



Thanks so much to Fr. Tom Fialkowski, who, after a long winter in the Florida Keys, covered for me all last weekend while I worked Women's Cursillo #212. Fr. Tom loves to come

back here, and I know that he enjoyed you as much as, I am sure, you all enjoyed him. We will have him come back, for sure!

Next weekend, we will have a very important 2nd collection that has been recently created by Bishop Trautman, "The Good Shepherd Collection" on behalf of our retired, or "senior" priests. The purpose of this collection is to (1) raise funds to help cover the cost of assisted living and long-term health care expenses for those priests whose personal financial resources are inadequate; (2) To provide Bishop Trautman with a source of funds which he may utilize when there are unexpected needs for priests who are elderly, ill, or incapacitated; (3) to assist in reducing the deficit associated with the continued operation of the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Residence for Priests. There seems to be some confusion about this collection. Many people think that the collection for "Retired Religious" takes care of these needs. *That collection does not!* The collection for Retired Religious, which is done in December, is for all of the elderly male and female religious that have faithfully served the Church for decades. That collection is not for diocesan priests! This collection helps in the costs of caring for all of the elderly and retired priests of the Diocese of Erie; the number, of which, is steadily growing. As of today, we have a little over 50 retired priests in our Diocese. May I be bold enough that, on behalf of them, you can be as generous as you are able in helping with their needs. These faithful men have truly given so much for the people of this Diocese. And, may we continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as for a healthy and happy retirement for our elder priests and religious.

Fr. Amico, the Pastor of St. Paul's, wants me to invite all of you to their Spaghetti Dinner this Sunday, the 26th. They are having it in their auditorium at 16th & Walnut. I WILL be going, since he comes to ours', and loudly complains that I haven't been to his!! Those Italian Pastors get very high strung! So, make sure you go!

Next Sunday, May 3rd, is First Communion for our children here at Sacred Heart. We will be celebrating it at the 11:30 Mass. Please know that everyone is invited, since these wonderful children are part of our family. May we be sure to pray for them this week, as they make their final preparations for such a powerful experience: receiving the very presence of the Risen Christ in the Eucharist! May we pray that their parents and families truly foster in them a deep devotion to the Eucharist, by celebrating with us each Sunday, and not just at Christmas and Easter. Let us all pray that our young people will always keep the Word of God and the presence of Jesus in His Body & Blood so close to their hearts.

Next Saturday, May 2nd, is the 150th anniversary of St. Elizabeth Church in Linden, New Jersey. My classmate, Fr. Benedict Worry, O.S.B., is the Pastor, and is hosting a great celebration there. (You may remember Fr. Benedict from the parish missions that he gave a few years ago.) I will be traveling to New Jersey for a few days to join in the celebration. Archbishop John Meyer of Newark is presiding at the anniversary Mass next Saturday, and it should be a wonderful anniversary. They always do it up big in Jersey! I will be back late Saturday, but in time for First Communion! Pray that there

won't be any State Troopers on Interstate 80!

Continue celebrating the Glory of Easter! Have a great week!

Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	Apr. 19, 2009	Apr. 20, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$146.00	\$158.00
Easter Flowers	\$25.00	\$40.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$5,382.32	\$5,410.47
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	(\$1,867.68)	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 680 families of the parish, 288 envelopes (43%) were used, with an **average Sacrificial Giving donation of \$18.69**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. *Thanks for your sacrifice.*

To the Women of Sacred Heart Parish

The Sacred Heart Altar Society, as we know it today, has been serving the parish for more than 82 years. There were other women's groups before this, but in 1926 the "Sacred Heart Altar Society" was officially set into motion, and we haven't given up yet.



May is the month we officially welcome new members, and on Wednesday, May 13th, at 6:00PM, the evening will begin with Mass celebrated by The Very Reverend John J. Detisch, V. F. During this Mass members who have gone to their eternal reward are remembered by a candle-lighting ceremony.

A light sit-down supper will be served and new members will be inducted. Present-day members are waiting to welcome you into our circle of friendship.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM for about two hours to pray the rosary, discuss old business and plan fundraisers like the spaghetti dinner and the rummage sale. We have a picnic in August, help with the roast beef dinner in October and have a Christmas Party. There are no meetings during July, August and December.

Every once in a while we enjoy some lively entertainment or a fascinating speaker. The meeting comes to a close with a light snack, friendly chitchat and laughter.

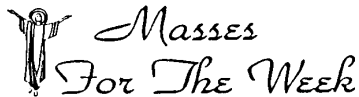
The Ladies of the Altar Society extend a warm and friendly invitation to all women of the parish at least 18 years old to consider joining our productive group. It's a wonderful way to serve God and have fun at the same time

The board will meet at 5:15PM.

PS - The dates for the rummage sale have been set: **June 11th, 12th and 13th**. Circle these dates on your calendar and remember us when you do your spring cleaning. **(Please, no furniture or large appliances.**

The Food Pantry is counting on your donation of canned fruit this month. Thank You!



**Monday, April 27th**

8:30 - Frank Alberstadt - Family

Tuesday, April 28th - St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis Mary de Montfort

8:30 - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown, Sr. - Family

Wednesday, April 29th - St. Catherine of Siena8:30 - Candy Triplett Robischeau - Evelyn Mogel
and Sharon Lore and Family**Thursday, April 30th - Pope Pius V**

8:30 - Communion Service

Friday, May 1st - St. Joseph the Worker - First Friday

8:30 - Alexander J. Verno - Josie Heynoski

Saturday, May 2nd - St. Athanasius - First Saturday

4:30 - Rudy Colonna - Joni

Sunday, May 3rd - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 - Lawrence E. Quinn - Family

11:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

Priest Schedule for May 2nd and 3rd**Saturday, 4:30PM** - Fr. Simmons**Sunday, 9:30AM** - Fr. Bogniak and **11:30AM** - Fr. Detisch

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †Pasquale "Pat" DiPaolo by the Family.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Acts 4: 8-12 1 John 3: 1-2 John 10: 11-18

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

Retired priests of the Diocese of Erie receive a monthly pension from the Diocesan Priest Fund and if they participated in Social Security another smaller monthly check. They use their pension for basic needs, such as food, housing and transportation. The skyrocketing costs for medical services, prescription drugs, long-term care and gaps in Medicare coverage have resulted in some of these priests over the years exhausting their savings for expenses of health care and absolute essentials. Thus, there is a pressing need to support those priests with supplementary assistance with their expenses for non-insured medical costs and long-term care costs. As the number of retired priest's increases, the Priest Retirement Plan needs to grow to meet their needs. The **Good Shepherd Collection** allows each of us to show our gratitude and support of those priests who have cared for us and our spiritual needs and faithfully served our parishes. Please consider a generous gift to this collection next weekend, May 2nd and 3rd.

**ATTENTION ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS**

On Sunday, May 3rd, the play "Annie Get Your Gun" will be playing at McDowell Intermediate school. We are trying to get a group together to go see the play. It would only cost \$4.00

per ticket. The show is at 2 o'clock.

It is directed by our own Michael Malthaner, our director of music and liturgy.

Tickets are \$5.00 if you do NOT sit with our group.

Meet at McDowell Intermediate between 1:30 and 1:45PM.

Call Kay Malthaner at 866-7946 to order your ticket. Your reservation must be received by Tuesday, April 28th.



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

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

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

Saturday - Church Cleaning Team #6 (Mary Lou and Vince Eppolito's team) is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd.

Sunday - Coffee and Donuts will be served after the morning Masses in the audi. All are welcome!!

First Eucharist will be celebrated at the 11:30 Mass.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Attention all youth!**

On May 22 and 23rd, we will be hosting our annual lock-in at St. Andrew's Parish Center. The retreat starts at 7:00PM on Friday evening and will conclude Saturday at 8:00PM. This event is open to all 7th-12th graders who would like to learn more about different types of prayers within our faith. The theme of the retreat is "Reverse Momentum" - focusing on slowing down our lives and realizing God's constant presence through prayer. If you would like to attend the retreat or would like more information, please contact Jesse at catholicconnection@gmail.com. Please visit our newly updated youth website at mycatholicconnection.com. Peace, Jesse

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS

Congratulations to these **first** winners of the 2009-10 Big Giveaway year: 5494 - George Colao and Chris Colao Nixon, 5047 - Connie Dorrian, 1246 - Domenica Carbonelli, 7602 - John Borsa, 3837 - Carol Harrington, 0494 - Larry and Chris Proper, 2797 - Anne and Don McGarvey, 4350 - Jeannie Van Buskirk, 5574 - Tom and Deborah Van Volkenburg and 2122 - Therese Moraski.

As of April 14th, 1,218 tickets have been recorded as sold. We are now trailing last year's sales, as of the same date, by 74 tickets. Not a good sign.... Several Sellers have yet to report any sales to date. Remember, folks, we are now well into our fourth week in the new Big Giveaway year. Some of these sold tickets may already be winners and we cannot send out checks to winners if we don't even know who they are.

SCHOOL FAMILIES: Please sell or buy your tickets within the next week or ten days. Once again, by the time your sold tickets are recorded, we will be through our first month of the new Big Giveaway year. Sales may be turned-in during the usual turn-in each week; they may be turned to Patty Fritz during normal working hours at the rectory; or you may call Jim Nuber at 864-9838 to arrange for turn-in.

The next **Big Giveaway turn-in** will be on Tuesday, April 28th, from 7:00 to 8:00PM, in the Auditorium.

DON'T MISS

The McDowell Center for Performing Arts will present Irving Berlin's musical comedy **Annie Get your Gun** on April 30th, May 1st and 2nd at 7:30PM; and May 3rd at 2:00PM in the Little Theatre (3320 Caughey Road). Reserved seat tickets are only \$5.00 and can be purchased in advance by calling 836-6920. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Directed by Michael Malthaner and choreographed by Jean Malthaner, **Annie Get Your Gun** stars stage veterans Alexandra Schwartz and Tim Barthelmes as Annie Oakley and Frank Butler. With a supporting cast of 40 actors and a full orchestra, this will be a highlight of the spring theatre scene. "There's No Business Like Show Business", and there's no show quite like **Annie Get Your Gun!**