



Last weekend, I attended the ordinations of Fr. Tim Balliett and Fr. Jonathan Scholdt at St. Peter’s Cathedral. It is always a highlight of the year for the priests, for we cannot

help but go back in our minds to the time that we lied prostrate before the Altar of God, and committed ourselves to the work of the Lord. I was able to attend Tim’s First Mass next door at Blessed Sacrament . . . or at least, the 2nd half of it . . . after our 4:30 Mass. (Theirs’ is at 5:15). The Church next door was filled, for it was more than just a celebration for Tim and his family. It was a celebration of the whole parish! And, they were excited that one of their own was ordained a priest. The Detisch’s are from Our Lady of Peace Church. And, in the late 80’s, we had 6 ordinations and First Masses from 1986-1990: Frs. Greg Passeuer (’86), Tom Whitman (’87), Scott Detisch (’87), me (’88), Larry Richards, a seminarian assigned to OLP (’89), and Mark Hoffman (’90). Those were wonderful years for our parish. But, as I was sitting in Tim’s Mass next door, I was thinking that it has been many years since Sacred Heart celebrated the ordination of a native son. If I am not mistaken, I think it was Fr. John Malthaner in 1993. That was 16 years ago! But, if all goes well, we will celebrate Brandon Kleckner’s in 2012. But, almost 20 years would’ve passed. That is way too long. I guess my whole point is that we, as a parish, need to do a better job at identifying and encouraging possible vocations to the priesthood or religious life. (I cannot even think who the last “native daughter” was who entered the convent.) There are so many young people and single adults who would be wonderful, wonderful priests and religious. And, the people of God have an obligation to the Father to do some of the “work” for Him. We need to truly spend time each day in prayer for more servants of God. We need to identify people who would make great priests and religious. And, we need to *tell them that!!!* My brother, Scott, would agree with me that much of our vocations came from the encouragement of the people in our lives. And, the support that we both had was powerful! I look at those pews and I see so many people who would be great priests and religious. Wonderful ministers, sitting right in front of us. I do tell them. But, we all need to. I do so wish that, some day, Sacred Heart Church will experience the great joy that Our Lady of Peace felt 20 years ago. Let’s pray! Let’s identify! And, then . . . let’s encourage them to say “Yes” to God!

I was talking with many people about my re-assignment here as Pastor, after my first six-year term. And, what I realized is that I am really completing 12 years . . . remember, I was Parochial Vicar from 1989 to 1995, which I refer to as my “First Tour”. Those were wonderful days, too. Fr. Jerry and I have been doing a lot of reminiscing about those days, when Fr. David Findlay was Pastor. There were no two opposite personalities in the Diocese than Findlay and I. But, that was also the “magic” of it. We complimented each other very well, which caused us to be such good and close friends. I learned much from him. I have still much more to learn. Fr. Jerry and I miss him terribly. But, Fr. David must be so happy now that he has been healed forever!

Don’t forget to put Saturday, July 12th, on your calendars. It will be the night of our annual “Parking Lot Dance” with the *M-80’s!!!* For the 3rd year in a row, Erie’s hottest band will be in our parking lot for another great time on 26th Street! It is NOT to be missed! There will be details coming soon.

If ever you need more tickets on the Mustang, by the way, please feel free to come to the Rectory at any time and get them! Have a great week! Sell those tickets!
Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	June 8, 2008	June 10, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$251.00	\$320.00
Holy Father - Peter’s Pence	\$5.00	\$20.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$7,453.50	\$6,592.31
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	\$203.50	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 702 families of the parish, 307 envelopes (44%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$24.38**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.



PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION - The theme for this year’s Collection—*Christ our Hope*—echoes that of the Holy Father’s apostolic journey to the United States in April 2008. The theme reflects the message of Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical *Spe Salvi*: an invitation for people to encounter Jesus Christ personally. In the encyclical, Pope Benedict said that faith in Christ brings well-founded hope in eternal salvation, the “great hope” that can sustain people through the trials of this world.

Contributions to the Peter’s Pence Collection . . .

Enable the Holy Father to respond with immediate emergency assistance to the most disadvantaged throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, disease, and natural disaster.

Provide an opportunity for Catholics to support the Holy Father’s mission—an active expression of Christ’s love for the poor—and stand in solidarity with Catholics worldwide.

Have totaled more than \$190 million in contributions by dioceses of the United States, who generously provide nearly half of all gifts to the Collection.

Your contribution to the Peter’s Pence Collection, which will be taken up next weekend, allows the Holy Father to respond with timely and effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world. Thus, in solidarity with the Pope, we Catholics participate in works of goodness that distinguish us as followers of the Gospel. *Please be as generous as you can.*

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.



Please remember in your prayers our departed:
†Edward A. Barnack and †Joseph J. Palermo





Masses For The Week

Monday, June 16th

8:30 - Danny Hilbrich - Family

Tuesday, June 17th

8:30 - John Colao - Ron Jones, Sr.

Wednesday, June 18th

8:30 - Gary "Fergie" Kaiser - A Friend

Thursday, June 19th - St. Romuald

8:30 - Catherine Caldwell - Family

Friday, June 20th

8:30 - Joni Jones - Family

Saturday, June 21st - St. Aloysius Gonzago

2:00 - Wedding of Amanda Brunk and John Koronides

4:30 - Remo Giammarino - Family

Sunday, June 22nd - The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

11:30 - Harry Watson - Family

Priest Schedule for June 21st and 22nd

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

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

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

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Jeremiah 20: 10-13 Romans 5: 12-15 Matthew 10: 26-33

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 WEEK AHEAD

Sunday - Happy Father's Day!

Monday - Boy Scout Meeting at 7:00PM in the audi.

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

Thursday - Drop-off day for the **Rummage Sale** from 9:00AM until 4:00PM in the audi.

Friday - Church Cleaning **Team #10** (Kim and Jim Malone's team) is scheduled for Friday, June 20th.

Rummage Sale from 9:00AM until 4:00PM in the audi.

Saturday - Rummage Sale (Bag Day) from 9:00AM until Noon.

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

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS

The next turn-in will be on **Tuesday, June 17th**, from 7:00 to 8:00PM, in the Auditorium.

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 4, they, too, will be ineligible for the \$4,000 drawing.



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.

SACRED HEART YOUTH UPDATE -

Last Sunday we held the first Sacred Heart Summer Kick Off Party. The youth really enjoyed the festivities. It was so nice to have the parents there to enjoy the day as well; they are the ones who constantly support their children's faith by driving them to youth group and praying with them every day. I would like to thank the Simpson family for hosting the event at their house. It takes a lot of work to plan these events and I couldn't do it without the help of my youth leaders, Kevin and Maurice, who come every Thursday and support these youth and their faith walk. Last week at youth group we focused on profanity and the impact that our words can have on somebody. The youth really enjoyed this presentation and opened up to the real power they have over their words. This week we are focusing on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is amazing how many of us are afraid of the beauty and freedom that this Sacrament gives us as Catholics. If you are interested in joining the youth group, it is open to all 7th through 12th graders. We meet every Thursday from 7 till 8:30pm in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. Any college age students who would like to help out as well, please feel free to contact Jesse at, catholicconnection@gmail.com.

