

*From Our*  
**Bishop**

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each weekend the parishes of the Erie Diocese enjoy the blessing of celebrating liturgy, able to educate our youth in the faith and to offer our people the basic pastoral ministries. Not all dioceses are so fortunate.

There are many places in America—Appalachia, the deep South, the southwest and the Rocky Mountain States—where the Catholic Church struggles just to keep parishes open and to educate children in the faith. The **National Needs Collection**, to be taken this year on **July 12th and 13th**, affords the opportunity for more prosperous Catholic communities to stand in solidarity with poorer ones in our own country.

Funds from this collection will help dioceses in financial need provide education to children and youth, seminarians, deacons and lay ministers. Aid is given for work in evangelization, prison ministry, campus ministry, and ministry to persons with disabilities in addition to assistance given to Native American, African American and other ethnic groups. The **National Needs Collection** also provides funding to the global Archdiocese of Military Services, which sends chaplains to offer Mass, sacraments, counseling and the comforts of faith to American Catholic soldiers and their families on 220 military bases around the world.

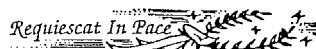
Each year grants are given to dioceses, organizations and religious communities for mission work here in the United States and in remote island dioceses in the Caribbean and Pacific.

I encourage you to respond generously to the **National Needs Appeal**. Together we can work for the common good of all Catholics in the United States.

Fraternally yours in Christ,  
Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman,  
S.T.D., S.S.L.  
Bishop of Erie

“**ANYTHING GOES**” will be presented on July 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 7:30PM and on July 20 and 27 at 2:30PM at the Hirt Auditorium at the Blasco Library. The 8th annual all-school musical features music by Cole Porter and a great cast. Enjoy the show in air-conditioned comfort at the library on the bayfront. Tickets are available at the door before each show and there are special prices for seniors and students.

Please remember in your prayers our departed:  
†**Margaret Callahan**, mother of Joann Rupp, and  
†**Fred Welz**, husband of Dorothy Welz.



**WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:**

	July 6, 2008	July 8, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$701.00	\$299.00
Holy Father - Peter's Pence	\$35.00	\$5.00
Sacrificial Giving	<b>\$8,387.81</b>	\$6,633.25
Amount Needed	<b>\$7,250.00</b>	
Over/(Short)	<b>\$1,137.81</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 **\$26.13**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. *Thanks for your sacrifice.*



**YOUTH GROUP NEWS** - Know how much we valued your prayers for our 24 hour lock-in. We had a great turn-out for the retreat with youth joining us from St. Andrew's, Blessed Sacrament, and St. Joseph's Bread of

Life. Many thanks go out to the volunteers and youth ministers who helped out with this retreat; we couldn't have reached so many youth without their support and dedication. These youth are the future of our parish; know that I really appreciate your support because retreats like these help support and stabilize the beauty of our Catholic faith. If you are interested in joining the Youth Group, we meet every Thursday from 7:00-8:00PM in the Sacred Heart Audi. Feel free to contact me at catholicconnection@gmail.com. Peace. Jesse

**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.

**CELEBRATE ERIE! 2008 - Volunteers Still Needed!** Volunteers are still needed for Erie's biggest event of the summer, CelebrateErie 2008. Please consider spending a few hours volunteering for this event Friday, August 15th, through Sunday, August 17th. Volunteers can work in a variety of areas from the Kids Zone to the Chalkwalk. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Alberstadt in the Mayor's office at 870-1200 for an application. Please her know by July 21st if you are interested.



**Masses For The Week**



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, July 14th**

8:30 - Pat and Frank Klein - Jim and Kathy Sertz

**Tuesday, July 15th - St. Bonaventure**

8:30 - Marie and Gordy Smith - Family

**Wednesday, July 16th - July 18th**

8:30 - Communion Service

**Saturday, July 19th**

11:00 - Memorial Mass for Jo Nawrocki  
 2:00 - Wedding of Emily Kensinger and Andrew Fluegel  
 4:30 - Carmen Italia - Thelma Manendo

**Sunday, July 20th - The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 - Anna Nies - Marge Carey  
 11:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

**Priest Schedule for July 19th and 20th**

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

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

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Carmen Italia** by Eleanor Italia and Family.

**Scripture Readings for Next Week**

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 Romans 8: 26-27 Matthew 13: 24-43

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!!!**

HELLO FELLOW CURSILISTAS - We have a candidate going to the July Cursillo in Mercer, PA this month, according to the newsletter, Valerie Biel. Let us try to remember palanca and pray for the success of the weekend which is July 17th-20th. Anyone interested in going to the closing should contact us and we can travel together. The Palanca Party is set for July 13th at 2:00PM in either the Auditorium or the Counting Room according to availability. Let's get out and do palanca. Decolores!!



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE - BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER:**

A court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained volunteer who advocates to the Court for the best interest of abused and neglected children in foster care. A 30-hour training is provided before being assigned a case. For more information, please call the CASA Office at 454-2000.



**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.

**Friday** - Church Cleaning **Team #4** (Barb Selker and Maria Stevens' team) is scheduled for Friday, July 18th.

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

**BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS**

Congratulations to these most recent winners of the **Big Giveaway**: 6985 - Gloria Pilewskie, 4052 - Jeff Drayer, 9813 - Carolyn Hammer, 6661 - Brian and Patty Carlson, 5195 - Norman Wall, 1601 - David F. Person, 1752 - Tanya Schmidt, 5467 - Robin and Kathleen Herman, and 0348 - Betty and Bob Smith.

The Early Bird Drawing for \$4,000, and the party that goes along with it, will take place on Friday, July 25th. By now, **all** ticket holders, whether they are paid in full or not, should have received their invitations in the mail. In order to be eligible to win the \$4,000, tickets **must** be paid in full. In order to allow as many ticket purchasers as possible to be eligible to win, the Committee has extended the time in which payment in full may be made. That means, if you have yet to make final payment on your ticket, you may still do so and **be eligible to win the \$4,000**. That means, **SELLERS**, if you have people who owe money on their ticket(s), contact them and try to collect the balance. **BUYERS**, if you have a balance due on your ticket, now is your chance to get it paid off and still be able to win the Early Bird Drawing Grand Prize.

The next **Big Giveaway turn-in** will be on **Tuesday, July 15th**, 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.

**Attention engaged and married couples!**

You may have heard about Natural Family Planning (NFP) but do you know what it is all about? Do you know that it is not the rhythm method? NFP is a moral, effective, and inexpensive way to postpone or achieve pregnancy! Don't miss out on the upcoming classes being offered starting Wednesday, July 30th from 7 - 9 PM in Erie at St. Mark Catholic Center - Wienker Room. Find out how NFP can be a part of your life! Call Sue (814) 866-9222 for more information and learn the safest, healthiest, fastest growing means of family planning!



The stress and anxieties of family life can be like the thorns which "choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father. Try to find 5 minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

**Pray For Peace**