



Good News! It is now MARCH!! Which means, in about 18 days, winter turns to spring!! In fact, it will happen during Holy Week . . . which is probably the earliest that Holy Week and Easter ever is. I understand that Easter won't be this early for another 35-40 years or so. By that time, I probably won't have to worry about it anymore . . . With that in mind, I don't ever remember St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, coming during Holy Week. Since those are the most sacred days of the year, nothing is to "interrupt" their sanctity and devotion. And, since Patrick is the Patron of the Diocese of Erie, Bishop Trautman still wants us to celebrate the feast. So, *Bishop Trautman has moved the Feast of St. Patrick to THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH*. And, in order to honor St. Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Mother, *Bishop Trautman has also moved the Feast of St. Joseph to SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH*. In our Diocese, these are two very important Feasts with such great significance . . . St. Patrick as our patron, and to honor all of the Irish immigrants that have made their home here; and, St. Joseph, the patron of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who have dedicated their lives to the countless ministries to the people of the Erie Diocese; especially, Catholic education. Please celebrate these feasts appropriately in your family this year. March 17th is Monday of Holy Week, a very sacred day, and should not be overshadowed by anything that would take away its significance. It would not be appropriate to be wearing green and shamrocks on that day, for it will *not* be a festive day. It will be a somber day, honoring the final days and hours of Our Lord's life. And, the same goes for March 19th. This year, may we celebrate the Feasts of Patrick and Joseph on the days that have been designated by our Shepherd, Bishop Trautman.

The Pennsylvania primary elections are coming up on April 22nd. It is getting very exciting already! And, the way it may turn out, Pennsylvania may become one of the most important primaries in the country. I am somewhat shocked, however, in the number of young adults who are not registered to vote. (I may have registered right on my 18th birthday, if I am not mistaken!) If you are one of those, or have family members who are not registered, there may still be time, but not much. But, I would hope that all of us would appreciate the gift . . . and the duty . . . that we have to vote for our next leaders. To me, if you don't vote, your opinion becomes irrelevant! No vote . . . no complaining!

The new boiler is in, and it is working fine! The group from RABE Environmental Services managed to remove the old one, install the new one, connect it, and get it working flawlessly in 4 ½ days! These guys started at 6 a.m., probably to the chagrin of the neighbors. But, we needed it done. Luckily, it wasn't too cold outside, but it was starting to drop by the end of the week. When they finally got it going for the first time, the temperature had dropped in the church to 42 degrees! But, by the time we had Stations of the Cross and Benediction, we were able to get it to 60 degrees . . . much warmer than it was for the actual Crucifixion itself, I suppose.

We are about \$3,000 ahead of last year as we enter the 3rd Week of the Catholic Services Appeal. Even though we are over our Diocesan Goal in pledges, we do so need to reach our Parish Goal of \$86,000. Keep in mind, the boiler . . . which is not yet paid for . . . cost over \$33,000. And, we expect to fix the outer glass of the stained-glass windows to exceed \$40,000. And, that

has to be done soon. As of this writing, only 22% of the parish has contributed or made a pledge. So, allow me to appeal to the other 78% . . . *we need you!*

We are beginning our 4th Week in this most sacred time of Lent. How are you doing with it? Are you taking the time for prayer? Have you been keeping your sacrifices as you wanted to on Ash Wednesday? Have you been to confession yet? Or . . . is it just like any other time of the year? There is still much time left to make these weeks sacred and holy.

Have a great week! Don't forget . . . plan to come to the Easter Vigil!

Fr. D.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Diocesan Goal: \$43,000

Parish Goal: \$86,000

Pledged to Date: \$58,910

137% of Diocesan Goal

68% of Parish Goal

169 contributors = 22% of Parish

TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF SACRED HEART PARISH



Sunday, March 9th is our 55th annual Spaghetti Dinner here at Sacred Heart. Dinners will be served from noon to 6:00PM; carry-outs from 11:30AM until 6:00PM. *PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINERS.*

The menu consists of spaghetti and meatballs with sauce, Italian salad, bread and butter, beverage and dessert.

Once again we are fortunate to have Lorraine Squeglia directing this event, with co-chairs Lisa Lopez Zamierowski and Linn Lopez Rater.

Many hands are needed to make this dinner a success. Please call Joy at 454-5413 or Kay at 866-7946 if you can give at least an hour or two of your time.

After dinner you may want to stop at our bake sale. All you bakers get busy and whip up those yummy and delightful sweet treats. An Italian theme basket will be raffled off.

Teen and preteen girls, if you have been thinking about joining our girlchoir "*Angelus*" for Saturday night Masses, NOW is the time to join! We are going to start working on a couple of exciting projects soon; I can't tell you what they are, but I can hint that one of them may involve a recording session and another may involve doing a concert offsite. However, we can't do it without you; we need voices! If you are interested, please keep in mind that our first priority is church. *Angelus* is here to sing for Saturday night services. We are looking for girls who are committed to practicing with us and singing at Mass; our two projects are just "icing on the cake" but as stated earlier, the projects are very exciting. If you would like to join us, please see Lewis at the piano after Mass or write to him at eriemusicdir3@aol.com within the next two weeks. **Hope to hear from you soon!**



††† Masses For The Week

Monday, March 3rd - St. Katherine Drexel

8:30 - Vinnie Marchant - Char and Art

Tuesday, March 4th - St Casimir

8:30 - Peter Nenni - Joseph Sette

Wednesday, March 5th

8:30 - John Eichenlaub - Family

Thursday, March 6th

8:30 - Edna and Joseph Orlando - Mary

Friday, March 7th - St. Perpetua and St. Felicity

8:30 - Arthur and Jeanette Detisch - Family

7:00 - Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday, March 8th - St. John of God

4:30 - Edward Milloy - Tom Yeager

Sunday, March 9th - The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30 - Elizabeth Feikls - Family

11:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

Priest Schedule for March 8th and 9th**Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch****Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM - Fr. Detisch**

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Antoinette Corsi Colao** by daughter Janet and Family.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Ezekiel 37: 12-14 Romans 8: 8-11 John 11: 1-45



Annual Spring Cleaning of the Church - On **Saturday, March 15th**, *Cleaning Teams 3 and 4*, led by Annette Ahrens, Barb Selker and Maria Stevens will participate in a Spring Cleaning of the

church. We need additional men and women to help prepare the church for Easter. Please join us on the 15th at 8:30AM. Bring a bucket and a cloth. With enough help, we can finish by noon. Questions? Call Rosemary at 455-1961.

High school students who need service hours are encouraged to come.

PRAYER LINE - The Coordinators for Sacred Heart's Prayer Line are:

Debbie Knecht at 504-0294

and

Jeannie Van Buskirk at 866-3235

Any prayer requests should be called in to either Jeannie or Debbie.

CASINO NIGHT - The *Knights of Columbus* would like to thank everyone who attended our "**Casino Night**". Everyone seemed to have a great time and there were many happy winners throughout the evening. Congratulate the following money winners when you see them: \$50.00 winners - Bill Mehler, Joyce Williams, and Mike Pacansky. The \$100.00 winner was Gary Michalchik, and the \$500.00 winner was Jerry Duska.

Lenten Schedule

Sunday - **Coffee & Donuts** will be served in the audi following the morning Masses. All are welcome!

Monday - **Boy Scout Meeting** at 6:00PM in the audi.

Monday Night Scripture Group at 7:00PM in the sacristy.

Tuesday - The **Rosary** will be prayed at 2:00PM in church.

Thursday - **Choir Rehearsal** from 7:30PM until 9:00PM.

Friday - **Stations of the Cross** and **Benediction** will be prayed at 7:00PM in church.

Saturday - Church Cleaning **Team #6** (Mary Lou and Vince Eppolito's team) is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th.

Angelus Choir Rehearsal from 5:30PM until 6:45PM in church.

Sunday - **Spaghetti Dinner** serving from 12:00-6:00PM in the audi.

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS

Could this be a good sign? Although the first Big Giveaway turn-in was not until Tuesday, February 26th, a week before that over \$1,000 of ticket returns were already deposited in the bank. Since this article is written for the bulletin a day prior to the turn-in of February 26th, we are unable to tell you how much was returned in sales on that date. Watch for future reports in the bulletin.

The next Big Giveaway turn-in will be on Tuesday, March 4th, from 7:00 to 8:00PM, in the Auditorium.



LADIES OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY - Our March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00PM (the Board will meet at 6:00PM).

After recitation of the rosary we will have a guest speaker, Carolyn Hammer. Carolyn is from the "Neighborhood Network" and would like to speak to us about being volunteers to mentor children in need (Similar to "Big Brother/Big Sister" or perhaps fill in as a "Grandmother").

We will have our business meeting after that and discuss the outcome of the spaghetti dinner and bake sale. A light snack will be served.

Sacred Heart bakers: Remember to bake those yummy treats for the bake sale for the spaghetti dinner. Anyone wishing to donate any sweets can bring them to the audi on Sunday, March 9th.

OPERATION RICE BOWL**Fourth Week of Lent - The Man Born Blind**

How are we blind? Whom don't we see or what don't we notice happening around us? As we continue our journey with *Operation Rice Bowl* this week, we **pray** for sight to see the needs of our brothers and sisters around the world. We **fast** so that our hunger heightens our awareness of those in need of better health facilities and healthier living conditions. Our **almsgiving** is a way for us to show those looking for hope that there are others who care about their plight. *Please support Operation Rice Bowl this Lent!*

Please remember in your prayers our departed:

†**Frank Leone**

Pray For Peace