



I was very excited to hear Bishop Trautman's decision to enter into a cooperative effort with the Sisters of St. Joseph, and bringing Villa Maria Academy and Cathedral Prep under the same educational "umbrella". I think that it is a great idea! The Erie community will then return to the educational model that was offered to us for generations: a Catholic choice between single-sex education for males (Prep) and females (Villa), or co-education (Mercyhurst). This gives young people a real choice now. I have believed for years that there has been a market for single-sex education for girls in this community that hasn't been offered for almost 20 years. Villa Maria will return to its roots of an all-female education; something that the Sisters of St. Joseph have been so proud of, and very good at(!), for years! It is an exciting development for Catholic education. Fr. Scott Jabo, Prep's Headmaster, will become the President of this new venture. He is a phenomenal priest, and an excellent educator, and he is the perfect person to lead this effort. I am just as glad to hear that Sr. Mary Drexler will remain as Principal of Villa Maria Academy. A native daughter of Sacred Heart, she has the reputation of being one of the best educators in Erie, as well. I am hearing a lot of encouragement from the alumni of both schools, too. I have a lot of friends from Villa that I used to hang around with back in the late '70's and early '80's, that I still see quite a bit. I know they are very happy to see Villa return to its roots. There are exciting days ahead for Catholic education!

And, speaking of exciting days ahead, Tuesday will truly become a day of history . . . with the Inauguration of Barak Obama as President of the United States. Our first bi-racial President, he will usher in a new era in American history . . . and, at only 47 years old. He has a daunting task ahead of him to be sure, dealing with the economy, war, terror . . . all kinds of things. Our new President and Vice-President need our support and prayers. I do hope the ugly "rhetoric" of Washington changes, and it become more civil again. That hasn't happened in many years. And, it needs to. So far, it seems to be happening a bit. The transition from the Bush Administration to the Obama Administration has been "seamless", and very respectful, by orders of President Bush. It will also be great to watch a young family grow up in the White House. The Obama's have been fun to watch! They are beautiful little girls, that seem to truly adore their parents . . . and, their parents truly adore them! I just hope the media gives them the same respect they gave to Chelsea Clinton many years ago. These are fascinating days, even with all the difficulty surrounding them. Again, may we all offer true prayer for our new leaders, in Washington, in Harrisburg, in City Hall . . . everywhere. And, may our new leaders truly allow themselves to be led by the Holy Spirit throughout their service to the people of God.

Next weekend, while I am away, Sacred Heart will be hosting Fr. John Horan, a Carmelite priest from Cross International Catholic Outreach. Fr. Horan has served the Carmelites since his ordination in 1984, having served in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of New York, school ministry in the Diocese of Palm Beach, Florida, and formation work in the Archdiocese of the Port of Spain in Trinidad. He will be here to preside at all of the Masses just to inform us of the work of Cross International, helping the world's poorest of the poor through the outreach of Catholic parishes in America.

I will be away for a week of R & R out in California, attending the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic in Palm Desert, and visiting with Msgr. Henry Kriegel, the former Pastor of St. Jude's. While I am out there, Msgr. Kriegel and I will finalize plans for a Parish Mission in late April . . . in between rounds of watching Alice Cooper, Michael Bolton, and Dan Quayle swing and putt.

Have a great week! See you when I get back! Please pray for President Barak Obama and Vice-President Biden.  
Fr. D.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:**

	Jan. 11, 2009	Jan. 13, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$93.00	\$5,480.00
Christmas	\$24.00	\$70.00
Sacrificial Giving	<b>\$9,488.06</b>	\$7,611.38
Amount Needed	<b>\$7,250.0</b>	
Over/(Short)	<b>\$2,238.06</b>	

(\*includes loose money). Last week, out of 676 families of the parish, 264 envelopes (39%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$35.94**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

**CROSS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC OUTREACH**

Under the direction of its chairman, Bishop Sam Jacobs, Cross International Catholic Outreach is working to establish a stronger spiritual relationship between America's Catholic parishes and their counterparts overseas - with the ultimate goal of helping the poorest of the poor. This organization assists desperate families through a network of church-based ministries: feeding centers, orphanages, schools, clinics, job-training centers and home building programs. They also serve as a disaster relief organization when the need arises.



Next weekend we welcome Rev. John Horan O.Carm who comes to us on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach. Parishes in underdeveloped countries represent more than an important source of spiritual truth for their community. They also stand as a beacon of hope for impoverished families who have nowhere else to turn for help. Come and hear how we can make a difference in the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Third World.

**SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**



Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2009 (60-50-40-25)?

If so, please let us know when it is! Also, you are invited to a special celebration on **Sunday, February 15th at the 9:30 Mass**. There will be a special blessing during the Liturgy, and a Reception to follow for you and your family in the sacristy after Mass. Call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory at 456-6256, ext. 110.

Even if you are unable to come to the Mass, we would still like to hear from you and know when you will be celebrating that special occasion.



## Masses For The Week

### Monday, January 19th

8:30 - Jack Markley - The Markley Family

### Tuesday, January 20th - St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

8:30 - Communion Service

### Wednesday, January 21st - St. Agnes

8:30 - Communion Service

### Thursday, January 22nd - St. Vincent

8:30 - Communion Service

### Friday, January 23rd

8:30 - Communion Service

### Saturday, January 24th - St. Francis de Sales

4:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

### Sunday, January 25th - The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 - Frances Monierwski - Jamie and Michele Baker

11:30 - Rosemary Maloney - The Big Giveaway Committee

### Priest Schedule for January 24th and 25th

**Saturday, 4:30PM** - Fr. John Horan

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

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Tony Manna** by Cynthia.

The Altar Bread and Wine are given in memory of the †**McManus** and †**Runser Families** by Mary Ann and Gene Runser.

### Scripture Readings for Next Week

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20

If you would like a statement of your contributions to the parish for 2008, please call the rectory and leave your name and envelope number with Patty at extension 102.



### **SPECIAL OFFERING**

The **Catholic Communications Collection** will be taken this weekend. Seven times each year you receive a copy of *Faith* magazine. In it are stories that help bring us together as members of a large diocese. In addition, every other Sunday parish bulletins include a copy of *FaithLife*, a dynamic news bulletin dedicated to keeping you informed about international, national and diocesan news of interest to Catholics. The publication strives to bring you news that impacts your life, whether it be about parish mergers, Catholic schools, and much more. If you were not able to contribute this weekend, you may drop your envelope at the rectory or place in the collection next Sunday.

The **Sacred Heart Food Pantry Committee** would like to thank everyone who gave paper products, cereals, can goods, pasta noodles, sauce, coffee and sugar to our Food Pantry. Also thank you to the people who gave cash donations to the Food Pantry. Please continue to give to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry as the need is so great.

*Thank you for remembering the Food Pantry.*



## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday** - NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES.

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

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

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

**Friday** - **Church Cleaning Team #1** (Lorraine Squeglia's team) is scheduled for Friday, January 23rd.

### BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS

**ATTENTION:** Committee people, Captains, and Sellers. **The Sellers' Dinner which was originally planned for Friday, January 30th has been rescheduled for Friday, February 6th.** You will be receiving a telephone call inviting you to this annual event. There will be no turn-in until further notice.



**YOUTH GROUP NEWS** - In today's first reading Samuel answered the Lord with the phrase "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Many times when I pray I tend to ask the Lord for things and through our conversation I forget to listen to His voice. As I tell the youth, we live in a world full of noise and we as God's children need some silence in our lives. We must listen for God's voice in our lives. How else would we know what He needs from us? If you would like to make our NET retreat on January 22nd, please come to youth group or feel free to e-mail me at catholicconnection@gmail.com. The retreat is open to all 5-12 graders. Sacred Heart youth group meets every Thursday from 7-8:30pm in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. Peace. Jesse

### OPEN HOUSE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

On **Sunday, January 25th, Our Lady of Peace School** (preschool - grade 8) invites you to join us for our Open House. The Open House will take place from 10:30AM until 1:00PM. You are welcome to join us for the 9:00AM Mass to celebrate the start of Catholic Schools Week. The Open House is a great opportunity for you to tour the school; learn about our academic programs and extra curricular activities; meet our principal, faculty and parents; and see the new location of our preschool and alternative care program. Please enter through the Gymnasium doors. Come learn why we are "Celebrating a Tradition of Faith, Family, Academics and Service". If you have any questions, please call the school office at 838-3548.

**St. Peter Cathedral School** will be holding its annual Open House on **Sunday, January 25th** from Noon to 2:30PM. Any families with children entering preschool through 8th grade are welcome to attend. Visit our website at [www.cathedral.center.org](http://www.cathedral.center.org).

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week and join us for **Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Open House** (Pre-School - 8th Grade) at 1531 East Grandview Blvd. on **Thursday, January 29th** from 5:30 until 7:30PM. Visit our website at [olmcerie.org](http://olmcerie.org) or please call 825-2822 for more information.

Please remember in your prayers our departed:  
†**Emmie Hersperger**; †**Ernie Buzas**; and †**Allen Hemme**

