

## Most Holy Trinity June 7, 2009

### Stewardship is a way of life.

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

Tithing income: May 31, 2009	\$ 1745.00
Income for May 25, 2008	\$ 1891.00
Income for May 27, 2007	\$ 1700.76

**Next week's tithe** will be for the Helping Hands Fund.

**From the pastor:** Generosity in our hearts is a sign of the presence of God within us. That is part of the light that the Lord asks us to let shine into the darkness around us. Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing.

**Comments on Tithing from the pews:** "My wife and I have learned, Father, the very real spiritual component of tithing. We read and listened to testimony after testimony revealing how the Lord really 'takes over' and enables the tithing program to almost take care of itself. What's truly remarkable is the 'money part' of tithing becomes an afterthought when compared to the spiritual richness and other blessings that have flowed from our commitment to tithe."

**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 pre-K student said: "I helped dad bath my dog." A 5<sup>th</sup> grader said, "I cleaned out my drawers." A 2<sup>nd</sup> grader said, "I helped make cupcakes for our super."

### FROM THE PASTOR

**Weekly Reflection:** As we celebrate Trinity Sunday, the 1<sup>st</sup> reading describes what our God did for the Israelites: made them heirs of the land and of a long life. This reading says something about who God is, but does so in terms of God as the doer of mighty deeds: God creates, elects a nation to be God's own people, enjoins the people to keep the "statues and commandments" which God gives, desires life and prosperity for the chosen people. This passage from Deuteronomy suggests all that God does is really an extension of who God IS.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading describes what God does for us in Christ. The depth and intimacy of God's relationship with us goes to our own identity – "we are children of God" and "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." As children and heirs, we share in the identity of Christ and, thus, of God. Moreover, we participate in God's saving work because we share in the power and mission of Christ through the Spirit. Sharing in divine identity is to share in divine doing – we, too, are to do mighty deeds. To be formed into the identity of Christ is to be formed into His mission.

The Gospel rather succinctly and clearly lays out the mission with which Jesus charged the disciples (and us) before He ascended into heaven: make disciples, baptize in the name of the Trinity, teach, and observe "all that [Jesus] has commanded." Jesus can entrust this mission to us because we share in His identity through the power of the Spirit. Has anything more wondrous or greater happened before?

The Liturgy does for us what the Deuteronomy texts did for Israel of old: it helps us to remember God's mighty deeds and enter into a covenantal relationship with the Divine. Liturgy calls us together to ask, "Who is this God?" Knowing God isn't something we can find

out in the abstract; knowing God is sought and expressed in our own doing – in taking up Christ's mission and living our own privileged identity as daughters and sons of God "until the end of the age." Without doing as Jesus did, we cannot answer "Who is God?" This doing is nothing less than to "suffer with" Christ (as the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading says), which means a constant dying to self. By our own self-emptying are we filled with the Divine identity.

**About Liturgy: Return to Ordinary Time:** It might be tempting to think that this Sunday is a continuation of the festive Easter season, since this solemnity comes immediately after Pentecost. After all, this is just one more high feast in a while string of them! It seems like we have been celebrating resurrection and new life for a long time, and we have – for a full fifty days. It is good to remind ourselves at this point in the liturgical year that we resumed Ordinary Time last Monday (June 1) – that's why the green banners again hang in the church. It is now that we consciously take up Jesus' Paschal mission and live what we have been celebrating for the 50 days of Easter. The constant celebration has come to an end – but now we strive to LIVE what that celebration truly means.

### PARISH NEWS

**Graduating High School Seniors:** If you are graduating from High School this year, please notify Mary at 436-2936 or call the church office at 436-6722. **June 14<sup>th</sup>, at the 9:15 a.m.** will be the Graduation Mass.

**Attention CCD Parents:** Don't forget!! Even if CCD is over for the year, it is still an obligation for all Catholics to attend Mass every single weekend. The Church continues to teach that purposefully missing Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation is *mortal sin*. As you have brought your children to CCD all year, so continue to teach them the importance of our faith by bringing them to church all summer long!

**St. Jude 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration RESCHEDULED** for our annual Eucharistic Devotions on Sunday, July 26. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

**Vacation Bible School at St. Jude:** Dates for our vacation bible school, St. Patrick and the Holy Trinity, are June 22 through June 26. CCD children were given registration forms in class to bring home. Forms will be available in the social hall for those who did not get one. VBS is for children who were in Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade during this school year. There is also a sign-up sheet in the social hall for anyone who can volunteer to help out

**"VBS PLANNING MEETING:** There will be a final planning meeting for VBS teachers and other volunteers immediately after 9:15 A.M. Mass on Sunday, June 14, 2009. The meeting will be short. Schedules, class lists, etc. will be distributed. If you cannot make this meeting, please email Karen Thome, [kkthome@wildblue.net](mailto:kkthome@wildblue.net), or leave a message on her answering machine, 694-3607.

**Congratulations** to our three new St. Jude Parish Council members. They are: Dolly Merencic, Jane Mort, and Terri Kromel. For those Council members that have their terms expiring, Ron Baade & Carlos Renderos, thank you so much for your service."

**Please remember** in your prayers the soul of Donald Travis, who passed away last week at the home of his son in South Carolina.

### MASS SCHEDULE



**Sun. June 7** – (Deut.4:32-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matt 28: 16-20)

9:15am – In honor of Minerva Bolger's Birthday

**Mon. June 8 – St. Justin Martyrdom**– (2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12)

9:00am – William Egenrieder

**Tues. June 9** – (2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16)

**Wed. June 10** – (2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19)

**Thurs. June 11 – St. Barnabas, Apostle (Mem)**–(Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Mt 5:20-26)

**Fri. June 12** – (2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32)

9:00am – Joseph Sinal

**Sat. June 13** – (2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37)

5:00pm (English) – Eileen Yeckly

6:30pm (Spanish) – Shirley Tingler

**Sun. June 14 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**– (Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26)

9:15am – Rafael Perez-Pacheco

**Join us as we celebrate Father Bateman's 6 years of service** to our parish this Sunday, June 7 at 6:30pm in the social hall. Ham and turkey will be provided, as well as beverages. All parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. Sign-up sheets are in the social hall. If you have any questions please call Mary at 436-2936.

### OTHER NEWS

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE:**NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISS SOAP, ALL PURPOSE HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS WE ALSO NEED PLASTIC AND PAPER SHOPPING BAGS!

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**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Oberammergau Passion Play – July 14-23, 2010:** If you have thought about joining us on this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage, be sure to pick up a brochure in the pamphlet rack in the entryway (or you can also view the brochure online at [www.StJudeMifflintown.org](http://www.StJudeMifflintown.org). Make sure to note the deadline for submitting your deposit! Don't get left behind! Dates for this program are July 14-23, 2010 and package price is all-inclusive out of Newark Airport – approximately \$4600, but costs

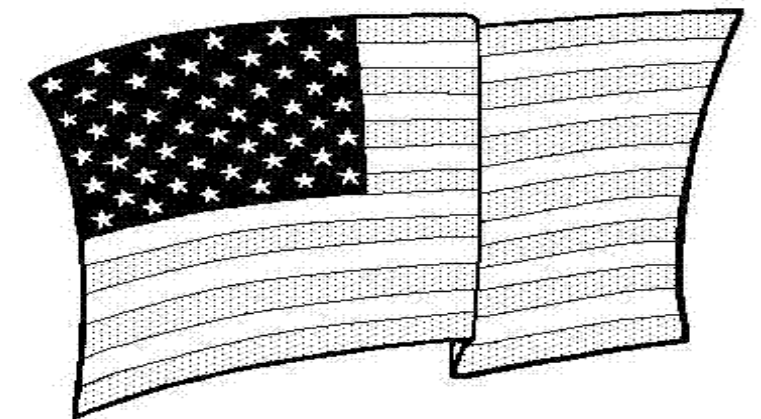
are fluctuating a great deal. If you would like more information, please contact Fr. Bateman.

**Quo Vadis Days 2009 "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 5<sup>th</sup> 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*. Bishop Rhoades will join us for a day. *QVD* will be held from June 14-18, 2009 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and College. Cost is free, due to generous donors. Please contact Fr. Bateman, Fr. Thoms or the Office of Vocations at 657-4804 x 282 with questions or for a registration packet.

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL

**Sacred Heart School Board of Education:** We have recently been asking for people who would be willing to run for several open positions on the School Board of Education. Just enough people have come forward to fill the empty positions, and so an election is unnecessary. We thank those who are leaving the school board this year: Gary Sanges, Brenda Grimm, Kim Bobb and Karen Thome (one year remains on her term). There has also been one open seat all this year – which means there are 5 new members of the Board: Cathy Borger, Mike Leeper, Rod Pavao, Scott Richard and Kathleen Wicks. Thank you to the "retiring" members of the board, and welcome to our new members.

**The final total** of the **Giant A+ Rewards** received by Sacred Heart School was \$2,255.90. Thank you to all who participated in this worthwhile event.



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