



Next Sunday is our annual “Great Mass & Parish Picnic” at 11:00! It is so hard to fathom that we have been doing this off and on since 1990 ... meaning, next year will be our 20th anniversary!

There are so many of us around that still vividly remember that first one back on August 5, 1990 ... and what an electrifying experience that was! If I am not mistaken, we had close to 1,000 people at the first Great Mass! It was also a wonderful tribute to the loving “shepherding” of Fr. Findlay. All these years later, it is still a powerful experience of family prayer and fellowship. I do so hope that all of you will come out to the West Lakeview Shelter and join us next Sunday! For those who will join us for the first time, the shelter is next to Rainbow Gardens, on the left. It will be a great day for us!

Over the next few weeks, we will be continuing our projects from the monies of the Catholic Services Appeal ... which, by the way, has now reached \$119,200 in pledges! We will soon be replacing the 26th Street sidewalk, from Liberty to Plum Streets, and a portion of the sidewalk on 25th, from Plum to the parking lot ... in front of the school. We are also going to be removing the hedges, which have become very difficult to maintain. There seems to be some strange vine or weed growing up throughout the entire thing. It seems almost impossible to kill this weed without killing the entire hedge. Since we have done so well with the CSA, we have monies available to replace the hedges with a beautiful steel fencing, along with brick pillars that match the ones surrounding the electric sign. It will be rather stunning, and it will be very easy to maintain. It will give the front of the property a very elegant look for years and years. Stay tuned!

The International Clergy Institute of Seton Hall was another excellent experience for myself and the other priests who attended. Msgr. Donald Bolen, a priest of the Diocese of Regina (Saskatchewan, Canada) was assigned to the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in Rome. He gave great presentations on ecumenical relations, and on searching for reconciliation among Christians. He reminded us that our ecumenical efforts are *not* about negotiations; but, rather, it is about Christian churches standing together to try to find common beliefs ... and celebrating, together, all those elements of faith that we share together. Fr. Richard Hauser is a Jesuit priest, and Director of the Masters Program in Christian Spirituality at Creighton University in Omaha. He gave great presentations on pastoral approaches to understanding and dealing with suffering. Fr. Hauser challenged us to help our people understand how God’s presence and His grace is truly found in all depths of suffering and pain, and that He gives us strength to endure. Fr. Nicholas King, also a Jesuit, is now a Spiritual Father and Tutor in New Testament at Campion Hall in Oxford. He gave excellent presentations about the scriptural basis for celibacy, and the challenges that we are faced with in a very sexually-orientated society. He simply reminded us of the Gospel’s greatest example of the celibate minister: Jesus Himself! And, as celibate ministers, we are still called to love and intimacy with the people of God, and to celebrate the unconditional love that comes from God! Fr. King also challenged us to do more to challenge a very sexually-active younger generation, and encourage them to seek the model of Jesus, as well; and, not be so easily misled by the sexually-obsessed society around them. I also had a chance to chat with Archbishop Timothy Broglio, the Archbishop of the Military Services, USA. The Archbishop, a

priest from Cleveland, spent most of his priesthood in the Vatican diplomatic corps and served as Chief of Cabinet for Angelo Cardinal Sedena, the Vatican Secretary of State to Pope John Paul II. He also served as Papal Nuncio to the Dominican Republic. He gave fascinating presentations of the workings of the Catholic Church in International Relations. We also chatted quite a bit about how much of a need there is for chaplains to the military services, as well as to the military hospitals, like Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. Apparently, they have only one Catholic chaplain there, who just recently had a heart attack himself. We need to pray for more spiritual help to the people of the military. But, it was a great institute, and I wanted to share some of these thoughts with you. You may now see why I enjoy spending a week there every summer. Ministry and priesthood is a constant “learning”!

Have a great week! See you at the Great Mass!
Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	July 19, 2009	July 20, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$141.00	\$88.00
Missionary	\$1,557.26	\$1,522.62
Sacrificial Giving	\$5,621.74	\$5,648.96
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	(\$1,628.26)	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 680 families of the parish, 275 envelopes (41%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$20.45**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

TIME for
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL

**CALLING ALL KIDS entering
Grades 1-6** - Come to the Summer School of the Sacraments, Sacred Heart’s own version of vacation bible school! It will be held on Wednesday through Friday, August 12th, 13th, 14th, from 9:00AM until Noon. There will be art, music, videos, snacks, prayer, and a special class with our own Boo-Boo, the Clown! Sign up by picking up a form in the back of church and dropping it off or mailing it to Sacred Heart Rectory - Attn. SSS. There is no charge. If you have any questions, feel free to call Carolyn Hammer at 866-5940.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE - The Sacred Heart Food Pantry needs your help! The Food Pantry is currently serving 65 families consisting of 86 adults and 79 children. When we purchase the food from Second Harvest our cost is \$.19/lb. Since April we have paid \$2,500 for food to fill the boxes for our people. Items that are needed are cereals, can goods, pasta noodles, sauce, coffee and sugar. We always need cash donations. If you have questions or would like to help on Tuesdays at the Food Pantry, please call Joann Baltes at 866-1825. *Please continue to give to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry as the need is so great.*





Masses For The Week



**THE WEEK
AHEAD**

Monday, July 27th - Thursday, July 30th

8:30 - Communion Service

Friday, July 31st - St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:30 - Joseph Krzeszewski - Mike LaBoda

Saturday, August 1st - St. Alphonsus Liguori

2:00 - Wedding of Jayme Jones and Keith Nies

4:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

Sunday, August 2nd - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 - NO MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

11:00 - Joni Jones - Family

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Priest Schedule August 1st and 2nd

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

Sunday, 11:00AM - Fr. Detisch

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

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15 Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24 John 6: 24-35

GREAT MASS NEWS - Sacred Heart's Great Mass will be next 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.

Don't
Forget
The
Picnic!



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 #9** (Julianne and Jeff Rossi's team) is scheduled for Friday, July 31st.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS - This week's gospel teaches us that Jesus could take 5 loaves and 2 fish and feed 5000 people. How does this gospel reach us today? Have you ever been without food? Maybe you have struggled with putting food on the table as a family. As a parish we have an awesome distribution center known as our food pantry. When families in our neighborhood cannot afford enough food they can come to our parish and fill their baskets. This miracle of Jesus is happening today in our own parish every time we donate to our food pantry. I pray that the youth of today know the struggles of the less fortunate so that we can start a new generation of giving. If you would like more information about our parish youth group, please check out our website at mycatholicconnection.com. Peace. Jesse

To All the Ladies of the Parish 18 Years of Age or Older:

You can forget about the "dish" to pass; you can forget about the table service; you can even forget the ants...but don't you dare forget about the Altar Society summer picnic on Wednesday, August 12th at the Glenwood picnic grounds behind the zoo.



Plan on arriving at 3:00PM so you can try your luck at Bingo or cards. Maybe you'd like to do nothing but chit-chat and chuckle and enjoy the fellowship of the other women. There will be a Chinese Auction again this year.

Dinner will be served at 6:00PM, and tickets are only \$7. Tickets can be purchased after Mass on July 25th and 26th or August 8th and 9th. NOTE: there will be NO TICKETS SOLD August 1st and 2nd because of the Great Mass. When purchasing your ticket, please have the correct dollar amount, or a check made out to Sacred Heart Altar Society.

Hold on to your sides because Joy will be presenting more of her hilarious Golden awards. I think the polar bears must wonder what is so funny. Come to the picnic and find out for yourself. For more information, please call Kathy at 459-3685.



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. 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!

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS

Congratulations to these most recent winners of the **Big Giveaway**: 4117 - Linda Baumann, 7422 - Ronald K. Jackson, 5505 - Mary Ann Ashworth, 7003 - Paul Clement, 7708 - Frank Vybiral, and 0436 - De DeSavko.

Next week we will announce the winners of the Early Bird Drawing held on Saturday, July 25th. There will be no turn-in until further notice.



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.

Pray For Peace

TOGETHER -  LET US PRAY ...