

Fr. Jeffrey Thoms

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Third Sunday in Lent March 7, 2010

Stewardship is a way of life.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income: for Feb. 28, 2010	\$1900.00		
Income for March 1, 2009	\$2380.30		
Income for March 2, 2008	\$1880.00		
Student	\$ 1.00		
Parish Debt	\$364,571.00	Payment (Ladies Guild)	\$ 2,500.00
Capital Campaign Payment	\$ 2,000.00		
Parish Debt	\$360,071.00		

Next week's tithe: Catholic Relief Services

From a Pastor: "The witnesses who were here in the fall to share their tithing experiences with us testified again that *tithing is about faith, not finances*. Thanks to all who are trying God's plan."

Rev. Peter D. Gillen

St. Rose of Lima, Rockaway Beach, NY

Comments from the pew- "I am 16 years old. I would like to know if I can have my own envelope system to tithe because I have a job and I feel thankful. I figure what is 5% or 10% to give to the church who really needs it to help others."

A (**very special**) parishioner!!

Rev. William Cosgrove

St. Denis, Hopewell Junction, NY

My Good Deed for the Week:: Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A 2nd grader said, "I helped my sister pick up." A Pre-K said, "I helped my mom run the sweeper." A 6th grader said, "I cooked dinner and then cleaned up the dishes."

From the Assistant Pastor:

The True Church of Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ came to this earth, born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, some 2000 years ago to save us from our sins. God the Father intended to show us His love by sending His only Son (see John 3:16) and instituting a Church (see Matthew 16:18ff). This Church has several characteristics that have marked her as the True Church of Jesus Christ from the start. Baptism is a clear command from Jesus (Matthew 28). The Eucharist is celebrated by the apostles every time they gathered (see Acts). The apostles administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to the those who "were only baptized in the Holy Spirit" (Acts 10). Marriage is celebrated as a gift raised to the level of a sacrament (Ephesians 5). Holy Orders is divided into three ranks: Deacon, Priest and Bishop, as we see throughout the Acts of the Apostles. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated by the priests for those gravely ill or near death (see James 5).

The Priests are only supposed to act if they have a *mandate* from their local Bishop (see 2 Corinthians 11:13). In fact it was St. Ignatius of Antioch, a great Father of the Church, who wrote, "Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be; as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church. It is not lawful to baptize or give communion without the consent of the bishop. On the other hand, whatever has his approval is pleasing to God. Thus, whatever is done will be safe and valid" (*Letter to the Smyrnaeans* 8 J.R. Willis translation). This Letter dates to the 2nd century and expresses the spirit and mindset of those who were disciples of the those who were the first apostles of Jesus Christ.

As we pray together this Lent for the unity of the Christian Church, let us keep in mind ALL of the beautiful aspects of the true Church of Jesus Christ, which subsist in the Catholic Church. We pray for all Christians, that they come to the fullness of the truth in Jesus Christ. We also pray for ourselves that we in turn LIVE the Faith in love that we profess.

MASS SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 7 – Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Psalm 103:1-11;

1 Corinthians 10:1-6-10-12; Luke 13:1-9

9:15am – Vincenzo Passalacqua

Monday, March 8 – 2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Luke 4:24-30

9:00am – Madeline Brubaker

Tuesday, March 9 – Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 10 – Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 11 – Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 12 – Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6-11, 14-17; Mark 12:28-34

9:00am – Intention of Dennis & Dolores Rodriguez

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 13 – Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21; Luke 18:9-14

5:00pm (English) – Mary Miller

6:30pm (Spanish) – Eva Hohman

Sunday, March 14 – Joshua 5:9-12 (33C); Psalm 34:2-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

9:15 – Susan Waller

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

HELP! HELP! HELP! We are in need of family's to help clean the church, if you would be willing to donate a Saturday morning, please sign up after mass at the Welcome Table or contact Dolly Marencic at 436-5909.

K of C membership drive : After all Masses the 1st and 2nd weekend of March, please stop by the social hall to learn more about the Knights of Columbus. For more information call Bill Gerberch at 436-9545.

Lenten Penance Service will be Sunday, March 21st at 7:00pm. We expect parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity to prepare themselves for Easter.

Envelopes for Easter Flowers: Don't forget to turn your memorial envelopes in for flowers.

Register for the Traditional Latin Mass retreat: We now have a firm date for the retreat on the Traditional Latin Mass at St. Jude. The retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2010. It will begin at 1 P.M. and will conclude with the *Extraordinary Form of the Mass* (a.k.a. the Traditional Latin Mass) being celebrated by Fr. Frank Parrinello at 5 P.M. Fr. Parrinello is the Pastor of the *Mater Dei Community* at the St. Lawrence Chapel in Harrisburg.

Please register for the retreat at the table in the back of the social hall. If you have specific topics or questions you would like Fr. Parrinello to address in his workshops, please place these in the box located on the table next to the registration sheet. Paper is there for your convenience. More information about the retreat schedule will be forthcoming.

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

Jim Cowan, a Catholic recording artist, with several CDs to his credit, will give a sacred music concert at St. Jude's Church, at 7 p.m., Friday, March 26, with his wife Mary. Jim sings and plays keyboard, leading the congregation in praise and worship music, as he did for many years at the Franciscan University of Steubenville summer spiritual conferences. Go right from the Knights' fish fry dinner to praise and worship, adding an entirely new dimension to your Lenten spirituality.

Please Note: Bulletin announcements for next weekend must be in the office by Wednesday, March 10th.

St. Jude Knights of Columbus Annual Lenten Fish Dinner: St. Jude Knights' annual Lenten Friday fish dinners began and will run until **March 26, 2010** in the church social hall, 4-7 p.m. The meal is all you can eat and includes fried and baked fish, popcorn shrimp, fried clams, French fries, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, puddings, and a selection of homemade desserts.

Pay at the door: \$9.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under are free. Please come and enjoy a delicious meal and support the fundraising efforts of our Knights.

Help is still needed for the fish dinners Cakes are always needed. Please give a few hours of your time, it is greatly appreciated!

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This week's Community Lenten Service will be held on Wednesday, March 10th, starting at 7p.m. here at St. Jude. The speaker will be Rev. James Wooster. Please make a special to attend this service.

Marriage Annulments: The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation concerning divorce and annulment from the Catholic perspective. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics; those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held on March 3, at 7pm, in the Cardinal Keeler Center of the diocesan office building in Harrisburg. No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, ext. 304 or email at: tribunal@hbgdiocese.org.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Monday, March 8: School Board Meeting, 6PM in the school faculty room

Tuesday, March 9: Faculty Meeting, 3-4PM

K and New Families Open House: 6-7:30PM

Thursday, March 11: Lenten Mass--Grade 2 prepares

Friday, March 12: Title I Coffee for Parents, 7:30 a.m.; Stations for Children: 2PM

Upcoming Events: School Book Fair, March 15-19

New Registrations for SHS: Sacred Heart School is now taking registrations for the 2010-2011 school year, both for new and current students. A \$50 fee for new students and a \$25 fee for returning student families is required for registration. Forms are available at the school office or online at www.sacredheartschool.com.

Neumann Scholarship applications now available: SHS announces that Neumann Scholarship Foundation applications are now available for families whose children will attend SHS next year. A \$20 application fee is required. Applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN April 1, 2010, but we recommend early application to avoid ineligibility. The Neumann Scholarship Foundation was established by the Diocese of Harrisburg to accept donations through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program for private school tuition assistance. For more information, call the school office or check our website at www.sacredheartschool.com

SHS will be selling Gardner's candy for Easter. Enjoy the delicious items and support SHS. Forms are available at the back of church or at school office. Forms with payment are due March 10; delivery March 23; checks payable to SHS-HSA (no cash, please)

