



**JACKPOT** In our lottery- and sweepstakes-laden culture, it is common to ask ourselves or others what they would do if they won. In today's first reading, Solomon certainly hits the jackpot. What prize could be greater than having God Almighty agree to give you whatever you ask for? Out of all the things he could have asked for, Solomon chose to ask for understanding, and was rewarded with it. We would do well to wonder what we would ask for if God made us the same offer. Actually God does make us the same offer each and every day, by granting us another day of life, a bit of the earth's goods, some gift or ability, some call to goodness, some portion of the divine will. Each of these is a "prize." We should stop and examine what we are going to do with our prize: keep it or use it selfishly, or put it at the service of the spread of the gospel? © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** The farmer in today's gospel discovered a treasure and then totally invested himself in maintaining it. In families, when we see each other as treasurers, rather than as someone to be raised or tolerated, the Kingdom of God breaks into our homes and is manifested in our appreciation and commitment to one another.

**RENEW** Over twenty years ago, parishes in the Diocese of Erie participated in RENEW. Now RENEW International has a new offering – WHY CATHOLIC? – Journey through the Catechism. The RENEW Office will provide training to parish leaders and small faith sharing leaders for maximum participation in parishes. RENEW leads parishioners through prayerful reflection based on scriptures and a theme from each of the four pillars of the Catechism. The WHY CATHOLIC process will be optional in the parishes. Many of you enjoyed the experience of RENEW 20 years ago, so I am asking you to offer some input to me now as to what we should do here at Blessed Sacrament.

**Question 1** – Do the people of Blessed Sacrament want to be a part of WHY CATHOLIC?

Some people would be needed to serve as leaders for the formation of small faith sharing groups.

**Question 2** – Would you be willing to help with the RENEW process over the next two years?

If the answer to the above two questions is YES – please call the Parish Office or leave a voice message for Msgr. Magraw that he can count on your help. Please call by Friday so we can decide if our parish will join the efforts of RENEW.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** for couples celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries in 2005 will be held on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Church at 2:00pm. Bishop Donald Trautman will preside at the celebration which will include Mass, presentation of scrolls and a reception for the couples and their families. **To register, please call the Parish Office by July 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**FREE ENRICHMENT CLASSES** The Development Committee is proud to offer Enrichment classes to the BS community - **July 26<sup>th</sup>...Care and Feeding of your Personal Computer...August 2<sup>nd</sup> Digital Camera Basics.** Contact the Parish Office to register.

**FAITH MAGAZINE** You should have received your magazine in the mail this week and hopefully had a chance to enjoy it. Each parish is assessed a certain amount to help to defray the cost of the magazine and the Faith Life insert we put in the bulletin every other week. If anyone is interested in helping to defray the cost of the magazine, please send your donation to the Parish Office or put it in the collection basket on Sunday. Please mark the envelope FAITH MAGAZINE.



**PARISH DAY 2005** Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Parish Day so mark your calendar now!! All proceeds from Parish Day benefits Blessed Sacrament School. If you haven't picked up your packet of tickets in the lobby of church, please do so today! Inside your packet is a volunteer sheet; please fill that out and return it to the Parish Office ASAP so we can count on your help. Also in your packet is an Early Bird Drawing slip – if you sell or buy your 5 tickets and return them to the Parish Office by Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, you will be eligible for a special drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to the Millcreek Mall. The groundhog is still looking for his shadow(s)!! People that will learn some of the ropes to help with a future Parish Day. The more the merrier, if you are interested call Sharon Dugan at 864-3502 or Monsignor Magraw at 454-0171. Just a reminder that the Parish Day Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Parish Office.

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**ANNUAL UNIFORM SALE AND EXCHANGE** will take place on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup> in the cafeteria from 8am – Noon. There will be a variety of school uniform pieces available at bargain prices! All proceeds benefit the Blessed Sacrament PTC.

**SCHOOL STORE** will be open Sundays, beginning July 31<sup>st</sup> in the cafeteria after Mass. It will be stocked full of your back to school supplies! All proceeds benefit the Blessed Sacrament PTC.

**SCHOOL OFFICE** will be closed during the month of July. Inquiries can be left on the school voice mail or call the Parish Office.

**RED DOOR** is ready for "Back to School." They are open everyday at 10:00am including Saturday.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)** The Catholic Bishops have designated July 24-30 as NFP Awareness Week. The Church teaches that the Sacrament of Marriage symbolizes Christ's relationship with His Church. What is this relationship but one of generous, self-sacrificing passion filled and fruitful love! When couples live their vocation according to Church teachings, especially with regard to the transmission of life, many benefits can be reaped. Indeed, married couples who use NFP report that the benefits include: better communication between spouses; deeper understanding of each other's bodies and consequent growth in respect and awe of God's gift of fertility; growth in patience and emotional maturity; growth in understanding of the supreme gift of children; and growth in holiness as they seek to place God as the head of the household. To find out more about NFP click on to [www.eriercd.org/nfp.asp](http://www.eriercd.org/nfp.asp) or contact the Diocesan Office at 824-1259 or look for information on our bulletin board.

**THANK YOU** I would like to thank all of the Blessed Sacrament Parishioners who supported me in my recent efforts to raise \$3,500 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to compete in the New York City Triathlon on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The thoughts, prayers and donations went a long way...Thank You!! My team was able to raise over \$16,000 to help with patient aid and research in our area. **Lisa Celeski**

**ATTENTION BLESSED SACRAMENT KIDS** Anyone in Grades 1-8 interested in running Cross Country this Fall can participate in some optional pre-season conditioning starting Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm. We will meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> Street side of Frontier Park. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare for the season and also to give it a try to see if you would like to run in the Fall. We will meet on Tuesdays and Thursday thru August 25<sup>th</sup>. Any questions regarding the program, please call Lisa Celeski at 455-9406.

**LETTERS TO GOD** *Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday night. That was really cool. ~ Thomas...Dear God, Do you draw the lines around the countries? If you don't who does? ~ Nathan...Dear God, My Grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far do you go back? ~ Dennis*

## *The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**SAVE THE DATE!** Alumni Homecoming Weekend...August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday afternoon starts off with St. John vs. Blessed Sacrament JV Football Game at 1:30pm and Varsity Football Game at 3:00pm. The Homecoming Party starts at 5:30pm on Bixby Field which will include trivia, games, food, music, good conversation, visits from past teachers and reuniting with old friends! Must be 21 to attend the party. On Sunday join us at 11:00am Mass followed by tours of the school. Invitations were mailed out last week to alumni 21 years old of age and older (The Class of 1998 was the cut off). If you didn't receive one, please call the Parish Office so we can add your name to the Alumni list.

**TUITION ANGELS NEEDED** We have a School Family who has come upon some very hard times recently. As a parish we would like to help them. If you are interested in being part of our Tuition Angel Program, please send a check, made payable to Blessed Sacrament School, to the Parish Office - Attention Joyce. Thank you in advance for your help.

### **OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Please pray for all of the sick and shut-in of our Parish Family.

### *Wedding Banns*

*I – Megan Sanders and Adam Michali*

*Congratulations to Rebecca Dyke and Adam Suroviev  
who were united in marriage last Saturday.*

*Baptized into the Christian Community  
through the waters of Baptism*

### **JULIA GRACE DE ROOY**

*Daughter of Jason and Clarissa [Godhill] De Rooy*

### **MADISON ANTOINETTE RENSHAW**

*Daughter of Mark Renshaw and Clarissa Godill*

### **BETHANY GRACE JOHNSTON**

*Daughter of Steven and Dionesia Johnston*

Mass of Christian Burial was given to Bernice Hewitt.  
The prayers and sympathy of the Parish Family  
were extended to her family. May she rest in peace.

### **31 CLUB VOCATIONS – MASS REMINDERS**

Monday 7/25 – Donna Reusch  
Tuesday 7/26 – Shirley Kiehlmeier, Kevin Kunik  
Wednesday 7/27 – Mary Maloney, Mary Zbach, Jim Zink,  
Barb Pronko, Martha Lata  
Thursday 7/28 – Monsignor Magraw  
Friday 7/29 – Helen Felice, Julia Parana  
Saturday 7/30 – Gerry Ward, Terry Shannon  
Sunday 7/31 – Joan Shea

### **RAISE THE ROOF LOTTERY™**

Tickets are \$5...get yours now.

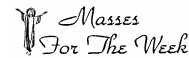
August Tickets are available at the Parish Office and after Mass.

*Our winners for this past week:*

**7/11** Heidi Fratus #470 \$50...Eileen McLaughlin #471 \$10...Lucille Kraut #469 \$10...**7/12** Jim Sharples #937 \$50...Bob George #938 \$10...unsold ticket #936...**7/13** unsold ticket #209...unsold ticket #210...unsold ticket #208...**7/14** Bill Palmer #305 \$50...John Faciono #306 \$10...Bob Steiner #304 \$10...**7/15** unsold ticket #243...Dan Uplinger #244 \$10...Roil Strobel #242 \$10...**7/16** Rose Agostini #411 \$50...Mark Masolette #412 \$10...Frank Barenski #410 \$10...**7/17** Lee Karnes #618 \$50...M Pope #619 \$10...Bob Fulton #617 \$10.

***You can only win if you have a ticket!***

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament in memory of Cosimo DiCarlo from Jerome & Mary Blakeslee and Robert & Carolyn Brabender.



### **Monday, July 25 – St. James**

7:00 +Special Intention / Mr & Mrs J Sapper  
8:00 +Leonard Cyterski / David & Patty Cooney [birthday]

### **Tuesday, July 26 – Sts. Joachim and Anne**

7:00 +Annabell Reusch / Shirley Carideo [birthday]  
8:00 +John J Sedlock / Family [wedding anniversary]

### **Wednesday, July 27 – Weekday**

7:00 +Joseph Chetoni / Emma Terella [anniversary]  
8:00 +Robert Pietrzak / Family [anniversary]

### **Thursday, July 28 – Weekday**

7:00 +George Hewitt / Family  
8:00 +Edward Boraten / Family

### **Friday, July 29 – St. Martha**

7:00 +Our Deceased Mothers / Mr & Mrs J Sapper  
8:00 +Larry Senger, Jr / Marie Senger

### **Saturday, July 30 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:15 +Mary Magdelene Spaeder / Marie Senger

### **Sunday, July 31 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 +Mary Jane Letizo / Letizo/Winiarczyk Families  
9:00 +Dorothy Wray / Sophie & Ralph Bruno  
11:00 +Kate & Sarah Stazer / Debbie, Art, Lindsay and AJ Sardini  
7:30 \*People of the Parish

### **SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT – JULY 17, 2005**

Weekly Need:	\$ 9,200.00
Adult Offering:	\$ 6,926.00 510 envelopes*
Loose Collection:	\$ 834.70
Youth:	<u>\$ 36.80</u> 37 envelopes
Total	\$ 7,797.50

\*\*1278 envelopes sent out

### **SINCE JULY 1, 2005 (START OF FISCAL YEAR)**

Offertory Budget YTD:	\$27,600.00
Offertory Received YTD:	\$26,304.97
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -1,295.03

### **2005 ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

Assessment:	\$ 55,629.00
Total Pledged to Date:	\$ 65,897.00
Paid to Date:	\$ 45,066.00
# of Pledges:	426

Our Roof Goal:	\$100,000.00
Overage from CSA:	\$ 10,268.00
Gifts towards the Roof:	\$ 1,890.00
Gift from PTC	\$ 1,000.00
YTD Profit from	
“Raise the Roof” Lottery	\$ 5,000.00
Parish Capital Improvements (gold envelope)	\$ 1,838.50
Balance to reach goal:	\$ 80,003.50

### **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

During the past week some of our children noted on their church envelopes some ways they shared their time and talents: “I helped cleaning the bathroom, I helped weed outside, I picked cherries, I set table, I cleaned the table, I baby sat my aunt’s dog, I helped with the pool, I helped mommy clean the house.” We thank them for sharing their time, talent and treasures by using their church envelopes.