



One of the messages that I had put on the sign this past week was for Tuesday, Election Day. And, the message was, "Tell a Veteran, 'Thanks for allowing me to vote!'" And, as I

wrote that, all I could think of was my father ... who spent only about a year or two in the Navy ... but he delayed his high school graduation to do it. I thought of Alex Lego, who, while in his 80's, went out to get a new Army uniform similar to the one he wore 60 years ago, just so he could come to Mass in it, and wear it with pride. I was thinking of Tim Coderre, a former student of Sacred Heart School, who left his two, little daughters a few years ago to offer his service to the United States Marine Corp in Fallujah, the worst part of the Iraqi war at that time. I never served in the Armed Forces, and there will always be a part of me that deeply regrets that. In the early 80's, we were in a relatively peaceful time in our history, with the exception of the Cold War. My generation, at that time, was really into education, and military service was not something that was marketed to my circle of friends. I was on my plan to enter the seminary, and begin the journey towards priesthood. But, part of me regrets not being a part of some kind of military service. I even considered the military chaplaincy several years after ordination. I remember playing golf with Msgr. Malene, who was serving as Chaplain in the U.S. Navy several years ago, and we talked a lot about that possibility. But, my brothers and I were doing a lot of home-health-care for our mother, and I knew that I could never leave her to serve overseas. But, for the rest of my life, I will always remember the look in my father's face as he took us to the Millcreek Parade every year, and we watched his brother and other friends from the Millcreek Legion Post #773 walk by, carrying "the colors". His hand went over his heart ... his eyes watered ... his head went up a bit ... and he would get this small smile on his face. Every year. He was so proud of those men carrying those flags. And, he taught my brothers and I to be proud, too . . . and, thankful! For, if it weren't for those people who gave a part of their lives to the service of this country, we wouldn't have the freedoms that we have now. These are the things that come to my mind and my heart every Memorial Day... when I see those flags on those graves ... when I see Alex in his uniform ... when I see a soldier in an airport. May God always bless and guide and protect all those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States!

Enclosed in this bulletin is an insert on the "Code of Conduct" for the Diocese of Erie. For the past several years, Bishop Trautman has been fine-tuning all kinds of policies to ensure the protection the children and the youth that are entrusted to our care. I wanted to make this Code public to everyone at Sacred Heart, just to make sure that we all know how serious the matter is, and how insistent the Church is in protecting our young people.

We have lost some wonderful priests this week: Msgr. Conrad Kraus, a native son; and, Msgr. James Sperry, one of our oldest "Fathers". These were two men who truly left their mark on the Diocese of Erie. Msgr. Krause was, by far, one of the most creative ministers we had. He was a former architect before being ordained, and truly put his ideas to good use in most of the designs and renovations of our Churches in the past 30 years. He spent quite a bit of his ministry as Director of Office and Worship. Msgr. Sperry, the founding Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy in Harborcreek was such a holy, holy man ...

with a kindness and a generosity that can only come from God Himself. At 94 years old, he was still having Masses in nursing homes, and at OLOM, up until a few weeks ago! Msgr. Sperry was just the epitome of holiness, and a true model for priesthood.

We have had eight funerals in the last two weeks. There are many among us who are hurting and grieving. Please offer a special prayer for these families. Prayer and comfort brings hope and peace.

Next weekend, I have the wedding for a good friend of mine, Ron DiSantis, Jr. in Philadelphia. I was Ronnie's Confirmation sponsor over 10 years ago, and we have stayed good friends. "Thank you" to Msgr. Bogniak for taking the 4:30 Mass for me next Saturday, so I could preside at Ronnie's wedding.

Have a great week! Thank a Veteran! Pray for our Troops!
Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	May 17, 2009	May 18, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$111.00	\$65.02
Good Shepherd	\$85.00	\$0.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$5,857.92	\$6,096.80
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	(\$1,392.08)	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 680 families of the parish, 289 envelopes (43%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$20.27**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. *Thanks for your sacrifice.*

To all Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish and Friends:



For more than 24 years Rosemary Shewan and Mary Ann Dana have been co-chairs for the yearly rummage sale at Sacred Heart Parish.

This year, the fun begins on Thursday, June 11th, which is "drop off and set up" day. Bring your items to be donated to the audi between 9:00AM & 4:00PM. *Please no large appliances or furniture.*

Members of the parish, men and women, are invited to help unpack and set up on the 11th or help out any way you can. The day of the sale is always busy and extra help would be appreciated.

Also, adults and high school students can use this great opportunity to get service hours.

Friday, June 12th, is the BIG sale. Come early for the best selection. Bargains galore are waiting for you, such as jewelry, clothing, coats, purses, belts, shoes, glassware, holiday decorations, books, toys, small appliances and a great number of other treasures.

Saturday, June 13th, is BAG DAY from 9:00AM until Noon. This is your last chance to bag a bargain this year so be sure and set your alarm clock.

Anyone wishing to help should call Rosemary Shewan at 455-1961 or Mary Ann Dana at 868-4026.

Thanks to all of you who donate items to our rummage sale. We appreciate your generosity, and we couldn't have a rummage sale without your help.

There will be NO Altar Society meeting in July. Watch the bulletin for information about the summer picnic in August.

Now get out there and get those flowers planted, and enjoy your summer.





Masses For The Week



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, May 25th - St. Bede, Pope Gregory VII and St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi - Memorial Day

9:00 - Evelyn Coverdale - The Jenks Family

Tuesday, May 26th - St. Philip Neri

8:30 - Nathan McClintock - Family

Wednesday, May 27th - St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:30 - Rick Hart - Nelda and Dick Hart

Thursday, May 28th

8:30 - Helen Quinn - Family

Friday, May 29th

8:30 - Leonard Przybyszewski - Family

Saturday, May 30th

4:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

Sunday, May 31st - Pentecost Sunday

9:30 - Lena Lucchetti - The Koenig Family

11:30 - Joseph Krzeszewski - Mike and Carol MacWhirter

Priest Schedule for May 30th and 31st

Saturday, 4:30PM - Msgr. Bogniak

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

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Joseph Krzeszewski** by the Family.

The Bread and Wine are given in memory of †**Thomas** and †**Mafalda Falbo** by John and Judy Falbo and Family.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Acts 2: 1-11 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15 John 20: 19-23

The 2009 Diocesan **Anniversary Celebration** for couples celebrating *25th*, *50th* or *60th* wedding anniversaries will be held on Sunday, August 2nd, at 2:00PM at St. Luke's Church. To register, please contact the church office at 456-6256.



TO THE LADIES OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY

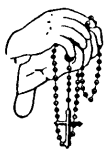
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00PM in the audi. *(The Board will meet at 6:00PM).*

With the Rummage Sale starting on Thursday, the 11th, we will have last minute details to go over.

Remember to bring those paper bags for "Bag Day", and while you're packing those, throw in a few cans of canned veggies for the Food Pantry. They really appreciate all the donations we've been able to give them to help stock the shelves.

After recitation of the rosary, and a short business meeting, a delicious dessert (compliments of the Maloney children) will be served. You don't want to miss this one!

No meeting in July. Watch the bulletin for details about the August picnic.



Pray For Peace

Monday - Memorial Day - Mass will be at 9:00AM. Please join us as we remember with love all of our deceased relatives and friends.



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

Friday - Church Cleaning Team #10 (Kim and Jim Malone's team) is scheduled for Friday, May 29th.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Attention all youth!

Looking for something to do this summer? Would you be interested in an overnight trip to Cedar Point? How about a Catholic Youth Festival in Cleveland with over 30,000 other youth? Would you like to compete in a basketball tournament that benefits charity? If you want to create some everlasting memories this summer then put down the PlayStation and come to youth group! Every week we are welcoming new faces and you don't want to miss out on these summer events. Here are the times and places that we meet every week:

Saint Andrew Parish 7-9 every Tuesday

Blessed Sacrament Parish 7:30-9 every Wednesday

Sacred Heart Parish 7-9 every Thursday

Come check it out and dare to draw closer in your faith! Any questions about our youth events may be directed to catholicconnection@gmail.com. **Please note that youth group is cancelled for the week of Sunday, May 24th - Sunday, May 31st. We will be meeting the week after at our regular scheduled times.** Don't forget to check out our website at mycatholicconnection.com. Peace. Jesse

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS

Congratulations to these most recent **Big Giveaway Winners**: 3102 - Norm Zambrzycki, 0594 - Len and Gloria Wilczynski, 2376 - Al Sonntag, 5721 - Amanda Graham, 2525 - The Montefiori Family, 1129 - Phillip Venesky, 7528 - Mike Rondinelli, 3837 - Carol Harrington, 7475 - Pat and Bill Wierbinski, 9669 - Leann and Daniel Wolf, 7343 - Robert Sul, and 0894 - Genevieve Wiertel.

As of this writing, we are now well into our third week of the second month of the current Big Giveaway Program. As of the turn-in of Tuesday, May 12th, 1,376 tickets have been recorded as sold. Last year, at this same time, 1,410 tickets had been recorded. That means we are trailing last year's sales by 43 tickets. And, last year's total sale of tickets amounted to 1,516, which means we must collectively sell at least 140 tickets just to match last year's sales. **ARE YOU BEGINNING TO GET THE PICTURE HERE?**

Sellers: Please turn in any tickets you have already sold and please try to sell at least one additional ticket.

Everyone: If you have not yet bought a ticket for this year, please, please, consider doing so.

School Families: You are committed to buy/sell at least three tickets. If you have not yet bought or sold those tickets, please do so ASAP and get your returns made. You are again reminded that we are seven/eight weeks into the new Big Giveaway Year.

The next **Big Giveaway turn-in** will be on Tuesday, May 26th, from 7:00 to 8:00PM, in the Auditorium.