

Twentysixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2009

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: Sept. 20, 2009	\$1409.00
Income for Sept 21, 2008	\$1715.20
Income for Sept 16, 2007	\$1660.00
Students	\$ 3.00

Next week's tithe will be for the Building Fund

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: "What is the measure of a man? According to people or according to God? I found out that tithing doesn't rely on impressing people or God. It's based on how much we really mean we love God."

A parishioner Rev. Marcello J. Latona
Holy Trinity, Whitestone, 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 4th grader said, "I cleaned out my desk." A 6th grader said, "I helped my dad cut wood." A 7^{1st} grader said, "I helped dad pick beans."

LIFE CHAIN

October is Respect Life Month and we have several events, under that theme, that are very important for the pro-life cause.

First is the Life Chain, 1p.m. Sunday, October 4, which is Respect Life Sunday, a day calling for defense of human life against abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, physician-assisted suicide, etc.

This event takes place in front of the old courthouse, on the square in Lewistown, and is organized locally by Citizens Concerned for Human Life (CCHL), which meets at our parish office. People assemble on the steps of the courthouse to sing, pray, listen to talks, and provide a public witness for the pro-life cause.

It is called Life Chain because it is part of a nationwide human chain. On that very day, groups all over the United States will be assembling in the same way, in town squares and other public places, to speak out for life. CCHL has just formed and will hold its next meeting 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 30th, in the parish offices. So come to that meeting if you want to be involved in the fight against abortion and other such anti-life evils in our land. And come to Life Chain Oct. 4. The more the merrier and the more powerful is the witness.

Second, attend two upcoming pro-life Masses. One is Friday Oct. 2 at Immaculate Conception Church, South George

Street, York, celebrated by the bishop and followed by a procession to the local Planned Parenthood center for public singing, praying and testimony against abortion.

Come also to a similar Mass that I will celebrate 8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 2121 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg. After the Mass, those attending go to stand in front of the nearby Hillcrest abortion mill, again for prayers and hymns. A large, impressive statue of Our Lady of Fatima, carried on a big platform, accompanies us.

In the back alley, behind the building, some pro-lifers even do sidewalk counseling, i.e., calling out to the mothers and their men, as they leave their cars in the parking lot, to go inside to perform their terrible deed. Those clients are invited to come over and talk, take informational literature, and reconsider their decision. It's exciting, frustrating work but successes are reported, such as when a mother comes over to talk and then decides not to have an abortion. Yay! Most of us are out front praying, so we've got them coming and going. After demonstrating, we all go out for breakfast and have great conversation and fellowship. Call me if you want to go.

Finally, don't forget the January 22nd 2010 March for Life in Washington D.C. We'll have a bus going; with more details to follow. Mark your calendars for all of these events. "Choose life, in order that you and your descendants may live" (Deut. 30:19).

Fr. Bill

PARISH NEWS

MASS SCHEDULE



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

9:15 a.m. – People of the Parish

Mon. Sept 28 – (Zec 8:1-8, Luke 9:46-50)

9:00 am – Bud Frey

Tues. Sept. 29– St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels (Feast)

(Dan 7:9-14, John 1:47-51)

Wed. Sept 30 – St. Jerome (Memorial)

(Neh 2:108, Luke 9:57-62)

Thurs. Oct. 1 – St. Theres of the Child Jesus (Mem)

(Neh 8:1-12, Luke 10:1-12)

Fri. Oct.2 – Guardian Angels (Mem)

(Baruch 1:15-22, Matt 18:1-1-)

9:00 am- Paul Amalfitano Sr.

Sat. Oct. 3 – (Baruch 4:5-29, Luke 10:17-24)

5:00 pm (English) – Rev. Vincent Negherbon

6:30 pm (Spanish) – Bud Frey

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

9:15 a.m. – Dottie Dressler

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

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 9:15 A.M. Mass next Sunday, October 4, 2009. Parents who are unable

to attend should contact Fr. Weary to make arrangements for a make-up meeting.

Women's Guild will meet Tuesday, Sept 29 at 6:30 in the social. This meeting is very important, your program committee, worked over the summer on a tentative program for the year. **Please attend Tuesday and give us your input.**

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 6012, children 5 and under are free. Please mark you calendars and come join us for a wonderful dinner!

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

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

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

Pilgrimage to the Basilica: Sacred Heart Church will be sponsoring a bus to the Basilica in Washington, D.C. on October 24th. The plans are to leave Lewistown from the Mifflin County

Library at 6 A.M. with a pick-up at the Trustworthy Travel Office in Mifflintown about 6:30 A.M., returning at approximately 9:30 P.M... The cost is \$40. (lunch and dinner not included). Lunch can be at the Basilica and a stop-over for dinner will be on the return trip home.

Everyone is invited to attend this day of prayer and spiritual renewal. **You do not need to have attended the preparatory sessions for making the Act of Consecration.** Making the consecration at this time is not mandatory. Please sign up in the back of the social hall and send reservation check to Sacred Hearts church office by **October 17th**. Any questions contact Dottie Peiffer at 248-1804 or Nora Torquato at 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.

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 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

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.

Home and School Association officers for this year are: Donna Ake as chair, Yvonne Hoppel as Vice chair, Susan Gilbert as secretary and Danielle Richard as treasurer. Next home and school meeting will be October 8th and all parents are invited--6PM in the school

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

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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR OCTOBER: SHAMPOO, LOTION, DEODORANT, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE , RAZORS, SHAVING CREAM