

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2009

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: Nov. 15, 2009	\$
Income for Nov. 9, 2008	\$
Income for Nov. 11, 2007	\$
Students	\$

Next week's tithe will be for the Maintenance and Cleaning

From a pastor: "As you can see from the figures above, I am most grateful to our tithers. But also our congregations were very full, our people sat closer to the altar, more people participated in the Sacrifice by touching the collection basket, and our last school collection was [edifying]. Fourteen persons were baptized at Easter, four adults from our RCIA and ten children. Tithing is about more than just money - it is conversion to the kingdom of God, putting God first and living in gratitude for all His blessings."

Rev. Joseph E. Looney, St. Margaret, Waterbury, CT

Comments on tithing from the pew: "As a school family, we thought we could never tithe. In the beginning, it was so difficult, but now it has become second nature to us. Believe me, God has given us so much in return - both spiritually and materially --. Our children want for nothing. As a matter of fact, since we began to tithe every week, we have been able to save more than we did before we began . . . It is a mystery to me and my wife! Actually, it is no mystery because the more we give, the more God gives back to us. Thank you, God. We hope all our parishioners will begin to tithe. You will be surprised by God."

A parishioner

My Good Deed for the Week: Here's what several of our young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift. A 3rd grader said, "I made cookies for my brother's party." A 4th grader said, "I helped my neighbor rake his leaves." A 6th grader said, "I helped my sister with her homework."

Pastor's Column

Reflecting on VETERAN'S DAY last week, I can't help but feel a particular mourning for the victims of the Fort Hood shooting. There are so many levels of this tragedy that it becomes difficult to know what to feel. For those of us who have lost family in foreign wars it becomes even more poignant. There is at the same time a realization, for me, that there has been a significant *change* in the way we understand Veteran's Day and that it is not as 'clear cut' as it had been. That is to say our "enemy" is not as clearly identified and no longer exclusively on foreign soil. The truth is that since the Civil War we have not seen the real hell of war 'state side' [until September 11, 2001]. That is to say for none of us have we experienced the wages of war on our own soil. This insecurity has been the catalyst for many, though, to turn back to God and to religion. In fact in an age where atheism seems to be the fad of fads, theism or belief in God has become even more relevant and real in many people's lives. We realize that this is not merely a battle with guns and ammo, but a war between 'principalities and powers'. This spiritual combat was won on the heights of Calvary by the Lord Jesus on the Cross. The effects of

this victory, though, continue to unfold until the end of time. Let us tap into the very fountain of grace and fruits of this victory in the devout and prayerful participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In fact, only in the cross can we find meaning, strength and salvation in the midst of the most horrific of tragedies. Even the most developed advances in science of psychology, which continue to serve us well, shipwreck in the face of the cross. Only in faith can we 'bridge the gap' and continue to persevere in the midst of uncertainty, and evil. The psychologist at Fort Hood, through whatever he was experiencing in his own life as a Muslim cleric is in need of our prayers for his conversion. Pray particularly for his conversion to Christ!

May the souls of the Veterans of War, both foreign and domestic rest eternally in the peace of Christ.

Fr. Thoms

MASS SCHEDULE



Sun. Nov. 15 – (Daniel 12:1-3, Heb 10:11-18, Mark 14:24-32)
9:15 – Judith Perez

Mon. Nov. 16 - (Macc 1:10-15,41-43,54—63 ,Luke 18:35-43)
9:00 am - Susan Champ

Tues. Nov. 17 – **Elizabeth of Hungary (Mem)**
(Macc 6:18-31, Luke 19:1-10)

Wed. Nov. 18 – (Macc 7:1, 20-31, Luke 19:11-28)

Thurs. Nov. 19 – (Macc 2:15-29, Luke 19:41-44)

Fri. Nov. 20 – (Macc 4:36-37, 52-59, Luke 19:45:48)
9:00 am- Ellen Andrews

Sat. Nov. 21 – **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mem)**
(Macc 6:1-13, Luke 20:27-40)

5:00 pm (English) – People of the Parish

6:30 pm (Spanish) – Gus Brentari

(Rev 7:2-14, John 3:1-3, Matt 5:1-2)

Sun. Nov. 22 – (Dan 12:1-3, Heb 10:11-18, Mark 13:24-32)
9:15 – Frank Fleharty

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Christmas Cards: Christmas cards are available in the social hall as part of the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign. Your support is appreciated

Our annual Angel Tree Project begins today. Please select an angel from the tree in the narthex and purchase the gift on the angel. Then, return the gift to the church, wrapped with the angel firmly attached. The gifts will be distributed to the Juniata Head Start program and the Crossroads Pregnancy Counseling service. Angel Tree gifts should be returned by December 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Nash 436-5021.

Christmas Cookie Walk: Dec. 12th Mary Tonge from the Women's Guild will be calling for cookie donations. We are asking for 12 doz. of your very special Christmas cookie. We would also like to offer home made candy for sale. Any one interested in donating candy please call Shirley Baade 436-2373.

Many thanks to Bill and Shelly Gerberich for donating a TV with video recorder and a collection of educational videos to the CCD program.

Notice: the December Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

Attention: members of the Knights of Columbus Saturday, November 21 @ 9 a.m. there will be a highway cleanup. Following the cleanup, there will be a work party to refurbish the crèche. P.O.C Bill Gerberich 436-9545.

Cena en Acción de Gracias: Viernes el 27 de Noviembre después de la Celebración a las 5 p.m., en la sala de la parroquia.

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner: This event will be held Friday, Nov. 27, in the parish hall, after the 5-6 p.m. Spanish praise and worship service. All are invited.

Singers are needed for the 9:15 Mass on Christmas Day. Please help us in presenting a joyous liturgy on this happy day. For information see Kathy Nash (436-5021)

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Be sure to check out our new advertising signs at the Parish Office, at St. Jude's Parish and in other places of our local area. Kudos go to the Development Committee for this effort.

Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels continue to be collected by the school. Both can be placed in the container at the front of Church or delivered to school. The Labels help us to update playground equipment and the Box Tops bring in cash to pay for other school enrichment items. Thank you for your participation.

Reminder to Parents: for inclement weather decisions check the school website or TV/radio stations as noted in the Parent Handbook

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Vianney”, the live one man presentation of the life of St. John Vianney, Universal Patron of Priests, will be offered by Leonardo Defilippis on Saturday, December 5 at 2pm and 7pm in the auditorium of Trinity High School, 3601 Simpson Ferry Rd, Camp Hill. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for anyone under 16 years of age. Please mark you calendar for this wonderful presentation. If interested in attending there is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table in the social hall, please sign up and you will be contacted.

The South Central District Office of the PA Department of Health is seeking volunteers to staff Vaccination Clinics throughout the district for the H1N1 flue vaccine. This district covers 13 counties, including Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry and York, which are part of the Diocese. These clinics will function under the auspices of the PA Department of health and will be staffed with medical and non-medical volunteers. Clinics will be operational from mid November to mid December on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Specific dates for administering the vaccine cannot be given until the vaccine is available. Medically trained personnel will serve as vaccine administrators and onsite staff. These volunteers may include retired but still licensed practitioners, certified paramedics, nurses, physician assistants and

certified pharmacists. Medical, nursing and allied health students working under their academic supervision may also be able to assist. Non-medical personnel will be needed to provide administrative and logistics support, including traffic control, parking, registration, restocking supplies (opening band aids) and organizing lines of people waiting for their vaccination. Individuals are asked to commit to a 6hour shift, if possible. Commitments for smaller shifts will also be accepted.

How to Volunteer!! Register online with the Department of Health at www.serv.pa.gov or call the South central District Office at 717-787-8092.

We're Not Preachy – Want a Sunday radio program that won't preach to you? Listen to **“Catholic Perspective”** an award – winning program of news, information and inspiration from a Catholic Perspective! Tune in Sunday mornings on WIEZ-AM 670, Lewistown at 8am. **“Catholic Perspective”** is brought to you in part by The Catholic Communication Collection and your parish.

The Adult Daily Living Center, located at 505 Harvard St, Lewistown, provides supervised activities in a secure setting to persons age 60 and older from Mifflin & Juniata Counties. Participants benefit from the center by staying mentally, physically and socially active through group and individual activities. The center is licensed by the PA Dept. of Aging. Center hours are 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Participants may attend from 1-3 days per week, full or half days. A hot noon meal is provided. Since there is currently a waiting list for state funds, please consider the following private pay options. This is a wonderful cost-effective solution to help elderly persons have meaningful days as well as to provide respite relief for their caregivers. This is a wonderful cost-effective solution to help elderly persons have meaningful days as well as to provide respite relief for their caregivers. Full Day \$46 Half Day \$23 (up to 4 hours) Transportation can be arranged through the Call-A-Ride program, or you may arrange for your own transportation. Full Day \$46 Half Day \$23 (up to 4 hours) Transportation can be arranged through the Call-A-Ride program, or you may arrange for your own transportation.

Fruit Baskets: If anyone knows of someone that is homebound (beyond the ones on the communion call list), please call Mary O'Day at 535-4398, so that the parish women's guild can give them a fruit basket for Thanksgiving.

