

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2010

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: for May 16 2010	\$2218.00
Income for May 17, 2009	\$1803.00
Income for May 18, 2008	\$1693.00
Student	\$ 5.15
Ascension Thursday	\$ 207.00
Parish Debt	\$356,371.00

Three Reasons for Giving Materially (#3 this week)

2. To Support the works of the Church (spiritual & corporal works). 1 Corinthians 9:13: "Do you not realize that those who work in the temple are supported by the temple, and those who minister at the altar share the offerings of the altar? Likewise the Lord himself ordered that those who preach the gospel should live the gospel."

The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are **spiritual works of mercy**, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The **corporal works of mercy** consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God: He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise. "But give for alms those things which are within; and everything is clean for you." (Lk. 11:41) "If a brother sister is in need of clothing and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled' without giving them the things needed for the body what good is that?" (James 2: 15-17)

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A 3rd grader said, "I swept the patio and the front porch." A 6th grader said, "I helped my neighbor clean out his shed." A 1st grader said, "I made my mom a peanut butter and jelly sandwich."

Assistant Pastor's Column

Farewell

"They were all weeping loudly as they threw their arms around Paul and kissed him, for they were deeply distressed that he had said that they would never see his face again" (Acts 20:37). I pray that this passage is at least not COMPLETELY fulfilled in me—that is to say, the part about never seeing my face again. I intend to return, at least for 40 Hours and such to visit.

I received my letter in the mail from Father Snyder, our Diocesan Administrator *Sede Vacante* stating that I am assigned to Saint Columba Parish as Parochial Vicar, but will have exclusive responsibility for her Mission, Christ the King Church in Benton (the Northernmost part of the Diocese). I will also be the Campus

Minister at Bloomsburg University, living at the Newman House. There is a great staff at each place and they are already awaiting my arrival on Thursday, June 17th, 2010.

My farewell celebration here at St. Jude Church will be on Sunday, June 13th, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. This will be a pot-luck dinner. I just want this to be an informal time to be together for one last time as your Parochial Vicar. I find it difficult to express in words my gratitude to you as a Parish. Know that I love you and have been enriched by my time with you.

Father Fidelis Umukoro, O.P. will be replacing me as Parochial Vicar. He is a Nigerian Dominican, like Father Bernard Oniwe, O.P. who served here with Father Bateman. I am sure that you will give him a warm welcome and make him feel at home right away.

You will all be in my prayers and Masses.

Fr. Thoms



Scripture Readings for the week

Sunday, May 16 -

Monday, May 17 – 1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-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 10; John Mark 10:17-27

9:00 a.m. – NO MASS

Tuesday, May 18 – 1 Peter 1:10-16; Psalm 98:1-4; Mark 10:28-31

9:00 a.m. – .Pietro Evola

Wednesday, May 19 - 1 Peter 1:18-25; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 20 - 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Psalm 100:2-5; Mark 10:46-52

Friday, May 21 – 1 Peter 4:7-13; Psalm 96:10-13; John Mark - 11:11-26

9:00 a.m. – Vincenzo Passalacqua

Saturday, May 22 – Jude 17:20-25; Psalm 63:2-6; Mark 11:27-33

5:00 p.m. – Carmeline Greager

6:30 p.m.- Jeffrey N. Bruno

Sunday, May 23 - Most Holy Trinity – Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8:4-9; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

9:15 a.m. – People of the Parish

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The 9:15 mass on Sunday, May 29th 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

St. Jude Youth Group – Flower Sale – The youth group would like to thank all parishioners and members of the community who

supported the Mother's Day flower sale. The proceeds will support the youth group's projects.

St. High Youth Group Mission Trip – St. Francis Inn Ministries in Philadelphia – Our parish senior high youth group will be doing mission work in June in Philadelphia at the St. Francis Inn. As part of the trip they will be working at a soup kitchen and women's shelter in the inner city. The youth group will be collecting and providing the shelter the following items: **personal hygiene items, especially deodorant, tube socks for both men and women (any size)**. A receptacle has been placed in the church entry way until **June 6th** for those parishioners wanting to donate any of these items to support this worthwhile cause.

Monday Morning Masses transferred to Tuesday: May 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 29th. 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.

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. The next meeting is this Tuesday, May 25th in the social hall.

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 an information night at St. Jude's in Mifflintown at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 27th in the social hall. 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 18-20th 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

Port Royal Evangelical Lutheran Church Handicapped Accessibility Project Auction

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010, 5:30 PM

Barney Gray's building beside the church parking lot.
Steve McLaughlin will be the auctioneer.

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!

Upcoming events

Tuesday, May 25: Grades K-2 field trip to recycling center in State College followed by "clean up" experience and picnic lunch at Derry Park--

Thursday, May 27: No School for Kindergarten class - 9AM Mass

Upcoming Kindergarten class: Assessment and Screening--beginning at 8AM by appointment--Meeting with nurse, speech teacher, Mrs. T, and Title and IU personnel helping with assessment; parent and child are expected to attend

Friday, May 28: Field Day at Rec Park from 9AM-1PM; sponsored by School Wellness Committee and HSA; free picnic lunch and ice cream sundaes provided for all children; games and activities will be arranged by phys ed instructor Mrs. Underhill assisted by parent volunteers.

Grades 1-5 have been participating in Junior Achievement classes sponsored by local patrons.

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

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