a date and time for Fr. Frank Parrinello, Pastor of the *Mater Dei* Community in Harrisburg, to come to St. Jude and give a Day of Recollection on the Traditional Latin Mass. Following catechesis, he will offer the Traditional Latin Mass here at St. Jude on that day. Then, we will see if there is a desire to continue the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass on a regular basis in the Parish. Any questions, see Fr. Thoms or Karen Thome.

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Donations Needed for El Salvador Mission Trip

The main purpose of Hope International Services Inc., is to provide short term medical trips to the country of El Salvador. Our services include: Medical clinics, Health education and counseling, outreach services for street children, disaster victims & poor communities, supporting orphanages. Because of a reduction in funding for medical supplies, the organization is in need of the following Medical Supplies: 4 boxes of tongue depressors, 4 bags of cotton balls, 4 first aid kits, 4 ace bandages, 4 4x4 gauze packs, 4 boxes of band-aids, 4 pints of Hydrogen Peroxide, 4 boxes of Vaseline petroleum jelly adaptec gauze, 20 tubes of Triple Antibiotic ointment, 40 tubes of Clorimazole fungus cream, 40 bottles of Tears/Eye solution, 59 Prenatal vitamins, 200 children’s vitamins, 100 adult vitamins, 10 cans of infant formula (POWDERED), no glass or liquid. 500 Hygiene Packs (a must): Hygiene pack consists of travel size: wash cloth, soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste. The 5 items will fit in a sandwich baggie. Due to shipping costs, it is very important to have all 5 items in a sandwich baggie. Clothing: Socks – all sizes including infants, new colored t-shirts with sports symbol for ages 5-12 yrs. for orphans (approx 50). Contact Lori at (717)543-5883.

**Parish Christmas Party:** Every member of the parish is invited to our annual Parish Christmas Party on Sunday, January 10 beginning at 5:30pm in our social hall. Now that the “bustle” of the holiday is over and we’ve celebrated with our families, we now have the opportunity to gather as a parish family to celebrate the Lord’s Birth. A signup sheet is in the entryway for you to indicate the number of people and the type of dish you’ll share. Please join us.

**The Treaster’s** would like to thank everyone who turned out to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season. A special thanks to the youth for carrying the boxes down from the loft. All was greatly appreciated and you all did a wonderful job!

**Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship:** All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on January weed at 11:00 am at the Tuscarora Middle School in Mifflintown,. Registration will start at 10:30am.

**Juniata County Food Pantry:** Happy New Year! As we wind down our joyous celebrations of the holiday season, I would like to remind you that for many of our neighbors in financial difficulty this season has a different name: “The Season of Heat or Eat!” There are many families during this season that will have to make the choice of whether to heat their homes or buy food and other necessities. Please keep them in mind as you pack away Christmas decorations and finish off leftovers.

In November 2009, the Food Pantry served 214 families as compared to 131 families at the same time last year! We thank St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church for sending volunteers for the month of November. Food Drive season is here at last and we are so thankful for all who share their abundance with the Food Pantry. For once our food shelves are full, but our personal care and cleaning shelves remain empty. If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JANUARY:

DISH SOAP, ALL PURPOSE HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS, LAUNDRY DETERGENT

PHONE # 717-436-9718 (Answering Machine)

CONTACT PERSON: Kathy Queitzsch

ADDRESS: PO Box 44, Mifflintown, PA 17059

LOCATION: 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, PA

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL** Thank you to our teachers, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Lepley, Mrs Sherman for directing our production of the Legend of the Christmas King and also to all of our teachers for the music practice of the songs. The story was a wonderful tale of how kindness leads to the Birth of Jesus in all hearts. What a wonderful way it was to open the Christmas season.

**School reopens** on January 4th

**January 5th:** Art Club

**January 6th:** Auction Meeting 6PM

**January 7th:** School Mass grade 4 prepares

**January 11th:** School Board Meeting 6PM

**January 12th:** Faculty Meeting 3-4PM

**January 14<sup>th</sup>:** School Mass

