



Bishop Trautman, in conjunction with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has designated the Week of June 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> as “Natural Family Planning Awareness Week”. To

honor this week, we would like to share the reflections of Bishop Victor Galeone of the Diocese of Augustine, Florida:

**Marriage: The Gift of Love and Life**

C. S. Lewis once wisely observed: “When everyone is rushing headlong towards the precipice, anyone going in the opposite direction would appear to be mad.” In July of 1968, the world at large thought Pope Paul VI had lost his mind. For in that month he issued his long-awaited encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which reiterated the Church’s age-old ban on every form of contraception. A tidal wave of angry dissent erupted over the pope’s decision. Catholic and non-Catholic alike berated “the celibate old man in the Vatican” for hindering the Church’s full entry into the modern era.

As we approach the fortieth anniversary of that historic document, I wish to emphasize its importance for our times. As a backdrop for my remarks, I would like to place it in the context of its time. In the same year that Pope Paul issued *Humanae Vitae*, another Paul—Paul Ehrlich—published a book entitled, *The Population Bomb*. In that 1968 bestseller, Ehrlich made some stark predictions. For example:

“The battle to feed humanity is over. In the 1970s the world will undergo famines ... hundreds of millions of people (including Americans) are going to starve to death...” Fact: Food production worldwide is well ahead of population growth, and obesity now kills 300,000 Americans a year.

“India couldn’t possibly feed two hundred million more people by 1980.” Fact: Since 1968 India has doubled its population by half a billion, and is still self-sufficient in food.

Comparing population explosion to a cancerous tumor, Ehrlich prescribed “cutting out the cancer [too many people]” as the only remedy to save humanity. Fact: Today Europe is dying, with most countries fluctuating around the 60% replacement level.

Against this foreboding background, the reaction to Pope Paul’s encyclical came as no surprise, even though it only restated what the Church has taught for 2,000 years. Namely: “There is an inseparable link between the two meanings of the marriage act: the unitive meaning [making love] and the procreative meaning [making babies]. This connection was established by God himself, and man is not permitted to break it on his own initiative.” (H.V, no. 12)

In Deuteronomy 18:21 we learn how to tell an authentic prophet from a false one: Has the prophecy materialized or not? Judged by that benchmark, Paul Ehrlich is a false prophet. What about Paul VI? Pope Paul predicted four dire consequences if the use of contraception escalated: 1) increased marital infidelity; 2) a general lowering of morality, especially among the young; 3) husbands viewing their wives as mere sex objects; and 4) governments forcing massive birth control programs on their people. Forty years later the moral landscape is strewn with the following stark reality: 1) The divorce rate has more than tripled. 2) Sexually transmitted diseases have increased from six to fifty. 3) Pornography—especially on the Internet—is a plague, addicting millions annually. 4) Sterilization is forced on women in third world countries, with China’s one-child policy in the vanguard.

In the waning years of his life, St. Augustine wrote his mammoth work, *The City of God*. According to Augustine, the whole world is comprised of two communities: the City of God and the City of Man. Citizens of each city are determined not by one’s birthplace or residence, but rather by the object of one’s love: placing the love of God above self, or the love of self above God. The two cities are still with us. Paul Ehrlich and Paul VI could well serve as icons of each city. In one case, death and darkness prevail—in the other, life and light. Death or life? The choice is ours!

**WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:**

	July 12, 2009	July 13, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$131.00	\$145.00
National Needs	\$971.00	\$53.00
Sacrificial Giving	<b>\$7,318.56</b>	\$6,813.05
Amount Needed	<b>\$7,250.00</b>	
Over/(Short)	<b>\$68.56</b>	

(\*includes loose money). Last week, out of 680 families of the parish, 330 envelopes (49%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$22.18**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

**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.**

**Welcome to the new members of our parish family:** Amy and Matthew DiRaimo and daughter Brooklyn; Ann and David Iavarone; Timothy P. Mayo; Nicole M. Onslow; Joseph Phillips and son Justin; Jonathan Root; Rebecca and James Smith and children James and Alexa; Theresa L. VanLuven; and Diane Wisinski and daughter Amelia.



Please remember in your prayers our departed:

†**Margaret Bambauer**





**Masses For The Week**



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, July 20th - St. Apollinaris**  
 8:30 - Evelyn Coverdale - Ron, Debbie, Katie and Amy Buettner  
**Tuesday, July 21st - St. Lawrence of Brindisi**  
 8:30 - Betty Carson - Family  
**Wednesday, July 22nd - St. Mary Magdalene**  
 8:30 - Fred Welz - Ken and Rosie Herman  
**Thursday, July 23rd - St. Bridget of Sweden**  
 8:30 - Margaret and Joseph Klein - Family  
**Friday, July 24th - St. Sharbel Makhluf**  
 8:30 - Eileen Work - Robert Work  
**Saturday, July 25th - St. James**  
 4:30 - Jean Shewan Abata - Family  
**Sunday, July 26th - The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:30 - Tina Triglio - Rita and Tom Timon  
 11:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

**Monday - Boy Scout Meeting** at 6:00PM in the audi.  
**Tuesday** - The **Rosary** will be prayed at 2:00PM in church.  
**Friday** - Church Cleaning **Team #8** (Charlene Michael's team) is scheduled for Friday, July 24th.  
**Saturday - Sacred Heart Youth Group Car Wash** from 12:00PM until 3:00PM in the upper parking lot.

**BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS**

Congratulations to these most recent **Big Giveaway winners:** 5665 - Ron and Debbie Buettner, 1389 - Ann Bennetti, 8032 - Dottie Ferrington, 8112 - Bob Baumann, 2108 - Shirley Furiesz, 0025 - Dave Haft, 2247 - Krista Kremer, 4036 - Tom Weber, 9523 - Mary Ann Ross, 4321 - Arthur Jay Sementelli, and 9518 - Jennifer Landis.

**DON'T FORGET!!** Saturday, July 25th is the date of the Big Giveaway Party and Early Bird Drawing. By now, all ticket holders have received their invitations. We look forward to seeing you at this Party. Remember: Beer, pop, (soda), popcorn, and sandwiches are free.

As of the turn-in of Tuesday, July 7th, the total number of tickets sold amounted to 1,425, still 91 tickets short of last year's total sales. Any sold tickets returned at the turn-in of July 14th or after, those ticket holders will NOT receive a party invitation, since the invitations have already been mailed.

The next **Big Giveaway turn-in** will be on Tuesday, July 21st, from 7:00 to 8:00PM, in the Auditorium.

**Priest Schedule for July 25th and 26th**

**Saturday, 4:30PM** - Fr. Shane Mathew  
**Sunday, 9:30AM**-Guest Priest  
**11:30AM** - Fr. Shane Mathew

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Mr.** and †**Mrs. Mike Viglione** by Mary and Family.

The Bread and Wine are given in memory of †**Russell Mogel** by Jim and Nancy Totleben.

**Scripture Readings for Next Week**

2 Kings 4: 42-44 Ephesians 4: 1-6 John 6: 1-15

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS** - Please come

*out to our annual Sacred Heart Youth Group Car Wash! This event will be held on Saturday, July 25th from 12:00PM until 3:00PM in the upper parking lot. It is a free car wash with all donations benefiting the youth! We always have a great time so please come out and show your support of our Catholic youth!*



Check out <http://www.eriercd.org/vine.asp> to view our newest video on "Silence" from our Saint Andrew's Lock-in. This is the website for all the Catholic youth in our diocese! It is quite an honor for our youth to be witnesses to other Catholics in our diocese!

Attention all youth and their parents, please take a look at our youth group website, <http://www.mycatholicconnection.com>. Feel free to blog, sign up, and read the updates from me and the youth of our parish! Peace. Jesse



**TRIP TO KENNYWOOD** - As a way of thanking our altar servers for their ministry to Sacred Heart Parish, we are taking them to **Kennywood** in West Mifflin, PA on **Tuesday, August 4th.**

We have some seats available on the bus if your family is interested in a day at Kennywood. The cost of \$60.00/per person will cover the bus trip down and back, and admission to the park. So - save on driving, parking and gas and join us for the day! For further details, call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory at 456-6256.

With the help of the **Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network**, a weekly farmer's market is now in place in Little Italy. Thirty farmers have been invited to participate, although the small-scale beginning, with just a handful of farmers depending on what's in season, needs your support! Please plan to visit the market on *Wednesdays* from 3:00PM until 6:00PM in the parking lot at 349 West 18th Street.



The **Red Door School Uniforms** is now open at 10:00AM Monday through Saturday for back to school uniform purchases. We are located at 124 West 9th Street, between Peach and Sassafras. The phone number is 455-2551 and our email is [rdschooluniforms@verizon.net](mailto:rdschooluniforms@verizon.net). Shop early for the best selection. The Red Door, owned by Jim Travers, has been in the uniform business since 1965. We don't disappear after August!

**Pray For Peace**