



What a fantastic Parish Day we had! The weather was great, and everyone seemed to have a great, great time! Thank you to all of the volunteers who did so many things . . . from

servicing, cleaning up, setting up, taking down, selling tickets, cutting pies, etc. Larry Lewis and his crew did another wonderful job on the dinner . . . and, we had so many people that we ran out of beef! (I think we served about 760 dinners, and could've kept going! What a tribute to our dinner!) John & Kathy Miller assisted Rose Colonna in coordinating the whole day, and will take over next year. And, we really appreciate their "stepping up to the plate"! Phil & Shirley Venesky, along with Maurice Aldrich, and a legion of others worked for months on selling tickets on the Roush Blackjack. The gang from the Big Give-Away went all out with that huge HDTV! I really appreciate everyone who did so much for the Theme Baskets. It was just a great, great day! I don't have all the profit figures as of this writing, but I will next week!

The winner of the '08 Mustang Roush "Blackjack" was William Beyer of Falls Church, Virginia! It was his birthday last Sunday, too! And, it was also his daughter's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday! They saw our ad in Hemmings Motor News, and bought \$50 in tickets! They are taking the car, since they are big Mustang enthusiasts. Apparently, last Sunday, someone just walked right up to their house and offered to buy their '73 Mustang they had sitting in their car port! They were very excited to hear the news . . . almost hyperventilating. I think they are in their 60's, and are looking forward to driving it around Virginia! As of the day before Parish Day, we sold tickets to 49 states. Sunday morning, I went through Saturday's mail again, and there was an envelope with a check for tickets from Louisiana . . . thus, selling tickets to all 50 states!!! And, I believe we sold tickets to 4 other countries, too! We brought in close to \$30,000 in sales off the internet, and about \$25,000 from all the festivals and events that we took it to. We brought in \$27,000 alone last Sunday!! So, by far, this was the most successful Parish Day that we have had!

The winner of the HDTV was Buddy Malone, who used to operate Eastland Bowl. I just saw him the day before in the barber's chair at Frank Romeo's! He and my mother went to school together, and I had a nice chat with him about that. He is a very nice man, and sure deserves that big TV!

I hope you get a chance to get to St. Joseph's/Bread of Life "OCTOBERFEST" this weekend at 24<sup>th</sup> & Sassafras Streets. They are raffling off an '08 BMW for their grand prize, and I know a lot of their parishioners bought tickets on our car . . . including their pastor, Fr. Larry Richards! They have a 3-day event that ends Sunday evening, so it should be a great time there, too!

Congratulations to Sacred Heart's, Angela Bontempo. Angela is the Chief Executive Officer of St. Vincent Health Center, and was named the Columbus Day Celebration honoree for the Giuseppe Mazzini Civic Association. She was honored for all that she has done for the Erie area, and for making the Italian community very proud of her accomplishments.

Last week, I accepted the resignation of Lewis Kocher, formerly our Director of Music and Liturgy. He informed me that he resigned "for personal and for health reasons". Lewis was with Sacred Heart for several years in the early '90's, and came back to us as Director in 2002. We appreciate all of the work, dedication, and creativity that he has added to enhance our

wonderful liturgies here. And, we send him forth with our prayers and our appreciation. We are presently putting together a new Music and liturgy program here, and I will inform you of all that when it is complete.

We began our Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) last week, and it looks like we may have about 4 or 5 candidates and catechumens! There was a great spirit at our first meeting, and I am very excited about the next several months on this journey to full conversion into the Catholic faith at Easter! Again, if you are interested . . . or, know someone who is interested in joining us, please contact me or Rebecca Flynn at the rectory. There is plenty of time and plenty of room here at Sacred Heart!

If you remember from two Sundays ago, I made reference to a priest that died in the 80's, and how they lined up at the funeral home . . . and how the "Fathers" of Erie will line up at mine, to see who gets the old Buick! Well . . . I find this note attached to my homily after Mass . . . a "gift" from Classy 100's Chuck Priestap, Sacred Heart's illustrious cantor, "*I think the surprise at your funeral will be that it's actually you, and not some guest priest filling in!*" I can just hear him giggling as he paper-clipped that to my homily, before he ran out the side door . . .

I will be on my annual retreat this week. Please pray for me, as I spend the week in solitude, rest, and prayer. I sure need it!!

See you when I get back!

Fr. D.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:**

	Oct. 5, 2008	Oct. 7, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$729.95	\$623.00
Catholic Collection	\$313.00	\$101.00
Sacrificial Giving	<b>\$8,122.78</b>	\$7,737.00
Amount Needed	<b>\$7,250.00</b>	
Over/(Short)	<b>\$872.78</b>	

(\*includes loose money). Last week, out of 666 families of the parish, 348 envelopes (53%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$23.35**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

**COMMUNION OF SAINTS** - We have begun the month of November when we as Roman Catholics traditionally remember the Dead. One of the beliefs of the Church is in the Communion of Saints. Throughout this month we commemorate this belief.

We are members of this "**Communion of Saints**". We ask the intercession of those (All the Saints) who live now in the Glory of God. We remember to pray for All the Faithful Departed. Found at the Baptismal Font is our **Book of Names**. During the month of November, **please inscribe the names of loved ones** who have been called home to God and whom you wish our parish to remember in our prayers. Throughout this month, the names will be kept in prayer. By remembering those who have died, we recall how much a part of our lives these "saints" still are, and we reaffirm our belief that Jesus died for us and because of His death we will all be reunited with our loved ones someday.

**REMEMBER**

**THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.**





**Masses For The Week**



**THE WEEK  
AHEAD**

**Monday, October 13th**

8:30 - Florence and William Scheffner - Family

**Tuesday, October 14th - Pope Callistus I**

8:30 - James Reitingner - Marilyn Holland

**Wednesday, October 15th - St. Teresa of Jesus**

8:30 - Danny Hilbrich - Family

**Thursday, October 16th - St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**

8:30 - Charles Betcher - Gary Smith

**Friday, October 17th - St. Ignatius of Antioch**

8:30 - Mark R. Bross - Mother

**Saturday, October 18th - St. Luke the Evangelist**

4:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

**Sunday, October 19th - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 - Pasquale Giammarino - Family

11:30 - Francesco Scavella - Family

**Priest Schedule for October 18 and 19th**

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

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

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in thanksgiving by  
†Marilyn Sharp.

**Scripture Readings for Next Week**

Isaiah 45: 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b Matthew 22: 15-21

**PARISH DAY UPDATE**

**TO ALL PARISHIONERS** - Thank you so much

for the wonderful assortment of pies you made for the roast beef dinner, and for all the lovely enticing confections you donated to our bake sale. The profit on the Altar Society Bake Sale was \$654.90. Here at Sacred Heart we really know how to "pull together" for the good of the parish, and it is always so evident when we have

the roast beef and spaghetti dinners. By the way, we sold 753 dinners.

What a team we make! Thanks again for all your help; and I mean that all the guys and gals in the kitchen, the setting up and tearing down crew, the bread and pie ladies, everyone who sold tickets, the folks that drove the Mustang to every fair in the county, whatever you did, it is so very much appreciated, and we have great admiration for your dedication to Sacred Heart Parish.

**The winners are:** the Mustang was won by a **William Beyer** from Virginia, and the TV went to **Buddy Malone**. The cookie went to M. A. Healy, the money tree #1 - Smitty, money tree #2 - Rick Rozanski, Holiday Baking Basket - Del Sivillo, Wine and Dine me - Chris Green, Golden Hearts - Marian Betcher, Altar Society - Nate Brown, Purse - Cathy Miller, An Italian Evening - Cathy Kapolski, Hair Care - M.E. Long, Thanksgiving - T. Matson, Greenburgs - M. Smith, Baby Basket - Cathy Miller, Romolo's - Marian Betcher, Movie Night - John Reynolds, Halloween #1 - Linda Kemp, Drinks Anyone - Walters, Halloween #2, Carol Yaid, and Christmas - Mary Ellen Long.

Please remember in your prayers our departed:

†**Tina Triglio**, mother of Gerry Euliano & Rosemarie Martucci;  
and †**Carmen Squeglia**, brother of Richard Squeglia.

*Requiescat In Pace*

**Sunday - Coffee and Donuts** will be served in the audi following the morning Masses. Our hosts for this month will be the members of the Knights of Columbus.

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

**Monday Night Scripture Group** at 7:00PM in the sacristy.

**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 #7** (Rosemary Shewan's team) is scheduled for Friday, October 17th.



**YOUTH GROUP NEWS** - Attention all youth

in 7-12 grade. Sacred Heart youth group would like to welcome you to youth group every Thursday from 7-8:30PM. Sacred Heart youth group has been growing with around 30 youth at every meeting. We have many events coming up in the near future that

include a Halloween Costume Party, a Catholic Youth Scavenger Hunt, and a Senior High Youth Rally. The youth group at Sacred Heart is excited about youth ministry! We do many events with other churches and are proud to represent Sacred Heart Parish! Come join us Thursdays from 7:-8:30PM in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. Peace. Jesse

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES' "DIAPER DRIVE"**

This year Sacred Heart is again supporting the **Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services** annual "Diaper Drive" to collect much-needed baby supplies. This drive will continue throughout the month of October, "Respect Life Month".




Infant items needed include: diapers, blankets, wipes, formula, infant clothing, new bottles and pacifiers, baby lotion, shampoo, and a variety of other baby accessories. In addition to baby items, they will also accept gently used maternity clothes.

Catholic Charities offers free counseling and material assistance to pregnant women, or parents of very young children and other programs and services that promote the sacredness of human life.

*Please be generous!* There will be a specially marked box located near the Holy Family statue. If you have any questions, please call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory, 456-6256, Ext. 110.

**ATTENTION ALL 1979 SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI**



**ALL SOUL'S DAY - All Soul's Day, November 2nd**, falls on a Sunday this year. At the 11:30am Mass, we will commemorate those who have died from our Sacred Heart Parish family since All Souls Day last year.

All are invited to join the families and friends of our deceased in remembering these loved ones who have been called home to God this past year.

The 30 year get together has been scheduled for Saturday, November 29th at Hunter's Inn, 1204 West 26th Street from 7:00PM until 11:00PM. The cost is \$8.00 per person which includes food, use of a party room and a 30 year keepsake. Cash bar available. Please make checks payable to Denise Altadonna, 2710 Liberty Street, Erie, PA 16508, or call 873-4194, or qweendee11@yahoo.com. Due by November 20th.