



I wanted to share with you some excerpts from a letter I received from Bishop Trautman last week: *“Dear Father Detisch, after listening to the members of the Priests’ Personnel*

*Board, I am pleased to re-appoint you to the Office of Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Erie. Your appointment is effective immediately and will be for a term of six years, ending on June 30, 2014. Unforeseen circumstances, particularly the ever-changing and ever-challenging needs of our diocesan community, may necessitate an earlier change. . . . John, my brother, know of my support for you. In turn, I ask only for your prayerful support of me. Let us continue to pray and work for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and with trust beyond measure, believe that the Lord God will hear and answer our prayers. Thanks for your gift of your priesthood!”* Well, there you have it! It looks like we will be together for a while! And, that should put an end to all the rumors that have been circulating around Erie for the past 2 years. (It seems, at times, that this town has nothing else to talk about but the priests . . . ) I have been hearing things for two years about being reassigned to 3 or 4 different parishes, or moving down to Cathedral Prep. This letter should end all that, and reaffirm what I asked of Bishop Trautman: to be reassigned here for another term, for we still have much to do together. No one can predict the future. In the past few years, there have been lots of unexpected happenings and events that have set off “domino effects” . . . such as priests getting sick, or leaving, or retiring . . . causing one open parish, that will then lead to several others. The Bishop has been struggling in recent years to fill openings for different ministries, and the retirements are starting to rise. Fr. Matt Kujawinski was just named Pastor of St. Bartholomew’s in Sharpville, and he has only been ordained 5 years. (I was ordained 11 years before I was named a Pastor). I just say this, because, even though my next term ends in another six years, anything could happen, unforeseen now, that would make a change in my ministry come earlier. I have no idea. My point: all the rumors out there about my leaving Sacred Heart *are false!* I’m here for a while! We have lots more to do. We have seen a lot of changes in the past six years, to be sure . . . the school closing . . . all kinds of physical improvements . . . changes in personnel . . . increase in Mass attendance . . . much more involved and successful fund-raising. I have seen fewer weddings, which is of great concern. I have seen more of an acceptance of couples living together, which is so terribly frustrating. I have seen a steady number of funerals, but a decreasing number of baptisms, first communions, and confirmations. We have seen exciting new developments in youth ministry! We are looking forward to Brandon Kleckner’s First Mass as a priest in another four years, but no one else from Sacred Heart Church has yet to make a commitment to the priesthood or religious life, and there are tons of possibilities here! So, let’s all keep praying for each other, and supporting each other, and challenging each other. Our journey to the Kingdom is far from over!

I forgot to give a special “Thank You” to Mike Malthamer for donating over \$600 to Sacred Heart Church, which were the proceeds from his recent concert. Thanks, Mike! That means a lot to us!

Since the summer months are upon us, I do want to speak about my thoughts on proper attire for Saturday/Sunday Mass:

**BUSINESS CASUAL!!!** I just don’t think tee-shirts, gym shorts, and flip-flops have any place in the House of God. I guess my rule of thumb to ask ourselves as we come to Sunday Mass: *Would I wear what I have on to a wedding or a funeral?* Neither of those celebrations are as important as the weekly celebration of Easter on the holiness of the Lord’s Day. Yet, people “dress up” for them. But, not Sunday Mass! Why? Sunday Mass is far more significant and celebratory than a wedding or a funeral. So, let’s dress for it! *“But, Father, at least their coming!”* I dismiss that statement, because I just don’t think it’s right for God to have to “just accept” what we’re wearing to come to His house. Why should He? Why can’t we “put on our Sunday best” for the Lord? The Church is air-conditioned, so we don’t have to dress light! These are just my thoughts, when people ask me what I think about people’s attire. . . BUSINESS CASUAL . . . or, completely formal, if you really want to know my opinion!

And, as long as I have the Bishop’s letter in my hand, allow me to say this . . . and, there is no nice way to say it. But, after attending a recent, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass & graduation, plus, what I am seeing more and more on Sundays, I have had enough! So, I am just going to come out with it: *Do the people that come to Church have to be submitted to 13 year-old cleavage?????* You have known me since 1989. I am no prude! But, for the love of God, what is with the low-cut dresses on YOUNG, teen-age girls??? I was mortified, when some of these girls came to communion. I am not sure what was more upsetting: seeing some of these girls dressed like they were walking on the docks, looking for sailors, **OR THEIR PARENTS WHO ALLOWED THEM TO LOOK LIKE THIS!!!** Again, the House of God is NOT the place for 13 year-old cleavage and stilettos!! I realize that this column is going to go from one end of Erie to the other, and I hope it does. I would hope parents would help their daughters choose better clothing when standing in the House and presence of God! (This should raise a few eyebrows . . .!)

Thanks so much to Nick and Janice Sivillo, and the Knights of Columbus for providing a wonderful meal for about 25 priests, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. They are still raving about it!

Other than that, have a great week!  
Fr. D.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:**

	<b>June 1, 2008</b>	June 3, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$716.00	\$735.00
Holy Father-Peter’s Pence	\$20.00	\$5.00
Sacrificial Giving	<b>\$7,227.26</b>	\$7,881.15
Amount Needed	<b>\$7,250.00</b>	
Over/(Short)	<b>(\$22.74)</b>	

(\*includes loose money). Last week, out of 702 families of the parish, 321 envelopes (46%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$21.18**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

Please remember in your prayers our departed:  
†**Richard Alan Hart**



## Masses For The Week

### Monday, June 9th - St. Ephrem

8:30 - Jerry Squeglia - Patricia Molly

### Tuesday, June 10th

8:30 - Communion Service

### Wednesday, June 11th - St. Barnabas

8:30 - Joan Virgillio - MM Silvestro Lupo

### Thursday, June 12th

8:30 - Jennie Bowes - Peggy Chludzinski

### Friday, June 13th - St. Anthony of Padua

8:30 - Gertrude Eichenlaub - Family

### Saturday, June 14th

4:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

### Sunday, June 15th - The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 - Suzanna Bihler - Bud and Dorothy Walsh

11:30 - Pasquale "Pat" DiPaolo - Family

### Priest Schedule for June 14th and 15th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

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

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Patricia** and †**Ronald Runstedler** by the Family.

### Scripture Readings for Next Week

Exodus 19: 2-6a Romans 5: 6-11 Matthew 9: 36 - 10:8

### 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.



## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** at 7:30PM in the audi.

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

**Wednesday - Altar Society Meeting** at 7:00PM in the audi. *The Board will meet at 6:00PM.*

**Thursday** - The **Golden Hearts** will meet at Hoss's at Noon. The guest speaker will be Gertrude Simmons (GECAC) and she will speak on PACE, PACENET and Social Security.

**Friday** - Church Cleaning **Team #9** (Julianne and Jeff Rossi's team) is scheduled for Friday, June 13th.

**Saturday** - **Angelus Choir Rehearsal** from 5:30PM until 7:00PM.

### BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS

Congratulations to these **Big Giveaway winners**: 5125 - Kathy Polito, 5517 - Mark and Joanne Swanseger, 4941 - Maureen and Steve Thompson, 0946 - Sheila Bryan and Mary Raygor, 8142 - Chuck Beeler, 9956 - Betty and Irwin L. Christensen, 5469 - Larry Krawiec, 7047 - Mary Ann Curtze, 8771 - Joanne Miano, 1406 - Armando Camillo, and 3611 - Jim and Kim Malone.

As of Tuesday, May 27th, 1,434 tickets have been recorded as sold. Last year, a total of 1,570 tickets were sold. In order to reach last year's total, 136 new ticket sales will have to be turned in.

**REMINDER:** In order to be eligible for the \$4,000 Early Bird Drawing at the end of July, all tickets must be paid in full. Furthermore, School Families who have tickets to buy or sell; unless those tickets are returned by the end of June, they too will be ineligible for the \$4,000 drawing.

The next turn-in will be on **Tuesday, June 10th**, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, in the Auditorium.

**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.



**ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!** The Sacred Heart youth group is looking for youth who want to go deeper in their faith. No other requirement is needed, just an inner need for a closer relationship with Jesus. This summer is full of activities and excitement; please join us every Thursday from 7-8:30pm in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. Any questions, feel free to contact Jesse at catholicconnection@gmail.com.

### Little Villa Preschool to Begin 2-Year Old Program

**Villa Maria Elementary** recently announced the addition of a **two-year old** program to their preschool curriculum. Villa offers a complete preschool program for 2-, 3-, and 4 year-olds geared toward the needs of your family, whether it is a half-day, full day, a few days a week, or everyday.

**Little Villa Preschool** will host a grand opening on June 8th from 1:00PM to 3:00PM, and will begin accepting registrations for Fall. Openings will be limited in order to keep the class sizes small and intimate. Before & after school programs & financial aid are also available.

You are invited to call with any questions and talk with our Director, Lori Hubert. We have been educating young minds for over 115 years. You can also reach us at 838-5451 or check out our website at [www.vmelementary.com](http://www.vmelementary.com).