



Starting next Sunday, August 30th, the Knights of Columbus will begin the tradition of praying the rosary every Sunday morning. They would like to invite anyone who wants to join them.

Each Sunday, one of the Knights will lead the recitation of the rosary at 8:45 in the Reservation Chapel, behind the statue of the Sacred Heart. Please join them! It will be a great way to begin the Lord's Day!

We have just ordered a new American flag and a new Papal flag. Would anyone like to donate the cost of either one in memory of a loved one? Please let me know if that is something that you would like to do.

Last weekend, I had the wedding of Leslie Orlando and David Ditka at St. Peter Cathedral. They are such a great couple, and it was a great wedding. But, I have to tell you that David's uncle is Mike Ditka, the famed former coach of the Chicago Bears! And, the Coach came to the wedding at the Cathedral, as well as the reception at the Kawkwa Club. I had a chance to chat with him a bit, and he was a lot of fun to talk with. He is a member of Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, which caught fire earlier this year. He said, however, that St. Peter's Cathedral here in Erie is much nicer. I was in their Cathedral once about 6 years ago. I am inclined to agree with Coach Ditka. (By the way, say a prayer of thanksgiving to Fr. Findlay, for having the vision to put air conditioning in the Church! I must've lost 30 pounds during that wedding! I was dying in there!)

District Attorney Brad Foulk and I were dear friends for about 25 years. Everyone at his funeral knew him through his legal career, and all kinds of other ways. I knew him through his parents, Red & Jean. I met Brad's father, Red Foulk, in 1980, when I started working for Isaac Baker's at 17 years old. Red had retired as a lithographer, and was working part-time downtown, while I was at West Plaza. We worked together when I moved downtown in 1982 ... which made it easier to still work and attend class at Gannon. The Foulk's were great people, and dear friends. I watched Brad conquer his addiction to alcohol, and will always remember sitting up on our deck on Labor Day 1992 ... where Brad and I worked through AA Step #5, "The Confession". We spent hours chatting, and it was that day that I began to truly be amazed by him. I knew how bad he got. And, I was in awe of what he had become. There was *never* a time that we saw each other when we didn't laugh ... mostly from something he would say, more than me! We would be at one function or another, and all we would have to do was look at each other. Bishop Trautman and Brad had formed a close relationship over the years, and the Bishop spent quite a bit of time with him in his final days. It is still so shocking to all of us that the news of his cancer, as well as his death, has all occurred since Memorial Day. I was blessed to have been with him twice in the 3 days before he died. It is such a shame, and very sad for all of us who were close to him. His wife, Carolyn, took such loving care of him ... and, so many of his friends have been surrounding them these past few weeks. Brad Foulk will always be one of those people that we will never forget. He has an amazing story, one that I have told countless time. He was such an inspiration. And, I will always miss my friend. *Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Have a great week! Fr. D.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	Aug. 16, 2009	Aug. 17, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$73.00	\$141.00
Priestly Care	\$757.00	\$.00
Sacrificial Giving	\$5,105.60	\$5,664.60
Amount Needed	\$7,250.00	
Over/(Short)	(\$2,144.40)	

(*includes loose money). Last week, out of 680 families of the parish, 251 envelopes (37%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$20.35**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Registration will be held in the Auditorium after the 9:30 Mass today, Sunday, August 23rd; and next Sunday, August 30th. You will find the registration forms at the entrances to the church.



The world famous international pilgrim virgin statue of **Our Lady of Fatima** will visit **St. Ann's Church** located at 10th and East Avenue on Friday, August 28th; Saturday, August 29th; and Sunday, August 30th. Arrival of the statue will be at 8:45AM Friday, August 28th. Fr. James T. O'Hara extends a warm and cordial invitation to all.

HOOKED ON BOOKS!

A child is eagerly waiting for you to read to him/her this fall. We will be reading at three locations:

- * McKinley Elementary School on Wednesdays (September 23rd - May 12th, 2010) at 1:00PM - 1:45PM
- * St. John/Holy Rosary School on Tuesdays (September 22nd - May 11th, 2010) at 1:00PM - 1:45PM
- * The Neighborhood Art Center on Monday through Thursday (September 8th - May 17th, 2010) at 3:00PM until 3:45PM and 3:45PM until 4:30PM.



You may apply to read by registering online at www.hoberie.org; or by phoning the Hooked on Books office at 871-7422.



Holy Trinity Church at 23rd and Reed Streets will be having their 16th Annual **ZABAWA** Polish Heritage Festival this weekend. In addition to the Polish bakery and multiple food courts (also available for take-out), the event includes special Polka Masses on Saturday at 5:00PM and Sunday at 11:00AM; live music on the festival stage, folk dancers, drawings, theme baskets, a children's area, adult games of chance and much, much more. Admission to the festival grounds is free and all activities are under cover. For additional information, please go to www.zabawa2009.org or call 456-0671.

Please remember in your prayers our departed:

†Gerardo Corsi.





Masses For The Week



**THE WEEK
AHEAD**

Monday, August 24th - St. Bartholomew
8:30 - William Moore - Family

Tuesday, August 25th - St. Louis of France and St. Joseph Calasanz
8:30 - Louise Adler - Family

Wednesday, August 26th
8:30 - Russell Mogel - Helen Wetzel

Thursday, August 27th - St. Monica
8:30 - Donald Alberstadt - Family

Friday, August 28th - St. Augustine
8:30 - Evelyn Coverdale - Ann Tudorache

Saturday, August 29th - Martyrdom of John the Baptist
4:30 - Bob and Ann Ohmer - Family

Sunday, August 30th - The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church
11:30 - Elizabeth Feikls - Family

Priest Schedule for August 29th and 30th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

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

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Frances** and †**Leonard Przybyszewski** by the Family.

The Bread and Wine is given in memory of †**Albert Clancy** by the Family.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8 James 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sunday - Religious Education Registration will be held in the audi after the 9:30 Mass.

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

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

Thursday - NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING this evening.

Saturday - Church Cleaning **Team #3** (Annette and Mike Ahrens' team) is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th.

Sunday - Religious Education Registration will be held in the audi after the 9:30 Mass.

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS

Congratulations to these most recent **Big Giveaway winners**: 4552 - Rita Fronzaglia, 0501 - Mary Ann Kaiser, 2515 - Barb Bauda, 0135 - Margaret Williams, 8096 - Rona Freitas, 0503 - Eric Stitt, 1427 - Mary Ann Healy, 9914 - Keith Reisenweber, 3195 - Larry Adiutori, and 5129 - Philip Venesky.

There will be no turn-in until further notice.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Catholic Connection Youth Ministries would like to support:

The Family Honor Program with their Third Annual:

"Last Blast of Summer"

Enjoy a day of fun with family and friends!

Where: Camp Sherwin on Route 5 (1.4 miles west of Route 98)

When: Sunday, September 6

Cost: **\$15.00** per family **in advance**

Call Mary Lou at 866-3273 or Barb at 866-2775

\$20.00 per family at the door

Lots of fun including:

Mass, Swimming available, Family games, and Face Painting

Please bring a dish to share, swimsuits, towels and chairs

DON'T MISS



Once again this year, as we have in the past four years, *The Big Giveaway Program* has an extra fundraiser to support Parish Day. This year's special prize is a **SONY 46-inch Flat Screen HDTV**. *The tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, and 7 for \$10.*

Anyone interested in selling tickets or buying tickets, please call one of the following people: Norm at 873-7022, Jim at 864-9838, Ken at 864-9149 or stop at the Rectory Office Monday thru Friday from 9:00 until Noon or 1:00 until 5:00.

As always, your help is very much appreciated

St John the Evangelist Church in Girard is holding its annual *Parish Festival* on *Saturday, August 29th* from 6:00 until 11:00PM; and *Sunday, August 30th*, at the Parish Center located at 1001 Main Street. A huge Chinese Auction, cash and quilt raffle, bingo and bake sale will be held both days.

Saturday night includes casino gaming, food and refreshments, and music and dancing with the Breakneck Blues Band.

Sunday is family fun day with a wide variety of kids' games and activities; clowns; live entertainment featuring Saleh Praise Band, Gem City Jazz Band and Timeless; stuffed chicken breast dinners; and a "Young Stars Talent Showcase". For more information, call 774-9094. ***Something for everyone!***



TO ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH - The new year for the Altar Society begins on *Wednesday, September 9th* at 7:00PM in the audi. Dues are only \$2.00 a year. (The Board will meet at 6:00PM.)

The Board will be hosting the meeting and after recitation of the rosary a brief business meeting will be held. The meeting ends with dessert (we have something special for you) and coffee and fellowship.

This month we are donating to the Food Pantry canned macaroni products like spaghetti's, beef-a-roni, ravioli, sauce, etc. "Hooray for macaroni", it is loaded with protein and is America's number 1 comfort food. It can fill up a hungry tummy faster than you can say "pasta fagioli!"

Any women of the parish at least 18 years old who are interested in the Altar Society are welcome to come "check us out".

