

# The Most Holy Trinity

## May 30, 2010

### Stewardship is a way of life.

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

Tithing income: for May 23, 2010	\$1823.00
Income for May 17, 2009	\$1803.00
Income for May 18, 2008	\$1632.00
Student	\$ 1.50
Parish Debt	\$356,371.00

**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 folded all my clothes and put them away." A 1<sup>st</sup> grader said, "I helped my sister polish the furniture." A 5<sup>th</sup> grader said, "I made lunch for my mom and dad."

#### **The tithe (10%) is a standard and a promise of blessing, given to the spiritual leadership**

**Malachi 3:8-10** Dare a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me! And you say, "How do we rob you?" In tithes and in offerings! You are indeed accursed, for you, the whole nation, rob me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try me in this says the Lord of hosts: Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessing upon you without measure?

One of the commandments of the Church is to contribute to the support of the Church. Each of us is obligated to bear his fair share of the financial burden of the Holy See, of the Diocese and of the Parish. If the parish and the diocese are behaving in a questionable way (supporting programs or organizations that are not in line with the teaching of the Magisterium of the Church), giving must be prayerfully considered.

**Luke 16:1** - Another time he said to his disciples: "A rich man had a manager who was reported to him for dissipating his property. He summoned him and said, "What is this I hear about you? Give me an account of your service, for it is about to come to an end."

There are many good programs in the Church. Divide your gift as you see fit. Remember that generosity is a virtue highly praised by scripture and the Church, and rewarded by the Lord. But, again, give responsibly; money given to a parish, diocese or other body that is promoting an agenda in contradiction to traditional Church teaching or practices is wrong

**Luke 6:38** - Give, and it shall be given to you. Good measure and pressed down, shaken together, running over, will they pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.

## *Pastor's Column*

### **HEY, WHAT'S HE DOING UP THERE?!**

I hear that some of you are wondering about the higher position of the celebrant's chair at church. This provides an opportunity to explain my approach to liturgy and the Sunday Mass in general.

The Vatican II Council (1962-65) said that the liturgy (i.e., the official public prayers of the Church, especially the Mass) is the "source and summit" of all that we do as Catholics. This is because the Mass is the re-presentation to the Father by Christ of

His sacrificial offering for the world. In the process, the bread and wine become the resurrected Christ Himself; His body, blood, soul and divinity. It's the most awesome event taking place on the face of the planet.

At Mass, we are on the threshold of Heaven, connected to that celestial worship going on always, which we hope to enjoy someday. Our guardian angels fall down in awe at the consecration. Souls are released from purgatory. We take Christ into our bodies and grace fills our soul, making us holy, preparing us for Heaven.

Therefore, the Mass is to be celebrated respectfully, devoutly, one might even say formally. People should come dressed as for a wedding. They should sing robustly, listen intently, pray intensely. As celebrant I strive to conduct myself in a way that reflects awareness of the divine presence and inspires others to do so as well.

I've always said that one big secret for presenting a noble liturgy is well-trained altar servers. I tell servers that "comportment" is key, i.e., the way they "hold themselves." They should look composed, be still when kneeling or standing, with hands folded properly. Only dress shoes should be worn, not athletic wear. They then show respect for God and present an inspiring picture.

I do drill them over and over on their actions, at times even issuing instructions quietly during the Mass when mistakes are made, so that they learn to carry out their duties at the altar smoothly, in an admirable, presentable way. This makes them look good and makes the Mass look good. If they pout at times, parents should back me up, explaining that "Father wants you to be the best and so do we."

At my previous parish I had achieved such a well-trained corps of about 50 servers that after one confirmation liturgy, Bishop Rhoades said "they are so devout and reverent! I want seven of them for the next Rite of Election at the cathedral." And off they went!

Finally, as to why the chair is "up there," I have a profound theological answer: I can see you guys better! And you can see me better. I feel that my presiding is improved. When I reach out to you and say "The Lord be with you," I can better scoop you up into my arms as a good shepherd. Now let's put all this into practice come Sunday. Fr. Bill





## Scripture Readings for the week

### **Sunday, May 30 -**

9:15 a.m- People of the Parish

**Monday, May 3** – Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 1:39-56

9:00 a.m. – **NO MASS**

**Tuesday, June 1** – 2 Peter 3:12-15, 17-18; Psalm 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mark 12:13-17

9:00 a.m. – Ruthanne Krantz

**Wednesday, June 2** - 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Psalm 123:1-2; Mark 12:18-27

**Thursday, June 3** - 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; Mark 12:28-34

**Friday, June 4** - 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Psalm 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; Mark 12:35-37

9:00 a.m. – Phyllis R. Trune

**Saturday, June 5** - 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Psalm 71:8-9, 14-15, 16-17, 22; Mark 12:38-44

5:00 p.m. – Paul Shwark

6:30 p.m.- Father Hubert Kealy

**Sunday, June 6– Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ** - Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110:1-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17-

9:15 a.m. – Rafael Perez-Pacheco

## PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

**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 In. 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 6<sup>th</sup>** for those parishioners wanting to donate any of these items to support this worthwhile cause.

**Monday Morning Masses transferred to Tuesday: May 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.

**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. .

**HELP WANTED: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH CCD CLASSES FALL 2010:** The CCD program is in need of adults to teach the Faith to children for classes beginning in September. Classes meet on Sunday mornings after 9:15 A.M. Mass for approximately 1 ½ hours. This is an opportunity to

evangelize your faith, and, at the same time, to grow in it. The lesson plans in our teachers’ guides contain detailed, scripted instructions, Bible and Catechism references, and related activities for every lesson. The textbooks are well-written and inspiring; companion student workbooks have many excellent reinforcement activities, and pre-made quizzes make it easy to evaluate student progress. And, you will have whatever support you need to get started and throughout the year.

**Our need for volunteers to sign up is immediate,** as all teachers must have criminal record and Child Line clearances. It can sometimes take 2 months or more for us to get these clearances after we have sent in the necessary forms. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this most important mission of our parish. Contact Karen Thome for more information at 694-3607 or [kkthome@wildblue.net](mailto:kkthome@wildblue.net).

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual Diocesan Charismatic Retreat** – The Annual Charismatic Renewal Retreat Weekend will be held on July 30, July 31, and August 1. at Sts Cyril & Methodius Villa Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Danville, PA. The theme is “Listening to the Word of God in the Power of the Holy Spirit”. The retreat director is Very Rev. Francis J. Karwacki V.F. Diocesan Moderator for the Charismatic Renewal. Call Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 570-339- 1031 for more information.

### **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.

## 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**

**Sunday, May 30:** Family Picnic sponsored by the HSA - Knoebel's Park 11AM with lunch at 3PM

**Monday, May 31:** Memorial Day **NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, June 1:** Grade 5 students to Lewistown Middle School for Orientation

**Thursday, June 3:** School Mass

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

**Thursday, June 10:** Last day of school, with 11:30 dismissal

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

**Wednesday, September 1, 2010** – School reopens

