

Twentyfifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2009

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: Sept. 13, 2009	\$2252.00
Income for Sept 14, 2008	\$1927.00
Income for Sept 16, 2007	\$2878.50
Students	\$ 4.50
Peter's Pence	\$ 275.00

Next week's tithe will be for the Food Pantry

From a pastor: "A teacher asked her class what each wanted to become when they grew up. A chorus of responses came from all over the room. 'A football player,' 'A doctor,' 'An astronaut,' 'A fireman,' 'A teacher. . .' Everyone, that is, except Tommy. The teacher noticed that he was quiet and so she asked him, 'Tommy, what do you want to be?' 'Possible' was his reply. 'Possible?' she repeated. 'Yes', Tommy said. 'My mom is always telling me I'm impossible, so when I get big, I want to be possible.'

"Your weekly sacrifice makes [many things] 'possible.' Sr. Leticia visits well over one hundred shut-ins and nursing home residents every month. Sr. Margaret Smith and Sr. Lucille have begun a monthly ministry for those who have lost a loved one. Efforts have been made to upgrade our air conditioning system and keep the church clean. This past winter our heating bills rose \$40,000 for church/rectory and \$33,000 for the school. All of these extras and ordinaries are 'possible' because of your outstanding generosity. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones."

Rev. James E. Devlin

Our Lady of Angels, Brooklyn, NY

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 5th grader said, "I helped my uncle clean out his shed." A 1st grader said, "I cleaned out my toy box." A 7th grader said, "I cleaned the kitchen for my mom."

Pastor's Column

MARRIED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH (Part three - annulments)

A declaration of nullity or an "annulment" is a decision by a Catholic Church diocesan tribunal (court), after an investigation, that a certain marriage was not a true, valid union as intended by God. The tribunal investigation is usually requested by one of the partners after a divorce. If the decision is "positive," i.e., the marriage in question is declared invalid, and then the Catholic partner may get married again in the Catholic Church.

That first marriage may at first appear to be valid from every standpoint. It may have been in a Catholic Church before a priest (a marriage by a Catholic outside the Catholic Church is automatically invalid). It may have lasted a number of years, producing children. Many might say, how could the Church declare it invalid?

Well, it could be invalid if a defect is discovered in the "marital consent" of one or both partners from the beginning of the marriage. In other words, to contract a valid marriage, the couple must intend a lifelong partnership, be open to having children, and be faithful to one another.

The partners must then be able to physically and psychologically carry out these intentions. If, after an investigation (possibly lasting 1 to ½ years), the tribunal is satisfied, with reasonable certainty, that one or more of these key elements was missing, the marriage can be declared null and void.

Remember, too, that the Catholic Church respects marriages between two Protestants as valid and permanent, even when done outside of a church building, before a civil official. That means that a Protestant previously married (even before a J.P.) must first obtain an annulment before he or she can be married to a Catholic in the Catholic Church!

Remember too, that these are not just bothersome rules dreamed up by the pope to make life difficult. It all goes back to these and similar words of Christ: "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery" (Mark 10: 11). In other words, once married always married. And the Church is bound by Christ's words.

Oftentimes the Catholic asks the tribunal for an annulment of his or her first marriage after already entering a second marriage outside the Catholic Church. Remember, that places the Catholic in a state of serious sin, unable to receive communion. But if the applied-for annulment of the previous union is granted, then the Catholic goes to confession, has the current marriage "convalidated" in the Catholic Church (popularly called "blessing the marriage," a short wedding ceremony) and is restored to full communion.

There are pamphlets and booklets in the parish office with more information and I am always willing to explain the process to those intended. Annulments can help restore people to the Church. Think about clipping out this series for Catholic friends and relatives married outside the Church. It might bring someone back.

Fr. Bill

PARISH NEWS

MASS SCHEDULE



Sun. Sept 20 – (Wisdom 2:12-20, James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37)

9:15 a.m. – Dottie Dressler

Mon. Sept 21 – **St. Matthew (Feast)**

(Eph 4:1-13, Matt 9:9-13)

9:00 am – George Gaiski Sr.

Tues. Sept. 22– (Ezra 6:6-20, Luke 8:19-21)

Wed. Sept 23 – **St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Memorial)**

(Ezra 9:5-9, Luke 9:1-6)

Thurs. Sept 24 (Haggai 1:1-8, Luke 9:7-9)

Fri. Sept 25 – (Haggai 2:1-9, Luke 9:18-22)

9:00 am- Jeanne Marie Carpenter

Sat. Sept 26 – (Zech 2:5-15, Luke 9:43b-15a)

5:00 pm (English) – Joseph Karpency

6:30 pm (Spanish) – Bud Frey

Sun. Sept 27 – (Num 11:25-29, James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-48)

9:15 a.m. – People of the Parish

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

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.

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.

60+ Group will be Tuesday, September 22 at 12:00pm in the social hall. This get together will be picnic form, so if you want to bring anything keep that theme in mind. For more information Call Frances Schilling at 464-3078

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*

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.

When abortion claimed the lives of both her unborn grandchild and her daughter, Mrs. Eileen Smith said she and her husband Tom experienced a 'baptism of fire' into the pro-life movement. She vowed that she would tell Laura's story in the hope that at least one woman would choose life after hearing it...Since then, she has heard about several young women who have turned away from abortion after hearing about Laura's death. NRL News, 2008.

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 Basilica

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

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.

Title I program--This year SHS is receiving Title I services through the venue of both Mifflin and Juniata school districts separately. Children have been screened for these services

Music instrumental program under the direction of Heather Jones is being started. Children may sign up for lessons during the school day. Parents have received registration information. This provides an opportunity for children to develop their musical talent at a reasonable fee.

Parents and parishioners are welcome to join us for school liturgies , Thursdays at 9AM

Thank you to the Home and School Assn. for providing for the recent Back to School Picnic and also to parents who attended the recent Back to School Night. Both events were planned to provide you with background information about our school and its programs .

