



Happy Easter to you all! We have spent the past 6 weeks preparing, not only for this day, but for the truth behind this celebration: that Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah Son of God, has

been raised to a new and eternal life, and brings with Him all those who wish to follow His Way! Easter is not the celebration of a singular, glorious event. It is the celebration of the truth that we, too, can rise to new and eternal life if we allow the Glory of Easter to guide us in everything that we say and do! Far too often, people believe they are going to Heaven, just by being “nice people”. Well, we all realize that many “nice people” lead very sinful lives. Easter challenges us to lead lives of grace ... lives of holiness ... lives of forgiveness, hope, and love, so that, when our time comes to stand before God at our judgement, He will happily bring us into His Glory; a true reward for leading the life of a disciple. Easter cannot begin and end with this day. Easter is a complete way of life! Let the powerful words of the “Exultet”, the Easter Proclamation, ring out every day of our lives: *“Rejoice, Heavenly Powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation, around God’s throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation! ... Rejoice, O Earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever! ... Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in Glory! The Risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God’s people!”*

Thank you, so much, to everyone who made these sacred days so powerful. Our Pastoral Minister, Rebecca Flynn, and her treasure of notes and files, always helps to keep me focused and “on track” with what I have to do next! This is my 21st Easter as a priest, and I *still* have to make sure I know what I am doing! Rebecca is a blessing for that! Mike Malthaner’s first Easter as our Director of Music & Liturgy, did such a great job coordinating everything, as well as Julie Last & David Graham. And, it was so good to have our seminarian back with us for Holy Week, Brandon Kleckner. He is coming near the end of his first year in Major Seminary, bringing his ordination in 2012 just a bit closer! Thanks, everyone, for *another* great Sacred Heart celebration!

It is sad, however, that the sacredness of Holy Week, and the joy of Easter, has been marred by such horrid and senseless shootings of so many innocent people. That massacre in Binghamton, New York was so senseless. What evil enters people’s hearts that they feel compelled to destroy innocent people? My heart just goes out to the families of those police officers in Pittsburgh, intentionally gunned down by a 23 year-old man, who friends have described as a “good guy”. Such a horrid event rips at the core of any man or woman who is risking their life, every day, to protect and to serve the people of their community. And, as I write this, I am just hearing about a man in Washington State, who killed his 5 children and himself, because he learned that his wife was leaving him. This is getting ridiculous. How can these kinds of things happen? As we celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over the tragedy of the cross, let us all remember the families of all these people, that a day may come where they will find understanding and peace. Let us pray for the victims, that the Risen Christ will bring them all into the Glory of His Father. And, let us pray for those who have caused such horrid tragedies, that God may have mercy on them, and that a day will come when their victims’ families may

forgive them of their grave sins. This week, let us all pray, for all of these people.

Next weekend, I will be working Women’s Cursillo #212, and am really looking forward to it. I, generally, work one Cursillo weekend a year, just to renew myself. And, there may be no more appropriate time to do that than this week, the Octave of Easter. These 8 days following Easter are to be celebrated as one, long Easter Day. What a great time for a Cursillo! If you are interested in learning more about making a Cursillo, go to their website: www.ericursillo.org. As of this writing, I am not sure who is going to cover for me. But, be nice to them!

Have a beautiful Easter week!
Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	Apr. 5, 2009	Apr. 4, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$569.56	\$679.00
Easter Flowers	\$340.00	\$.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$9,179.97	\$8,751.70
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	\$1,929.97	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 680 families of the parish, 361 envelopes (53%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$25.43**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. *Thanks for your sacrifice.*

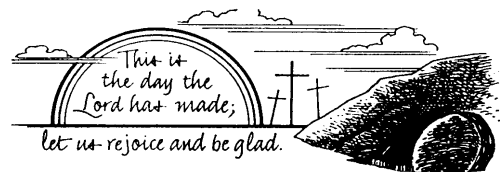
OPERATION RICE BOWL - Easter Sunday

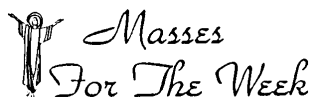


Jesus Christ is risen! Our operation Rice Bowl has ended but working towards global solidarity doesn’t have to. Let us continue to **pray** for all those who work for justice and for those who benefit from the programs of Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for taking part in the Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services’ *Operation Rice Bowl*.

Money that you have saved throughout the Season of Lent in your **Rice Bowl** may be turned in to the regular collection basket (in an envelope *clearly marked for Operation Rice Bowl*). It would be helpful if you converted the change into bills or write out a check to *Sacred Heart Church*. We will make sure that it is forwarded to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for participating.

On Sunday, April 19th at 2:30PM Our Lady of Peace will celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** in the Church, 2401 West 38th Street. Confessors will be available from 2:00 until the beginning of the service. The Program includes Liturgy of the Word and Homily, Procession, blessing, and veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, and a singing of the chaplet of the Divine Mercy. **All are welcome!**





Monday, April 13th

8:30 - Dec'd of the Coleman Family - Family

Tuesday, April 14th

8:30 - Alex Verno - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grosso

Wednesday, April 15th

8:30 - Joseph Sette - Family

Thursday, April 16th

8:30 - Frances Moniewski - Cindy and Gary Miller

Friday, April 17th

8:30 - Elizabeth Verdecchio - Mrs. Michael Luciano

Saturday, April 18th

4:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

Sunday, April 19th - Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

9:30 - Pasquale Giammario - Family

11:30 - Pia Gigliotti - Family

Priest Schedule for April 18th and 19th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Guest Priest

Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM - Guest Priest

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of the deceased members of the †Eichenlaub and †Nuber Families by the Family.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Acts 4: 32-35 1 John 5: 1-6 John 20: 19-31

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:30PM 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, April 18th.

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

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS

Congratulations to these final winners of the 2008-9 Big Giveaway year: 3451 - Carmela Leone, 5919 - Rick McLaughlin, 5327 - Carrie Zielinski, 1049 - Judy Fleming, 7416 - Herb Eichenlaub and Lois Carvelli, 3470 - Karen Schick, 7895 - Harry T. Bolla, 9251 - Sr. Joanne Crawford, 3453 - Mary Radomski, and 9282 - Thomas C. Schneider.

Special congratulations to Kevin Simpson who was the \$1,000 winner for the final Wednesday of March.

Before we embark on the new Big Giveaway year, a thank you is in order to all those who participate in this worthwhile program. Buyers and Sellers especially, without you this fundraiser would not exist, regardless of all the work done by those thanked last week.

As promised in last week's Bulletin, the number of tickets recorded as sold is 1,057 as of the turn-in of March 31st. We are pleased to report this number, but it is just 1 ticket less than what was sold as of the same date last year; so we are running parallel to last year's sales.

The next Big Giveaway turn-in will be on Tuesday, April 14th, from 7:00 to 8:00PM, in the Auditorium.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Diocesan Goal: \$45,166
Parish Goal: \$90,000

Pledged to Date: \$110,220

244% of Diocesan Goal
123% of Parish Goal

319 contributors = 44% of Parish

ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Saturday, April 25th Cleaning Teams 1 &



2, led by Lorraine Squeglia and Marilyn Sharp will participate in a Spring Cleaning of the Church. We will need additional men and women to help with this annual cleaning.

Please join us on April 25th at 8:30am. Please bring a bucket and a cloth. With enough help, we will be able to finish by noon.

If you have any questions, please call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory at 456-6256, ext. 110.

****If you are a high school student or Confirmation candidate in need of service hours, this is an excellent opportunity!**



YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Christ has risen!

He has risen indeed! What a beautiful saying! Our faith in Jesus continues strong as Easter is here and the season of Lent is behind us. Let us rejoice! The youth group would like to take the time to wish everyone a Happy Easter! If you are interested in coming to our Grove City Outlets/Steubenville University trip on May 2nd, please contact Jesse at catholicconnection@gmail.com. Youth group meetings will continue on the following dates: Saint Andrew (Tuesday, April 21st 7-9pm), Blessed Sacrament (Wednesday, April 22nd 7:30-9pm), Sacred Heart (Thursday, April 23rd 7-9pm). We have many activities planned for this summer, dare to draw closer in your faith and you will have fun doing it! **Happy Easter! Jesse**

SCOTT HAHN COMING TO GROVE CITY - Dr. Scott Hahn, noted Scripture Scholar, educator and director of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, will be speaking at Beloved Disciple Church in Grove City at 4:00PM on Divine Mercy Sunday, on April 19th. His topic will be "Lord, Have Mercy" and promises to be an insightful talk.

THE CAR COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. IF YOU LIKE FUNDRAISING AND HAVE NEW IDEAS, PLEASE CALL MAURICE AT 868-8479 OR SHIRLEY AT 833-4795.



He is risen - He is alive!