

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## May 16, 2010

### Stewardship is a way of life.

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

Tithing income: for May 9, 2010	\$2019.00
Income for May 10, 2009	\$2009.00
Income for May 11, 2008	\$2182.00
Student	\$ 3.86
Parish Debt	\$356,371.00

**Next week's tithe** will be for Pentecost Collection for Retired Priests



### **Three Reasons for Giving Materially (#2 this week)**

2. 1 Timothy 5:8 – But if any have not care of his own, and especially of those of his house, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

Mark 7:10-12 – For Moses said: “Honor your father and your mother; and he that curses father or mother shall be put to death. But you say if a person says to his mother or father, any support from me is korban (that is, dedicated to God), you allow him to do nothing more for his father or mother.

The fourth commandment reminds grown children of their responsibilities toward their parents. As much as they can, they must GIVE them material and moral support in old age and in times of illness, loneliness, or distress. Jesus recalls this duty of gratitude.

**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 helped my aunt clean her house.” A 1<sup>st</sup> grader said, “I picked up my toys without being told to.” A 2<sup>nd</sup> grader said, “I helped my gram hang her laundry.”

## Pastor's Column

### **Bishop Rhoades' Spiritual Bouquet**

As we await appointment of a new bishop, I confess that I have been remiss in reporting the results of our spiritual bouquet for Bishop Kevin Rhoades. You remember that many of you signed up to do special prayers and sacrifices for him as he reported to his new assignment as bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana.

Here's what this parish offered, by God's grace: 76 Our Fathers, 90 Hail Marys, 80 Glory Bes, 58 Masses, 49 Holy Communions, 38 Rosaries, 4 acts of kindness, 1 act of charity, 2 sacrifices. Sacred Heart, Lewistown, offered

422 Our Fathers; 510 Hail Marys, 385 Glory Bes, 90 Masses, 88 Holy Communions, 100 Rosaries, 64 Bible Reading sessions, 41 Eucharistic Adoration times, 71 acts of kindness, 52 acts of charity, and 52 sacrifices.

There's a lot of prayer and love power there. Your generosity is to be commended and I am sure that it has borne fruit in Bishop Rhoades' life. This project has reminded us, once again,

of the power of “offering up” for others our “prayers, works, joys, and sufferings,” as one version of the Morning Offering says.

When we thus unite our prayers and sacrifices with the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, the intention we name (a person or cause) is aided and touched in ways that we cannot know. We can do this not only for individuals but for such intentions as peace in the world or for discovery of a cancer cure. And let's not forget the souls in purgatory as objects of our prayer and sacrifices. I believe that we will learn in Heaven all the secret good that we did for the world through our prayers.

Regarding a new bishop, where do things stand right now? Well, the pope may have the “terna” on his desk right now. That's the list of three names from which he may (but doesn't have to) select our next bishop. Moving backward in time, those names would have come to him from the Congregation of Bishops, a Vatican department.

Those names would have been submitted to the congregation from a list given by the apostolic nuncio, i.e., the pope's ambassador in Washington D.C., who, in turn, would have received names from our metropolitan archbishop, Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia. The archbishop receives them through a somewhat involved local-level process which includes parish priests periodically getting a letter asking them for names of clergy whom they consider good bishop candidates. Recommendations from Bishop Rhoades and Cardinal Rigali also hold weight in naming our new bishop.

The announcement will come soon. Pray for God's guidance over this process and for blessings over our future shepherd. Fr. Bill



### **Scripture Readings for the week**

**Sunday, May 16** - Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60; Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26  
9:15 a.m. – Dorthy Chuba

**Monday, May 17** - Acts of the Apostles 19:19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-7; John 16:29-33  
9:00 a.m. – NO MASS

**Tuesday, May 18** – Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11  
9:00 a.m. – Charles J. Bucci Jr.

**Wednesday, May 19** - Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-36; John 17:11-19

**Thursday, May 20** - Acts of the Apostles 22:30, 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; John 17:20-26

**Friday, May 21** - Acts of the Apostles 25-13-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; John 21:15-19  
9:00 a.m. – Steven Schimidt

**Saturday, May 22** – Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20 30-31; Psalm 11:4-5, 7; John 21:20-25  
5:00 p.m. – Linda Langiellotti  
6:30 p.m. – Phyllis R. Toone

**Sunday, May 23** - Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60; Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26  
9:15 a.m. – Vita Evola

### **Annual Pentecost Collection**

Most priests of the Diocese of Harrisburg work long after the retirement age of seventy-five. They continue to help in parishes by celebrating mass, hearing confessions, and providing a wonderful priestly presence for God's people. Before retirement these priests gave their lives to God and His Church offering many years of selfless priestly service. Because of their love for God and His people they go on bringing Christ to us by their celebration of the Sacraments and their preaching. The annual Pentecost Collection provides funds for their salary, health care and other needs that they may have. Please let them know how much you appreciated their dedicated priestly ministry by making a generous donation to this year's Pentecost Collection on May 23.

## **PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES**

### **ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

The 9:15 mass on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> will be to honor you, our high school graduates. Please contact Mary Zangrilli at 436-2936 with your information and a picture. Please plan to attend to receive the blessing of God and your parish community as you venture to new horizons in your life

**Monday Morning Masses transferred to Tuesday: May 17, 24, 31 and June 7.** Father Thoms will be covering Father Palomino at Corpus Christi, Chambersburg, over this time period when he goes home to Peru to visit his family after a number of years. This transfer of Masses will allow Father Thoms to stay overnight Sunday into Monday to be with his parents. We will still have Friday, 9:00 AM Mass as usual.

**"Clean the Kitchen" party** organized by the Women's Guild is organizing. Anyone who would like to help is invited. The date is May 29<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 8:30 and finish when we are done. No sign-up is necessary - mark your calendar, show up and bring your rubber gloves.

**Our fourth annual YARD SALE May 22, 2010** - - - As always, the proceeds from this yard sale go toward the school assessment. Please look at this as an opportunity to turn your time and "treasures" to benefit the monetary needs of the parish. More information and sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.

**Women's day of recollection June 5, 2010.** Again, more information will be available as the plans are made. As always, our meetings are the last Tuesday of each month in the social hall. Meeting time is 6:30, but we try to meet at 6 to pray the rosary together. We hope you can join us.

**Thank you so** much for letting us come to St. Jude's to do a concert and Holy hour. It was such a blessing to be with you and your parish! In this special "Year of the Priest". We thank the Lord for your priests, and we will continue to light you up in all our Holy hours. Thank you, Jim and Mary Cowan

### **CURSILLO INFORMATION NIGHTS**

Do you want to renew your relationship with Christ and His Church, while renewing your parish at the same time? Make a Cursillo weekend. We will have information nights 7 p.m. Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in Sacred Heart rectory and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> St. Jude church social hall, Mifflintown. 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,

Pa. 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**

### **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.

Curtis Martin, best-selling author, President and Founder of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) will be a featured guest speaker for a men's retreat at Malvern Retreat House, June 18-20<sup>th</sup> entitled the Six-Three Group. All men are invited to attend this life-changing weekend based on Martin's best-selling book, "Made for More." Call 610-644-0400 to register or online at: [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)

## **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!

**Tuesday, May 18th:** Development Meeting 6pm

**Thursday, May 20th:** School Mass

**HSA Meeting 6pm-school**

**Friday, May 21:** Appreciation Tea with grade 3 providing musical selections--IPM school cafeteria

Instrumental Music students recital at 7PM, Bunkertown Church-under the direction Heather McDonald

### **Upcoming events:**

**Tuesday, June 8, 9AM Mass, Grade 5 Graduation** followed by reception in cafeteria for families

**Thursday, June 10:** Last day of school, with 1:30 dismissal

**Friday, June 11:** Teacher Work Day

**SHS cookbooks** offered by the Wellness Committee and containing favorite student recipes are available for sale at school for \$3.00

**SHS chocolate candy bars** from Asher's Chocolates are available for sale in the school office for \$2.00.