



Welcome to the Great Mass and Parish Picnic weekend! I still cannot believe that 20 years have passed since we did the very first one on August 5, 1990. I know there are a few years throughout

that, where we did not do a Great Mass. But, it has become a wonderful tradition, and a great time! For those of you reading this after the 4:30 Mass, please feel free to come out to Waldameer tomorrow anyway, and enjoy the great food and company of our fellow parishioners. I pulled out my original file that I kept from my 1st "tour" of Sacred Heart ... from '89-'95. And, I found a few photographs from that very first one ... one of me and Sr. Nancy Fischer, with not a single, gray hair in my head ... another one of the volleyball tournament (remember that?). Many years have passed, and it is still a great time! Enjoy the day, the food, and each other!

Today, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother. Since the Virgin Mary is the patroness of the United States, as the Immaculate Conception, this Marian Feast takes precedence over the calendar of Ordinary Time. So, we celebrate this great Feast this weekend, rather than the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time. This feast has a two-fold purpose: to celebrate the happy departure from this life, and the assumption of her body into Heaven. The Church teaches that, since the Christ came into the world through Mary, then her body was too "sacred" to endure the same fate of all other mortal, human being. We believe then that she did not experience natural death, but was assumed, body and soul, into the Glory of Heaven

We will soon be beginning the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults; or, commonly known as the R.C.I.A. It is the journey to full conversion into the Catholic faith. If you know of anyone that has not been baptized, or received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, and would like to, please have them contact us. It really is a wonderful process that we begin in late summer, with the completion of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

I was excited to hear of the new appointment for one of my oldest friends, Fr. Ed Lohse, now the "former" Chancellor of the Diocese of Erie. Fr. Lohse has just received an impressive assignment to the Vatican, for the Congregation of the Clergy. In the middle of September, Fr. Lohse leaves the Diocese of Erie, and will be assigned to the Congregation in Rome for a term of five years. It is quite a honor for our Diocese to have one of our own in such an impressive Church position. The Vatican is in need of talented, English-speaking priests for much work in Rome. Fr. Lohse is the perfect person for that. He and I went eight years of Our Lady of Peace School, together ... four years at Cathedral Prep ... then Gannon University ... then, St. Vincent Seminary. By far, Ed is the most academically-talented person I have ever studied with. When we graduated from Prep in 1980, I had 27 credits toward college ... pushed it, and then graduated in 3 years in 1983, with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. Ed had 44 credits!!! He started Gannon as a 2nd-semester sophomore. However, Ed stretched the rest of it out over 4 years, working on his philosophy credits for seminary, and graduated in 1984. That is where we were no longer classmates, and I was ordained in 1988; Ed was ordained in 1989. But, we have been friends since we were six years old! He is an amazing man, and an excellent priest. He is much like Fr. Findlay, God rest his soul. Like Findlay, Ed has the blood-pressure of 40! He will be perfect for the Vatican. But, he will

be greatly missed here for a few years. We wish him well for an exciting time of priesthood, working within the center of the Catholic Church in Rome.

- Have a great week
- Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	August 8, 2010	August 9, 2009
Repairs & Improvements	\$100.00	\$351.00
Mission Sunday	\$1,061.77	\$931.31
Weekly Giving	\$7,204.62	\$8,560.40
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	\$
Over/(Short)	(\$45.38)	\$

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 670 families of the parish, 305 envelopes (46%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$23.63**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.



Busy taking care of everyone and everything else!?! STOP and make time for you and your spouse! Time to enrich and renew your relationship, and help improve communication. Learn about *Worldwide Marriage Encounter* - a weekend to get away from errands, schedules, emails, family...and to focus only on each other. Contact wwme.eriepa@gmail.com or (814) 823-

Natural Family Planning Seminar

MARRIED and ENGAGED COUPLES:

Would you like to gain a better understanding of yourself as man, woman, and couple? Learn about your gift of fertility and true love. Attend a Natural Family Planning series and realize your potential. For more information, call Annette (814) 866-0122 for classes starting Fridays, September 10th from 7-9 PM in Erie/South at the Instructors' Home.

St. John's (Girard) Parish Festival

The event will take place on Saturday, August 21 from 5-10pm and Sunday, August 22 from 12-6pm at the Parish Center, 1001 Main Street, Girard. Something for everyone!

Holy Rosary Parish Fun Night

Friday, August 20th at the parish grounds at East 28th and East Avenue. A Chinese auction, theme baskets, picnic meal, children's games, bocce, live music and raffle. Parish fun night is open to the public. The festival runs from 4-10pm with the raffle drawing at 9:30pm. For more info or raffle tickets, contact Pat Fronzaglia at 824-5936.





Masses For The Week



**THE WEEK
AHEAD**

Monday, August 16th - St Stephen of Hungary

9:00 - Edith Brown - Al Feikls

Tuesday, August 17th

8:30 - William Suminski—Joe Scolio

Wednesday, August 18th

8:30 - Beverly Schneider—Helen Wetzel

Thursday, August 19th - St John Eudes

8:30 - Ernie Buzas—Family

Friday, August 20th - St Bernard

8:30 - Communion Service

Saturday, August 21st - St Pius X

4:30 - Catherine & Carmen Pirrello—Family

Sunday, August 22nd - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

11:30 - Albert Sementilli—Peter & Bonnie Menditto

Priest Schedule for

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

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

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Luigi & Carmella Ferrante** by Maria & Anna D’Andrea

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13 Luke 13:22-30



Please remember in your prayers our departed:
Chester Wawrzyniak the brother of Theresa Simonelli

17th Annual Zabawa Polish Heritage Festival

Holy Trinity Parish, located at E. 23rd and Reed Streets in Erie is celebrating its 17th Annual “Zabawa” Polish Heritage Festival on the weekend of August 27, 28 & 29.

Festival hours are Friday from 5 to 10pm, Saturday from 1 to 10:30pm, and Sunday from noon to 6pm. In addition to the Polish bakery and multiple food courts, the event includes special Polka Masses on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 11am; live music, folk dancers, drawings, theme baskets, children’s area, adult games of chance and more.

Known for its outstanding Polka music, this year’s festival features five Polka bands. In addition to Erie’s own *Mar-vels* and *Bob Uleck Polka Relations*, three more of the most popular Polka bands in the nation will be playing live on the Festival stage. The entertainment schedule includes:

Friday 6 to 10pm: “Polka Family”-Bloomsburg, Pa

Saturday 1 to 4pm: “Mar-vels”- Erie

Saturday 5 to 6pm: “Bob Uleck Polka Relations” -Erie

Saturday 6:30 to 10:30pm: “Henny & the Versa J’s”- Pitts., Pa

Sunday 2 to 6pm: “The Knewz” - Buffalo, NY

Sunday: 1pm: Wiaty Polish Folk Dancers of Erie & Syrena Polish Folk Ensemble of Cleveland

Admission is free and all activities are under cover. More info: www.zabawa2010.org. or call 814-456-0671.

Monday - Boy Scouts Meeting in the audi at 6pm

Tuesday - Food Pantry

Friday - Church Cleaning Team #9 (Kim and Jim Malone) is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 27th.

Saturday –Volunteer Appreciation Dinner after 4:30pm
Mass in the audi



**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A
CATHOLIC?
OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?**

The RCIA process is for any adult who has never been baptized, or has been baptized in another Christian community and wishes to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. It is also for those who have been baptized Catholic but have had no (or very little religious education) and have not celebrated Eucharist or Confirmation and desire to celebrate those Sacraments. For further information, call either Fr. Detisch or Rebecca Flynn at the rectory, 456-6256.

*** Child Abuse and Creating Safe Environments ***

Know Your Kids’ School: parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for protecting their children from all potential harm. When choosing a nursery, daycare center, or school, parents should inspect the building and grounds to make sure there are no areas where children play or work that are “off limits” to parents. Such facilities should have a policy that welcomes parents to visit the center or school without prior appointment.

To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

Youth Group News



While walking through Wegmans this weekend, I saw the first decorations for fall! I’m all for being prepared, buying Christmas items in October or summer clothes during springtime.

And don’t get me wrong, I love fall & all its wonderful football games, apple cider & beautiful scenery. But, we still have one more month of summer! Instead of rushing forward & preparing for the next season, we should enjoy the present & all of the gifts it provides. I see a similar reaction from youth who are preparing for a major milestone in their lives. Practicing the sacrament of the present moment is a true gift for some and a real hardship for others. It is certainly appropriate to look forward to these milestones, but don’t forget the path that will lead you there is today. Enjoy the rest of summer and don’t worry, the Erie snow will make you want these sunny days back! (Speaking of milestones!) Feel free to check out and register for the upcoming F5 Youth Rally!!! www.thef5.com.

Peace,
Jesse