



Another huge “Thank You” goes out to the gang from the “Big Give Away”! They have just recently handed a check to the parish for almost \$29,000!! The whole committee, along

with the legion of sellers, worked very hard for this amount. It is a wonderful help for our operating budget, especially when you have winters in Erie like we just had! Keep in mind, too, that the Big Give Away committee had already given us \$4,000 last October . . . the profit from the HD-TV they raffled off on Parish Day. Since 1973, the Big Give Away Committee has raised about \$1.3 million for Sacred Heart Church! Thanks so much, gang! Keep in mind, though, that we do need more sellers and newer people on the committee to keep this going! If anyone is ever interested in being a part of this great group, just give a call to Jim Nuber, Sr. at 864-9838, or email him at kanjcn@verizon.net.

I forgot to mention earlier that our Knights of Columbus have a new website: <http://www.mycatholicconnection.com/kofc11818/>. It is very informative, and also taps you into the national website of the Supreme Council. The Knights are always looking for new members, too. I have to say that, after only about 13 years, the Sacred Heart Council has become one of the most active in the Diocese, and we should be very proud of that. If you are interested in this group, just get in touch with our Grand Knight, Dave King, at 866-2043, or email him at Kingd@plastekgroup.com.

I had made a mistake in last week’s bulletin. It was not the 150th anniversary of my classmate’s parish in Linden, New Jersey. St. Elizabeth’s celebrated their 100th anniversary. It was a very impressive celebration, to be sure. The presider was none other than Archbishop Celestino Migliore, *Papal Nuncio to the United Nations!!* Benedict has tons of contacts all over New York, especially, the U.N.! So, if you know him, it was no surprise that the nuncio presided, along with 3 other bishops, and 2 Benedictine abbots. But, the most impressive part of the celebration was the homily from Archbishop Peter Gerrity, the retired archbishop of Newark. He gave a powerful message to us, a great feat for a man who is 98 years old! The parish was only 2 years old when the Archbishop was born! I spoke of his homily during my own to the First Communicants last weekend. The Archbishop spoke of the fascination of so many changes during his life and the life of the parish . . . how, in 1909, there were very few cars, very few phones, very few air planes, etc. And, during that time, St. Elizabeth’s had celebrated thousands of baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, etc. But, the Archbishop reminded us, the one thing that has stayed constant during the entire century . . . and, in fact, since the Last Supper . . . was the power of God’s Word and the presence of Christ Himself in the Eucharist. No matter how the world has changed and advanced . . . no matter what else ever happens in our world and in our lives . . . the Word and the Eucharist will always be present and available to us as a source of courage and strength in every aspect of our lives. It was a powerful message, and a needed one during these difficult times.

While Benedict and I had some time, we went and found the house that *The Soprano’s* was filmed at!! (That may have been the most exciting part of my few days!!). For all of you sick and twisted people who followed that HBO show throughout the series . . . like I did . . . that house is real, and people do live in it . . . and, they actually filmed so many of those scenes in that house. The house is in North Caldwell, New Jersey . . . only

about 16 miles from Linden! The things your Pastor does while on vacation . . .

And, on behalf of all of our retired priests, thank you for your generosity for the Good Shepherd collection last weekend. The people of Sacred Heart contributed almost \$2,800! That is one of the largest 2nd collections that we have ever had, which speaks so much of your generosity, as well as your devotion to our older priests. Since priests don’t make huge sums of money, and many of our older guys have lots of expenses over health and living issues, without huge amounts of money saved, your generosity is a welcomed help. Thank you for helping them. If you still wish to contribute, please send it to the rectory, and we will pass it on to Bishop Trautman.

I hope you are all enjoying the spring! I am back to the full-mowing swing, so my world makes sense again! Have a great week!
Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	May 3, 2009	May 4, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$560.00	\$515.00
Good Shepherd	\$2,788.00	.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$8,137.03	\$8,256.47
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	\$887.03	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 680 families of the parish, 275 envelopes (41%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$29.59**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. *Thanks for your sacrifice.*

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Eucharist this past Sunday at the 11:30 Mass.

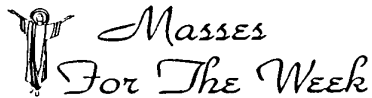


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| Barbara Michelle Harkins | Lauren Mooneyhan |
| William Webb Horomanski | Daniel Vincent Noggle |
| Sarah E. Lariccia | Taylor Vybral |
| Lauren Nicole Laughlin | Tamara Lee Wall |
| Samantha Aryn Manley | |

May they continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus and celebrate often this beautiful gift that Jesus offers all of us of His own Body and Blood.

Mother’s Day carnations provided by *People for Life* will be available at the entrances after Mass today. Celebrate Mother’s Day and bring a colorful carnation home for that special mom in your life. The donation of one dollar per carnation supports local pro-life educational efforts.





Monday, May 11th

8:30 - Charles Betcher - Gary Smith

Tuesday, May 12th - St. Nereus, St. Achilleus and St. Pancras

8:30 - In Honor of the Girl Scouts and Leaders of Sacred Heart Parish

Wednesday, May 13th - Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 - Sophie and Louis Sawicki - Ron and Regene Allen

Thursday, May 14th - St Matthias

8:30 - Mark Chulick - Eileen and Peter Nill

Friday, May 15th - St. Isidore

8:30 - Julia and Eli Berarducci - Family

Saturday, May 16th

4:30 - Michael and Margaret Bukowski - Family

Sunday, May 17th - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish
11:30 - Bob and Rita Eichenlaub - Family

Priest Schedule for May 16th and 17th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

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

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Chuck Oldach** by Toni and Family.

The Bread and Wine are given in memory of †**Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bianco** by Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Colao and Christine Nickson.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4: 7-10 John 15: 9-17

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE SPONSORSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE



From the beginning of our Church, bread and wine have been brought forward by the people for the celebration of the Eucharist. Many even brought bread and wine from home. It was customary to think of every gift to the Church and the poor as a gift to God and to designate it as an offering. As an observant Jew, Jesus

used bread and wine to commemorate the Passover meal with His disciples. Thus, the most sacred food for the Jewish Passover Meal has become the very essence of our Eucharistic meal.

A parishioner saw this at other Churches and thought it would be a good idea to start here at Sacred Heart and Pastoral Council agreed. We are now accepting sponsorships/offering for the altar bread and wine used at the weekend Mass. It is the same idea as someone sponsoring the Sanctuary Candle. Every weekend would be available. You could use the offering as a memorial or remembrance or special intention, just like a Mass or the Sanctuary Candle. If you are interested in sponsoring the Altar Bread and Wine, stop by the Parish Office or put an envelope marked "Altar Bread and Wine" in the collection basket. Please remember to put the person who it is in memory or honor of and who it is from so we can publish the names in the bulletin. The cost is \$25 and thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Pray For Peace

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.

Pastoral Council Meeting at 7:00PM in the Findlay Conference Room.

Wednesday - **Altar Society Meeting** beginning with Mass at 6:00PM in church. Dinner will follow in the auditorium. *The Board will meet at 5:15PM.*

Thursday - **Youth Group** at 7:00PM until 9:00PM in the audi.

Friday - Church Cleaning **Team #8** (Charlene Michael's team) is scheduled for Friday, May 15th.

Sunday - **Coffee and Donuts** will be served in the audi following the morning Masses. *All are welcome!!*

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS

As of Tuesday, April 28th, 1,334 tickets have been recorded as sold. That is 39 fewer tickets than were sold as of a comparative date last year. **Sellers:** If you have not turned in all your new ticket sales, please do so as soon as possible.

Buyers: If you have yet to purchase your Big Giveaway ticket this year, please contact your Seller, or if you do not know who to contact, call Jim Nuber at 864-9838 or Norm Zambrzycki at 835-5096 or see Judy at the rectory. Any of these people will be glad to sell you a ticket, or put you in contact with your usual seller. We have a long way to go to match last year's total sales of 1,516 tickets.

SCHOOL FAMILIES: You are urged to return your sold or purchased tickets A. S. A. P.

The next **Big Giveaway turn-in** will be on Tuesday, May 12th, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, in the Auditorium.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

- Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower". Amazingly, true disciples of Jesus are measured by the fruits that we bear. If a plant in your garden did not bear the proper vegetable, then you would ask yourself the question, "What does this plant need?"

Would you uproot it and give it better nourishment? Would you cut a hole in the fence to provide better sunlight and rain? We are the plants and the Father will do anything to help His garden grow, but know that it always takes a little sweat and a lot of love to have a healthy garden. Please check out the youth website from our diocese, <http://www.eriecd.org/vine.asp>, remember that we are all connected to the Father's vine! Look for our two-page youth ministry article in the newest edition of FAITH Life Magazine. Peace. Jesse

The **Dr. Gertrude A. Barber National Institute** is having "Our Dream Garden" Luncheon on Wednesday, May 13th beginning at 11:00AM. Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon in the Barber Cafeteria. The donation is \$20 per person. For reservations or more information, please call Jeanette Horton at 878-4170.

Please remember in your prayers our departed:
†**Ann Marie Brigham**, mother of Michelle Egnot.

