



We find ourselves now in the holiest week of the year. These next seven days are so much more important than Christmas, summertime, or any other celebration throughout the whole year. This is Holy Week. We spend these days trying to focus completely on those final days in the life of Our Lord. May each of us do everything we can to keep these days sacred . . . “Holy”. Each day, this week, there should truly be time of prayer with the family. It would be wonderful if each and every day, maybe before dinner or bedtime, the family gathers together to read a passage from Scripture about the final days of the Lord. Sunday would be a great time to focus on His Triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, we could reflect on those precious moments of his final teachings in the Temple area. Certainly on Holy Thursday, the family could reflect on passages on the Last Supper. Certainly, on Good Friday, it would bring such sacredness to the day if the family reflected on the Passion. Holy Saturday could be a time of private prayer, and maybe a conversation with each other on what the Apostles must have been dealing with while hiding in the locked room the day after Jesus died. This entire week could truly be different if we celebrate its holiness. I would certainly encourage every family to come together for all of the celebrations. Remember, Lent ends at the beginning of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. When that Mass begins, then so does “The Triduum”: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday . . . days that are NOT part of Lent. The whole week ends with the great and glorious celebration of the Easter Vigil, the most sacred Mass of the year! Yes, it goes on for about 2 hours. But, it is so beautiful!

The Easter Candle this year was donated by some very loyal parishioners in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We truly thank them for their generosity. May each of us say a prayer to the Blessed Mother for the intentions of these good people.

Tonight (Sunday) is the Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7:00. We will have 6 priests joining us for confessions, and we will be here as long as it takes. I do so hope that the families of our Religious Education children will come. Another unfortunate reality to being the only priest assigned to Sacred Heart is that I cannot ever have a Reconciliation Service for our Religious Education students . . . since I am presiding at the 11:30 Mass while they are in class. So, besides having confessions 51 Saturdays a year, we have these evening Penance Services 4 times a year, offering 55 opportunities to come to confession at Sacred Heart. Parents have the primary responsibility of bringing their children to the Sacrament. I do so hope more would accept that responsibility, since I hear very few children’s confessions. And, that is of great concern to me.

I realize that many people could not attend Mass last weekend because of the storm. I put in my article my reaction to parishioner’s complaints about young people, *and their parents*, who use ipods, or text messages on their cellphones, during Mass. If you did not get last week’s bulletin, please go to our website to read that. I think it is very important: www.sacredhearterie.org, and click on “bulletins”.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who weathered the storm last weekend and cooked, served, cleaned, set-up, and everything else for our 55th Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Despite the mounds of snow, and such a poor plowing everywhere, we still served almost 970 dinners! That is fantastic! Thank you so much,

Sacred Heart. Patrick Harkins, Jr. won the \$500 prize, and HE GAVE IT BACK TO THE PARISH!! Not bad for 14 years old!!!! Thanks, Pat! And, the winner of the \$250 is Rebecca Lynn Jones. And, at only about a year old, she could now stack up on the Gerber’s and wipes! It was a great day . . . sunny . . . and 80 feet of snow! But, a great, great day! Thanks, everyone!

However, we “took a bath” on the collection. Obviously, the Mass attendance was dismal. And, the collection was bad. So, may I ask that all those who couldn’t get out of their driveways from the snow storm please make it up in your offerings. We certainly don’t need low collections when we are heating the church as much as we have to. Thanks!

Monday evening, the Chrism Mass is being celebrated at 4:00 at St. Leo’s Church in Ridgeway (111 Depot Street, Ridgeway, 15853 if you wanted to “Mapquest it”.) If you are able to, please take a ride to Ridgeway. It is a great celebration, where the Bishop blesses all the oils for the sacraments throughout the diocese. It is also a celebration of the priests, where we all recommit ourselves to our priestly vows. If you cannot join us, please pray for all the priests of the Diocese.

Have a very blessed Holy Week. Please come with your whole family to all the wonderful services. And, please plan to come to the great Easter Vigil!

Fr. D

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	Mar. 9, 2008	Mar. 10, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$95.00	\$258.00
Easter Flower Offering	\$871.00	\$42.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$4,190.06	\$6,902.86
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	(\$3,059.94)	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 696 families of the parish, 152 envelopes (20%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$27.57**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE - Our Parish Penance Service will be on Sunday, March 16th at 7:00PM in church. We will have priests available for confession until all are heard. All are welcome.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRANTS - Sign-ups for 15 minute contract signing sessions will occur after all Masses on March 15th and 16th; and after all Masses on March 29th and 30th in the Sacristy. And, as part of the Grant, you must purchase/sell 3 Big Giveaway Tickets. Please contact Jim Nuber ASAP to receive your tickets at 864-9838.



††† Masses
For The Week

Monday, March 17th

8:30 - Winifred Zimmer - The Big Giveaway Committee

Tuesday, March 18th

8:30 - For the Dec'd of the Klemen & Viglione Families - Family

Wednesday, March 19th

8:30 - Eleanor Ruth - Mary Carol Gensheimer

Thursday, March 20th - Mass of the Lord's Supper

7PM - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper with all-night Adoration

Friday, March 21st - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

8:30 - Morning Prayer

2:00 - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7PM - Tenebrae

Saturday, March 22nd - Easter Vigil

8:30 - Morning Prayer

8:00 - For the Living and Deceased Members of
Sacred Heart Parish**Sunday, March 23rd - Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord**

9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

11:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

Priest Schedule for March 22nd and 23rd**Saturday, 8:00PM** - Fr. Detisch**Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM** - Fr. Detisch

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Vinnie** and †**Mark Marchant** by Char and Art.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3: 1-4

1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8 John 20: 1-9

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Diocesan Goal: \$43,000

Parish Goal: \$86,000

Pledged to Date: \$68,835.00

160% of Diocesan Goal

80% of Parish Goal

201 Families have contributed = 27%

Please remember in your prayers our departed: †**John Colao**, father of Janet DiPaolo; †**Helen Corsi**; †**John Novello**; †**Amelia Nunes**; †**Theresa Siatkowski**; and †**Beatrice Suesser**, mother of JoAnn Guilianelli.

The West Side Squires Neighborhood Watch will meet on Tuesday, March 18th in the Sacred Heart Auditorium at 6:45PM. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Blakeslee at 456-7381.



Lenten Schedule

Sunday - Parish Penance Service at 7:00PM in church.**Tuesday** - The **Rosary** will be prayed at 2:00PM in church.**Friday** - Church Cleaning **Team #7** (Rosemary Shewan's team) is scheduled for Thursday, March 20th.**BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS**

By now, everyone should have received their invitations to the final Big Giveaway Buyers' party of the 2007-8 Big Giveaway year.

138 tickets have been reported as sold as of the turn-in of March 4th. And this, even though we were in the midst of the worst ice storm of this winter. We look forward to reporting the results of the March 11th turn-in, since sales so far have been ahead of last year's.

The next big Giveaway turn-in will be on **Tuesday, March 18th**, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, in the Auditorium. If you are unable to make your turn-in during that hour, please contact Jim Nuber at 864-9838, so other arrangements can be made for your convenience.



The ladies of the Altar Society are very appreciative of all the devoted and industrious workers who spent many long hours planning the 55th annual spaghetti dinner, tossed the salad, made and cooked the sauce and meatballs, washed dishes, set up and cleaned up, sold tickets, baked, and all the other things you did to make our dinner very successful, (considering there was 2 feet of snow outside). Thanks to Robin Kunz and her team of enthusiastic workers who did a super job managing the dining room. We couldn't do it without you. We are grateful to Nancy Fries and her crew who organized the bake sale. They made \$582.00 on all the cakes, cookies, candies and fudge you sent in. Thanks so much!

"Hats off" to Lorraine Squeglia, Lisa Lopez Zamierowski and Linn Lopez Rater for their selfless and generous spirits, that with the grace of God, allows them to keep on giving. We love you ladies! And we could never in a million years pull this event off without the help of all the men who work tirelessly behind the scenes in the kitchen. Your contributions are key to the outcome of this special day. Thanks for all you do.

Inasmuch as we had 2 feet of new snow on the ground, it is amazing that we sold 967 delicious spaghetti dinners. Thanks to everyone who ventured out in the cold and snow to dine with us. We really do appreciate your support. All proceeds benefit the parish.

The winner of the \$500.000 was Patrick Harkins, Jr.; \$250.00 was won by Lynn Jones; and Bill Webb won the Italian theme basket made by Gloria Pilewskie and Jane Rastetter.

We would like to express a sincere "thank you" to: ALLBURN FLORISTS, TERESA'S DELI, ERIE COUNTY FARMS, INTERNATIONAL BAKERY, and VIP CLEANERS for their generous contributions that are so necessary and appreciated for the success of our dinner.

Sacred Heart's **PRAYER LINE** Coordinators 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.