

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF THE PUNXSUTAWNEY AREA

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

THIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

4:30 p.m. George Hudak -- Jim Bowser Family
 8:00 a.m. Mary Johnston -- Teresa & Bill Allemang
 10:00 a.m. Anna Molinaro -- Charles & Joy Ammerman

MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Theresa Fairman -- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fairman

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Charles Shambelan --
 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Felix & Family

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Dominic Bianco -- Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Bianco, Jr.

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Brielle Nicole Defelice -- Family

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Ken & Anna Marie Curry -- John & Pat Farcus

SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. George & Anna Kaza, Sr. -- Family

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Sam & Johanna Caridi -- Family
 10:00 a.m. Katherine & Frank Smelko --
 Gene, Dennis, Mary and Rose

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 22

Following Masses - Religious Ed Registration -
 Religious Education Office

Monday, August 23

Tuesday, August 24

6:00 p.m. -- Recitation of the Rosary - SSCD Church

Wednesday, August 25

Thursday, August 26

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28

Sunday, August 29

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

Saturday, August 28 -

Paul Shaffer, Barb Blose, Carol Bernat

We invite family members for whom each weekend Mass is being offered to bring the gifts to the altar. Please make yourself known to the ushers 15 minutes before Mass.



PRAYER CHAIN If you would like to add a name to the Prayer Chain, please call Pat Rougeux, 938-4464 or Anna Smochek, 427-2456. If you are unable to reach them, you may call the office, 938-6540, Mon - Friday, 9am - 4pm.

Readings for the Week of August 22

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7,11-13/Lk 13:22-30
 Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5,11-12/Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18/Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29/Heb 12:18-19,22-24a/Lk 14:1,7-14

Schedules for August 28/29, 2010

	4:30 p.m. SSCD	8:00a.m. SSCD	10:00 a.m. SSCD
Servers	Ryan Sloniger Ty Zimmerman	Ivy Phillips Taylor Phillips	Mia Lingenfelter Nathan Lingenfelter
Lector	Maureen Freas	James Overly	Dorothy Pisarcik
Eucharistic Ministers	Janice Blose Jane Cunningham John Quatroche Eileen Quatroche Jean Roberts Adeline Shemuha Celine Tersine	Bertha Koza Alice Orsich Carol Overly Peter Pape Charles Stewart Nancy Wise Tom Wise	Mary Beth Bosak Rick Bosak Jude Griffith Bernadette Horner Mary McHenry Bill Roberts Katie Roberts
Ushers	Jane Cunningham Flip Freas Adeline Shemuha Terry Tersine	Mike Cekovsky Dick Phillips <i>Volunteer</i> <i>Volunteer</i>	Sam Gattuso Jim Infantino Bill Pride Mike Ruffner
Organist/ Cantor	Michael Busija Arlene Stewart	Toie Neal Mary Neal	Elaine Pape Tammy Ransel



*From The
Desk of Msgr. Riccardo*

Dear Parishioners,

There was a gentle Indian nun who had lived a year in Europe and was beginning to get courage to comment on things. "Europeans are always asking Why?" she said, "and 'How much?' and 'What time is it?'" We want to quantify things; it's a way to feel in control. They are all good questions in themselves, but they are not the right questions in every situation. Jesus ignored the question "How many?" in today's reading. He ignored a similar question in Matthew 24: about "when" the end will be.

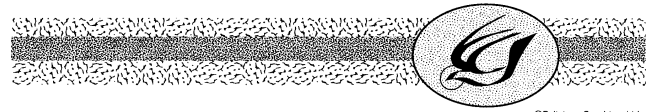
We imagine the person with a question to be in a superior position, especially if he or she has a microphone in hand. We imagine them to be neutral, clear-headed, authoritative - almost like judges. And we image that we are morally obliged to answer every question. But a question can be just as confused and wrong-headed as a statement; it can be biased and belittling; it can express, while trying to conceal, a personal agenda; it can be trivial; it can be everything that a statement can be. In fact, even at its best, a question is just an ambiguous statement.

It is as necessary to pay attention to our questions as to our answers - especially in religious matters. "Who made you?" someone asked the little slave girl in Uncle Tom's Cabin. "Don't think nobody ever made me," she replied, "I s'pect I growed." Her answer was better than the question. The questioner's image of God was of a craftsman of some kind: someone who makes objects and puts them there. We always have some image of God; it helps to hold some ideas and experiences and feelings together. But we know that no image can do justice to God. The trouble is when we have images that we are not conscious of having. Even very sophisticated people can be held captive by buried images of God. I once knew a moral theologian who had been a mechanical engineer before studying for the priesthood. His moral theology was a perfect piece of engineering: from an infinite tank grace flowed in to activate the four cardinal virtues, like pistons, which made the wheels of your moral life to turn... It is very seldom that you get a simple theologian. Instead you get a theologian-engineer, or a theologian-accountant, or a theologian-lawyer.... What makes the difference is the question we ask, and the way we ask it. A loaded question gives you back only what you loaded it with.

Will only a few be saved? That is a question that a statistician would ask. The mind works comfortably when its object is 'out there', in the third

person, so to speak. But Jesus' reply was in the second person: "Strive to enter by the narrow door...." We have a tendency to survey our faith as if it were a landscape that did not include ourselves. But a genuine spiritual question is always intensely practical and personal. "What good deed must I do to possess eternal life?" asked the young man; and then "What more do I need to do?" (Mt 19:16, 20). They were real questions, even though he didn't prove capable of acting on the answers to them. He had the grace to go away "sad"; he didn't go away like the Pharisees thinking he was better than other people. There was hope for him. There is always hope for an honest person looking for the right way.

God Bless!
Msgr. J. Riccardo



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Maria Reiter of our parish, who died last week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. May her soul rest in peace.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED Catechists are needed for the 2010/2011 school year in the following grade levels: K, 1, 2 and 10. Classroom aids are also needed at several grade levels.

Please be generous with your time and knowledge and share your faith with the young people of our churches. Training will be provided. To volunteer to help, or for additional information, please call Sue at 938-6540, ext. 26, or stop in the Religious Education Office today after Mass to speak with her.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION If you have not yet registered your child/children, you can stop in the Religious Education office after any Mass this weekend, August 21/22. Handbooks will be distributed at this time.

The first class for grades K - 10 will be on Sunday, September 12, from 9:15 - 10:45am.

CONFIRMATION Confirmation Classes begin with a **mandatory** parent meeting on **September 1st at 7pm in Wienker Hall**. The first class will be on September 12th from 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. in Wienker Hall. The new Confirmation program will be a series of 8 classes, held once a month for 1 1/2 hours on Sundays from 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. Missing class (without dire reason) is not acceptable. Please make sure your schedule is clear.

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SSCD SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT Pre-K through 8th Grade We are accepting applications for the 2010/2011 school year in grades K through 8 and in our Preschool Program for 3-year olds. Our all-day Kindergarten is academically oriented to ensure readiness for elementary learning. SSCD School offers an outstanding education centered on Christian values to students at all grade levels. Generous financial aid packages are available and can be filed through September, 2010 for the 2010/11 academic year.

For additional information, or to discuss our programs further, contact the school office at 938-4224 or the rectory office at 938-6540.

K. OF C. PICNIC Knights and guests are invited to enjoy the food and fellowship at the annual picnic which will be held on Monday, August 30th from 4:30 - 9:00pm at Reschini Hall in Walston. Cost is \$15 and the dinner will include a pig roast (stuffed with kielbasa and sauerkraut), corn on the cob, potatoes and beverages.

For tickets see Jim Stello at Stello Foods, 938-3102.

QUILTING AND KNITTING LESSONS are cancelled for this Wednesday, August 25th. We will meet again next week at Saint Anthony Rectory at the regular time.

LAP QUILT MINISTRY We are still machine piecing and quilting lap quilts for our shut-ins on Wednesdays from Noon - 5pm. Please come and join in the fun. No experience is needed.

Don't know how to quilt but are interested in learning? Come help us and we'll teach you! For more information, call Mary Lou Brown at 938-2257. The next date we will get together will be September 1st.

A queen size quilt is now in the quilting frame! Hand quilters are needed to come and quilt on Wednesdays at 10:00am. For more information, contact Pauline Hallman at 938-8324.

125TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS Stop in the office for your copy of our 125th Anniversary Cookbook. The books contain over 350 time-tested family favorite recipes and will be a great addition to your cookbook collection. It has received great reviews! The cost is just \$15.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE We are familiar with being "narrow minded" but what about being "narrow hearted?" This serious ailment is the inability to accept another person who doesn't measure up to our criteria. This ailment is fatal in a family because it prevents the development of individual identity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Weekly Food Donation Sunday, August 29 - Pork and Beans. Thank you for your generous support.

IUP STUDENTS St. Thomas More University Parish, a parish of the Diocese of Greensburg, is preparing for the new academic year and welcomes students to participate in its parish life and Campus Ministry activities. If you or a member of your family will be attending IUP this fall, you can call 724-463-2277 or visit at www.STMUP.org for more information.

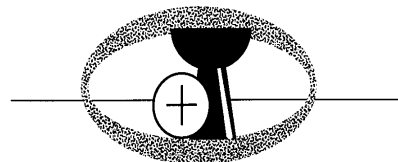
25 Years...125 Stories By: Father Pino
We now turn to a 15-part series on the men who have been ordained to the priesthood, whose seeds of their vocation were planted and their faith nurtured and enlivened here at SS. Cosmas & Damian by the priests they saw and the people with whom they worshipped.

#29 Fr. William Laska, (b. 1958) currently is the pastor of nearby Immaculate Conception Church in Brookville along with St. Dominic Mission in Sigel. Fr. Bill served as assistant at St. Leo in Ridgway; then at Christ the King in Houtzdale and later, Holy Rosary in Erie. His first pastorate was St. Charles, New Bethlehem and St. Nicholas Mission, Crates, from 1998-2009.

#28 Barry Hudock (b.1969) was ordained by Bishop Trautman on April 26, 1996. He first was assistant at St. George in Erie and then at St. Peter Cathedral. He taught at Cathedral Prep in Erie and at Elk County Christian High School in St. Marys, PA.

#27 Fr. William Calabrese (1952-2007) came later in life to the priesthood, and was very beloved in his assignments. From St. Catherine's in DuBois, where he was assistant, to his good work at St. Mary Home in Erie, where he ministered to the elderly with tenderness and care, he is remembered for his dedication to the Church and priesthood. His last assignment was as pastor at St. Bibiana Church in Galeton, Potter County, from 2006 until his untimely death a year later. May he and all of our priests and sisters rest in eternal peace.

#26 With our prayers, in 2013 David Renne will be ordained to the priesthood and will be the next native son of our parish to continue the good works that the 14 men before him have done for nearly 100 years. Let us all pray that more men and women will reject the things of the world and embrace the eternal gifts of God by offering their lives in service to Him and His people. If the men and women who have come from SSCD in the past 125 years are any indication, the Church is in very good hands! May there be more to carry on their work!



MARRIED and ENGAGED COUPLES Learn about your gift of fertility and true love. Attend a Natural Family Planning series and realize your potential. For more information, call Judy, 371-5852, for classes starting Thursdays, Sept 9th from 7-9 pm in DuBois at the Instructors' Home.



"How do I become a Catholic?" Has anyone ever asked you that question? The RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) answers that question.

Classes will begin on October 6th and will continue until Easter of next year. The classes will cover an overview of the Catholic faith and the doctrines which are the foundation upon which our church and faith are built.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to come to the first few classes before making a decision to commit to the following preparation classes for reception into the Catholic Church. Call the office, 938-6540, to register or just come to the first class.

SSCD SANCTUARY CLEANERS FOR THIS WEEK Donna Adams, Sue Salsgiver, Joan Harclerode, Lisa Phillips.

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR THE MONTH OF August:

- St. Adrian - Christine Miller, Kelly Porada, Charlene Skarbek, Deshonna McAdoo
- St. Anthony - Tina Ingros, Diane Martino
- St. Joseph - Michele & Morgan Dixon

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS 8/15/10				
SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%				
	St. Adrian	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	SS.C.D.
Envelopes Sent	79	91	59	587
Envelopes Used	27	31	16	218
Adult	\$523.00	\$587.00	\$363.00	\$4,701.00
Holy Day	\$95.00	\$135.00	\$52.00	\$1,045.00
Children	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$56.00
Loose				\$690.00
Monthly				<u>\$477.00</u>
Total	\$618.00	\$727.00	\$415.00	\$6,969.00
Weekly Goal:	\$711.00	\$950.00	\$650.00	\$7,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$93.00)	(\$223.00)	(\$235.00)	(\$31.00)
Accumulated (+/-) Goal Since 7/1/10	\$1,521.00 (under goal)	\$1,862.00 (under goal)	\$672.00 (under goal)	\$4,261.49 (under goal)



CHOIR The Choir will begin practicing again on Wednesday, September 1st, at 6:30pm in the choir loft. New members are always welcome. Just come to any practice or call Toie Neal with any questions, 938-3285. We are always in need of new voices. Please join us!

C. D. OF A. YARD SALE The ladies of the C.D. of A. are planning their next Yard Sale to be held on Saturday October 9th in Wienker Hall. Your donations of all good, clean items will be greatly appreciated. Please keep them in mind as you are doing your Fall cleaning.

POLISH FESTIVAL St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 15 Robinson Street, DuBois, will be holding their Labor Day Polish Festival on Sunday, September 5 from 1-10pm and Monday, September 6 from Noon - 7pm on the church grounds. Homemade Polish foods, American foods, baked goods (including nut rolls), games and music make this a fun event for everyone!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Stop and make time for your spouse! Time to enrich and renew your relationship and help improve communication. Learn about Worldwide Marriage Encounter - a weekend to get away from errands, schedules, emails, family...and to focus only on each other. Contact wwme.eriepa@gmail.com or call 823-4600.

PIG ROAST St. Charles Catholic Church in New Bethlehem is hosting a "Save The Steeple" Pig Roast on Saturday, August 28th at Pavillion #9, Redbank Valley Municipal Park in Fairmount City from 2 - 7pm. All you can eat.

\$10,000 cash giveaway, entertainment, 50/50 drawings, raffles, instant winners, horseshoes tournament. Cost of the tickets is \$20 per person; must be 21 to attend.

125th Anniversary Capital Campaign

Target Goal: 400,500.00
Stretch Goal: 445,500.00

Pledged Amount..... \$499,686.00
Pledge Payments..... \$471,705.30
Unpaid Pledges..... \$27,980.70
Unpledged Donations..... \$33,922.12



All money pledged will stay at SSCD and be used for renovations to the church as we prepare for our 125th Anniversary.

Catholic Services Appeal 2010				
	St. Adrian	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	SS.C.D
Assessment	\$4,641.00	\$7,705.00	\$6,342.00	\$31,597.00
Parish Goal	\$4,641.00	\$7,705.00	\$6,342.00	\$135,000.00
Pledged Amt.	\$540.00	\$1,900.00	\$3,610.00	\$31,215.00
Paid on Pledge	<u>\$360.00</u>	<u>\$1,595.00</u>	<u>\$2,475.00</u>	<u>\$27,441.85</u>
Unpaid Pledges	\$180.00	\$305.00	\$1,135.00	\$3,773.15
Unpledged Donations	\$1,937.00	\$2,601.00	\$1,590.00	\$3,112.25
Collected to Date	\$2,297.00	\$4,196.00	\$4,065.00	\$30,554.10