



For those of you reading this Saturday ... "Happy Birthday, America!" For those reading this on Sunday, I hope you had a great 4th of July! I haven't been to the Millcreek parade for many years ... and, I had my cousin's wedding on the 4th ... but, I really miss sitting there on 12th Street with my family, watching the West Ridge and West Lake Fire Departments go by ... and the Shriner's with their motorcycles and miniature cars. But, again ... as I said back on Memorial Day ... I will always remember that parade being led by the older veterans from the VFW. That said it all! This is a proud weekend for all of us! And, may we not forget to take a moment of prayer, and give true thanks to the Lord for allowing us the privilege of living in the freedom of this country. Allow me to share this prayer from the Mass for Independence Day; maybe your family can pray it together: *"Father of the family of humanity, open our hearts to greater love of Your Son. Let national boundaries not set limits to our concern. Ward off the pride that comes with worldly wealth and power. Give us the courage to open ourselves in love to the service of all your people. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever."*

The Emmaus Convocation of Priests went very, very well a few weeks back. It was the 27th annual Emmaus, and it is so hard to believe that we have been doing it that long. In fact, we are one of the few dioceses in the country that still do it the way that we do. Most dioceses have some kind of gathering of the priests, but not like us. One of the highlights of the week is the Jubilarian Mass and Banquet, honoring those brothers who have been ordained 25, 40, 50, 60 years, and more. Fr. Ted Marconi, the new Pastor of Our Lady of Peace, preached the Mass, for he was ordained in 1984. He gave a phenomenal and inspiring homily to us, reflecting on the hope that people may not always remember what a priest preaches; but, hopefully, on how he has lived his life. It was very inspiring, especially, to the new and younger priests, who are just "getting into it". Msgr. Jim Sanner, who had retired as Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army, after many years as a chaplain and 50 years as a priest, gave a wonderful speech to us at the dinner ... very inspiring, as he talked about all that he had seen and done in the service to our armed forces. And, we honored Msgr. Ted Carter, who was celebrating his 60th anniversary as a priest ... a powerful influence to so many of the faithful in Erie. It was just a wonderful few days together! The Diocese of Erie has 13 counties, and the "Fathers" are spread all over. One of the few times I get to spend some time with them is at Emmaus. The convocation is so necessary for our support for each other, and out fraternity. Thanks so much for your prayers.

As I just mentioned, Fr. Ted Marconi, the Pastor of St. Leo's in Ridgeway and the Dean of the St. Mary's Deanery, is the new Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church. And, that is an excellent choice! Fr. Ted is one of the most talented and dynamic priests in the Diocese. He was the former Vocation Director for the Diocese, and many of our younger priests came into the ministry under his direction. St. Leo's was the topic of the cover story for *FAITH* magazine a few weeks ago, where he helped to lead his parishioners to create a very vibrant parish. It will be great fun to have him come to Erie, and our Deanery. Ted enjoys fostering priestly fraternity as much as I do! But, his

appointment, thank God, puts an end to the past two years of speculation that I am being reassigned! People have called me to give me their "sympathies" that I was not appointed Pastor of St. George's, St. Jude's, or Our Lady of Peace. Honestly, that offended me when they did that. *I am perfectly happy to be at Sacred Heart!!!* We all have a long history together, and we have been through a lot together. I think WE have one of the most vibrant parishes in the Diocese. And, we still have much to do together! There is much more to be done! I just want all of you to know that Fr. Jerry and I love being here, and we have no intentions of leaving for quite some time! Those who are *not* happy with that? Feel free to try out St. George's, St. Jude's, or Our Lady of Peace!!!!

Have a great week!! Fr. D.

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

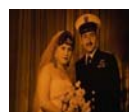
Hot dogs, soda, and coffee will be provided.



The **Annual Friends of Carmel Luncheon** will be held on *Wednesday, July 15th* at the Kahkwa Club beginning at 11:30AM. Tickets **must** be arranged for in advance. If you are not already on the mailing list, please send a self addressed, stamped envelope to Friends of Carmel, 47 September Circle, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

Catholic Services Appeal Dollars at Work

Help and healing are found in a supportive community. That is exactly what the "Beginning Experience" offers people who have experienced the trauma of the end of marriage through death or divorce. This is a ministry available to people of all faiths who are hurting. Regular gatherings offer a healthy perspective on the reality of grief and loss and a means of coping that will lead to growth and healing. This ministry is supported by contributions to the Catholic Services Appeal. To learn more about "Beginning Experience," visit www.eriecd.org/familylife/office.asp.



To All Military Families - Are you getting ready to deploy? Or trying to reconnect after deployment? **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Call 823-4600 for more information.





Masses For The Week

Monday, July 6th - St. Maria Goretti

8:30 - Communion Service

Tuesday, July 7th

8:30 - Vincent C. Izzi - MM Frank Lombardo

Wednesday, July 8th

8:30 - Eileen Work - Linda and John Christea

Thursday, July 9th - St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

8:30 - Fred Welz - Donna Reusch

Friday, July 10th

8:30 - Bud and Wilma Cooney - Michele

Saturday, July 11th - St. Benedict

4:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, July 12th - The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 - Paolino and Pasqualina Faraglia - Family

11:30 - Pia Gigliotti - Family

Priest Schedule for July 11th and 12th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Shane Mathew

Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM - Guest Priest

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Ernest Sharp** by the Family.

The Bread and Wine is given in memory of †**Carmen Italia** by Eleanor and the Family.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Amos 7: 12-15 Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 7-13

The 2009 Diocesan **Anniversary Celebration** for couples celebrating *25th, 50th* or *60th* wedding anniversaries will be held on Sunday, August 2nd, at 2:00PM at St. Luke's Church. To register, please contact the church office at 456-6256.



SUMMER CAMPS - It's that time of year - If your child is interested in attending summer camps for *Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse* and/or *Soccer*, Cathedral Prep coaches are hosting all of these again this summer. Please contact the Athletic Office at 453-7737 ext. 277 or e-mail: snoonan@cathedral-prep.com for more information.

The **Golden Hearts of Sacred Heart** will meet on **Thursday, July 9th** at 12:30PM at Hoss's Restaurant, 3302 West 26th Street. *New Senior Adults members are welcome!!*



Please continue to save the **Box Tops for Education**, the **Campbell's soup labels**, the **pop can pull tabs**, and the **inkjet cartridges**. You may drop them at the rectory office or place them in the containers at the entrances to the Church. **Thank you for all your donations!**

Pray For Peace



THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

Thursday - The **Youth Group** will meet from 7:00-9:00PM in the audi.

Saturday - **Church Cleaning Team #6** (Mary Lou and Vince Eppolito's team) is scheduled for Saturday, July 11th.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people? This was the topic at youth group this week. It is amazing to see how many youth blame God for all the evils in this world. We need to keep in mind the words of Solomon, "for God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world." Remember that God's will was for us to stay in the garden, but man decided to choose differently. God loves you! This is proven by His son dying for our sins on the cross. God allows sin and suffering in this world so that He may show His mercy and love. Always bear in mind that on the path to holiness the devil is close behind. We must always draw closer to Christ! If you would like to attend a youth group meeting or event this summer, please contact Jesse at catholicconnection@gmail.com. Our website is mycatholicconnection.com. Peace. Jesse

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS

Congratulations to these most recent **Big Giveaway winners**: 9671 - Mary Ann Runser, 1169 - Cheryl Adams, 1869 - Karen Rubay, 5318 - Peter and Marie Smith, 5826 - Barbara Haft, and 3930 - Amy Bross.

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

The 52nd annual **DAYS OF PRAYER** at the Carmelite Monastery, 510 East Gore Road, will begin *Saturday, July 11th*, and continue through *Thursday, July 16th*, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



Father Angelus Shaughnesy, O.F.M.Cap. will be the preacher this year (popular on EWTN). Mass will be each morning at 8:30AM for the intentions of all making the **DAYS OF PRAYER**. Evening services will be at 7:30PM with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sermon. Father will be available for the Sacrament of Penance after morning and evening services, as well as afternoons upon request. There will be **NO SERVICES** the evening of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, on Thursday, July 16th.

The Carmelite Nuns warmly invite all to pray with them during these special grace-filled days.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The Erie Vision and Blindness Center, located at 2402 Cherry Street, is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed for the following opportunities: Preschool Vision Screener, receptionist, activities assistant, administrative assistant, telenews, and telephone data collecting. For more information, please call Linda Smalley at 455-0995 or e-mail her at Lindas@vbr-erie.org.