

Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 22, 2009

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: Nov. 15, 2009	\$2,109.00
Income for Nov. 16, 2008	\$1,763.00
Income for Nov. 18, 2007	\$2,023.50
Students	\$ 1.60

Next week's tithing will be for Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

From a pastor: All it takes is time and effort. Think about it: you have a plain bar of iron worth about \$10 to begin with. Made into horseshoes, it's worth \$22.50. Made into screwdrivers or kitchen cutlery, it may be worth \$250. Made into balance springs for watches, it may be worth \$250,000. The same thing is true of another kind of material – **YOU!** Your decision to invest time and effort in the work of Christ's Church is one of the most fateful decisions you'll ever make. To make that decision in your early years is like putting money into the savings bank and allowing it to produce interest – and value – for the rest of your life."

Rev. Msgr. Richard Behl, D.Min
St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen, NJ

Comments on tithing from the pew: "If the weight of the Cross makes you stagger, its power will also sustain you."

A parishioner

Rev. James McGinnis

Our Lady of Hope, Phila., PA

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 4th grader said, "I helped my friend clean out the garage." A 5th grader said, "I carried all the laundry upstairs and put it away." A 1st grader said, "I picked up all my toys."

Pastor's Column

As we celebrate **Christ the King** we may be asking ourselves why?! Why would we be celebrating Christ the King? Are we missing what the Scriptures say about Jesus *not* wanting to be made king-and here we go making him a king anyway. It is true that Jesus did not allow the people to carry him off and make him a king. The reason that he did not allow them is the key here. That Jesus is king is not disputed here, though.

There is a vast disagreement, though, on *how* or in what manner Jesus is king. "My kingdom is not of this world" Jesus says to Pontius Pilate. Jesus is a servant king-one that is not of this world! He is not a king in the way worldly kings rule. He is not selfish, vicious and lording his authority over his subjects. As we read in St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, "Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. He was known to be of human estate and he took the form of a slave." In another place he says to his disciples, "If you

wish to be great, become the last of all and the servant of all." And again, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus is King of the Universe as the one who rules the Kingdom of Light. His throne on earth was the Cross, now his throne is being "at the right hand of the Father." As we celebrate the kingship of Christ, we realize that all of the baptized-that's you and me-are called to be servant leaders in Christ. To rule is to serve. On the Last Day, let us go out with joy to meet Christ the King!

Fr. Thoms

MASS SCHEDULE



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

Mon. Nov. 23 - (Dan 1:1-20, Luke 21:1-4)
9:00 am – Bud Frey

Tues. Nov. 24 – **St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions**
(Mem)

(Dan 2:31-45, Luke 21:5-11)

Wed. Nov. 25 – (Dan 5:1-28, Luke:21-12-19)

Thurs. Nov. 26 – (Dan 6:12-28, Luke 21:20-28)
9:00 – Connie Sweigart

Fri. Nov. 27 – (Dan 7:2-14, Luke 21:29-33)
9:00 am- George Young

Sat. Nov. 28 – (Dan 7:15-27, Luke 21:34-36)
5:00 pm (English) – Michael Puma

6:30 pm (Spanish) – Shirley Sardonja

Sun. Nov. 29 – (Jer 33:14-16, Thess 3:12-14, Luke 21:25-28)
9:15 – Fred Mitchell

*Please note that the 5pm mass on Saturday, Nov 21st is being offered for William Logan, and the 6:30pm mass is offered for People of the Parish..

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

The altar flowers this week are in memory of William Logan by Diane Logan.

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 began last Sunday. 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.

Calling all cookie bakers--Mary Tonge has been calling for cookie donations for the parish Women's Guilds Dec. 12th cookie walk. If we missed you and you would like to bake 12 doz. of your special cookies or homemade candy, please call Mary Tonge at 734-3297 or Shirley Baade 436-2373.

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.

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

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).

The annual Walk for Life in Washington DC is scheduled for January 21st and 22nd. Please mark your calendars and plan to go and show your support for this important cause. More information will follow.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Vacation: will begin on Wednesday November 25 with 11:30 a.m. dismissal. School will reopen on Wednesday Dec 2.

December 2nd: Advent Devotions

December 3: Parent Conferences; dismissal at 11:30
Conferences 12:30-6PM

December 3: Christmas Carols at the Court House 7PM

December 4th: Trip to Ice Festival; in the evening we will be having a stand at the festival with crafts for children, and baked goods

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

Marriage Annulments - The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation in your area concerning divorce and annulments 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 December 10, 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, extension 304 or email: tribunal@hbgdiocese.org

As we give thanks for the gift of life, consider the words of Pope John Paul II: **“Causing death can never be considered a form of medical treatment. Rather, it runs completely counter to the health-care profession, which is meant to be an impassioned and unflinching affirmation of life.”**

Please mark your calendars for the 5th Annual Emmanuel Diocesan Christmas concert on December 13 at 3pm (snow date December 20). Bishop Rhoades has invited the entire diocesan family to join him in preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ at this wonderful family celebration featuring traditional and contemporary music, scripture readings, and a live nativity. The concert will be held at Trinity High School Auditorium in Camp Hill. **Mark your calendars now!** You can visit the website at <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/emmanuel>.

“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 your 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.

Lend an Ear - 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.

BIBLE STUDY

Do you want to learn more about the Bible? Come to Sacred Heart of Jesus parish office, 9 N. Brown St., Lewistown, every Tuesday from Jan. 12, 2010 until Easter, 7-8:30 p.m., to attend sessions entitled **“A Journey Through the Bible.”** The classes will provide an excellent introduction to the Sacred Scriptures for those attending. For more information and to register call Dr. Phil Quinn, 667-6507.

Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!

