

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 28, 2010

MASS SCHEDULE



Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: for March 21, 2010	\$2089.00
Income for March 22, 2009	\$2429.22
Income for March 23, 2008	\$2178.00
Parish Debt	\$359,371.00

Next weeks tithe: Building Fund

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A 4th grader said, "I put away all the groceries." A 2nd grader said, "I helped my neighbor clean his garage." A 6th grader said, "I made my parents an anniversary dinner."

Assistant Pastor's Column

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them" (Deuteronomy 5:8-9a).

This passage is often used by our fundamentalist brethren to attack the Catholic practice of statues, paintings and icons of Jesus, Mary and any number of saints. It is important to realize that this condemnation of "idols" is not a condemnation of all images. If it were a condemnation of images in general, we would first have to say that all human beings are condemned, because they are created in God's image (see Genesis 1:26).

In fact, God commands Moses to make a bronze serpent (see Numbers 21:8-9). Sometimes, when I quote this passage, they respond that this is the Old Testament. I remind them of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, when he refers to this Old Testament passage: "just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).

Solomon in building the Temple is instructed by God of the specification of the cherubim that are to be built out of olive wood, overlaid in gold, and placed on either side of the Ark of the Covenant (see 1 Kings 6:23-28).

Finally, it is Jesus who is "the image of invisible God" (Colossians 1:15).

As Catholics, we celebrated the images of those who bring us closer to God and we condemn those images that seek to take us away from or replace God in our lives.

~ Father Thoms

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 Lling

Monday, March 29 –

9:00am –Intentions of John & Jeanette Alexander

Tuesday, March 30 –

Wednesday, March 31 –

Thursday, April 1 – 7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper – People of the Parish

Friday, April 2 –

9:00am – Morning Prayer

3:00pm – Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (Spanish)

7:00pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3

8:00 pm – Easter Vigil – People of the Parish

Sunday, April 4-

9:15am – People of the Parish

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

THANK YOU! The St. Jude Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for their donations, time, talents, support and patronage of our Annual Lenten Fish Dinners. Please have a Joyous and Happy Easter. G.K. Bill Gerberich

Easter Egg Hunt: Easter Sunday, April 4th, after the 9:15 a.m. We are in need of filled, plastic Easter eggs. Please bring them to the Church before the actual hunt.

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!

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 Sunday evenings. We will still have Friday, 9:00AM Mass as usual.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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@hbgdiocese.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.



Summer Programs and Adventures in New England: The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, located one hour north of Boston, has an array of summer programs for students and adults alike. The Collegiate Program for High School Students offers a challenging introduction to the liberal arts, the history of New England and the Catholic tradition. Offering three college credits, The Catholic Leadership Institute examines inspirational leaders while also providing a means to develop your own leadership skills in the great outdoors and through a service project. Lastly, The Way of Beauty Atelier offers art programs for those of all ages in Iconography and Naturalistic Drawing.

For more information, please visit: www.thomasmorecollege.edu/summer or contact Mark Schwerdt in the Admissions office at (800) 880-8308.

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 are required for registration. Forms are available at the school office or online at www.sacredheartschool.com.

NEUMANN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

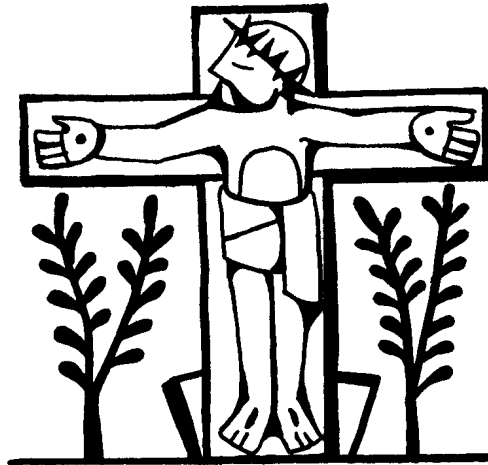
SHS announces that Neumann Scholarship Foundation applications are now available for families whose children will attend SHS next year. A \$20 application fee is required. Applications must be postmarked **NO LATER THAN April 1,**

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 (EITC) for private school tuition assistance. For more information, call the school office or check our website at www.sacredheartschool.com.

Academic Fair with display of projects based on several different subject areas will be held on April 15. Students will be involved in both school and at home projects for the display along with art work

School Closes at 11:30 on HolyThursday. School will **reopen on Tuesday, April 6th.**

Sacred Heart School wishes all of our parishioners a grace-filled **Holy and Happy Easter.**



*We adore you, O Christ, and
we praise you because by
your cross you have
redeemed the world*