

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2009

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: Oct. 18, 2009	\$1982.00
Income for Oct 19, 2008	\$1954.00
Income for Oct. 21, 2007	\$1535.00
Students	\$ 1.25

Next week's tithe will be for the Special Needs, last weeks tithe was for World Mission Sunday.

From a pastor: If your spiritual life is bogged down in apathy, indifference or failure to produce fruit, make God your priority through tithing and see the difference. Thank you for being a dedicated tither."

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Hudak

Immaculate Conception, New Oxford, PA

Comments on Tithing from the Pews: I'm glad we've begun tithing. We've doubled our giving. It was about time. I guess we needed to be motivated. It's definitely the right thing to do. We would like to know what's being done about 'tithing the tithe'. Have we given any donations to the poor?" A parishioner, **Rev. Msgr. J. Peter Cullen** St. Aloysius, New Canaan, CT

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 my dad rake leaves." A 7th grader said, "I took care of my neighbors pets while they were away."

Pastor's Column

PRIEST AS SPIRITUAL FATHER

The above was the theme for the annual priests' continuing education conference which Fr. Thoms and I attended October 12-16 in Hunt Valley, Md. May God forgive me, but at first I thought it all sounded boring.

Sure, I knew that the theme was appropriate, given this official Year of the Priest. Still, it sounded so general, almost fluffy. How wrong I was. The week was actually very good.

When the first speaker, an 85-year-old religious sister, stepped to the podium, it seemed like my initial misgivings were confirmed. Wrong again. She was fabulous.

Sister Agnes Cunningham was a walking, talking encyclopedia of the Church fathers, who were writers and bishops of the early Christian centuries. As a lover of ancient church history, she had my attention. Sister, who teaches on the seminary and university levels, spoke of how those first leaders extolled the priest as spiritual father. At times, she was actually moved to tears while quoting from both patristic works and from Scripture.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades also spoke beautifully on the theme, followed by Dr. Edward Siri, who developed the concept of fatherhood along such titles as "The Primacy of the Interior Life" and "Law, Freedom and the Crisis of Moral Relativism." He is professor of theology and Scripture at the Augustine Institute in Colorado.

Father David Toups, from the national bishops' conference headquarters in Washington, D.C., spoke along the lines of Priest as Spiritual Brother, Spouse, and Father.

The week ended with our own Dr. Paul Schenck, from the diocesan pro-life office, speaking of his experiences from the Jewish tradition, into which he was born and raised before converting to the Catholic Church. Actually, he had first converted to the Anglican Church, and had been a pastor in that denomination.

He said that the father-son bond is very important in Judaism but that a child can have a spiritual father relationship with other relatives and family friends. He said he likes his visiting priest friends to stay in his home so that his children can experience priest as mentor, friend, and father.

We had daily Mass. We also had Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer almost daily with a Holy Hour and Benediction twice during the week. I took an optional side trip into Baltimore to see an historic chapel where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton took her first religious vows before John Carroll, our nation's first bishop. Next door is an 1805 house where she lived for a year and set up the first Catholic elementary school.

A grand seminary, demolished about 1969, once stood on the site as well. The property is therefore a sort of cradle for Catholicism in the United States. A handsome new visitors' center, operated by the Sulpician Fathers, explains it all through wall photos, posters, and documents.

And so it was an enriching week for your two priests who are now better spiritual fathers, we hope and pray, thanks to the efforts of those providing such a fine week of shared wisdom.

Fr. Bill

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM IN THE CHURCH A LISTENING SESSION

November 10, 2009 7-9 P.M. Cardinal Keeler Center
4800 Union Deposit Road Harrisburg, PA 17111.

With the goal of welcome and inclusion of persons with autism in the sacraments and in all aspects of parish life, the Diocese of Harrisburg invites families of children with autism to participate in a discussion about the successes and challenges in the practice of their Catholic faith. Staff from the Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities, the Office of Worship and the Office of Religious Education will also participate. For more information contact: Ginny Duncan Director Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities (717) 657-4804, Ext. 322 vduncan@hbgiocese.org

MASS SCHEDULE



Sun. Oct. 25 – Jerm 31:1-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

9:15 – Kenneth Fike

Mon. Oct. 26 – Rom 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17

9:00 am – Ann Harrigan

Tues. Oct. 27 – Rom 8: 18-25; Luke 13:18-25

Wed. Oct. 28 – **Sts Simon and Jude** – Eph 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16

Thurs. Oct. 29 – Rom 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35

Fri. Oct. 30 – Rom 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6

9:00 am- Bernard G. Thome

Sat. Oct. 31 – Rom 11:1-29; Luke 14:1-11

5:00 pm (English) – Doris Ruble

6:30 pm (Spanish) – Bud Frey

Sun. Nov. 1 – (Rev 7:2-14, John 3:1-3, Matt 5:1-2)

9:15 – Edward and Ann Kivlin

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Attention Eucharistic Ministers: Please contact Dave Treaster about the schedule. Since we will not be distributing the cup, we will need to make a few schedule changes.

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.

Thank you: The St. Jude's Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for their donations, help, and support during the Fall Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser.

Abstaining on Fridays: After Vatican II the Church relaxed her laws regarding eating meat on Friday throughout the year *outside of Lent*. She *still* asks that all Catholics abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year. If one does not abstain from meat outside the Lenten season, that person should perform some other act of charity.

U.S. Census 2010 Prep Day: St. Jude Thaddeus Parish will be hosting this community event in the Social Hall on Saturday, November 7th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be speakers, and various Juniata County Human Service agencies present who will benefit directly from a Census completed effectively. Come and see how you can help make this Census successful, so that we can reap the benefits for the next 10 years.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

THE TREASURE TREE WILL BE UP OCTOBER 31st

Starting Saturday, October 31, parishioners will be able to participate in the Treasure Tree Project, named for SHS's theme for this year: "Catholic Schools - Treasures for Life." This project will benefit the SHS Angel Fund, which provides scholarships and financial assistance to families whose children attend Sacred Heart School. This year, the need for financial assistance **has already surpassed** the funds available in the Angel Fund. Although the fund will continue to receive donations through the Tuition Dollars Program throughout the year, these donations may not be enough to make up for the current shortfall. Here's how the Treasure Tree will work:

Yellow Apples in various amounts from \$25.00 - \$500.00 represent a **one-time donation** to the Angel Fund to be made any time in the next 6 months. **Donors can place their name in the book to pledge their donation, or simply send their donation to the parish or school office when able.**

Red Apples in various amounts from \$30.00 - \$270.00 represent **actual amounts the Angel Fund has pledged monthly to families to supplement their tuition payments.** Donors who choose these apples are pledging to make **monthly contributions over the next 8 months** to "sponsor" these families at SHS. **Donors need to place their name in the book** to pledge their

donation, unless they wish to remain anonymous. Contact Sue Parzanese at the parish office to make a confidential donation.

Donations to the SHS Angel Fund are accepted at any time during the year, however, if you are able, we encourage you to participate in this program. Consider using your 5% tithe to other charitable organizations to participate, if possible. Thanks for your support of SHS!

OCTOBER IS MISSION AWARENESS MONTH AT SHS: During the month of October, SHS will be promoting mission awareness. We offer young children the opportunity to grow in faith through mission education, sacrifice, and service to others. We are excited that our students have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of all children by participating in this Holy Childhood Association (HCA) Program.

FALL FLING DAY: October 30th is Fall Fling Day at SHS. Students who wish to participate can pay \$1.00 to "dress down" for the day. Remember to follow the dress code! All money collected will benefit the missions! Children will enjoy nutritious refreshments and classroom activities in the afternoon

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.

HALLOWEEN PARADE: Students and families from Sacred Heart School will have a float in this year's Halloween Parade on Wednesday, October 28. This year's theme is "**Kids are MAD**



about Sacred Heart School" and will feature our students dressed as mad scientists discovering all the treasures a Catholic education unfolds! If you have not signed up to participate, be sure and contact Adrienne Zannino (247-3963). If you see us along the parade route, be sure and cheer us on!

October 29th: Father Thoms will be taking his Spanish Classes, **Grades 3-5** to the Sacred Heart Cemetery for a prayer blessing for our deceased loved ones in conjunction with the upcoming celebration of Dia De Los Muertos on November 2, All Souls Day. Following that they will enjoy some Spanish food.

October 30th: Grades K2 will be traveling to the Vo Tech School to enjoy Fall Activities prepared by the Early Childhood Teaching students and then snacks prepared by the school's culinary class. This should be an enjoyable experience for our children and for the VoTech students.

Thank you to all who attended our Fall Open House. It was a night for families to meet and greet and to view the exhibits on display throughout the building. SHS is grateful to Mrs. Sue Parzanese and the Development committee for planning this activity.

Campbell Soup Labels collection has resulted in new play items and wagons for the playground. Thank you to all donors; please place labels in the collection boxes in church or school or simply drop them off at the school office.