



This Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart, and we will have our annual Parish Celebration with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7:00 p.m., with an Ice Cream Social on the front lawn to

follow. I will be hosting the priests of the Diocese for dinner beforehand, which has become a nice chance, at the beginning of the summer, for us to share in our priestly brotherhood. With all of us going in a million different directions, it is nice for us to get the chance to just sit around and chat. It keeps all of us "grounded" in our shared ministry.

This past Friday was another great celebration for our Diocese, and I completely forgot to mention it last week: the priestly ordination of Dan Hoffman and John Miller. As I write this, it has not happened yet . . . but, I know that it is always a wonderful celebration. These are two really good guys, and their profiles were given to us in the last two editions of *Faith Life*, that were placed in the bulletins over the past few weekends. Dan and John could've done so well in any one of a thousand different careers, and they chose to give their lives to God, and they are so happy to be doing this! There have been recent studies, trying to determine the satisfaction, if not all-out "happiness" of the Catholic American priesthood. Studies are showing that almost 90% of the present corps of priests claim to be "happy" in their priesthood! I can attest to that, to be sure! Sure, there are days that I could just scream . . . and, I do. And, yes . . . if I were Bishop or Pope, I would do some things differently. But, I've said it a hundred times before: I have had a blast these past 21 years, and I still feel like I am just getting into it! I was watching a program on EWTN a few days ago . . . and, I don't get much chance to watch that station. I don't remember the young man's name, but he was a professional soccer player from Illinois, who has given up his very successful career to become a priest. He was a very nice-looking young man, who was telling us about a wonderful and close relationship he had with a young woman, who may have become his wife. But, he was describing his acceptance of his "Call" from God, and has happily given up all that he has had, and is now in the seminary, really looking forward to his life as a priest. He does not see a commitment to celibacy as anything of "a giving up of . . ." what he once had, or could've had. He truly sees his commitment to celibacy as a gift from God, and his gift to God! It was a great interview, and I will have to look more into it to find out who he is. He is going to be a great inspiration to so many young people!

With Fr. Tom Brooks now named as the new Pastor of St. Jude's, I do so hope everyone in Erie has learned a lesson: *stop spreading rumors, and find something else to talk about!!!* It was getting so ridiculous about my going to St. Jude's that I thought about taking off the rest of the summer until a new Pastor was named! I was getting bombarded everywhere I went. I even got mail at St. Jude's! I think people were just putting 2+2 together: my parents were founding members of St. Jude's . . . my brothers and I were all baptized there . . . and, I'm from Millcreek. The only priests who fit into that are my brother and I! But, now, please . . . for the sake of all that is holy . . . please don't bombard me or spread rumors about my going to Our Lady of Peace, now that Fr. Brooks is leaving. I have no idea what is in the mind of Bishop Trautman. All that I know is that I have 5 more years on my official assignment here. But, please . . . *talk about something else . . . like the war . . . the economy . . . Osama*

*bin Laden ... ANYTHING ELSE!!!*

When you see Marilyn Sharp and Bob Brunk, and also James Horomanski, give them a huge "thank you" for all the time they spent spreading the mulch around the Church. That was quite a task, and they did a great, great job!

It's "Flag Day" today. Fly the colors!!! Have a good week!  
Fr. D.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:**

	June 7, 2009	June 8, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$499.00	\$251.00
Holy Father	\$71.00	\$5.00
Sacrificial Giving	<b>\$7,951.79</b>	\$7,453.50
Amount Needed	<b>\$7,250.00</b>	
Over/(Short)	<b>\$701.79</b>	

(\*includes loose money). Last week, out of 680 families of the parish, 314 envelopes (47%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$25.33**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. *Thanks for your sacrifice.*

**Child Abuse and Creating Safe Environments**



**Listen to Your Children** - This summer, when your children are out of school and on different schedules, meeting new people and going to new places, make sure that you talk to them often about their experiences and the people they've met. Listen carefully to your children. If possible, observe and get to know the other children and adults who are part of your children's summertime fun. Above all, communicate your safety concerns to your children. Make sure they know that they can come to you with any concerns they may have about the people they interact with. And if you hear of or observe behaviors that may be inappropriate, make sure to communicate your feelings to people who are in a position to intervene. Communication is key to creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round. For more information, check out [http://www.eriecd.org/protect\\_youth.htm](http://www.eriecd.org/protect_youth.htm).

**Parish Penance Service** - Our Parish Penance Service will be on Monday, June 15th, at 7:00PM in church. We will have priests available for confession until all are heard. All are welcome.



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.

Please remember in your prayers our departed:  
†Sam Calao, brother of George Colao;  
†Edward Mascharka, Jr., father of Cathy Allen;  
and †Raymond Wodarski, brother of Joe Wodarski.





**Masses For The Week**



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, June 15th**

8:30 - Alice Cost - Aunt Jeannie

**Tuesday, June 16th**

8:30 - Vincent C. Izzi - Fred Vickey

**Wednesday, June 17th**

8:30 - Communion Service

**Thursday, June 18th**

8:30 - Anne C. Wingerter - Family

**Friday, June 19th - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

7PM - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

**Saturday, June 20th - The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

2:00 - Wedding of Danielle Baltes and Stephen White

4:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

**Sunday, June 21st - The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 - Remo Giammarino - Lena and Family

11:30 - For the Dec'd of the Fleming and Henriksen Families

**Priest Schedule for June 20th and 21st**

**Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch**

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

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of the **Dec'd Members** of the †**Fleming** and †**Henriksen Families**.

The Bread and Wine are given in memory of †**Sue Metzler** by the Family.

**Scripture Readings for Next Week**

Job 38: 1, 8-11 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17 Mark 4: 35-41



**YOUTH GROUP NEWS** - Mark's gospel

this week tells us the story of the Last Supper. The most important sacrament that Jesus gave us was given during a meal. Many times during youth group we have discussed how important it is to share a meal with our family. Almost 75% of our youth don't have the time to eat one meal everyday with their families. Yah I know, everyone is busy! That is why we should take even more time to eat a meal with our family. We are losing the family identity in our culture and without it we will be left hungry for more. It will take effort and maybe even sacrifice to eat a meal together but trust me when I say the rewards are great. The day before Jesus died He shared a meal with his family. He could have performed another miracle or told another parable but He sat down and gave us the Most Holy Sacrament. If you would like to attend youth group this summer, please join us or e-mail me at catholicconnection@gmail.com. Peace. Jesse

The next **WEST SIDE SQUIRE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING** will be held on *Tuesday, June 16th* at 7:00PM in the Audi. For more information, please call Barbara Blakeslee at 456-7381.



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

**Parish Penance Service** at 7:00PM in church.

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

**Thursday** - The **Youth Group** will meet at 7:00- 9:00PM in the audi.

**Friday** - **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** - Mass will be at 7:00PM and our Ice Cream Social will follow.

**Saturday** - Church Cleaning **Team #2** (Annette and Mike Ahrens' team) is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th.

**BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS**

Congratulations to these recent **Big Giveaway winners**: 1163 - Sandra Berkowitz, 3482 - The Gaeta Family, 5224 - Victoria Kast, 1600 - Josephine Bandecca, 7232 - Randolph Radomski, 7357 - Mike Turowski, 6423 - John and Gert Spaeder, 3430 - Mike and Nichole Mancuso, 9534 - Jennifer Landis and 0684 - A. J. Detisch.

To date, 1,389 tickets have been recorded as sold. That is 127 fewer tickets than was sold last year. **Several School Families still have failed to return their sold tickets.** So, that number of sold tickets should be significantly increased when those sold tickets are returned.

The next **Big Giveaway turn-in** will be on Tuesday, June 16th, from 7:00 to 8:00PM, in the Auditorium.

**FR. ENGEL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS** -

Recent donations to the Fr. Engel Scholarship Fund include:

In Memory of **Mary and Sam Andalora** by Dorothy Totleben

In Memory of **Tom Karle** by Frank Simonelli

In Memory of **Ann Marie Brigham** by the Haraczy and Bond Families

In Memory of **Jodie Hilbrich** by Norm and Connie Zambrzycki

In Memory of **Jodie Hilbrich** by Doug and Judy Fleming

In Memory of **Richard Wlodarczyk** by Doug and Judy Fleming.

**Name to be permanently placed on the plaque in the Church:**

In Memory of **Jodie Hilbrich** by the Family.

A gift to the Fr. Engel Scholarship Fund is truly a gift that keeps on giving! Every donation you have given to the Scholarship Fund is still there; only the interest from the fund is used each year to provide much needed scholarship assistance.

A reminder that a \$100 donation puts your name or the name of a loved one living or deceased, on the permanent plaque in the School. Why do we call it "the gift that keeps on giving"? Well, as you see, it does! Year after year after year our young people benefit from a good Catholic education thanks to your generosity. God bless all of your past efforts.

