



It may already have been announced, but Fr. Jerry Simmons has been appointed the new Chaplain for the Sisters of St. Joseph. He is very excited about this opportunity. He will still

remain in his ministry as a therapist and spiritual director. But, he will be available to the Sisters for daily Mass, Sunday Mass, and all other spiritual needs. It is a great fit, because he served with them for over ten years as chaplain to the Villa College back in the late '70's and early '80's. He will still be able to stay here at Sacred Heart, too. So, it will work out very well for him.

However, he won't be available to us anymore for daily Mass or Sunday Mass. And, now with Msgr. Malene no longer here, it is getting tougher to find coverage. The priest-shortage crisis, I think, has come to the Diocese of Erie. The Bishop is having more and more difficulty finding priests to fill all the parishes and ministries that we have had. (In fact, Msgr. Bogniak, at 77 years old, has been named full-time campus minister for Edinboro University!) I guess my point is that the people of the city of Erie do not realize how much the shortage has been affecting the Church, and there is great difficulty dealing with it. The people need to begin to do so, and understand that priests just aren't as available as they used to be, because there is fewer of us. Six years ago, at Sacred Heart, we had two full-time priests. Now it is only me. And, after 20 years of ordination, I am still in the "younger clergy". And, we have about 5-6 priests on health leave, which is a concern for the rest of us. Plus, we have more retirements of priest than we do ordinations. We are trying to do everything we can to stay healthy, for we can't afford to get sick! The people need to understand this, and adjust to it. The Diocesan policy gives us 24 hours off a week. That becomes virtually impossible, if I cannot find anyone to cover the daily Mass. And, Saturday is a day for weekend preparations for Mass, funerals, weddings, and everything else that didn't get done during the week. And, because of the design of the rectory, it is also virtually impossible to take a day off in that rectory...with the offices directly below my apartment . . . and the phones and door bells, and people walking through. So, beginning this summer, we will be having Communion Services, in lieu of daily Mass when I am away, for an overnight, or vacation. The important thing is not to "have Mass", as much as it is to hear God's Word, and receive the Eucharist . . . both of which happens during a Communion Service . . . as we do during every Emmaus week, when the priests are away. A Communion Service of Word and Eucharist can be led by any designated Eucharistic Minister; which means, *lay people can minister to each other*, which is what Jesus always intended in the first place. The Mass intention that was scheduled for that day will be re-scheduled to the nearest possible time. We need to start doing this, for there just isn't that many priests around to cover all that has been offered. The people of God need to adjust, and begin to minister to each other.

On a positive note, the Diocese of Erie will be celebrating the priesthood ordination this Friday of Tim Balliett and Jonathan Schmoldt. These are really great guys that have so much to offer to the people of God. We are very blessed to have them join us in the ministry. So, there is great reason to celebrate next weekend! Pray, also, that the ordination of these two great guys will inspire more to think about doing the work of God in the priesthood and religious life.

Congratulations to all of our young people who are graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, and college. We are very proud of all of you. And, there is still much more work to be done! Know that the prayers of your parish family are with you!

Have a great week!  
Fr. D.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:**

	May 25th, 2008	May 27th, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$325.00	\$136.00
Holy Father - Peter's Pence	\$10.00	\$5.00
Sacrificial Giving	<b>\$5,146.65</b>	\$5,597.72
Amount Needed	<b>\$7250.00</b>	
Over/(Short)	<b>(\$2,103.35)</b>	

(\*includes loose money). Last week, out of 702 families of the parish, 297 envelopes (43%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$17.33**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

**To all Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish and Friends:**



For more than 21 years Rosemary Shewan and Mary Ann Dana have been co-chairs for the yearly rummage sale at Sacred Heart Parish.

This year, the fun begins on Thursday, June 19th, which is "drop off and set up" day. Bring your items to be donated to the audi between 9:00AM and 4:00PM.

Members of the parish, men and women, are invited to help unpack and set up on the 19th or help out any way you can. The day of the sale is always busy and extra help would be appreciated.

Also, adults and high school students can use this great opportunity to get service hours.

**Friday, June 22nd**, is the **BIG** sale. Come early for the best selection. Bargains galore are waiting for you, such as jewelry, clothing, coats, purses, belts, shoes, glassware, holiday decorations, books, toys, small appliances and a great number of other treasures.

**Saturday, June 21st**, is **BAG DAY** from 9:00AM until Noon. This is your last chance to bag a bargain this year so be sure and set your alarm clock.

Anyone wishing to help should call Rosemary Shewan at 455-1961 or Mary Ann Dana at 868-4026.

Thanks to all of you who donate items to our rummage sale. We appreciate your generosity, and we couldn't have a rummage sale without your help.

The next meeting of the Altar Society is **Wednesday, June 11th** at 7 o'clock in the audi. The Board will meet at 6:00PM.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS** - Couples celebrating 25th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, August 3rd, 2008 at Our Lady of Mercy Church at 2:00PM. To register or to receive a scroll by mail, please call Rebecca Flynn at 456-6256, ext. 110.



*Pray For Peace*



**Masses For The Week**



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, June 2nd - St. Marcellinus and St. Peter**  
 8:30 - William McManus - Family  
**Tuesday, June 3rd - St. Charles Lwango, Companions and Martyrs**  
 8:30 - Richard Rogowski - Debbie Haibach  
**Wednesday, June 4th**  
 8:30 - James R. MacKrell - Sally and Daniel Coughlin  
**Thursday, June 5th - St. Boniface**  
 8:30 - Eleanor Ruth - Sacred Heart Altar Society  
**Friday, June 6th - St. Norbert - First Friday**  
 8:30 - Jean Pakulski - Ed and Fran Ulrich  
**Saturday, June 7th**  
 4:30 - Ethel and Raymond Hauser, and Ray - Family  
**Sunday, Sunday June 8th - The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church  
 11:30 - Leonard Przybyszewski - Family

**Priest Schedule for June 7th and 8th**

**Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch**  
**Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM - Fr. Detisch**

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**June Matson** by Jerry and Karen.

**Scripture Readings for Next Week**

Hosea 6: 3-6 Romans 4: 18-25 Matthew 9: 9-13

**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.  
**Friday** - Church Cleaning **Team #8** (Mary Ann Kaiser's team) is scheduled for Friday, June 6th.  
**Saturday** - **Angelus Choir Rehearsal** from 5:30PM until 7:00PM.



**SACRED HEART YOUTH UPDATE -**

Last Friday's Hubcap concert went off great! We had a good turnout while we raised money for the Erie group going to see the Holy Father. The band put on a fantastic show and the youth really enjoyed it! It was nice to see all generations gathering together to enjoy a fun filled night. This week at youth group we focused on role models and their influence on our lives. I posed the question "Which role models do you look up to and why?" It is amazing to dissect a role model and compare them to real heroes in our lives. If you are interested in joining the youth group, before we kick off the summer, please join us every Thursday in the Sacred Heart Auditorium from 7-8:30pm. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail Jesse at [catholicconnection@gmail.com](mailto:catholicconnection@gmail.com).

**Attention students in Grades 5 and up interested in being an ALTAR SERVER -**

This summer we will begin the process of training new servers. These new servers will begin their ministry to the parish in the fall. If you are interested and would like more information regarding what the training entails, or what might be involved in being an altar server, you or your parent are invited to call Mrs. Flynn at the rectory at 456-6256. Ext. 110.



**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES** - Today's gospel is Jesus' "Walk the Talk" speech challenging us to be who we profess to be. Build your family on fidelity: to God, your family and self. Then you will have the foundation to withstand the "rains, floods and winds" of life?

The **Annual Friends of Carmel Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday, July 16th at the Kahkwa Club beginning at 11:30AM. Tickets must be arranged for in advance. For tickets contact Susan Mehler-Bostick, 47 September Circle, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 or [SusieB@ptd.net](mailto:SusieB@ptd.net). To donate to the Chinese Auction, please call Ann Mehler at 864-9124 or Megan Mehler at 474-1617.



Please remember in your prayers:  
 †**Fr. David Findlay**



**An information meeting on divorce, annulments, and remarriage will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00PM at Blessed Sacrament Church. Staff members from the diocesan Tribunal Office will offer practical advice about the annulment process and answer individual questions in a confidential setting at the end of the meeting.**

The **GOLDEN HEARTS** will not meet next Thursday, June 5th. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 12th at Hoss's at Noon. Our speaker will be Gertrude Simmons of GECAC who will speak on PACE, PACENET and Social Security.

**St. Paul's Parish** will be having a *Novena to St. Anthony of Padua* on Thursday, June 5th through June 13th. Weekday services are at 8:00AM and 7:00PM; 4:30PM on Saturday; and 10:00AM on Sunday. The morning services include traditional hymns sung in Italian, the Litany of St. Anthony, Mass and a homily. Fr. Jerome Simmons will be the celebrant for the 8:00AM Mass. The 7:00PM services include the Litany of St. Anthony, homily and Benediction. The final day of the Novena will be June 13th, the Feast Day of St. Anthony. Following the 8:00AM Mass a catered breakfast (\$5 per person) will be served featuring Blessed St. Anthony's bread. For reservations, by June 10th or for more information, please call 864-6610 or 454-7735.

