



I have to tell you that I had the most wonderful retreat a week or so ago . . . and each of you should consider doing one at some time. I spent the week in prayer, rest, and solitude at

Stella Niagara Center of Renewal in Lewiston, New York; just about 5 miles past Niagara University. It is run by the Sisters of St. Francis, and I have gone there several times before. It was a beautiful week, where the sun was out most of the time, and the autumn colors were at their peak. About 5 miles past Stella is Fort Niagara State Park in Youngstown, New York. . . . right where the Niagara River (which separates the United States from Canada) goes into Lake Ontario. And, I found this secluded spot that sat on the bluff of the Lake, with the view of the Toronto skyline, which is only about 30 miles across the lake. I spent half the day in that one spot. In the peace and solitude, I could really feel the comfort and the presence of God, just through being surrounded by the beauty of His creation. By the Code of Canon Law, each priest is required to take a week, and go on retreat. Bishop Trautman is very insistent on that. And, it is so necessary for us. I came back very refreshed and re-charged. But, everyone should consider taking some kind of spiritual retreat, and just go off somewhere and be with the Lord!

While I was away, we were able to come up with some great figures from Parish Day 2008. It looks like the Mustang Roush "Blackjack" made a profit of almost \$55,000 . . . the Beef Dinner made of profit of \$5,300 . . . the Theme Baskets profited \$2,300 . . . Instant Bingo profited \$150 . . . the Baked Goods profited \$656 . . . the HDTV, a gift from the Big Give Away profited \$3,000. So, we think the entire profit of Parish Day was \$66,226 !!!!! For being in such economically hard times, that is an unbelievable profit, which says so much about the generosity and hard work of the people of Sacred Heart! I can't thank everyone enough! These monies go towards our general operational budget, including the costs to our Catholic Educational Grant Program and Religious Education.

I forgot to give a special "Thank You" to Scott Hilinski, who took the Mustang the day before Parish Days, and he spent the entire day detailing the car for us. After all those months outside, and so many people sitting in it, looking at it, *putting their fingerprints all over it* . . ., Scott waxed out all the scratches, and cleaned the interior, making it look "showroom" new again. Thanks, Scott, for doing that for us!

Next Saturday, November 1st, is the Feast of All Saints. It IS still a holy day. But, since it falls on a Saturday, it is NOT a day of obligation. We will have one Mass at 9:30 a.m. But, the Mass of Anticipation that afternoon at 4:30 will also be the Liturgy of All Saints, and it will, obviously, count for the Sunday obligation. Next Sunday, November 2nd, will be the Feast of All Souls. We are inviting all the family members of their loved ones that we buried here from Sacred Heart in the last year to the 11:30 Mass, and we will remember those people during that liturgy. It is a very powerful and comforting celebration.

I wanted to mention my thoughts on the use of the "Mother's Room" in the back of Church. Please keep in mind it's proper use is for those parents who have children that may be a bit "unruly" during Mass. I mention this, because I have had some parents tell me that they could not use it because there are teenagers or adults "without kids" sitting in there, and there wasn't any room. I have also had other parents tell me that it is

hard to pray and worship in there, because of the "revolving door", so to speak, on the bathroom inside it! One parent told me of two teenagers going into the bathroom at the same time! Allow me to remind everyone that there are rest rooms at the bottom of the stairs going into the auditorium . . . the men's room on the parking lot side, and the woman's on the Liberty Street side. Please allow the Mother's Room to be used only by parents with children, and please be respectful while using the restroom, if you have to use that one. And, remember, too, there is a handicapped bathroom, with an infant-changing table, in the restroom in the sacristy up front.

Some people have asked me about the reception of communion, if they are late for Mass. If we remember from the Gospels, in the temptation of Jesus in the desert, Jesus said to Satan, "*Not on bread alone are we to live, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*" Also, if you remember that before He fed the crowd with the miracle of the bread and fish, He *first* nourished them with His Word, and proclaimed the "Sermon on the Mount". So, before He fed them with bread, He nourished them with Word. My answer to that question is *if you come to Mass late, you have to hear, at least, the Gospel in order to receive communion*. If you missed the Liturgy of the Word, especially the Gospel, you should not partake in communion, for you have not been "properly prepared" enough to receive. If you have other questions of faith or liturgy, please contact me at anytime though our email, or just call me!

The leaves are not all gone yet! Go outside this week, take in some fresh air, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation!

Have a great week!
Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	Oct. 19, 2008	Oct. 21, 2007
Repairs & Improvements	\$213.15	\$183.00
Mission Sunday	\$1,240.20	\$768.01
Sacrificial Giving	\$6,911.29	\$5,925.60
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	(\$338.71)	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 666 families of the parish, 325 envelopes (49%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$21.27**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

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.





Masses For The Week

Monday, October 27th

8:30 - Robert Grutkowski - Family

Tuesday, October 28th - St. Simon and St. Jude

8:30 - Communion Service

Wednesday, October 29th

8:30 - Jean Pakulski - Ed and Fran Ulrich

Thursday, October 30th

8:30 - Jean MacKrell - Family

Friday, October 31st

8:30 - Walter Lacey - Eleonore and Family

5PM - Wedding of Mary Poux and Lee Geiger

Saturday, November 1st - All Saints Day - Not a Holy Day of Obligation

9:30 - Betty Owens - Friends

4:30 - Olga Lucente - Albia Chimenti

Sunday, November 2nd - All Souls' Day

9:30 - Elizabeth Feikls - Family

11:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

Priest Schedule for November 1st and 2nd

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

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

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Betty Grossholz** by Jerry and Karen.

Scripture Readings for Saturday, November 1st - All Saints' Day

Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12A

Scripture Readings for Sunday, November 2nd - All Souls' Day

Wisdom 3: 1-9 Romans 6: 3-9 John 6:37-40

LADIES OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY - Our next meeting will be on *Wednesday, November 12th* at 7:00PM (the Board will meet at 6:00PM). Traditionally, November is the month we collect paper products for the Food Pantry...tissues, bath tissue, paper towels, napkins, etc. are needed for the patrons of the Sacred Heart Food Pantry. Thank you for supporting this project.



After recitation of the rosary, Joy and Kay will conduct the business meeting. A light snack will be served.

Any women of the parish, who are at least 18 years old are invited to join us. In December we have our Christmas Party (rumor has it, that it will be at the Maennerchor Club this year).

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. Questions, call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory, 456-6256, Ext. 110.

The Car Committee wants to thank each and everyone who helped in selling tickets for the Mustang at various locations. Without you the car would not have been the success that it was. Thank you again. See you next year!!

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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 #9 (Julianne and Jeff Rossi's team) is scheduled for Thursday, October 30th.

Sunday - Coffee & Donuts will be served in the audi following the morning Masses.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Attention all Youth!

What are you doing Thursday, October 30th? Well the youth group is hosting a Catholic Youth Costume Party. It will be held at Evan's Skateland (so don't forget your skates) from 7:00-9:00PM. There will be prizes for the best costumes! There is a \$5.00 donation that benefits the Youth Group! Come have a ghoulish good time with your youth ministry team! Everyone must have a permission form for the event, please attain one from youth group or by e-mailing me at catholicconnection@gmail.com. Peace. Jesse

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE DATES

Mercyhurst Preparatory School's Open House, 538 East Grandview Boulevard, will be held on Sunday, October 26th, from 12:30 to 3:00PM. Group sessions will be at 1:00PM and 2:00PM for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their parents. For more information, please call 824-2067 or www.mpslakers.com.

Villa Maria Academy, 2403 West 8th Street, cordially invites all 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their parents to visit our Open House on Sunday, November 2nd from 12:30 to 3:00PM with a 1:30PM Presentation and Scholarship Drawing.

Eighth grade students register for four \$1,000 tuition scholarships 6th, 7th & 8th grade students register to win many other prizes.

Questions? Call Mary Mulard, Director of Admissions, 838-2061, ext. 239 - www.villamaria.com

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Cathedral Prep's Open House will be held on **Sunday, November 9th** from 12:00 until 3:00PM. Guided tours of the school will include classroom demonstrations, a look at our newly renovated science wing, and will feature our wireless Table PC Program. Cathedral Prep will waive the \$10 application fee for all applications that are submitted at the Open House. Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing or discounts on tuition. Cathedral Prep is located on 225 West 9th Street. If you have any questions, please call 4537737, ext 3 or by email at tdougherty@cathedral-prep.com.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! SOUPS ON!! The Boy Scouts of Troop 15 will be selling soups on Sunday, November 2nd after the 9:30 and 11:30 morning Masses at Coffee & Donuts in the auditorium. Please help the Boys Scouts raise money for their summer camp trip!



The **Golden Heart** will meet on **Thursday, November 6th, 2008** in the church Auditorium at 12:15PM. The *Christmas Luncheon* will be at the colony Pub and Grill, 2670 West 8th Street at 12:30PM on Thursday, December 4th, 2008.

The cost is \$12.50 per person. Please have the money for reservations at the November 6th Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dick Hart at 866-0049. We will also have *Michelle Steffy* from COMFORT CARE as speaker at this meeting