



This past Wednesday, February 24th, was the 25th anniversary of the death of Fr. Patrick Engel. For the past quarter-century, so many people have been contributing to the “Fr. Engel

Scholarship Fund” to help with tuition assistance for the young people of Sacred Heart who attend Catholic schools. Fr. Engel was my mentor, and died on February 24, 1985, at the age of 39. He had been a victim of cancer, and was doing very well with it throughout the summer of 1984, until they found more in his lung during the fall. His mother had died of a stroke in December of 1984, and Fr. Pat died about 2 months later. It was a very difficult time for any one of us who were close to him. He was the epitome of priesthood. He became Assistant Headmaster at Cathedral Prep my Junior year. During those years, we spent a great deal of time together talking about priesthood, and he was always a source of guidance and encouragement, right up until he died. He later became Headmaster of Dubois Central Catholic High School, right after I graduated in 1980 ... and, later became Superintendent of the Catholic High Schools for the Diocese of Erie. It was in those last few years of his life, while serving the diocese, that he resided ... and, fell in love ... with Sacred Heart Parish. He was only a resident here, and not assigned as an official assistant. But, I remember how much he loved living here, and participating in the parish life. I was in Second Theology at St. Vincent Seminary when he died; about 3 years shy of ordination. Fr. Pat was supposed to have been my ordination sponsor. I think about him every day, and have come to realize that I have been a priest almost 9 years longer than he was! To this very day, he is still one of my biggest inspirations to be a good and happy priest ... mainly because he was.

I am not sure if you had heard about this a few weeks ago, but it was a lead story on many of the news networks. Lance Cpl. Andrew Koenig was in the middle of a combat situation in Marjah, Afghanistan when an insurgent sniper shot him square on the front of his helmet, almost centered, between the eyes. At 21 years-old, he is a designated marksman; but, the insurgent shot him first, knocking him onto his back. His friend, Lance Cpl. Scott Gabrian, also 21 years-old, came crawling over, looking for wounds in his friend, when he noticed a thumb-deep dent in Koenig’s Kevlar helmet. Koenig’s only injury? A small, numb welt on his forehead, just above his right eye! Can you imagine?? That, truly, was the Hand of God that kept him alive!. Koenig walked away from it, with a smile on his face! But, in the article in the *Wall Street Journal*, former Sacred Heart parishioner, Tim Coderre, was quoted: *“He’s alive for a reason. From a spiritual point of view, that doesn’t happen by accident.”* Tim is a narcotics detective in North Carolina in the Wilmington Sheriff’s Department, now working with the Marines as a consultant. Tim served in Iraq, and commanded a platoon in Fallujah during the worst part of the war. He is a 1989 graduate of Sacred Heart School, and a 1993 graduate of Cathedral Prep. Tim must’ve been near the situation with Lance Cpl. Koenig for him to be quoted.

Thanks so much to Chuck Lehr of the Knights of Columbus for taking care of Stations of the Cross for me last Friday. I made a quick trip to UPMC in Pittsburgh to be with a family, and Chuck was gracious enough to lead the stations. Unfortunately, we were not able to do Benediction that night. However, we will again this Friday! Please join us for a great

way to honor the Lord’s walk to Calvary.

The 2010 Catholic Services Appeal is well under way, and we are doing OK ... not impressive, but just OK, for now. Although we are past our Diocesan Goal in pledges, we have a ways to go to meet our Parish Goal of \$100,000, and the completion of this year’s projects of repairing the bell tower, replacing the auditorium windows, and replacing the Liberty Street curb. We are way behind last year at this time, but I am confident in the great support of our people. We had a 52 % participation last year, which is great! I am hoping that we can do even better. Please remember, this parish belongs to *all of us!* Please make a pledge!

Have a great Lent! Plan to come to the Easter Vigil!
Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	Feb. 21, 2010	Feb. 22, 2009
Repairs & Improvements	\$133.05	\$57.00
Fr. Engel Fund	\$20.00	\$.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$5,883.86	\$5,961.75
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	(\$1,366.14)	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 710 families of the parish, 300 envelopes (43%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$19.62**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. *Thanks for your sacrifice.*



To All parishioners, neighbors and friends (and anyone else who’d enjoy a great spaghetti dinner), get ready, because it’s coming!

Yes, the **57th annual Spaghetti Dinner**, sponsored by the ladies of the Altar Society, will be held Sunday, March 14th, noon to 6:00PM in the audi. Take-outs from 11:30, (please bring your own containers).

The menu includes: savory spaghetti and meatballs with our original, tasty, secret sauce, Italian tossed salad, bread, butter, beverage and dessert all lovingly prepared by Lorraine Squeglia, with Lisa Lopez Zamierowski and Linn Lopez Rater (a lot of other people helped too, but those three, they deserve all the credit). The dinner is a real bargain at \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12, and under 6 are free.

After you enjoy your dinner stop by the Bake Sale and see what delicious baked goods have been donated by our own bakers right here at Sacred Heart parish. The variety is endless: fudge, cookies, cake, pies, breads, candy, muffins and more.


After you purchase your baked goods, mozy over to the table where the Italian Theme Basket is displayed and take a chance on that. Anyone wishing to donate items for the Bake Sale may bring them to the audi on Saturday from 9 until 11:30 or any time Sunday. Remember your raffle tickets! Put them in the collection basket or bring them with you on Sunday.

Think about taking a spaghetti dinner to a shut-in this year. You will most certainly brighten their day, and they will always remember your kindness.

Workers are needed for the dinner. Call Susan Schuschu at 474 -4580 if you can work in the kitchen on March 12th, 13th, or 14th. Please call Robin Kunz at 864-7609 if you would like to serve dinners on Sunday, March 14th anytime from Noon until 6:00PM.

The next meeting of the Altar Society will be on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00PM in the audi. (The Board will meet at 6:00PM). Please be so kind as to remember our friends at the Food Pantry with your donation of **CEREAL** this month. Thanks so much.

† † † Masses
For The Week

 *Lenten Schedule*

Monday, March 1st

8:30 - Communion Service

Tuesday, March 2nd

8:30 - Jodie Hilbrich - MM Warren Emling

Wednesday, March 3rd - St. Katharine Drexel

8:30 - Ugo and Irene Fabrizio - Debbie Fabrizio

Thursday, March 4th - St. Casimir

8:30 - Carmela Ferrante - Kathy Cornish

Friday, March 5th - First Friday

8:30 - John Eichenlaub - Family

Saturday, March 6th

4:30 - Catherine and Carmen Pirrello - Family

Sunday, March 7th - The Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

11:30 - Jay Venturini - Lee Desser

Priest Schedule for March 6th and 7th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

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

The Altar Bread and Wine is given in memory of †Grace and Vinnie Marchant by Clarice Edler.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 12-12 Luke 13: 1-9

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
 Diocesan Goal: \$48,000
 Parish Goal: \$100,000
Pledged to Date: \$63,795
 133% of Diocesan Goal
 67% of Parish Goal
180 contributors = 26% of Parish

OPERATION RICE BOWL

The Second Week of Lent - The Transfiguration



Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with *Operation*

Rice Bowl this week, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE GROUP

Antonio Del Rio will be offering a New Testament Scripture Group on *Wednesday, March 3rd, 10th and 24th* at 7:00PM until 9:00PM in the Findlay Room for \$15 per person.



Please remember in your prayers our departed:

†**Mary DiPaolo**;

and †**Coletta English**, mother of Rebecca Flynn.



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

Monday Night Scripture Group at 7:00PM in the Findlay Room.

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

Thursday - The **Golden Hearts of Sacred Heart** will meet at 12:30pm in the audi. All are welcome!!

Youth Group Meeting at 7:00-9:00PM in the audi.

A **Baptismal Preparation Session** for parents anticipating the birth or baptism of their child will be offered at 7:30PM in the Findlay Room. Parents are expected to attend this session before the child is baptized. Sponsors are also invited to attend. Please call the Rectory at 456-6256, ext. 100, and let us know if you will be present.

Friday - Church Cleaning Team #10 (Kim and Jim Malone's team) is scheduled for Friday, March 5th.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be prayed at 7:00PM.

Sunday - Coffee and Donuts will be served in the audi following the morning Masses.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Lent! A Guide for today's young person (part 1/4) ... A sincere prayer life is a hard thing to maintain. We fill our lives with so much stuff that we forget to pray. We must realize that this is the devil's greatest trick...to make us so busy that we forget about God. During this Lenten season let us STOP and listen. When we stop we can see where we came from and look ahead to see where we are going. After His baptism, Jesus escaped the crowds and distractions of life and went into the desert for peace. Let us learn from His example and refocus our prayer life without so many distractions to hinder it. This is the most important thing we can do for our souls! If you have any questions about youth group, please feel free to e-mail me at catholicconnection@gmail.com. Feel free to join the youth group's commitment to stop texting on Fridays during Lent. Peace. Jesse



BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS

By now, distribution of tickets to Sellers should be very nearly complete. Ticket sales are occurring, and the 38th year of Sacred Heart Church's Big Giveaway is underway. On April 1st, the first ticket will be drawn. Will it be yours? Only if you have purchased a Big Giveaway ticket.

Last Sunday, we heard how School Families can accomplish a couple of their commitments for the Tuition Assistance contract. However, help is needed not only from School Families, but also from all members of the parish.

According to this Bulletin, there are 710 families in our parish. There are 2,000 Big Giveaway tickets printed. Obviously, unless every family buys multiple tickets, there is no way we can sell all tickets. Therefore, we need members of the parish to sell tickets to friends, co-workers, relatives in order to achieve total sales. Please, fellow parishioners, consider taking and attempting to sell at least five tickets. If all 2,000 tickets were to be sold, we would realize approximately \$60,000 for Sacred Heart Church.

To become a Seller, Volunteer, Committee Member, or Buyer, contact Jim Nuber by calling 864-9838.

