



We have done quite a bit of lawn care these past few weeks. And, it looks really nice. It takes quite a bit of time to put mulch and bark around everything, especially the hedges. I

wanted to thank Marilyn Sharp and Bob Brunk for spending so much of their spare time doing that for us. It really looks great! So, when you see them, give them a big "thank you"!

I do have to give a "shout out" to Sean Wiley, the Director of Administration for Erie County. At the very beginning of a wedding rehearsal on a Friday evening, about a week and a half ago, I asked the couple for the marriage license. The Groom-to-be then looked like he was having a stroke, because he had forgotten to pick up the license at the Court House. The Bride-to-be immediately went to tears. He then asked me, "When does the Court House close?" And, I told him, "About an hour ago. . . ." The Bride-to-be didn't handle that well. So, I made a quick call to Sean . . . who got in touch with Pat Fetzner, the Recorder of Deeds . . . who went down to the Court House and got it for them. (Erie is like a big "Mayberry", isn't it?) So, thanks to Sean, and then Pat, this couple ended up having a very nice wedding. This was a new "first" in my over 20 years of presiding at weddings.

The Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons (ATS) is a fraternal benefit society. The ATS offers all members a comprehensive life insurance and annuity savings program. ATS insurance plans provide guaranteed protection at low premium rates. ATS annuity savings plans provide a safe way to save for retirement. Congratulations to our own Tom Manning, for being named the newly-elected ATS National President for a four year term! Tom had served on the Board of Directors since 1993 in a variety of capacities, and has been very active with ATS. Congratulations, Tom!

Independence Day is this week, and it should be a time of celebration and thanksgiving for all God has given to us, especially the chance to live our lives in freedom. The following is something that I had recently come across . . . the meaning of the folding of our flag. To be honest, and after presiding at dozens of funerals where it was done, I never knew the significance. Allow me to share it with all of you:

**Why the American Flag is Folded 13 times**

*Have you ever wondered why the flag of the United States of America is folded 13 times when it is lowered or when it is folded and handed to the widow at the burial of a veteran? Here is the meaning of each of those folds and what it means to you.*

- The **'first fold'** of our flag is a symbol of life.
- The **'second fold'** is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
- The **'third fold'** is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
- The **'fourth fold'** represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.
- The **'fifth fold'** is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."
- The **'sixth fold'** is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.
- The **'seventh fold'** is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is

*through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.*

*-The 'eighth fold' is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.*

*-The 'ninth fold' is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.*

*-The 'tenth fold' is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.*

*-The 'eleventh fold', in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*

*-The 'twelfth fold', in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust".**

*After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.*

*The next time you see a flag ceremony honoring someone that has served our country, either in the Armed Forces or in our civilian services such as the Police Force or Fire Department, keep in mind all the important reasons behind each and every movement. They have paid the ultimate sacrifice for all of us by honoring our flag and our Country.*

Have a great week, and a wonderful celebration of our nation's Independence!

Fr. D.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:**

	June 22, 2008	June 24, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$65.00	\$70.00
Holy Father - Peter's Pence	\$1,248.60	\$912.00
Sacrificial Giving	<b>\$5,086.05</b>	\$5,510.85
Amount Needed	<b>\$7,250.00</b>	
Over/(Short)	<b>(\$2,163.95)</b>	

(\*includes loose money). Last week, out of 702 families of the parish, 295 envelopes (43%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$17.24**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

Please remember in your prayers our departed:

†**Joseph Ventura**, father of Jeffrey Ventura.





**Masses For The Week**



**THE WEEK  
AHEAD**

**Monday, June 30th - Protomartyrs of Rome**

8:30 - Elizabeth Feikls - Family

**Tuesday, July 1st - Bl. Junipero Serra**

8:30 - Marie and Gordy Smith - Family

**Wednesday, July 2nd**

8:30 - Communion Service

**Thursday, July 3rd - St. Thomas**

8:30 - In Honor of the Girl Scouts & Leaders of Sacred Heart Church

**Friday, July 4th - St. Elizabeth of Portugal**

9:00 - Remo Giarmarrio - Family

**Saturday, July 5th - St. Anthony Zaccaria**

4:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

**Sunday, July 6th - The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:30 - Pia Gigliotti - Family

11:30 - Remo Giammarrio - Lina and Family

**Priest Schedule for July 5th and 6th**

**Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch**

**Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM - Guest**

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †Ernest Sharp by the Family.

**Scripture Readings for Next Week**

Zechariah 9: 9-10 Romans 8: 9, 11-13 Matthew 11: 25-30

Once again, this year, as we have in the past three years, *The Big Giveaway Program* has an extra fundraiser to support Parish Day. This year's special prize is a **SONY 50 inch Flat Screen H. D. T. V.**

Anyone interested in selling tickets or buying tickets, please call one of the following people: Norm at 835-5096, Jim at 864-9838, Ken at 864-9149 or stop at the Rectory Office Monday thru Friday from 9:00 till Noon or 1:00 till 5:00.

**As always, your help is very much appreciated!!!**

**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.

**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.



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

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

**Thursday** - Church Cleaning **Team #2** (Marilyn Sharp's team) is scheduled for Thursday, July 3rd.

**BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS**

Congratulations to these most recent **Big Giveaway winners**: 5286 - Margaret Shufran, 6596 - Dan and Debbie George, 4409 - Mike and Carol Hilbrich, 1271 - Fr. John Detisch, 4565 - Victoria Kast, 8514 - Norm Zambrzycki, 6316 - Bill Hogenmiller, 7983 - Mark Dalton, 6883 - Lynda Bushwack and Matt Allburn, 3754 - Candy Fafinski, and 9323 - Norm Thaler.

**REMEMBER:** In order to be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing at the end of July, tickets must be paid in full. So, Sellers, make sure all the tickets that you have sold are paid in full. **Buyers**, if you have not paid in full for your tickets, please make arrangements to do so before July 1st.

The next **Big Giveaway turn-in** will be on Tuesday, July 1st, from 7:00 to 8:00PM, in the Auditorium. If, for any reason, you are unable to make your turn-in at that time, call Jim Nuber at 864-9838, and he will make arrangements to get his hands on your money.

**MEMORIES OF FR. DAVID FINDLAY** - In the days following Fr. Dave's death, some of us shared their memories of him with one another. We know that many people here at Sacred Heart have a special "Fr. David" memory from the thirteen years he was here as pastor.

We thought it might be a good idea if we could share those memories and stories with each other. There will be a Memory Book for this purpose set out on the table in the vestibule. We will leave it there for a period of time to provide the opportunity both for people to write in their memories, and for parishioners to read of other's individual memories of Fr. Dave.



**YOUTH GROUP NEWS** - Come and support

your Youth Group on Saturday, July 5th from 10:00am until 3:00pm. We will be teaming up with Blessed Sacrament and St. Andrew's youth groups to host a car wash at Blessed Sacrament. The car wash is free, however, we will gladly accept donations for the youth groups. If you'd like to help out with the event, or join the youth group, please contact Jesse Spanogle at [catholicconnection@gmail.com](mailto:catholicconnection@gmail.com). We meet every Thursday from 7-8:30pm in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

The 51st annual DAYS OF PRAYER at the Carmelite Monastery, 510 East Gore Road, will begin Friday, July 11th and continue through Wednesday, July 16th, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



Father Angelus Shaughnessy, O.F.M.Cap. will be the speaker this year. Mass will be each morning at 8:30AM for the intentions of all making the DAYS OF PRAYER. Evening services will be at 7:30PM with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sermon. Father will be available for the Sacrament of Penance after morning and evening services, as well as afternoons upon request. There will be **NO SERVICES** the evening of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, on Wednesday, July 16th.

