



On March 6, 2009, Pope Benedict made this announcement: *“To encourage priests in this striving for spiritual perfection on which, above all, the effectiveness of their ministry depends, I have decided to establish a special ‘Year of the Priest’ that will begin on June 19 and last until June 19, 2010. In fact, it is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the Holy Cure d’Ars, John Mary Vianney, a true example of a pastor in the service of Christ’s flock.”* I had failed to mention this a few weeks back. But, I wanted to share this with all of you, who do not already know about it. This next year will be a year to truly pray and work for vocations to the priesthood. If I am not mistaken, the last time that Sacred Heart Church celebrated the “First Mass” of a priest may have been Fr. John Malthaner, in 1993. Fr. Jon Plavcan was ordained for the Diocese of Gary, Indiana (and is now their Cathedral Rector!) in 1992 ... Fr. Bill Williams was ordained for the Archdiocese of Atlanta right around the same time ... and, my classmate, Fr. Mike Kesicki was ordained with me in 1988. Fr. Mike’s brother, Fr. Tim Kesicki, now one of the American Jesuit provincials, was ordained in the mid-90’s. However, it has been 16 years since Sacred Heart celebrated a First Mass. We are truly looking forward to the next one in 2012, when our own Brandon Kleckner gets ordained. But, we should be having a lot more than that coming up! We have many gifted young men ... and some older ones, too! ... who would be wonderful priests for the Church. So many! May we spend this year encouraging them and praying for them, and for all those who are considering the priesthood. I have said it time after time after time: I have had a blast in the last 21 years, and wouldn’t think of doing anything else with my life! I still believe that I am just “getting into it”, like many of our newly-ordained. The “Call” to the priesthood does come from God Himself, yes. But, it also comes from His people. We *all* need to be more active in the search for more priests, and in the encouragement of those we think would be great ones. I get very disheartened when I hear about many in this generation of parents, who discourage priesthood, so that their son may give them grandkids ... and, who are usually the first ones complaining when a priest isn’t available when they want something. Let us all spend this Year of the Priest in prayer and in active recruitment! There’s a whole, new generation of priests sitting right in our own pews!

Also, as a gesture of trying to be in solidarity with the people of our Diocese, the Presbyteral Council ... which is a board of priests that advise the bishop ... has voted to keep the priests’ salaries the same, and *not* get our usual cost-of-living increase. My salary, as a Pastor with 21 years seniority, will remain at \$20,484 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Each year, the priests are to spend a week in Continuing Education. As I have enjoyed doing the past few years, I will be attending Seton Hall University’s “International Institute for Clergy Formation” in Long Branch, New Jersey this week. But, on the way there, I will be presiding at the wedding for a very dear friend, Jack Fatica ... the brother of Justin Fatica, of the “Hard as Nails” Ministry. Jack’s wedding is in Philadelphia. Thanks so much to my brother priests for covering for me ... Fr. Shane Mathew, Fr. Tom Fialkowski, and Fr. Jerry Simmons.

Have a great week! Pray for vocations!  
Fr. D.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:**

	July 5, 2009	July 8, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$649.00	\$701.00
Holy Father	\$35.00	\$35.00
Sacrificial Giving	<b>\$7,809.90</b>	\$8,387.81
Amount Needed	<b>\$7,250.00</b>	
Over/(Short)	<b>\$599.90</b>	

(\*includes loose money). Last week, out of 680 families of the parish, 275 envelopes (41%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$28.40**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

**MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE**



Next weekend our yearly missionary speaker will be here. Al Hannibal will share information about St. Antony’s Orphanage that is located in Nagercoil in the most southern tip of India. At this orphanage, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus care for 120 orphans, mostly girls with some young boys. If it were not for the loving dedication of the Sisters and financial supporters like you, these children would be without hope or opportunity.

We welcome Al Hannibal and encourage you to generously support this mission work of our Church.

**GREAT MASS NEWS** - Sacred Heart’s Great Mass is Sunday, August 2nd, at 11:00AM at the West Lakeview Pavilion.

Waldameer’s **Ride - A - Rama/Water World** tickets are available after the Great Mass for \$15.00 per person.



Don’t forget the Tureen Dinner following the Mass. Please provide your own table covering and dinner service. Also, please bring a dish to share that serves 10-12 people, preferably in a disposable container.

**Families with last names beginning with**

**A - H - Cold Dish**

*(Pasta salad, macaroni salad, potato salad, etc.)*

**I - R - Hot Dish**

**S - Z - Desserts**

**Hot dogs, soda, and coffee will be provided.**



The 2009 Diocesan **Anniversary Celebration** for couples celebrating *25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup>* 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.

Don’t miss the 9th annual all-school summer musical, **“GUYS & DOLLS!”** It will be presented in the air-conditioned H. O. Hirt Auditorium at Blasco Library on the bayfront on July 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th at 7:30PM; and on Sunday afternoons July 18th and 26th at 2:30PM. Featuring a large cast of students and a great musical score by Lerner & Loewe, it is a show the whole family will enjoy. “Luck be a Lady”, “Sit down you’re rockin’ the boat”, and “Bushel and a Peck” are a few of the big production numbers that you will enjoy. Tickets will be available in the lobby of the theater before each performance, with a discount for seniors and students.



## Masses For The Week

### Monday, July 13th - St. Henry

8:30 - Emme Hersperger - Family

### Tuesday, July 14th - Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30 - Russell Mogel - The Plonski Family

### Wednesday, July 15th - St. Bonaventure

8:30 - Donald Alberstadt - Family

### Thursday, July 16th - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30 - Robert Grutkowski - Ron and Pat Dudenhoeffer

### Friday, July 17th

8:30 - Dr. James Kaminsky - Evie Tomcho

### Saturday, July 18th - St. Camillus de Lellis

4:30 - Donald Zimmerman - Ray and Shirley Boesch

### Sunday, July 19th - The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

11:30 - Joseph Ventura - Remle Metzger

### Priest Schedule for July 18th and 19th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

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

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Casimir Klemen** by Mary and the family.

The Bread and Wine is given in memory of †**John** and †**Antoinette Corsi Colao** by Janet DiPaolo and the family.

### Scripture Readings for Next Week

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Ephesians 2: 13-18 Mark 6: 30-34



The Missions

The **National Needs Collection**, taken up this weekend, affords the opportunity for more prosperous Catholic communities to stand in solidarity with poorer ones in our own country.

Complicating the growing shortage of priests is the lack of funding in home mission dioceses, where parishes often struggle with poverty, difficult or isolated terrain, religious hostility and other circumstances that challenge the practice of faith.

Funds from this collection will help dioceses in financial need to provide education to children and youth, to seminarians, to deacons and to lay ministers. The proceeds of this collection also assist in evangelization, prison ministry, campus ministry, and ministry to persons with disabilities and provide help to Native American, African American and other ethnic groups. The **National Needs Collection** also provides funding to the global Archdiocese of Military Services, which sends chaplains to offer Mass, the other sacraments, counseling and the comforts of faith to American Catholic soldiers and their families on 220 military bases around the world

If you were unable to contribute today, you may drop your gift in the collection next week or drop through the mail slot in the rectory door. *Thank you for your generosity.*



## THE WEEK AHEAD

**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.

**Friday** - Church Cleaning **Team #7** (Millie Grutkowski and Francine Reynolds' team) is scheduled for Friday, July 17th

### BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS

Because of returns made by School Families, ticket sales as of the turn-in of June 30th, have climbed to 1,420, still 96 tickets short of last year's total sales of 1,516.

In order to make as many people eligible to win in the Early Bird Drawing on July 25th, we have extended the deadline for eligibility thru the turn-in of Tuesday, July 14th. Sellers who have not collected full payment for their sold tickets are urged to do so in order for the ticket holders to be possible winners.

By now, most ticket buyers will have received their invitations to the Buyers' Party to be held on Saturday, July 25th. We look forward to seeing you at this party.

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



**YOUTH GROUP NEWS** - I would like to thank everyone who helped with last week's skating party! Many youth and parents attended the party and had a great time! I also hope that everyone had a great 4th of July weekend. Let us continue to pray for this country and the soldiers who defend our rights everyday! Finally I would like to ask everyone to come out and support our youth as we hold our July 25th Sacred Heart Car Wash! We will be washing cars from 12-3pm in the upper parking lot and all donations will go to benefit the youth! We had a great time last year and we are looking forward to this year's event! This is a great way to show your support of our Catholic youth! If anyone has any questions or concerns about supporting our youth group, please feel free to contact me at catholicconnection@gmail.com. Peace. Jesse

### Child Abuse and Creating Safe Environments

**Tips for Summer Camp Safety:** All teachers, staff, and volunteers in the Erie diocese who work with children must undergo criminal background checks. Diocesan guidelines and abuse prevention training programs currently in use emphasize the importance of parents' knowing who has access to their children at school and other Church-sponsored activities. Summertime is here, and parents should remain vigilant regarding who is granted access to their children. Make sure camp counselors have undergone criminal background checks. And make sure you know the camp's daily routine. In particular, make sure that no camp activity results in a child being left alone with one adult. All activities should be supervised by more than one adult, and the camp should be open to unannounced drop-in visits from parents. (Source: Sharon Womack Doty, "Summer Safety-Monitor All Programs!" VIRTUS, July 17, 2006.) For more information, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>.



Pray For Peace