

# Twentyseventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2009

## Stewardship is a way of life.

### Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: Sept. 27, 2009	\$1726.00
Income for Sept 28, 2008	\$1777.50
Income for Sept 30, 2007	\$1801.00
Students	\$ 2.50

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

**From a pastor:** : "I am now a 69 year-old Christian, a Capuchin friar since 1953 and an ordained priest since 1959. In all this time, I have NEVER, NEVER experienced less generosity from the Lord than I have shown to Him on the occasion of giving a gift to Him or to one of His little ones. On the contrary, I have been more than generously repaid. Have you experienced the same thing? Can you not tell a similar story and bear a similar witness?" **Friar Francis X .Russo, OFM Cap** St. John the Evangelist, Phila., PA

**Comments on Tithing from the Pews:** : "Only one time in the Bible does God allow us to test Him – He even challenges us to do so. That Scripture is Malachi 3:10: 'Bring the whole tithe into the warehouse that there may be food in My house, and try Me in this, says the Lord of hosts: Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven and pour down blessings upon you without measure?' I gave and God did!" A parishioner, St. Denis, Hopewell Junction, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grader said, "I took out the trash." A 1<sup>st</sup> grader said, "I helped Tobin weave." A 5<sup>th</sup> grader said, "I squared up ends for a tree house."

## Pastor's Column

### **"WHAT ORDER DO YOU BELONG TO, FATHER?"**

"I don't belong to an order," I say. "I'm a diocesan priest."

And they just look at me. And they say something like, "Yes, but what order do you belong to?"

And I have to repeat, "I'm not in a religious order. I'm a diocesan priest. I operate directly under a bishop."

And this is a whole new revelation for someone who has lived all of his or her life in a parish run by a religious order, which happens sometimes. And it's an opportunity for me to explain the difference.

A diocesan priest, like I said, works in a diocese under a bishop. A religious order priest has joined a religious order and operates under a house superior and then a provincial (general area) superior.

Examples would be Jesuits, Franciscans, Redemptorists and the list goes on and on. There are hundreds, maybe thousands, of religious orders in the Catholic Church.

What's the difference? While not entirely accurate, I like to say that diocesan priests are the general practitioners of the Church. Most commonly running parishes, we are in family practice, primary care. The religious order men are the specialists, often teachers, university professors, writers, researchers, speakers, foreign missionaries, cloistered monks, etc.

It gets blurry because sometimes religious order priests are assigned to run parishes. And yes, sometimes, diocesan priests take on those areas of expertise mentioned above. But generally – very generally – diocesan priests do parishes and religious order priests do other kinds of work. .

Another difference is that religious order priests take solemn vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Diocesan priests make promises of celibacy, of respect and obedience to the bishop but no vow of poverty. Diocesan priests are allowed checking and savings accounts; religious order priests are more restricted in those areas, because of the poverty vow.

Also, religious order priests tend to live in community, three or more together, in a friary or monastery or some kind of house, praying, eating, and working together. Diocesan priests live in a rectory, next to or near the parish church, oftentimes alone, especially with today's clergy shortage. Even when two or more diocesan priests live together, they generally don't have a "common life" as such (maybe some shared meals) and praying together is optional, not required.

What was the original form of priesthood? In my opinion, it was diocesan priesthood. Religious orders came later, starting with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> century desert hermits, then the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> century monks and developing into the 13<sup>th</sup> century "mendicant" orders (Franciscans, Dominicans), then into the later even more active orders (Jesuits, Salesians, etc.)

What is the evidence for our "firstness"? Titus 1:5, where St. Paul, a bishop, says to his protégé bishop Titus: "I left you in Crete, that you might amend what was defective and appoint elders (presbyters or priests) in every town as I directed you."

There you have it, from the 1<sup>st</sup> century apostolic era: A bishop appointing pastors in every town; the beginning of parish priests, the primary caregivers, on the front lines, working directly with the people. Think on that during this Year of the Priest.

## PARISH NEWS

### MASS SCHEDULE



**Sun. Oct. 4** – (Gen 2:18-24, Heb 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16)

9:15 a.m. – Dottie Dressler

**Mon. Oct. 5** – (Jonah 1:1-11, Luke 10:25-37)

9:00 am – Intentions of Jackie Weyers

**Tues. Oct. 6** (Jonah 3:1-10, Luke 10:38-42)

**Wed. Oct. 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)**  
(Jonah 4:1-11, Luke 11:1-4)

**Thurs. Oct. 8** – (Malachi 3:13-20, Luke 11:5-13)

**Fri. Oct. 9** – (Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2, Luke 11:15-12)

9:00 am- Mildred Rocco

**Sat. Oct. 10** – (Joel 4:12-21, Luke 11:27-28)

5:00 pm (English) – People of the Parish

6:30 pm (Spanish) – Joseph Karpency

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

9:15 a.m. – Earl Ober

**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Please remember** the soul of Betty Hall, mother of Maggie Sander and Betty Ruble, mother of Pam Baade., who passed away last week.

**CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING REMINDER:** There will be a meeting for all parents of St. Jude CCD students in the Confirmation class in the church immediately following the 9:15 Mass today, Sunday, October 4, 2009. Parents who are unable to attend should contact Fr. Weary to make arrangements for a make-up meeting.

**Fall Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the K Of C** will be held on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 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 October 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Youth Group** will meet, Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> after 9:15 mass to discuss the upcoming kick-off.

**Notice Meeting Change:** The Knights of Columbus monthly meeting for October has been moved to Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Any questions, please contact Bill Gerberich at 436-9545.

**K of C COAL (Chance of a Lifetime):** COAL tickets are now on sale! A donation of just \$1 will get you a chance to win a great prize. Please see any member of the Knights of Columbus or contact Bill Gerberic at 436-9545 for tickets or information.

**Anniversary Book:** It is not too late to be a sponsor. If you would like to have a loved one remembered in the book, please call Mary at the office 436-6722 or 436-2936. The cost is \$10.00 per name.

**RCIA** – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. As of yet, we do not have a set time each week to meet at St. Jude. Sacred Heart, Lewistown, has one on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. For those interested, please contact either office. *Father Thoms*

**Pilgrimage to the Basilica:** Sign up now for trip to the Basilica in Washington, D.C. on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$40. Send reservation check to the church office by **October 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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 - 8:00PM 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.



At 6 weeks old, your baby's nose, mouth, eyes and ears begin to shape. The arms and legs begin to bud out, and blood begins its first course. The tissue that gives rise to his or her lungs appears, and every part of their body continues to grow. Your baby is about the size of a lentil bean, a quarter inch long.

**Your baby has been given so many things at 6 weeks, but where are his or her rights when you take them all away with an abortion?**

Humans have a key right, from the moment of conception to death — A right to live. Please come and pray for those lost and those that could be saved.

**Life Chain**

**1 to 2 p.m.**

**Oct. 4**

**Downtown Lewistown,  
Historic Courthouse .**