

Thirtysecond Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2009

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: Nov. 1, 2009	\$1568.00
Income for Nov. 2, 2008	\$1648.00
Income for Nov. 4, 2007	\$2572.50
Students	\$ 4.25
Parish Debt	\$374,049.00

Next week's tithe will be for the Helping Hands Fund.

From a pastor: "Jesus' fickle followers hailed him as a King on Palm Sunday and demanded his death five days later. One way in which we prove our faithfulness to Jesus is by our tithing - sharing our time, talent and treasure with the Lord's own people. Thank you for being faithful in your support of your parish."

Rev. Msgr. Leo N. Bierster
St. Joan of Arc, Hershey, PA

Comments on tithing from the pew: . To see how God works in making our ends meet is just another of many small miracles we see performed each day. However, we do not give in order to make ends meet. That is merely the by-product. We love to give to God and to His Church so we may continue to receive His graces."

A parishioner

Rev. Edward J. Keating, Jr.
St. Pius X, Selingsgrove, 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 1st grader said, "I helped bath the dogs." A 5th grader said, "I got food for my friend at a wedding." A Pre-K said, "I cleaned up sawdust."

Pastor's Column

HEALTH CARE AND PRO-LIFE

The call has gone out from the United States bishops for Catholics to object to lack of pro-life protections in the proposed U.S. health care plan. If we ignore the danger, our tax dollars may go to supporting abortion and other anti-life measures. We face a critical time now, since debate about that national health care plan begins soon on the House and Senate floors.

On Oct. 8 a U.S. bishops' letter said: "No one should be required to pay for or participate in abortion. It is essential that the legislation clearly apply to this new program longstanding and widely supported federal restrictions on abortion funding and mandates, and this test...If acceptable language in these areas cannot be found; we will have to oppose the health care bill vigorously."

The bishops have also expressed concern about inadequate conscience clause protections. In other words, the current plan might force health care personnel to perform abortions and other anti-life procedures or leave their professions.

For a full text of this letter and more information on proposed legislation and the bishops' advocacy for authentic health care reform, visit: www.usccb.org/healthcare.

We are urged to contact legislators now by: 1) sending a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress via www.usccb.org/action, and 2) calling the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121 or by calling Members' local offices. Full contact information on Members' web sites can be found at www.house.gov & www.senate.gov.

Your message to the Senate could read: "During floor debate on the health care reform bill, please support an amendment to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."

Your message to the House could read: "Please support the Stupak amendment that addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights in the health care reform bill. Help ensure that the Rule for the bill allows a vote on this amendment. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."

Both House and Senate are preparing for floor debates and votes now. Act now, so that the pro-life perspective is preserved in the final draft.

Fr. Bill and information taken from a United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) news release.

MASS SCHEDULE



Sun. Nov. 8 - (Kings 17:10-16, Heb 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44)
9:15 – People of the Parish

Mon. Nov. 9 – Dedication of the Basilica in Rome (Feast)
(Ez 47:1-12, Cor 3:9-17, John 2:13-22)

9:00 am – Doris Ruble

Tues. Nov. 10 – St. Leo the Great (Mem)
(Wisdom 2:23-3:9, Luke 17:7-10)

Wed. Nov. 11 – St. Martin of Tours (Mem)
(Wisdom 6:1-11, Luke 17:11-19)

Thurs. Nov. 12 – St. Josaphat (Mem)
(Wisdom 7:22b-8:1, Luke 17:20-25)

Fri. Nov. 13 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (Mem)
(Wisdom 13:1-9, Luke 17:26-37)

9:00 am – Mildred Rocco

Sat. Nov. 14 – (Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9, Luke 18:1-8)
5:00 pm (English) – Thomas and Rose Hogan

6:30 pm (Spanish) – Bud Frey
(Rev 7:2-14, John 3:1-3, Matt 5:1-2)

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

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

CENA EN ACCION DE GRACIAS

Viernes el 27 de Noviembre después de la celebración de oración 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

Upcoming Meetings

SHS Board meeting 11/9 6:00pm –school

SHS Faculty Meeting 11/10 3-4pm

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fundraiser to offset costs for People to People Student Ambassador, Gregory McDorman.

The McDorman family is selling daily number raffle tickets for the month of December. The winning number is determined by the three digit Pennsylvania lottery number drawn at 7 pm. Three numbers per ticket, 31 chances to win, \$10 per ticket. Prizes are Longaberger products which include baskets, totes, picture frames, and some pottery. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, or would like more information, please call Elena at 717-667-2263.

St. Cyril Preschool and Kindergarten 2nd Annual Basket Bonanza Raffling off a Flat screen TV and a Wii!!!!

This will be held at the St. Cyril School Gym 580 Railroad St., Danville, on Saturday, November 14, 11am. Drawing begins at 1pm. Tickets for baskets must be entered before 1pm. You do not need to be present to win.

- ? \$7 for a pack of 25 tickets at the door.
- ? Raffles \$1 each or 6 for \$5
- ? Over 30 themed baskets!
- ? Food available
- ? 50/50

For more information or to purchase tickets call the school office at 570-275-1505

“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 flu 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.

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.