

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 21, 2010

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: for March 14, 2010	\$1802.00
Income for March 15, 2009	\$2453.34
Income for March 16, 2008	\$2242.00
Student	\$ 2.28
Parish Debt	\$360,071.00
Payment on Debt from Hispanic Comm.	\$ 700.00
Parish Debt	\$359,371.00

Next weeks tithing: Lenten Appeal



Four Principles of Tithing:

a) Give back to the Lord in gratitude a portion of everything God has given, whether through paychecks, dividends, unexpected windfalls, Social Security payments, allowances or gifts.

b) See the tithe as a sacrifice, a donation that seems almost more than affordable, an offering that "makes holy" (the literal meaning of the word "sacrifice") all the efforts and earnings of the past month.

c) Use whatever means the Local Community may use to identify your tithe as a donation from you, thus both manifesting to others your commitment to regular support of the Community and actively participating in the collection as part of the Community's... Mass worship

d) Consider the biblical norm of tithing in determining the amount of your sacrificial gift. The biblical norm was ten percent of one's income.

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A 6th grader said, "I played baseball with my brother." A 2nd grader said, "I helped my sister pick-up." A 7th grader said, "I let my friend play with my equipment."

Assistant Pastor's Column

"Call no man on earth your father" (Matthew 23:9).

Many times Christians (who are not Catholic) use this passage to "expose" the Catholic practice of calling their priests "father" as extra-biblical or contrary to the Scriptures. I'm sure you've heard it before. This is a clearly fundamentalistic approach that does not take into account the WHOLE of the Scriptures. Whenever we have an apparent contradiction from one passage Scripture to the next, it is because of the weakness of our intellect to see the conformity or ONENESS of the Scriptures. Let us look at the passages [limiting ourselves to the New Testament] wherein a man on earth is called father. Jesus calls Abraham "our father" (see John 8:39). The Genealogy of Jesus refers to some 39 men as father (Matthew 1:1-16). St. Paul calls himself the father of all those he has begotten in Christ through baptism and the preaching of the word (see 1 Corinthians 4:15b). Could it be that Jesus is contradicting himself?! Or St. Paul? Or St. Matthew for that matter? I think not!

The reality is that the priests of the Catholic Church are the spiritual fathers of the faithful in a beautiful and profound way. In fact, of all the titles that I have as a priest—like Reverend, Pastor—father is the most meaningful to me.

Now, I do think that Jesus was referring to those who use the title father to "Lord it over" people and "make their authority felt" (Mark 10:42). When a priest acts in a way that is patronizing and disrespectful to the laity, then he would fall under the condemnation of Jesus in Matthew 23:9. It is a call to conversion for us priests to be compassionate in the spirit of Jesus.

~Father Thoms

MASS SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 21 – Isaiah 43:16-21, Phil 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

9:15 – People of the Parish

Monday, March 22 – Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23: 1-6; John 8:12-20

9:00am – Nunzio Lombardo

Tuesday, March 23 – Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21; John 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 24 – Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52-56; John 8:31-42

Thursday, March 25 – Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Psalm 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Friday, March 26 – Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:3-7; John 10:31-42

9:00am – John Resnick

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27 – Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10-13; John 11:45-56

5:00pm (English) – Intention of Dr. Edward Heinke

6:30pm (Spanish) – Nancy Danneker

Sunday, March 28 – Isaiah 50:4-7 (38ABC); Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22: 14-23:56

9:15 – Matilda Llinga

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Parish Council Elections: Would you like to take an active role in advising our pastors on parish issues? Would you like to share in fellowship and prayer with other parishioners? Would you be willing to offer two hours or less of your time each month to do this? Serving on parish council may be for you! We meet the first Monday of the month for two hours or less, and recently decided not to meet during the summer months. If elected, you would serve a three-year term from June 2010-June 2013. There is minimal work in between meetings. Current council members are asking around to see who might be interested in being nominated. However, we don't want to miss asking someone who is interested in serving. Please consider volunteering your services by notifying us of your willingness to be placed on the ballot in May. If you would like to ask questions before volunteering, please feel free to call Chairperson **Terri Kromel at 436-9552** or Vice-chair **Joe Boyd at 436-8793**. Thank you!

HELP! HELP! HELP! We are in need of family's to help clean the church, if you would be willing to donate a Saturday morning,

please sign up after mass at the Welcome Table or contact Dolly Marencic at 436-5909..

Lenten Penance Service will be, today, Sunday, March 21st at 7:00pm. We expect parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity to prepare themselves for Easter.

Envelopes for Easter Flowers: Don't forget to turn your memorial envelopes in for flowers.

The Traditional Latin Mass retreat at St. Jude is scheduled for this Saturday, March 27, 2010, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m. for Confession time. Please register for the retreat at the table in the back of the social hall. If you have specific topics or questions you would like Fr. Parrinello to address in his workshops, please place these in the box located on the table next to the registration sheet. Index cards are there for your convenience. **No Latin Mass, English Mass as usual.**

During the month of May only there will be no Monday 9AM Mass. Instead we will have Mass on Tuesdays at 9:00AM. Father Thoms is going to be helping at another church. We will still have Friday, 9:00AM Mass as usual.

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.

St. Jude Knights of Columbus Annual Lenten Fish Dinner: **This Friday**, March 26th from 4-7, will be the last fish dinner for the season. 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.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This week's Community Lenten Service will be held on Wednesday, March 24th, beginning at 7p.m, at Messiah Lutheran Church.. The speaker will be Rev. Martha Carlson. . Please make a special to attend this service.

Good Friday Service of the Seven Last Words: Will be held, as it is every year, at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Mifflintown. Father Thoms will be preaching the Sixth Word: "It is finished". Please plan to attend some or all of this service, as it is so important for us to pray together as Christians to promote a unity that does not yet exist, but for which we desire earnestly "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Marriage Annulments: The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation concerning divorce and annulment from the Catholic perspective. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics; those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and

any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held on March 3, at 7pm, in the Cardinal Keeler Center of the diocesan office building in Harrisburg. No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, ext. 304 or email at: tribunal@hbgiocese.org.

HERSHEYPARK DISCOUNT TICKETS

Discount tickets to **Hersheypark** are available for purchase to parishioners and families at a significant savings. Regular admission price is \$52.95 for adults but our special price is \$29.90 – a savings of 45%. Regular admission for children (ages 3-9) and Seniors (ages 55-69) is \$31.95 but our special price is \$24.50. Regular admission for Seniors age 70+ is \$20.95, but our special price is \$19.95. Tickets are valid any day **Hersheypark** is open during the regular public season. Orders must be received at the parish by Monday April 26, 2010. Parishes will receive tickets by Tuesday May 25, 2010. If interested contact the church office at 436-6722 or Mary at 363-0997.



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

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 **March 15-19** School Book Fair.

Tuesday, March 23 - Easter Candy delivery

Thursday, March 25 – School Mass 9AM

Friday, March 26 - Sacrament of Reconciliation for grades 2-5; 10:30am, No Stations 2pm

Technology News: In addition to the 15 laptop computers for student use in computer SHS now has a mobile wagon with 15 notebook wireless computers for student use both in computer classes and for classroom projects. The school will also be participating in the diocesan WAN (wide area network) with hardware being delivered this summer.



