



Last Sunday's celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation went very, very well. Thanks so much to Tony Del Rio, Rebecca Flynn, Lewis Kocher, the Hospitality Ministers, and the Ladies of

the Altar Society for putting all of it together. Bishop Trautman truly enjoyed being here, as he always does. And, it was so good to have Msgr. Sullivan of St. Andrew's, Fr. Brooks of Our Lady of Peace, Fr. DiMartinis of Cathedral Prep, along with Msgr. Malene to join us. I was most impressed with our Confirmands. They responded very well to the prayers, and to the Baptismal Promises. They were very affirming of their sponsors. I read their letters to the Bishop beforehand, and they were very impressive. And, I thought that they just looked great! These kids were very well-dressed, and they just looked like they were honoring the House of God by their appearance. I was very, very proud of them.

The Master of Ceremonies for Confirmation was Fr. Ed Lohse, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Erie. Fr. Ed's home parish is St. Francis Xavier McKean, but he attended Our Lady of Peace School with me. Ed and I were confirmed together on May 20, 1976 by Bishop Alfred Watson. And, it also occurred to me during Confirmation that Msgr. Sullivan was also present for it! Msgr. Sullivan . . . who wasn't a Monsignor then . . . was a professor at Gannon, but was also a weekend assistant at Our Lady of Peace for 35 years. He came to every major celebration of the parish. Fr. Ed and I have been friends since we were 6 years old. We went to Our Lady of Peace School, Cathedral Prep, Gannon University, and St. Vincent Seminary together! But, I was ordained a year earlier . . . 1988. He was 1989. When we graduated from Prep, I already had 27 credits towards college. So, I pushed it, and graduated in 3 years . . . 1983. Ed had 44 credits!!! Being the border-line genius that he was, he started Gannon as a 2nd-semester sophomore . . . but, stretched the rest of it out over 4 years, while taking extra philosophy credits for seminary. He, then, graduated in 1984. But, our history together as good friends goes back to 1968. Wow.

Thank you for your contribution to the Catholic Education Collection. As we said last week, 50% of this collection stays in the parish, and helps us with our expenses for the Religious Education Program, our sacramental preparation programs, and our Catholic Education Grant Program. If you did not get a chance to contribute, and would still like to, please send it to the rectory with our deepest appreciation.

Usually, I am late with many things. Last week, I was early!!! I wasn't supposed to do the Installation of the Parish Council at the 9:30 Mass . . . which is why no one but Jack Hewitt was there!!! (They were all at the other Masses and Confirmation!!) So, even though I looked completely stupid, which is becoming very common, I did it again this week! When I looked at the calendar, I was looking at Sunday, the 14th . . . and not the 7th. Whatever.

The Youth Groups of Sacred Heart, Blessed Sacrament, and St. Andrew's are having a Talent Show on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH at 7:30 in our Auditorium. They have been working hard, and being very creative about it. It should prove to be a great evening! I hope you come.

We are still looking for a few teachers for our Religious Education. If you are looking for a new ministry, and enjoy working with kids, let us know. Give Tony Del Rio, our

Religious Education Coordinator, a call. We could really use your help.

Last Saturday, Msgr. Malene and I went out to the Riverside Inn Dinner Theater in Cambridge Springs to see Mike Malthaner & Charlie Corritore's own "Peeved". It was hysterical! It is a great show of several different "scenes" of things that just get you "ticked off". We had such a great time. It is playing this weekend and next. The box office number is 800-964-5173. Mike wrote all the music. And, his wife Jean . . . our Parish Council President! . . . is one of the lead characters. Monsignor and I knew we were in for a great evening even as we drove down Route 99. Just on the other side of Edinboro University, there was a group of collegians on the front lawn of a house . . . with a keg . . . and a big sign that said, "You Honk, We Drink!" So, as we were blowing by them, we honked! And, they all hoisted their cups and cheered us. We were hysterical! Malene wanted to turn around and join them for a few . . . as I am sure he did on all those Aircraft carriers . . .

We still have another week of summer! Enjoy it!
Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	Sept. 6, 2008	Sept. 8, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$603.00	\$168.00
Priestly Care & Education	\$10.00	\$5.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$8,849.56	\$7,951.12
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	\$1,599.56	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 703 families of the parish, 320 envelopes (48%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$27.66**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

Why Catholic? Sign-up next weekend!



Why Catholic? is a unique adult faith formation program that is solidly based on Scripture and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Why Catholic? offers a concrete approach to help adults deepen their Catholic faith and connect its teachings to their everyday lives.

Why Catholic? encourages learning in a prayerful small-community setting.

Consider joining a *Why Catholic?* group. Groups will meet once a week for six weeks starting the week of October 5th. We will be using the second half of the faith sharing booklet, *Christian Prayer: Deepening My Experience of God*. These sessions will look at different forms of prayer and some difficulties we experience in prayer. The last several sessions offer a deeper look at the prayer that Jesus taught us, the Lord's Prayer.

Sign-up will be at all the Masses the weekend of September 20th and 21st. Even if you did not participate during Lent this past spring, or in previous years - do not let that stop you! All the sessions stand independently. If you have any questions, please call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory, 456-6256 ext. 110.

Please remember in your prayers our departed:

†Yola Iavarone



Masses For The Week

Monday, September 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 - Thomas Scheffner - Mom and Dad

Tuesday, September 16th - St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

8:30 - Elaine Senger - George and Karen Lombardo

Wednesday, September 17th - St. Robert Bellarmine

8:30 - Louise Adler - Family

Thursday, September 18th

8:30 - Mary Pfister - Eleanor Sigler

Friday, September 19th - St. Januarius

8:30 - Jean Pakulski - Louise Cutri

Saturday, September 20th - St. Andrew Kim Taegon and St. Paul Chong Hasang and Companions

2:00 - Wedding of Tracie Swanseger and Jason Bauchle

4:30 - Michael Bukowski - Family

Sunday, September 21st - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 - Thomas Wiercinski - Mom, Dad, Dave and Elaine

11:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

Priest Schedule for September 20th and 21st

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

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The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †Pat and †Frank Klein by the Family.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 55: 6-9 Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a Matthew 20: 1-16a

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.** *The tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, and 7 for \$10.00.*

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.

RETREAT - Do you pray? Would it benefit you to learn more about prayer? Join with other parishioners from this area to experience and learn more about the importance of prayer in our lives.

Everyone in the parish (*parishioners do not have to belong to a small group to attend*) is invited to a *Why Catholic?* retreat: **"Sitting by the Well: Meeting Jesus in Prayer"**. This retreat will be held on Wednesday, **September 24, 2008 from 7:00 - 9:00pm at St. Mark Catholic Center.** No registration is necessary.



The Sacred Heart Food Pantry Needs You! The Food Pantry Committee is asking for food donations. The shelves are bare and in need of restocking. Items that would help us greatly include canned goods, pasta noodles, sauce, powdered milk, honey, cheese, cereal, coffee, flour and sugar. As always, money donations can be put in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and dropped in the collection basket or through the Rectory mail slot. *Thank you for remembering the Food Pantry.*

Sunday - Coffee & Donuts will be served in the audi following the morning Masses. Our hosts for this month will be the ladies of the **Altar Society.** *All are welcome!*

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

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

Thursday - Confirmation Meeting at 6:00PM in the Sacristy for **parents and high school students** who will be confirmed next year. **Choir Rehearsal** from 7:30PM until 9:00PM.

Saturday - Church Cleaning **Team #3** (Annette and Mike Ahrens' team) is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th.

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

Sunday - Religious Education Classes begin at 10:45AM until 1:15PM. There will be registration and a meeting for the parents. The children will also meet with their teachers.

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS

Congratulations to these recent **Big Giveaway winners:** 7252 - Rita M. Cappelato, 6744 - John Coleman, 6598 - Tom Paterniti, 5134 - Pam Danver, 1429 - Mary Lou & Jerry DeLuca, 0346 - Betty Orr and Julie DeDad, 7396 - Jim Hissom, 1295 - Bob Patterson, and 1278 - Bill Schroth.

Special congratulations to Donald Young, who was the \$1,000 winner for the last Wednesday of August.

There will be no turn-in until further notice.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP - Sacred Heart Parish is offering another *Bereavement Ministry Support Group* "Towards Loving Comfort" beginning on Wednesday, **September 17th**, from 7-8pm in the Sacristy of the Church. The group will meet every other week (approximately) for a total of seven sessions.

We invite you to consider being a part of this group if you have lost a loved one, and would appreciate the support of others from your parish family who have experienced a similar situation.

If you would like further information, please call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory at 456-6256 or 866-6410 or Ivajean Coverdale at 866-6625.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS - "All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man." - *St. John Vianney, Cured'Arz*

The Eucharist is the essence of our faith, we have the opportunity to partake in nourishment from heaven and we must not forget its meaning. So many of us spend thousands of dollars on worldly things to help our bodies run faster, look better, and grow younger. What about our spiritual bodies and the nourishment that it needs from the Eucharist. Don't forget the beauty and mystery that our faith contains. If you would like to join Sacred Heart Youth Group, we meet every Thursday from 7-8:30pm in the Auditorium. Check us out on the web at mycatholicconnection.com. Peace. Jesse

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be on Thursday, October 2nd at 11:30am Mass in the Church.

Those suffering from serious or chronic illness or facing upcoming surgery, or experiencing psychological stress or depression, and the elderly are invited to experience the healing power, grace and love of Christ in this Sacrament of the Church.