



We are now in entering the third week in the Year of St. Paul. And, throughout this year, until the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul next June, Pope Benedict wants us to spend these

months focusing on the person and the ministry of Paul. It is so important for us to remember the kind of person that he was before his conversion . . . that, as Saul, he was one of the first persecutors of the early Christians. Then, upon converting to the ways of Jesus, Paul became one of the greatest Apostles. When he wrote his epistles, he did it with such energy and fervor, as well as brilliance. Today’s epistle is his letter to the Romans, which he probably wrote from Corinth in the year 57 or 58. And, Paul is looking forward to his visit to the Christian community in Rome, and encourages them to always stay close to the Holy Spirit, which is God’s constant source of strength and courage. Even though Paul’s words were written 2,000 years ago, his message is still timeless . . . and necessary for us. Allow me to encourage all of us to spend time this next year learning about the person and the writings of Paul. There is just so much there to learn that can be of such great encouragement for us today!

I truly enjoyed the International Institute for Clergy Formation last week, hosted by Seton Hall University. It was held at the St. Alphonse Retreat Center in Long Branch, New Jersey . . . a beautiful place, right on the ocean. Sr. Marlene Milasus is a Benedictine nun from St. Walburga Monastery in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and gave several great presentations on trying be more reflective on the Word of God in our prayer. Fr. Keith Pecklers is a Jesuit priest from the New York Province, and is a Professor of Liturgy at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He is also the Vatican “on-air-expert” for ABC NEWS. He gave several great presentations on the evolution of Christian worship, reflecting on the history of our liturgy. I was amazed to learn that at the Council of Trent in the 16th century, there was great discussion about the possibility of offering the chalice to the laity, as well as putting the Mass in the vernacular . . . or, rather, the “language of the people”. These two suggestions finally came out of the Second Vatican Council of the 1960’s!! He noted that in 1573, at the College of Prague, the chalice was given to students at daily Mass! I know people to this day who are still troubled by the fact that we offer the Precious Blood . . . a practice that came to be in the 70’s. But, I was stunned to learn that it had been done, in very limited capacity, as far back as 400 years ago! And, for those who want to go back to the Latin Mass, where the priest faced the back altar . . . on August 6, 1921 at Maria Loc Monastery in Germany, Mass was celebrated with the priest facing the people, and with the people responding to the prayers. The local bishop got word of it, experienced it, and because so moved by it, that he allowed it for a while! That was over 40 years before the rest of the world did it! There were other great speakers, but I wanted to share some of that with you. Fascinating stuff!

I truly want to thank the ladies of the Altar Society for the gift of my new alb that I wear on Sundays, under the vestments. It came from the Slabbinck Company out of Belgium, and it is very nice. They gave it to me to honor my 20th anniversary of priesthood, which was on April 22nd. Thank you, ladies!

And, huge “Thank You’s” go out to many of the parents receiving the Catholic Educational Grants. They, and a bunch of others, helped put together a great dance and evening with the

“M-80’s” last Saturday. For the 2nd year in a row, it rained . . . and, we could not do it in the parking lot. But, we had over 300 people in the auditorium. And, it was a great, great night! Thanks, so much, to everyone who helped!

My apologies to the people at the 4:30 Saturday Mass! Now, we did have problems with the air conditioner last weekend, to be sure. But, for the past several weeks, it seemed like the a/c was shutting off during Mass. I checked the schedule I had programmed, where the a/c stays on until 5:45, but everything was fine . . . until, Todd Jackson realized the time was off. I then realized that the only clock I forgot to change from daylight savings was the a/c clock. So, all season, the a/c was shutting off at 4:45 . . . which is about when the sweat started for me. Sorry about that, gang! This is why I need a vacation!

Also, sooner or later, and it was bound to happen . . . I may start bringing out my reading glasses. I used them on the 4th of July at Mass, and I am sure it raised a few eyebrows. I am now in the 2nd half of my 40’s . . . and, the time has come . . . after stalling for a year or two. So, don’t be shocked!

Thank you for welcoming Fr. Mathew Bulala of the Diocese of Geita, Tanania this weekend, for our annual missionary appeal. They have only about 24 priests to serve 335,000 Catholics. The monies that you offer to Fr. Mathew will go towards the education of orphans and children from poor families, a Catholic grade school of 500 students, a minor seminary, the education of seminarians, evangelization and faith formation, medication and sustainability for those infected by HIV/AIDS, and the construction of their new cathedral, which was started in 1990. If you didn’t get to do so at Mass, please be generous in your contributions to this diocese who desperately needs our help.

I am now away for a few days of R & R, visiting with my god parents and cousins. I’ll be back in a few days. Have a great week! Learn about St. Paul!

Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	July 13, 2008	July 15th, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$701.00	\$251.00
National Needs	\$512.39	\$705.01
Sacrificial Giving	\$6,813.05	\$7,227.84
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	(\$436.95)	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 702 families of the parish, 303 envelopes (44%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$22.49**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

NFP Awareness Week July 20-26, 2008 - “Freely, totally, faithfully” is this year’s theme for Natural Family Planning Awareness Week as designated by Bishop Trautman. NFP is a way of life that incorporates fertility awareness, responsible parenthood, and self-mastery into married love. Please look for information on the bulletin board of the church or contact the NFP office at 824-1259 or at 1-800-374-3723, ext. 259, or on the web at <http://www.eriecd.org/nfp.asp>.

Pray For Peace



Masses For The Week



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 21st - St. Lawrence of Brindisi
 8:30 - Marlene Ann Cifoletti - Family
Tuesday, July 22nd - St. Mary Magdalene
 8:30 - Rosemary Maloney - Mary Ann Healy
Wednesday, July 23rd - St. Bridget of Sweden
 8:30 - William Moore - Family
Thursday, July 24th - St. Sharbel Makhlef
 8:30 - Frances Moniewski - Chuck and Lisa Priestap and Girls
Friday, July 25th - St. James
 8:30 - Mary Pfister - Rita Williams
Saturday, July 26th - St. Joachim and St. Anne
 4:30 - Tammie Coverdale - Evelyn and Ivajean
Sunday, July 27th - The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church
 11:30 - Margaret Kirkpatrick - Family

Monday - Boy Scout Meeting at 6:00PM in the audi.
Tuesday - The **Rosary** will be prayed at 2:00PM in church.
Saturday - Church Cleaning **Team #5** (Jay and Earl Mittelmeier's team) is scheduled for Saturday, July 26th.
Angelus Choir Rehearsal from 5:30PM until 7:00PM.

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS

The **final turn-in** before the Early Bird Drawing will be on Tuesday, July 22nd, from 7:00 to 8:00PM, in the Auditorium. Anyone making final payment on their tickets(s) after that date will **NOT** be eligible to win in the Early Bird Drawing on Friday, July 25th. You are urged to make payment on or prior to that date; after all, why lose out on the chance to win \$4,000?

By now, every ticketholder, whether they are paid in full or not, has received his/her party invitation for the 25th. The invitation states clearly that you must have your ticket with you to gain entrance to the party. If you have misplaced your ticket or forget to bring it, check with Jim Nuber who will have a listing to verify your possession of a ticket. This is your invitation to a free party and a fun evening with your fellow parishioners as well as all those non-parishioners who generously support this significant fundraiser. **Hope to see you there!!!**

Priest Schedule for July 26th and 27th

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

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Bill Shewan** and †**Jean Shewan Abate** by the Family.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 Romans 8: 28-30 Matthew 13: 44-52

YOUTH GROUP NEWS - This week we focused on World Youth Day and the role of the youth in today's Church. We would like to thank all the sponsors and donors for our 24 hour food fast. The Sacred Heart Youth Group would like to thank the following companies as well for their support: Bella's Food Market, Save a Lot, and the 8th street Sure Fine. Over 40 youth participated in the food fast and we all created a memory that will always be with us. If you would like to find out more about Sacred Heart Youth group, please feel free to contact me at catholicconnection@gmail.com or just come check it out on Thursdays from 7-8:30pm in the auditorium. Peace. Jesse



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!!!

GREAT MASS NEWS - Sacred Heart's Great Mass is Sunday, August 3rd at 11:00AM at the West Lakeview Pavilion.

Waldameer's Ride - A - Rama/Water World tickets are available after the Great Mass for \$15.00 per person.

Don't forget the Tureen Dinner following the Mass. Please provide your own table covering and dinner service. Also, please bring a dish to share that serves 10-12 people, preferably in a disposable container.



Families with last names beginning with

A - H - Cold Dish

(Pasta salad, macaroni salad, potato salad, etc.)

I - R - Hot Dish

S - Z - Desserts

Hot dogs, soda, and coffee will be provided.

Don't miss the 8th annual all-school musical production of **"ANYTHING GOES"** to be presented today at 2:30 and again next Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday the 27th at 2:30 at the Blasco Public Library in air-conditioned comfort. The show is great fun for the whole family - and reduced price tickets are available for students and seniors. Tickets will be sold at the door before each performance.



The Red Door is ready for **BACK to SCHOOL** shopping Monday through Saturday—now open through August at 10:00AM. We suggest parents check out there needs and shop early for the best selection.

We have a special selection of navy and khaki girls pants/skirts/skorts at \$9.95 closeout prices.

The Red Door School Uniforms is located at 124 West 9th St. For information call 455-2551 or rdschooluniforms@verizon.net.

Please remember in your prayers our departed:
 †**Russell Mogel.**