

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2010

### Stewardship is a way of life.

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

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| Tithing income: for June 6, 2010 | \$1957.00    |
| Income for June 7, 2009          | \$1772.00    |
| Income for June 8, 2008          | \$1512.30    |
| Parish Debt                      | \$356,371.00 |

**My Good Deed for the Week:** Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A 4<sup>th</sup> grader said, "I cleaned the litter boxes for the cats." A 1<sup>st</sup> grader said, "I helped my sister do the dishes." A 2<sup>d</sup> grader said, "I swept the patio."

**Understanding Charity: An act of Charity** can take place with or without being an act of love. Charity is the giving of food, clothing, time, energy, or finances to someone in need. To be spiritually meritorious charity must be given unselfishly. There is no desire for temporal recognition in a charitable act given in love. "If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing" (1 Cor. 13:3).

For many, charity is no more than a social event, albeit for a good cause. Other acts of charity are done for political purposes. Such acts are of no eternal value if they were not done in real love (one's reward is received here on earth).

When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you they have received their reward. (Mt. 6:21)

The Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." (Mt. 7:12 & Lk. 6:31) A corollary to this rule is: "Pay attention to and serve God as you would have Him pay attention to and serve you."

Always keep in mind that God has full power. We are given but an infinitesimal fraction of that power for momentary use in this life. However, those received into heaven will have extensive use of that power. This power will first be used to give glory to God and then be used to bring every saint perfect happiness. Those sentenced to hell will only have limited use of power. This limited power might be used on others in hell in a repetitious but ever expanding cycle of mutual hatred and torment – hoping to find temporary distraction from their never-ending suffering. Existence, both in Heaven and Hell is eternal. "We know we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death." (1John 3:14)

**Love is never one sided. God gives and we must give in return.**

## Pastor's Column

### YES, IT'S SUMMER; SUMMERTIME IS HERE

That title from a popular song decades ago sure rings true now. Even when we work full time, summer is a time of renewal. But let it be a spiritual renewal time as well.

For vacation, take a retreat! Retreat houses are best kept secrets. They are often on spacious grounds in rural areas, complete with chapel, daily Mass, your own private room (usually), good food (usually) and interesting (usually) talks given

by a priest. Entire families are not always accommodated; it's customarily separate men's and women's weekends, although there are exceptions. We don't have any such places in this diocese but one example is St. Joseph in the Hills Retreat House, Malvern, Pa. For more information, see [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400 if interested.

But, you say, what about spiritual fun for the entire family? Look no further than Catholic Familyland near Steubenville, Ohio, run by the Apostolate for Family Consecration. It's a Catholic campground with 900 acres of mostly open land but the "town center" has a lecture hall for daily talks and liturgies, swimming pool, water slide, picnic grounds, horseback riding stables, athletic fields and hiking trails. In addition to daily Mass and morning lectures, there are separate sessions for children and teens. For more information, see [www.familyland.org](http://www.familyland.org) or call 740-765-5500.

Cursillo weekends: a great summer project! Men's weekend is July 15, 16, 17, 18 at St. Pius X, Selinsgrove, and women's weekend is August 5, 6, 7, 8 at St. Philip the Apostle, Millersville. These are great spiritual renewal experiences, similar to but different than a traditional retreat. See me now for an application and details.

How about some summer resolutions? Don't laugh, but would you consider spiritual beach reading? Get a biography of a saint or a popular treatment of biblical history. That can be fascinating reading. Check the internet for its many sales order opportunities.

There are also plenty of lecture CDs available for the walkman or Ipod as you stroll the shore. Don't forget spiritual DVDs for evening viewing in the camper or hotel room. Bible history, lives of the saints, church history, movies on the life of Christ or the apostles...the sky is the limit. For ideas in these areas call the Catholic Shop in Harrisburg (717-657-8747) or Berger's Trinity Peace in Elysburg (717-672-9339). Have a great summer!

Fr. Bill



### Scripture Readings for the week

**Sunday, June 13** - 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11; Galatians 2:16-, 19-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

9:15 a.m. – Joseph Saia

**Monday, June 14** - 1 Kings 21:1-16; Psalm 51:2-7; Matthew 5:38-42

9:00 a.m. – Vita Evola

**Tuesday, June 15** - 1 Kings 21:7-29; Psalm 51:3-6, 11, 16; Matthew 5:43-48

**Wednesday, June 16** - 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Psalm 31:20, 21, 24; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, June 17**- Sirach 48:1-14; Psalm 97:1-7; Matthew 6:7-15

**Friday, June 18** -2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Psalm 23:1-6; Romans 5:5-11; Matthew 6:19-23

9:00 a.m. – Thomas Harraka

**Saturday, June 19** - 2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Psalm 89:4-5, 29-34; Matthew 6:24-34

5:00 p.m. – Thomas and Rose Hogan  
6:30 p.m.- People of the Parish  
**Sunday, June 20** - Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1; Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9;  
Galatians 3:26-29; Luke 9:18-24  
9:15 a.m. – Vincenzo Passalacqua

## PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

**Fr. Thoms Potluck Farewell dinner is today at 5:30 in the social hall. Please plan to attend and bring a covered dish.**

**While the parish has been** enjoying the added space and new floor of our social hall, the time has come to remodel the kitchen and make the social hall ore versatile and productive. We are fortunate to have a complete commercial kitchen, ready to be installed, if we can prepare the space properly. This a project which should not take long, provided we assemble enough people with the right skill sets. We will be trying to schedule work during the day, in the evening and on weekends, depending n the availability of all of you. As it is often said, “Many hands make light workweek need carpenters, plumbers, electricians, gofers, kibitzers and supervisors. **Any skill set is welcome.** We know this is summer vacation time, but we will never finish if we do not begin. Please contact Dick Baade to advise of your interest and availability. He can be reached at 436-2373. If necessary, please leave a message.

**Monday Morning Mass** will resume as usual tomorrow, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m.

**HELP WANTED: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH CCD CLASSES FALL 2010:** The CCD program is in need of adults to teach the Faith to children for classes beginning in September. Classes meet on Sunday mornings after 9:15 A.M. Mass for approximately 1 ½ hours. 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 student progress. And, you will have whatever support you need to get started and throughout the year.

**Our need for volunteers to sign up is immediate,** as all teachers must have criminal record and Child Line clearances. It can sometimes take 2 months or more for us to get these clearances after we have sent in the necessary forms. 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](mailto:kkthome@wildblue.net).

### **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG**

Please return your baby bottles by placing them in the bassinette in the foyer by Father's Day, June, 20th. Your donation will help the Crossroads program combat abortion in our community. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Nash (436-5021). Thank you for your support.

**Do you want to renew your relationship with Christ** and His Church, while renewing your parish at the same time? Make a Cursillo weekend. The next men’s weekend is July 15 to 18 at St.

Pius X, Selinsgrove, and the next women’s weekend is August 5-8 at St. Philip’s, Millersville, A You stay there the whole weekend so you need Friday off from work. This movement started in Spain in the late 1940s and has spread throughout the world.

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Sisters of Saint Joseph** will host a Women’s Wellness Weekend in our lovely ocean front retreat house in Cape May Point, New Jersey September 10, 11, 12, 2010. The weekend is designed to be holistic-spiritual, relaxing, rejuvenating and educational. Included are meals, accommodations and the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops. For additional information or to register, go to <http://ssjphila.org/www.html> or call 800 482 6510. A discount is offered for those who register by June 30, 2010.

**Annual Diocesan Charismatic Retreat** – The Annual Charismatic Renewal Retreat Weekend will be held on July 30, July 31, and August 1. at Sts Cyril & Methodius Villa Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Danville, PA. The theme is “Listening to the Word of God in the Power of the Holy Spirit”. The retreat director is Very Rev. Francis J. Karwacki V.F. Diocesan Moderator for the Charismatic Renewal. Call Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 570-339- 1031 for more information.

### **Quo Vadis Days 2010 – “Where Are You Going?”**

Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-25. Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you! You are invited to attend the Diocese of Harrisburg’s sixth Annual *Quo Vadis Days* vocation camp to spend time with other young men your age as you listen to the Lord’s call in your life while having fun. Activities include – Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, hiking, sports, games, great food, talks and more. Priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Harrisburg staff *QVD*. *QVD* will be held from June 13-17, 2010 at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and College. Cost is free due to generous donors. Please contact the Office of Vocations at 657-4804, ext. 282 with questions or for a registration packet.

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL

**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!

**SHS also is in need of Spanish instructor** for weekly lessons in Spanish for Grades 3-5, approximately 90 minutes a week; materials for teaching are available; volunteer basis. Call the school if you would be interested.

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