

**CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD** There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** In today's gospel Jesus took the apostles "off by themselves" because so many "people were coming and going" the disciples "had no opportunity to eat." Make the effort to eat together; meals are the Eucharist of the home.

**PREPARING FOR REMARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH** NOVA is a one-day marriage preparation program designed specifically for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Family Life Office at 824-1265 for more information or registration. The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2006 at St. Francis Parish in Clearfield.

**ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES** Planning your wedding in 2007? Make an investment in your marriage and attend the next Engagement Encounter scheduled for September 8, 9 & 10, 2006 at Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, PA (in Clearfield County). Call the Family Ministries Office at 824-1265 to register, or online at: <http://www.eriescd.org/floformee.asp>. \*Scholarships are available\*. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage preparation. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime".

**STEWARDSHIP** In today's Gospel, Jesus planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK** Bishop Donald Trautman has designated July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Natural Family Planning Awareness Week in the Diocese of Erie in conjunction with the Bishops throughout the United States. To learn more about the Church's teaching on human sexuality, consult the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (reference points 2331-2379.) To register for a seminar or learn more about educational programs available in our diocese, please look for information on the bulletin board outside of the Parish Office, contact the Natural Family Planning Office at 824-1259 or <http://www.eriescd.org/nfp.asp>.

**THE RED DOOR** is ready for "Back to School." Extended hours start Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, Monday thru Friday 10-6 and Saturday 10-5. Any questions, call Jim Travers at 455-2551 or email at [rd.schooluniforms@verizon.net](mailto:rd.schooluniforms@verizon.net).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We are in need of volunteers to help with the reception for the Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. If you are interested in helping out, please call the Parish Office. High school students who are in need of service hours, this is a great way to get a jump on those hours before school starts!

**SATURDAY MORNING MASS** There will be Mass in the chapel Monday - Saturday at 8:00am, please use the Greengarden entrance. Just a reminder that all weekday Masses will be held in the chapel during the summer. If anyone is interested in having a Saturday Mass said for a special intention, please stop by the Parish Office.

**PARISH NEWSLETTER** Our next newsletter will be coming out at the end of August. All parish and school organizations are invited to submit an article about upcoming events and happenings in your organization. Please send your articles to Diane at the Parish Office either by email [dfisher@bserie.org](mailto:dfisher@bserie.org) or save it on a floppy disk and drop it off at the Parish Office. Please make sure your article is in Word format. **Deadline is August 11<sup>th</sup>**

**ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?** Any boys entering grades 5-8 at Blessed Sacrament and are interested in playing football are asked to come to the football field during the week of July 24<sup>th</sup> - July 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. The junior varsity and varsity coaches will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding the new season. **COACH NEEDED** We are looking for a new coach for the girl's varsity basketball team. Applicants should have coaching experience - any level is acceptable. For more information on football or the coaching position, please call Christ Peck at 392-2111.

**THANK YOU** We would like to express our thanks to John and Sil Danowski for their donation of the new Sacramentary, to Viola and Mike Kuhn for their donation of the new American Flag that is hanging proudly on our flagpole and to the family of the late Amos Viera who donated a wheelchair for use at Church. One amazing thing about our Parish Family; when we put a request in the bulletin for donations, etc we usually have a response by the next week. Isn't that what being part of a Parish Family is all about...sharing your Time, Talent and Treasure...we are truly blessed here at BS.

**PTC GARAGE SALE** Good news to all of you who have been cleaning out closets this summer! The PTC will be holding their garage sale on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> in the gym. Drop off will be on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. More details will be available next week.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

This week we would like to thank

**CASTLE BEER, INC.**

For sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### OUR PARISH FAMILY

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

Baptized into the Christian Community  
through the waters of Baptism  
**SYDNEY KATHRYN FERRARO**  
*Son of Frederick and Tracy [Gemler] Ferraro*  
**NATHAN THOMAS LUTHRINGR**  
*Son of Brian and Lisa [DeRooy] Luthringer*  
**NOAH COLE TAPSCOTT**  
*Son Heath and Rebecca [Karney] Tapscott*



III – Heather Savko and Michael Lukac

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

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FROM VILLA AND MERCYHURST PREP**

**First Honors:** Angela Lombardi, Kiara Baginski, Danielle Lombardi, Brittany Paterniti, Hannah Phelps, Kellie Coughlin, Lindsay Paterniti, Meaghan Ropski

**Second Honors:** Ali Chojnacki, Jennifer D'Aurora, Jessica Dill, Julie Matson, Stephanie Milhisler, Melanie Moore, Amy Oldach, Chelsea Schwindt, Lauren DiMattio, Francesca Joint, Kelly Konopka, Lindsay Moore, Amanda Mihisler, Amanda Northrop

**Honorable Mention:** John Calabrese, Alyssa Boxer, Kara Milhisler

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

Monday 7/24 Mary Hoffman  
Tuesday 7/25 Donna Reusch  
Wednesday 7/26 Shirley Kiehlmeier, Kevin Kunik  
Thursday 7/27 Mary Maloney, Mary Zbach, Jim Zink, Barb Pronko, Martha Lata  
Friday 7/28 Monsignor Magraw  
Saturday 7/29 Helen Felice, Julia Parana  
Sunday 7/30 Gerry Ward, Terry Shannon

### **“RAISE THE ROOF LOTTERY”**

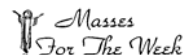
**Tickets are \$5...get yours now...  
You can't win if you don't have a ticket!!  
August tickets are now available**

### **Our winners for the past week:**

**7/10** Mary Pope #1690 \$50...Terry Conti #704 \$10...anonymous donor #702 \$10...**7/11** Monsignor Magraw #906 \$50...unsold ticket #907...unsold ticket #905...**7/12** Patty Welch #297 \$50...unsold ticket #298...Elizabeth Keiser #296 \$10...**7/13** Jean George #185 \$50...unsold ticket #186...unsold ticket #184...**7/14** David Edwards #233 \$50...Joe Letizo #234 \$10...Staphana Dovichow #232 \$10...**7/15** unsold ticket #912...unsold ticket #913...Monsignor Magraw #911 \$10...**7/16** unsold ticket #548...unsold ticket #549...Joan Callista #547 \$10...

**Congratulations to Jim Horton  
winner of the \$50 July seller's drawing**

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament in memory of Kim Steiner and Frank & Emelia Ziesler from Bob & Donna Steiner.



### **Monday, July 24 – St. Sharbel Makhluif**

7:00 +Frank Fedor / Mr and Mrs Michael McElhinny [birthday]  
8:00 +James Stadtmiller / Mom and Dad [birthday]

### **Tuesday, July 25 – St. James**

7:00 +Patsy Leone / Tom and Liz Manning  
8:00 +Leonard Cyterski / Paul & Kathy Bailey [birthday]

### **Wednesday, July 26 – St. Joachim and St. Anne**

7:00 +Annabell Reusch / Daughter & Son [birthday]  
8:00 +John Sedlock / Wife [wedding anniversary]

### **Thursday, July 27 – Weekday**

7:00 +Joseph Chetoni / Wife & Family [anniversary]  
8:00 +Robert Pietrzak / Family [anniversary]

### **Friday, July 28 – Weekday**

7:00 +Deceased Dombrowski & Onorato Families /  
Mary Ann Watters

8:00 +Larry Senger / Marie Senger

### **Saturday, July 29 / Vigil: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 +Sadie & Sam Pirrello / Estate  
2:00 \*Lukac and Savko Wedding  
5:15 +Benny & Emma Kacprowicz / Family

### **Sunday, July 30 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 +Alma & Al Haskins / Nancy [wedding anniversary]  
9:00 +Mary Magdelene Spaeder / Marie Senger  
11:00 +Catherine Dempsey / Doug & Lori Skarupski [birthday]  
2:00 \*Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration  
7:30 \*People of the Parish

### **SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT 7/16**

Weekly Need:	\$ 9,300.00
Adult Offering:	\$ 7,664.00 469 envelopes (1281)
Loose Collection:	\$ 876.12
Youth Offering:	\$ 86.89 48 envelopes ( 500)
Young Adults:	\$ 23.00 10 envelopes ( 192)
Maintenance:	<u>\$ 936.00</u>
Total:	\$ 9,586.01

### **SINCE JULY 1, 2006 (START OF FISCAL YEAR)**

Offertory Budget YTD:	\$ 27,900.00
Offertory Received YTD:	<u>\$ 27,314.37</u>
Surplus/Deficit:	\$ -585.63

### **CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2006**

Assessment:	\$ 54,280.00
Pledged to Date:	\$ 67,154.00
Paid to Date:	\$ 50,953.00
# of Pledges	403

### **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 washed my mom’s car, I helped my uncle weed, helped with chores, I washed the kitchen table, read my brothers some books, I helped fold clothes, I helped pack the van to go on vacation, I folded laundry.” We thank them for being true stewards of God’s Kingdom through sharing and service by using their church envelopes.