

## Twentyfourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2009

### Stewardship is a way of life.

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

Tithing income: Sept. 13, 2009	\$1954.65
Income for Sept 7, 2008	\$2014.50
Income for Sept 9, 2007	\$1654.50
Students	\$ 1.25
Parish Loan	\$383,482.00
Payment	5,353.00
Balance	\$378,049.00

**Next week's tithe** will be for 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 tithe - 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 pews:** "I heard a mission appeal during vacation. It described all the many things I have taken for granted and things other people neither have nor have ever experienced. I have learned to appreciate what I have instead of complaining about what I would like to have. I have also learned to share what I have with other people who don't have."

**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 7<sup>th</sup> grader said, "I helped unpack from the beach." A 6<sup>th</sup> grader said, "I helped my mom and dad make jewelry." A Pre-K said, "I helped fold clothes."

## Pastor's Column

**MARRIED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH** (Part two – annulments)

When a Catholic is married in a Catholic wedding ceremony, that marriage is considered permanent and forever ("What God has joined, let no man put asunder" – Matt. 19:6). If that Catholic then divorces his or her first spouse and wants to marry someone else, the second marriage is not possible in the Catholic Church, which holds to the first marriage, for biblical reasons (Jesus basically said "once married, always married").

But many Catholics go and get married a second time anyway. That ceremony has to be done before a Protestant minister or a civil official. Though legal, that marriage is considered invalid by the Church, since the Catholic is still bound to the first marriage. The Catholic actually commits adultery by entering that second union (cf. Matt. 5:31; Lk. 16:18; Mk. 10:10-12), which is not considered a true marriage in God's eyes, according to the Catholic Church.

The Catholic, in such a second marriage, is in a state of grave sin and cannot receive Holy Communion while remaining in

that union, sometimes called an attempted or "putative marriage," by the Church. Remember, the first marriage is still considered the true marriage, unless proven otherwise. And those persisting in grave sin cannot receive communion.

Is there a way for a Catholic, in such a situation, to come back to the sacraments, without abandoning the second spouse? Yes. The Catholic can apply to the local diocesan tribunal (church court) to have the first marriage investigated with a view to possibly declaring it null and void, if the evidence so warrants it. That is called a declaration of nullity or an annulment.

But if that first wedding was in a Catholic church, before a priest, with the marriage lasting a number of years, even with children born from the union, can there really be grounds for declaring it "null and void?"

Perhaps. While the possible grounds are too detailed to describe here, suffice to say that many are of a psychological nature. Questions are asked like: did both parties enter freely into the marriage? Was there any pressure or coercion? Did their upbringing prepare them adequately for marriage?

A tribunal representative interviews the applicant (and the other party too, if possible), witnesses of the marriage (friends and family members) send in statements, documents are gathered. Yes, a fee is charged to help defray administrative costs (about \$575) but financial assistance is available for those in need. The process can take about one year.

If, with the evidence, it seems, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the first union was not a true marriage as God intended, the declaration of nullity on the first marriage is granted by the tribunal. The Catholic is then free to enter a second marriage in the Catholic Church.

In addition to divorces, civil courts also give out annulments, which is a recognition that, although marriage vows were exchanged, a real marriage was never contracted (e.g. "shot gun" or forced marriages, an underage partner, etc.). To be continued.

Fr. Bill

### PARISH NEWS

#### MASS SCHEDULE



**Sun. Sept 13** – (Isaiah 50:4c-9a, James 2:14-18, Mark 8L27-35)  
9:15 a.m. – Jerry and Emily Puma

**Mon. Sept 14** – **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
(Num 21: 4b-9, Phil 2: 6-11, John 3:13-17)  
9:00 am – Nick Pazzano

**Tues. Sept. 15**– **Our Lady of Sorrows**(Mem)  
(Tim 3:1-13, John 19:25-27)

**Wed. Sept 16** – **St. Cornelius and Cyprian**(Mem)  
(Tim 3L14-16, Luke 7:1-35)

**Thurs. Sept 17** (Tim 4: 12-16, Luke 7:36-50)

**Fri. Sept 18** – (Tim 6:2c-12, Luke 8:1-3)  
9:00 am – Gregory Mizii

**Sat. Sept 19** – (Tim 6:13-16, Luke 8:4-15)  
5:00 pm (English) – Mildred Rocco  
6:30 pm (Spanish) – Bud Frey

**Sun. Sept 20** – (Wis 2:12-20, James 3:16-43, Mark 9:30-37)  
9:15 a.m. – Jerry and Emily Puma

**Charismatic Renewal** is a movement of joy and enthusiasm in the Catholic Church. Those interested in attending the Annual Diocesan Day of Charismatic Renewal at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg, should be in the St. Jude parking lot, at 7:30am on Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> to carpool down. Be prepared for a day of joy, laughter and praise. We will return by 5:40pm.

**Cambio de dirección:** Favor de avisar a la secretaria, Mary Zangrilli, si usted ha mudado y tiene una nueva dirección. Eso también ayuda con la inmigración y no les perjudique.

**Football Frenzies 2009:** Pennsylvania Knights Football Frenzy Tickets are now on sale. A small donation could win you a great cash prize. Please see any member of the St. Jude's Knights of Columbus or contact Bill Gerberich at 436-9545 for tickets or information.

**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 Gerberich at 436-9545 for tickets or information.

**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.

**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.

**Music:** Marian Kerchusky is interested in working with someone who plays the guitar or piano in order to better serve the parish during the Liturgy of the Mass on Saturday nights, when she is scheduled to cantor. If you are interested please contact her at 994-0821.

**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 on on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. For those interested, please contact either office. *Father Thoms*

**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.

**Please note:** There will be a parish calendar posted on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church, this will be in addition to the calendar on our web site. If your organization has anything you need posted, please, call Mary by the end of August. She will post the calendar for Sept. and Oct. As always you must contact the office to set aside a date, this does not apply to normal monthly meetings. **Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine–October 24, 2009 in Washington DC.** Bishop Rhoades announced the Diocesan Marian Year to take place from October 2009 to October 2010. To begin this year-long celebration honoring our Blessed Mother, the Bishop will lead a pilgrimage to

the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, October 24, 2009 with the theme *Mary, Gate of Heaven*. This is a wonderful opportunity for the faithful of the parish to gather for a day of prayer and spiritual renewal. Men, women, teens please mark your calendar. Our parish is sponsoring a bus to the pilgrimage We will leave Lewistown at approx 6am and return at approx. 9:30pm with a stop for dinner. The cost of the trip is \$40.00 (dinner not included). **The following is the schedule of the day:**

9-10am Arrival

9-10:30am Sacrament of Penance

9:45am Prelude Concert

10-10:30am Welcome and Tour of Faith

10:45am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass –Bishop Rhoades

Noon-3pm Free time/lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, private prayer, gift shop, self guided tour of Basilica

1-3pm Sacrament of Penance

2pm Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

3pm Marian Celebration

4:30pm Departure

For reservations or questions call Dottie Peiffer (248-1804) or Nora Torquato (667-6551).

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL

*Mark Your Calendar* 

**Back to School Welcome Picnic** for all school families – Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, Derry Park. The event will include time to meet and greet,

to hear about HSA activities for the year & games for the children. HSA will provide meat. Families are asked to bring a dish to share. More details to follow. We hope all families will be able to attend.

**Back to School Night:** Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> is an evening for parents to hear about school programs, to meet with individual teachers, and to listen to them explain goals and procedures for the year. At least one parent from each family is expected to attend. The evening will begin at 6:15pm with refreshments in the cafeteria, prayer at 6:45, followed by the parents-only meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is an evening for all parents to be knowledgeable about our school programs and to see how parents and teachers can work together to make this a good school year for our children.

**Volunteers still needed** for help in the cafeteria / playground on school days...11:15am-12:15pm. Each volunteer will need security clearances but the school office can assist in obtaining them. Thank you to those who have volunteered. This work would fulfill the services hours required for school families.

**SHS continues to be a peanut free school.** All parents, guests, visitors are asked to abide by this and refrain from all peanut products being brought to school.

Thank You

**Food Pantry needs for September:** Baby care items: wipes baby bath lotion, diaper rash ointment, diapers, pull-ups, Also shampoo, lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, dish soap.

