

Twentyeighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 2009

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: Oct. 4, 2009	\$1897.00
Income for Oct.5, 2008	\$1872.00
Income for Oct. 7, 2007	\$2117.50
Students	\$ 2.85

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

From a pastor: "Serenity comes to those who know in their hearts they are doing the right thing. Tithing is a vehicle to attain peace in our lives. Each individual needs to return a tenth to God, as much as the Church needs the tithing. Actually, the individual needs to do it more than the Church needs to receive it."

Rev. Charles J. McElroy, St. Mary's, Schwenksville, PA

Comments on Tithing from the Pews: August 13, 2006: "Saying we love someone is easy. Proving it with service is harder, but it really makes our love come alive. Tithing is like that for me." A parishioner, **Rev. Msgr. William M. Richardson, V.F.**, Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick, Harrisburg, 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 3rd grader said, "I helped my dad clean the shed." A 4th grader said, "I folded all the clothes and put them away." A Pre-K said, "I helped my sister pick up toys."

Pastor's Column

"WHAT ORDER DO YOU BELONG TO, FATHER?" II

This is the Year of the Priest and last week I wrote about the difference between religious order priests and diocesan priests. As a diocesan priest, I couldn't resist a holy boast that we were the first priests, before religious orders existed. We go all the way back to the Last Supper table.

I also said that we are the generalists of the priesthood. We are mostly involved in parish life; primary care, if you will, with the religious orders filling in the specialties, particularly as scholars and teachers. That is all by way of vast generalization, with exceptions abounding.

Another asset of diocesan priesthood, in my view, is that each diocesan priest can design his own spirituality and can choose his own patron saints. If you are a Jesuit, you had better be into St. Ignatius Loyola and his program, called Ignatian spirituality (30 Day retreats, etc.). After all, St. Ignatius founded the Jesuit order! Franciscans better be into St. Francis of Assisi. All of the other orders specialize in the spirituality of their founder.

As diocesan priests, our spirituality is that of every priest. It is the basics: 1) Daily Mass, 2) Liturgy of the Hours, 3) Daily Personal Prayer. In addition, each priest can add his own prayer

preferences from the saints, founders, renewal movements, and various writers.

Daily Mass is obvious, because the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as clergy and laity, for the entire Church. Liturgy of the Hours is the official daily prayer of the Church, a collection of hymns, psalms, Scripture readings, for the various hours of the day throughout the year. Priests have a solemn obligation to pray it every day.

Personal Prayer covers a lot. For my part, I try to get in a holy hour every day before the Blessed Sacrament. I have been involved in the charismatic renewal and that has an influence on my prayer life as well, along with the Cursillo movement.

Every priest should have a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and so a daily rosary is to be encouraged. With the Diocesan Marian Year, I have recently been immersed in the life and writings of St. Louis Marie de Monfort, saying his special daily prayers in preparation for our diocesan Oct. 24 consecration to the Virgin Mary. The pope has also declared this the Year of the Priest, so I have been reading a biography of St. John Vianney, the 19th century patron of all parish priests.

But diocesan priests can also be enthusiastic about St. Francis of Assisi, St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Alphonsus Ligouri, or any number of other saints, along with their writings or prayer methods. We can draw from the vast array of the Church's rich and abundant spirituality and make it part of our own.

What a great life! I would encourage any young man to be, not only a priest, but the original type of priest, where he can adopt the general spirituality of the church, and add from whatever saints and authors he chooses. Be the kind of priest going all the way back to the beginning: A diocesan priest.

Fr. Bill

PARISH NEWS

MASS SCHEDULE



Sun. Oct. 11- (Wisdom 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30)

9:15 a.m. – Earl Ober

Mon. Oct. 12 – (Romans 1:1-7, Luke 11:29-32)

9:00 am – **NO MASS**

Tues. Oct. 13 (Rom 1:16-25, Luke 11:37-41)

Wed. Oct. 14 – (Rom 2:1-11, Luke 11:42-46)

Thurs. Oct. 15 – St. Teresa of Jesus (Mem)

(Rom 3:21-30, Luke 11:47-54)

Fri. Oct. 16 – (Rom 4:1-8, Luke 12:107)

9:00 am- **NO MASS**

Sat. Oct. 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch (Mem)

(Rom 4:2-25, Luke 12:13-21)

5:00 pm (English) – Gerldine Weinzierl

6:30 pm (Spanish) – Bud Frey

Sun. Oct. 18- (Isaiah 55:10-11, Heb 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45)

9:15 a.m. – Joseph Saia

Father Thoms & Father Bill will be away at the required priest continuing education workshop Sunday evening, October 11th to Friday evening October 16th. If you have an emergency and need a priest Sunday October 11th through Wednesday October 14th, please call Good Shepherd Church, Camp Hill, at 717-761-1167.

Thursday October 15 to Friday, October 16, please call Our Lady of Victory Church, State College, at 814-237-7832.

The weekly recitation of the Holy Rosary: directly following the 5p.m. Saturday Mass. Please come.

Thank you to all those who attended the Life Chain Sunday in front of the old courthouse. We sang and prayed. Father Thoms and the youth group led us in praying the Rosary for an end to abortion and to respect life in all stages from pre-born to the aged.

Fall Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the K of C will be held on Friday, October 16th from 4pm to 7pm in the social hall. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 6-12, children 5 and under are free. Please mark you calendars and come join us for a wonderful dinner!

HELP!!! Help is needed for the above spaghetti dinner. They need baked goods, as well as volunteer kitchen help!! Please call Bill Gerberic at 436-9545

Crop Walk: The annual **Crop Walk** is scheduled for today October 11th starting at **Walker Township Park**. Registration begins at 12:30 and the walk starts at 1:30. Any youth group member who would like to walk should see Clarissa Perez for a form. Any parishioner who would like to sponsor a walker should see any member of the Youth Group. Proceeds go to the Crop Walk and Catholic Relief Services.

St. Jude's Youth Organization Kick-Off Event: "The Bonfire Within" and Hayride will take place Sunday, October 18, 2009. We will meet at St. Jude's Church at 5:30pm. **ATTENTION:** All 7th -12th grade students and young adults please sign-up in the rear of the church.

New Bulletin Deadline: Announcements for the bulletin must be in by Wednesdays. If you have an announcement please email it to the church at the address on the cover. If you have a question about it you may call the office at 436-6722 or Mary at 363-0997

Altar Flowers: If you would like to have the altar flowers in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, please call Dave Treaster at 436-2968.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, October 9th. The Women's Guild is sponsoring a Family Movie Night beginning at 6:00pm. More information will follow.

Please remember: Mass's are offered, not only in memory of a deceased loved one, but may also be offered in honor of someone on their birthday, anniversary or any special occasion. The usual donation for a mass is \$10.00. If you would like to have a mass said, please contact Mary at 436-6722, or 363-0997.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica: Sign up now for trip to the Basilica in Washington, D.C. on October 24th. The cost is \$40. Send reservation check to the church office by **October 17th**. Any questions, contact Dottie Peiffer at 248-1804 or Nora Torquato at 667-6551.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Mark Your Calendars: Fall into the Treasures of SHS on Thursday, October 15th. An Open House will be held from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at the school. Displays, activities, treats and fun for all! Prospective families will want to join us to discover the treasure of a Catholic Education.

SHS is participating in the Giant A+ program. This is a quick and easy way for the school to earn money to help with school programs. We are asking parishioners who shop at GIANT to sign up by listing your GIANT bonus card on the sheet at the entrance of the church. Please stop and add your number and help SHS to benefit. Thanks so much for your help.

Thank you to the children who brought in their stuffed animals for the pet blessing honoring St. Francis of Assisi.

School photos by Lifetouch will be taken on Wednesday, October 14th. Children may wear dress up clothing or uniforms; sneakers needed for phys ed classes.

After School Reading and Art clubs will begin on October 20th for grades 3-5. These activities will be coordinated by Mrs. Niman and Mrs. Henry.

Instrumental Music program under the direction of Heather Jones is now in place. Students can take once a week lessons using a variety of instruments. Classes are held during the school day.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped recently with our playground wall mulch project Great Job

NEW OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SACRED HEART PARISH AND SCHOOL FROM KISH BANK! It has recently come to our attention that Kish Bank has a Customer Loyalty Program that allows customers to accumulate points for doing business with Kish Bank which they can donate to a charitable organization in their community. Thanks to Dominic and Joyce Damicantonio who recently donated \$50.00 to Sacred Heart School through this program! For more information, contact Kate Clark at Kish Bank at 717-667-9208 or kate.clark@kishbank.com. Thanks in advance for taking advantage of this program to help our parish and school!

