

Thirty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time November 29, 2009

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: Nov. 22, 2009	\$1954.50
Income for Nov. 23, 2008	\$1724.00
Income for Nov. 25, 2007	\$1973.00
Students	\$ 2.25

Next week's tithe will be for the Food Pantry

From our pastor: Times are tough, so they say, but God bless you all for your generosity to the parish. Without you, the parish could not operate. Please keep up the good work.

Comments on tithing from the pews: "Thank you for making our parish a tithing parish. It gives me great pleasure to share the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us. It removes the question of 'How much do I give this week?' I feel truly blessed to be a member of this new parish and look forward to all that is to come."

A parishioner, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Buckingham, 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 2nd grader said, "I stacked wood." A Pre-K said, "I picked up sticks." A 7th grader said, "I got rid of a cat at a wedding."

From the Assistant Pastor

The annual March for Life in Washington DC is scheduled for January 21st and 22nd, 2010. When I found out that Ralph Perez was unable to coordinate the event this year, I jumped at it. His paperwork from past years has made my coordinating of the event very easy. Thanks Ralph.

All my years growing up in Chambersburg, my family has gone to the March for Life. In the seminary I went almost every year. Since I have been ordained, there has not been consistent support of the March for Life by Pastors under whom I served. For me it is personal and a matter of life and death, for the children in the womb. I pray that the Health Care bill—if it passes—will exclude Federal and State funding for abortion, both at home and abroad.

The Youth groups of St. Jude and Sacred Heart are hosting it this year. A letter has been sent to the Superintendents of both County School Districts for an excused absence for religious reasons. All reservations have been booked. The trip is open to everyone who is able to walk the distance, and it is a sign of the vitality of a parish when there is a large showing at the March for Life!

The signup sheet is in on the Welcome Table. The Info sheet and itinerary are posted on the bulletin board in the main entrance to the new church. Please join us for this pilgrimage of faith. Those who are unable to walk, please join us in prayer for the end to abortion in our land.

Fr. Thoms

MASS SCHEDULE



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

Mon. Nov. 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle (Feast)

(Rom 10:109-18, Matt 4:18-23)

9:00 am – Dolly Santacruz

Tues. Dec. 1 – (Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 10:21-24)

Wed. Dec. 2 – (Isaiah 25:6-10, Matt 15:29-37)

Thurs. Dec. 3 – St. Francis Xavier (Memorial)

(Isaiah 26:1-6, Matt 7:21, 24-27)

Fri. Dec. 4 – (Isaiah 29:17-24, Matt 9:27-31)

9:00 am – John Charles Potero

Sat. Dec. 5 – (Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 5:17-26)

5:00 pm (English) – Dottie Dressler

6:30 pm (Spanish) – People of the Parish

Sun. Dec. 6 – (Baruch 5:1-9, Phil 1:4-11, Luke 3L1-6)

9:15 – Fred Mitchell

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Fathers Bill and Thoms on behalf of the parish would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of \$4,200.00 to help pay the parish debt. We know a lot of hard work and dedication went into raising this money! **THANK YOU!**

The altar flowers this week are in memory of Fred Mitchell given by Gale and Dave Treaster

I'm Dreaming of A Catholic Christmas- This year Ignatius Press is having a catalog sale for books and film. A percentage of the sales will come back to the women's guild religious articles corner. Come in and check out the catalog. The first order deadline is Dec. 13.

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 has begun. 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 Guild's 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.

White Elephant Table-In addition to the Dec.12 Cookie Walk we will have a white elephant table consisting of Christmas Items in good condition. If you have items you would like to donate please leave them in the Social Hall by Dec. 11.

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

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).

Food Pantry Needs for December: Baby Diapers sizes. 3-6, pull-ups-all sizes, baby shampoo, baby lotion, diaper rash ointment, and wipes.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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

Wednesday: Dec 2 school reopens after Thanksgiving Break

December 2: Advent devotions

Thursday December 3: Early Dismissal 11:30am with parent conferences beginning at 12:30-6PM

School Children will be singing at the Court House beginning at 7PM at the Ice Festival

Friday December 4: Children will walk to town to visit the Ice Festival displays; SHS will host a craft booth for children at the Ice Festival, 6-8PM

Saturday February 5th: SHS Night at Hoss's--Eat and present your card and school will receive a percent of total--Cards available at school and at parish office.

“Please circle Jan 30th on your calendar for “Savor Flavors From Around the World”.

Treat your taste buds to delicious foods from various cultures. Enjoy entertainment provided by Tommy Wareham...or you may join in and be part of the entertainment.

Tickets are \$50 and are available at Calkins Automotive, The Downtown OIP & Grill, and the Parish office.

Come celebrate and support Sacred Heart School and Catholic Education. Questions can be directed to:

Sue Reinke, Crista Bobb, Yvonne Hopple, Claire Acker, or Jacquie Bennett

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 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.

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.

