



A very large “Thank You” goes out to the Big-Give Away gang. Last week, they handed me a check for \$35,865.20 . . . the profit from the 2007-2008 program. There is a lot of people,

spending great amounts of time doing this, and we certainly appreciate them. They have been doing this for Sacred Heart for the past 35 years, and have raised over \$1.2 million in all of that time. I could never thank them enough . . . as well as all of you who have been buying tickets for years! In fact, my sister-in-law’s parents, former parishioners Bob & Ruth Wehrer moved to Waco, Texas over 14 years ago . . . and, they still buy tickets . . . put my nephews’ names on them . . . and, those guys win some extra money while at college! And, there are tons of other people who do that, too! Thanks so much to the loyal and dedicated people of the Big Give Away committee!

We will be making a decision this week on the bids for the out windows, outside of the stained-glass. We have one local company that submitted a bid, and a company from Cleveland, who are the ones that installed the original windows back in 1953. As of this writing, a decision has not yet been made, but will be by the time this is printed. It looks like the project will be somewhere in the area of \$29,000. At the same time, you may notice how bad it is getting just under the roof-line of the rectory, where the original wood-work is rotting and peeling. We hope to be able to replace and cover that with vinyl before next winter, for fear of that just ripping right off during one of our storms. If everyone completes their pledge for the Catholic Services Appeal, we should be able to do both projects this summer. A third thing, however, is that there is absolutely no fire protection for the Church . . . no sensors, no smoke or heat detectors . . . nothing. I never understood why that was not part of the renovation project. I thought that, by law, when you renovate a public building, that you would have to do that. But, I don’t think that’s true. With all of the wood in the Church, such as the pews, ceiling, and floor, that is a project down the line that has to be done, too. We have been blessed for the past 55 years without a fire. But, after losing our home, I get a bit paranoid about these kinds of things. To put in fire sensors, and have it alarmed to the Erie Fire Department will be in the area of about \$13,000. So, that is on our plan someday, too.

I hope everyone takes the time to come to Mike Malthaner’s concert here at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, May 18th. Mike, a life-long parishioner of ours, is the Director of Music and Performing Arts for the Millcreek Township School District. He is a very gifted and talented musician, and will be performing all kinds of selections from musical theater and opera, some sacred music, and many things that he composed himself. It should be a great concert! And, there will be wonderful desserts to follow. Please come!

That same weekend, Fr. Mike DiMartinis and Almi Clerkin will be directing the musical “1776” at the Cathedral Prep Auditorium . . . from Thursday, May 15th until Sunday, May 18th. Fr. Mike wanted me to invite all of you to this great performance with many Prep students and alumni! (He wanted me in it, but I told him that I don’t look good in a “Betsy Ross” costume. Now, if it was Martha Washington, I may have said “Yes”.) You can get more information on the Prep website: www.cathedral-prep.com.

Congratulations to Dan Hoffman, a parishioner of Our Lady of Peace, who was ordained a deacon last weekend, and

will be ordained a priest next year. Danny will be with us for the 9:30 Mass next weekend, as he baptizes the baby of his good friend, and our Youth Minister, Jesse Spanogle and his wife Jessica. If I am not mistaken, Danny will probably preach that day, too. It will be great having him with us. Danny will be a fantastic priest!

Happy Mother’s Day, ladies! And, for those of us who’s mothers are now with God, may we say an very special prayer to them, in thanksgiving for the gift of resurrection and new life. Enjoy the day, girls. Let them smother you today . . . and, remind them that they should do it on those days that they don’t!

Next Sunday, Fr. Simmons will preside at the 11:30 Mass, which will be the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. May we all give him special prayers of thanksgiving for his 4 decades of true discipleship and service to so many people.

And, congratulations to all those in college who graduated this week! God’s blessings are with you!

Have a great week! Fr. John

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	May 4, 2008	May 6, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$515.00	\$985.00
International Needs	\$78.00	\$89.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$8,256.47	\$8,485.70
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	\$1,006.47	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 701 families of the parish, 344 envelopes (50%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$24.01**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

“Michael Malthaner: My Life in Song”

A Concert & Dessert - May 18 at 2:00PM at Sacred Heart Church

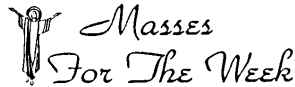
Join us for an afternoon of wonderful music as Michael Malthaner, local composer, performer, director, conductor, and teacher shares his biography from the piano as he sings and tells stories about his life. Michael will be featuring selections from musical theatre and opera, sacred pieces, and some of his own compositions. Tell your friends and family about this exciting Sunday afternoon of music, a concert you don’t want to miss. The concert will be followed by desserts in the Auditorium sponsored by the Altar Society. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold after Masses on May 10/11 and May 17/18 or by calling 838-3760. Tickets will also be available at the door on May 18 before the concert.

This concert is a fundraiser for Sacred Heart Church.

Mother’s Day carnations provided by **People for Life** will be available after Mass this weekend. Celebrate Mother’s Day and bring a colorful carnation home for that special mom in your life. The donation of one dollar per carnation will support local pro-life educational efforts.



Pray For Peace



Monday, May 12th - St. Nereus, St. Achilleus and St. Pancras

8:30 - Bettie Nuber Weber - Mary Radomski

Tuesday, May 13th - Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 - Rosemary Maloney - Michelle and Brian Decker

Wednesday, May 14th - St. Matthias

8:30 - Rita and Bob Eichenlaub - Family

Thursday, May 15th - St. Isidore

8:30 - Stephen Schemeck - Chris and Debbie Knecht

Friday, May 16th

8:30 - Robert Grutkowski - Robert and Nancy Symoski

Saturday, May 17th

4:30 - Bob and Ann Ohmer - Family

Sunday, May 18th - Most Holy Trinity

9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

11:30 - Audrey and Matthew Grandalski - The Flemings

Priest Schedule for May 10th and 11th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

Sunday, 9:30AM - Fr. Detisch and 11:30AM - Fr. Simmons

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in honor of †**Mary Ann and Eugene Runser's 59th Wedding Anniversary.**

Scripture Readings for Next Week


Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 John 3: 16-18

YOUTH GROUP NEWS - The Youth Group meets every Thursday in the Sacred Heart Auditorium from 7:00PM until 8:30PM, all 7-12th graders are welcome. Last week we attended Mass together due to the Ascension and then we discussed the importance of this Holy Day of Obligation. Last Saturday we went to Dan Hoffman's Diaconate ordination which was a meaningful celebration for both us and Dan. The youth was privileged to have Dan speak about vocations a few weeks ago. We also attended a youth focused adoration and worship at St. Joseph's Bread of Life which went off really well with all the youth. The youth group would like to thank the parish for your continued support and prayers. If you are interested in coming to the youth group please come and join us this Thursday at 7:00PM. We would love to have you!



God Bless, Jesse Spanogle

SPRING CLEANUP - The Spring Cleanup of the Church



Any adult wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Mr. Antonio Del Rio by calling 456-6256, ext. 117.

grounds will be held on Saturday, May 17th. We will gather in the Auditorium at 8:30AM for assignments. We would appreciate it if you could bring your hand garden tools, rakes, gloves and edgers. We will not be spreading mulch but raking what we have down to aerate the ground.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday - Happy Mother's Day!

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.

Pastoral Council Meeting at 7:00PM in the Rectory.

Wednesday - Altar Society Meeting beginning with Mass at 6:00PM in church. *The Board will meet at 5:15PM.*

Saturday - Church Cleaning **Team #5** (Jay and Earl Mittelmeier's team) is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th.

Spring Clean Up of the parish grounds begins at 8:30AM in the audi.

Sunday - "Michael Malthaner: My Life in Song" at 2:00PM in church.

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS

Congratulations to these recent **Big Giveaway winners**: 2070 - Dan Straub, 1027 - Harry Sharp, 0442 - Dennis Hartwig, 0883 - Lynda Bushwack and Matt Allburn, 0508 - Patty Kelly, 2977 - Helen Bernardini, 7863 - Rose Ziegler, 4759 - Ronald E. Murosky, and 4927 - Rich Tryzbiak.

Last year, a total of **1,570 tickets** were sold. As of the turn-in on April 29th, **1,373 tickets** have been sold. While we are now through the entire first month of the Big Giveaway Program for this year, we are still 197 tickets shy of those sold last year. Many School Families who have received tickets have yet to return them as having been sold. If you have tickets and are planning to sell or buy them, please do so, and return the stubs and the money so these tickets can be recorded. Also, **Sellers**, if you are holding tickets that have been sold, please make your returns as soon as possible.

The next Big Giveaway turn-in will be on Tuesday, May 13th, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, in the Auditorium. Anyone who is unable to make returns during this time, please contact Jim Nuber at 864-9838 and he will arrange for you to get the returns in.

To the Women of Sacred Heart Parish

The Sacred Heart Altar Society, as we know it today, has been serving the parish for more than 81 years. There were other women's groups before this, but in 1926 the "Sacred Heart Altar Society" was officially set into motion, and we haven't given up yet!



May is the month we officially welcome new members, and on Wednesday, May 14th, at 6:00 o'clock, the evening will begin with Mass celebrated by The Very Reverend Father John Detisch. During this Mass members who have gone to their eternal reward are remembered by a candle-lighting ceremony

A light sit-down supper will be served and new members will be inducted. Present-day members are waiting to welcome you into our circle of friendship.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm for about 2 hours to pray the rosary, discuss old business and plan fundraisers like the spaghetti dinner and the rummage sale. We have a picnic in August, help with the roast beef dinner in October and have a Christmas Party. There are no meetings during July, August and December.

Every once in a while we enjoy some lively entertainment or a fascinating speaker. The meeting comes to a close with a light snack, friendly chitchat and laughter.

The Ladies of the Altar Society extend a warm and friendly invitation to all women of the parish at least 18 years old to consider joining our productive group. It's a wonderful way to serve God and have fun at the same time. *The board will meet at 5:15.*

PS - The dates for the rummage sale have been set: **June 19, 20, 21.** Circle these dates on your calendar and remember us when you do your spring cleaning. **(Please, no furniture or large appliances.)**