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## Stevens Point Area

### Catholic Schools

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St. Stephen (3-5) ..... 344-3751

Pacelli (9-12) ..... 341-2442

### Communion Calls/First

#### Friday/Homebound

First Friday:

Lorraine Studinski - 344-3158

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30-11:30 a.m. and

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### Bulletin Deadline

Monday by noon in writing or via

Email:

[saintpeterchurch@gmail.com](mailto:saintpeterchurch@gmail.com)

### New Parishioners

We welcome you to our parish family. If you wish to join our parish you may register at the office during office hours. Please inform the office of any change of address.

## Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

**Weekend** Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

**Holy Days** 8:00 AM and 5:15 PM

**Weekdays** Masses listed inside of bulletin

**First Friday** 8:00 AM and 5:15 PM

## Sacrament of Penance

**Tuesday:** 4:30-5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 7:00 - 7:45 AM

**Wednesday through Saturday:** 7:15 AM

**First Friday:** 7:15 AM and 4:30 PM

**Saturday:** 3:00 - 3:45 PM

## Sacrament of Baptism

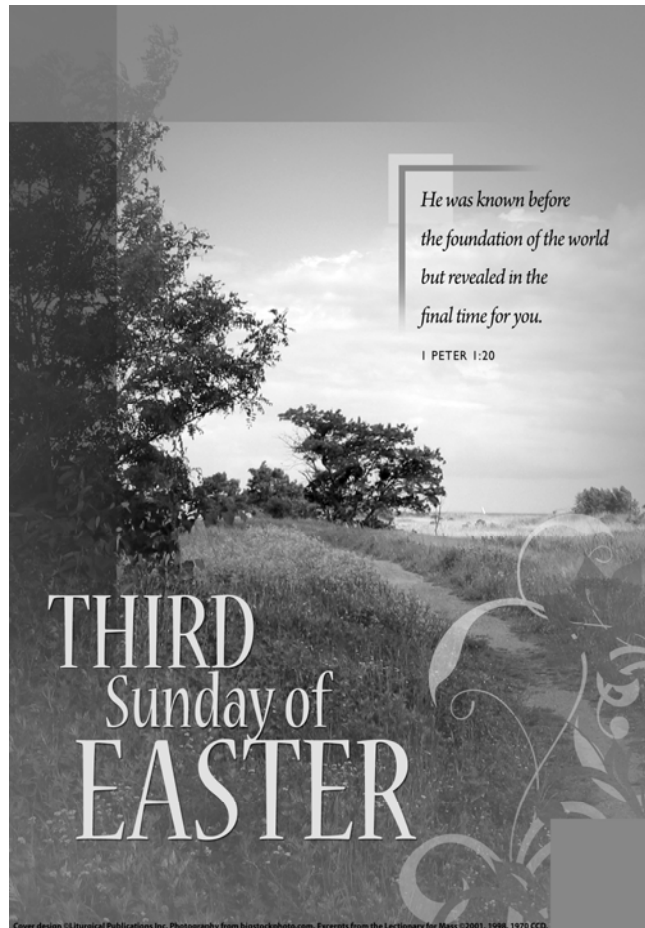
Parents should request the Baptism of their infants at least two months prior to the anticipated date of Baptism. The Baptism of infants is normally celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month either at 11:15 a.m. or during any of the regularly scheduled Masses of the Lord's Day. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent. New parents are required to take part in a four-session preparation program conducted in May or November. Participation in the program should be completed before the birth of the child. Next series of classes are May 14, 21, 28 and June 4.

## Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Those who are seriously sick, have been ill for a long period of time, or are to undergo surgery should receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples who want to request the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact the Pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. Couples are required to participate in a two-fold marriage preparation program: the Stevens Point Deanery-based group course and our parish-based six session program. Also, when one of the parties is not a Catholic or is a non-practicing Catholic, the couple must arrange for a course of instruction in the Catholic faith. Weddings are not normally celebrated during the seasons of Advent and Lent.



# SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CHURCH

800 Fourth Avenue  
Stevens Point, WI  
54481  
April, 6, 2008

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SUNDAY, April 6

8:00 AM † Naomi Schultz  
10:00 AM † Parish Family Members

### MONDAY, April 7

8:00 AM Communion Service

### TUESDAY, April 8

5:15 PM † Clarence "Butch"  
Przybylski

### WEDNESDAY, April 9

8:00 AM † Stanley Werbinski

### THURSDAY, April 10

8:00 AM † Lucy and Peter Sigman

### FRIDAY, April 11

8:00 AM † Carl Bernas

### SATURDAY, April 12

8:00 AM † Robert Przybylski  
4:00 PM † Ed and Alice Zagrzebski



Saint Peter Parish congratulates the parents and Godparents of children baptized last weekend, on Sunday, March 30, and pray that the children will grow in knowledge of Christ's Love. They are: Sydney Jo Boris, daughter of Michael Boris and Amy Rohlinger; Godparents are John Williams and Julie Kalpinski; Spencer Cole Lemke, son of Wesley and Michelle Lemke; Godparents are Benjamin Mrdutt and Leah Bruess.

The Parish also congratulates parents and Godparents of children baptized on Easter Sunday, March 23, and pray that they will grow in knowledge of Christ's Love. They are: Aiden Luke Archibald, son of Michael Archibald and Angela Pezeski; Godfather is Will Goodman; Nicholas George Walter Riley, son of Nicholas Siverling and Patience Riley; Godparents are Nicholas Riley and Jaelyn Siverling; and Emily Ann Skowronski, daughter of Christopher and Becky Skowronski; Godparents are Paul and Laurie Landgraf.

**Bulletin deadline** is noon on Mondays; send information to the parish or e-mail Heather at [saintpeterchurch@gmail.com](mailto:saintpeterchurch@gmail.com)

## Welcome to Saint Peter Catholic Church

"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence."

— St. Francis de Sales

"Lord Jesus, Who in the Eucharist make your dwelling among us and become our traveling companion, sustain our Christian communities so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your Word. May they draw from the Eucharist a renewed commitment to spreading in society, by the proclamation of your Gospel, the signs and deeds of an attentive and active charity."

— Pope John Paul II

### Come join us for Weekly Adoration

Wednesday after 8 a.m. Mass to Thursday before 8 a.m. Mass  
Questions? Call Darcy Bunn 343-9007 or go to [www.saintpetercatholic.com](http://www.saintpetercatholic.com)

**Spring Swiss Steak Dinner** will be on Saturday, April 12. Serving in Kolbe Hall from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and may be purchased at the parish office during office hours. Prizes will be awarded as well. Proceeds will go to the parish.

**Holy Name Society** will meet for Corporate Mass and Holy Communion at the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 13. Rosary at 7:35 a.m. Breakfast and meeting will follow in Kolbe Hall. Rosary: Clarence Olszewski. Gifts: Jim and Ginger Groshek. Men of the parish, young, old and not so old, please consider joining the Society. Come join us for breakfast. Spouses of members unable to attend and widows of members are always welcome also.

**Polka Dance:** St. Peter's Holy Name Society will hold its annual dance from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 20, in the St. Peter's Middle School gym in Stevens Point. Music will be provided by parishioner Norm Dombrowski and the Happy Notes. Food and refreshments will be available. Cash drawing at 5:45 p.m. Raffle tickets are available from any Holy Name member or at the door. Come join the fun.



**Mark Your Calendar...** Plan to attend one of three meetings — Monday, April 14, Tuesday, April 15 or Wednesday, April 16 — from 7 to 8 p.m. in Kolbe Hall and learn more about your part in the "We Belong to Christ Campaign." It is a very important five-year plan for our wonderful parish and the La Crosse Diocese. Refreshments will be served. More information will follow, so watch for your letter.

**Stevens Point Area Catholic Cemetery Association** will do spring clean up in the cemeteries beginning Monday, April 14. Decorations left from the previous decorating period must be removed before that date if you want to save them. The Cemetery Association is not responsible for decorations that are removed and discarded. All shepherd hooks, rod holders, etc. are not permitted in cemeteries until May 1. Parishioners wishing to purchase cemetery lots should call the office, 345-3236, to schedule an appointment.

**Catholic Charities** has relocated its office. It now is in the former St. Stephen Convent, 1408 Ellis St. The phone number remains the same, 344-2500.

**Parish Elections** for the Pastoral Council will be on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18. Terms for the newly elected members will begin in the fall and last two years. One will be appointed and three will be elected. The first step in this process is the nomination. You are asked to nominate someone (even yourself). Complete and return the following form or drop it into the collection box with your nomination(s) by Sunday, April 27.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Phone number

Name

Phone number

Name

Phone number

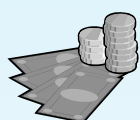


They returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

— Lk 24:33-35

**Week of April 6, 2008 readings:**

- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33  
1 Pt 1:17-21  
Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15  
Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a  
Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8  
Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40  
Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20  
Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42  
Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
1 Pt 2:20b-25  
Jn 10:1-10



**Sunday Offertory & Envelopes**

Budget for Year \$528,029.98  
(need Weekly \$9,963.00)

**March 29/30**

Offertory received \$9,362.32  
Budget Year to Date: \$398,520.00  
Actual Year to Date: \$380,315.03  
Year to date shortfall (\$18,204.97)

Envelope count for March 1/2: 254  
Envelope count for March 8/9: 273  
Envelope count for March 15/16: 296

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Religious Education**

**REP** Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

**Vacation Bible School:** Mark your calendars: St. Peter's VBS will take place the week of July 28 through August 1 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

**First Holy Communion Rehearsal and Retreat** will be Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.

**Men of Christ Breakfast:** Next one is Thursday, April 10 at 5:30 a.m. in Church for Adoration, Morning Prayer, and Teaching. Breakfast will follow at 6:30 a.m. at Perkins. Come join us for any or all of it!

**Weekly Reflections for Adults: The Areopagus** — A weekly e-mail of reflections on the Church, current events from a faith perspective and interesting tidbits by Phil Lawson. To receive these, send an e-mail to Phil at [lawsphil@gmail.com](mailto:lawsphil@gmail.com)

**Young Adult/College Ministry: DTS** — Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. in the St. Faustina Room. It is open to all college students and young adults.

**Catholic Teens Online:** E-mail Phil at [lawsphil@gmail.com](mailto:lawsphil@gmail.com) This is a weekly reflection, prayer intentions and questions asked by your peers and answered!

**High School DTS** has kicked off! Next session is **Sunday, April 27** at 7 p.m. Free Food. Join Catholic teens, grades 9-12, from throughout the area. "Through the Saints of Yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the Youth of Today to become the Saints of Tomorrow."

**New in the Parish Library:** (1) "Mother Teresa," 82 minutes, VHS; (2) "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," VHS; & (3) Pope Benedict XVI's book, "Jesus of Nazareth."

**The Collingsworth Family** returns to Central Wisconsin on Sunday, April 13 for a concert at 3 p.m. at St. Bronislava Church, Plover. The family brings excitement, family emphasis and musical excellence to us to experience during the afternoon of "Family Worship and Praise with the Collingsworth Family." There is open seating and a free-will offering will be taken. The family consists of parents, Phil and Kim, teen daughters Brooklyn and Courtney, son Phillip Jr., and youngest daughter Olivia. All are vocalists, Phil plays trumpet, Kim is the pianist and Brooklyn and Courtney also play violin.

**Picnic Weekend is June 14 & 15 ...  
Time to Join the Club(s)**



**Beer Club**



**Pop Club**



**Chicken Club**

Picnic tickets have been delivered and the famous "clubs" are open for membership — new and for members. ALL are welcome to join for one or all three of the clubs. All the club dues (donations) are the same as last year. **Beer Club \$50.00, Pop Club \$15.00, and Chicken Club \$5.00.** You may use the cards provided with the raffle tickets. Let us aim to top last year's membership!

Remember your donations to any or all of the clubs helps defray the costs of the picnic. All club "dues" are a tax deductible item so help St. Peter's and yourself. You may put your cards and donations in an envelope and drop them into the collection box or basket. St. Peter's parish appreciates your generosity. Checks should be made out to St. Peter Parish. Questions? Call Paul or Marge Laszinski, 344-6316

## Looking Ahead

### Sunday, April 6

*Third Sunday of Easter*

- Confessions, 7-7:45 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Picnic Meeting, 6-8 p.m., Kolbe Hall

### Monday, April 7

*John Baptist de la Salle*

- Communion Service

### Tuesday, April 8

- Confessions, 4:15 p.m.
- Mass, 5:15 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 9

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. followed by Exposition and 24-hour Adoration
- Evening Prayers, 5:45 p.m.
- Children's Choir, 6 p.m.
- REP, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, April 10

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.
- Benediction, 7:45 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.
- DTS, 7-8 p.m., Faustina Room

### Friday, April 11

*Stanislaus*

- Confessions, 7:15 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m.

### Saturday, April 12

- Confession, 7:15 a.m.; Mass, 8 a.m.
- Confession, 3 p.m.; Mass, 4 p.m.

### Sunday, April 13

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

- Confessions, 7-7:45 a.m.
- Mass, 8 a.m. Holy Name Society
- Mass, 10 a.m.

### Monday, April 14

- Communion Service, 8 a.m.
- WBCC, 7-8 p.m. parishioner meeting, Kolbe Hall
- Buildings and Grounds Committee, 5 p.m., Middle School

April 6, 2008

## Strengthen Your Brethren...

The early writings of Thomas Merton (1915-1968) – a convert to the Catholic faith (whose conversion story, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, is not only a literary but also a spiritual masterpiece), a monk and priest in the Cistercian religious order, and a prolific author – are classics on the spiritual life. His very brief book, *Spiritual Direction and Meditation*, is arguably the best work ever published concerning spiritual direction. In that book Merton says that the “root meaning” of spiritual direction is the “continuous process of formation and guidance, in which a Christian is led and encouraged in his special vocation, so that by faithful correspondence to the graces of the Holy Spirit he may attain to the particular end of his vocation and to union with God. This union with God signifies not only the vision of God in heaven but . . . that perfect purity of heart which, even on earth, constitutes sanctity and attains to an obscure experience of heavenly things” (14-15). For many, if not most, Catholics this spiritual direction takes place through the formation and guidance offered in the ordinary encounters with priests (for example, the homily at Mass, counsel given in the Sacrament of Penance, presentations or talks) and through the example and admonitions offered by parents, spouse, family, friends, and fellow Catholics both religious and laity. In addition to this, however, many people find it beneficial to have someone (oftentimes a priest) as their own personal spiritual director. In fact, Bishop ListECKI has appointed me to serve in this capacity for a number of the men who already are or who aspire to be permanent deacons in our Diocese. I also serve as a spiritual director for a number of lay people in our area. Priests themselves are exhorted to have a brother priest as their spiritual director. I am no different and meet with my priest spiritual director once every six weeks.

Every so often my spiritual director has me keep detailed track of my priestly activities over a seven-day period. Ever since being ordained I have been amused at people who ask with deep wonder in their voice: “What do you DO all day?!” Of course, there is also the occasional jerk who asks with a sharp tone confident that the priest has the easiest “job” in the world – show up for work for an hour on Sunday and have the remainder of the week off! This time my spiritual director put me under “holy obedience” to share with you the details of my priestly ministry in your midst during a recent seven-day period: nine hours celebrating Masses at Saint Peter, one hour celebrating Mass at an area nursing home, one hour presiding at the Liturgy of the Hours at Saint Peter, seven hours praying in private the Liturgy of the Hours (Breviary), seven hours of personal private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, one hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with a parish group, seven hours hearing Confessions at Saint Peter, one hour hearing Confessions at Pacelli High School, three hours meeting with family members to prepare the Funeral Mass for their deceased loved ones, four hours celebrating Funeral Masses, two hours celebrating the Rite of Committal at the cemetery, four hours dining with the survivors at the funeral lunch, two hours giving public presentations at Saint Peter, two hours meeting with the Parish Finance Council, two hours speaking in Spanish with several immigrants from Mexico who came to the rectory seeking assistance, two hours visiting several homebound parishioners, two hours visiting several parish families in their homes, ten hours of appointments with people with various needs (for example, preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony, preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism, seeking answers to questions about the faith), five hours meeting with people who “drop in” at the rectory without an appointment, five hours doing paperwork and other office tasks, six hours on the phone returning calls, six hours on the computer answering emails, six hours preparing homilies and other presentations as well as written materials, and finally four hours doing research and homework as part of the National Catholic Bioethics Center program of certification in Catholic bioethics. Now if my math is correct, that was a 99 hour work week (of the 168 total hours in a week). And this does not include the five additional hours of other meetings (at the level of the parish, deanery, and Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools) and two hours of other liturgical functions at Saint Peter that were originally in my schedule but which I had to forgo on account of funerals. After showing these results to my spiritual director, I kidded him that the parish got their money’s worth out of me that week as net pay per hour worked out to be a little over \$3.00. My uncle, who is also a priest, is fond of saying: “It’s a great life – if you don’t weaken!” Indeed, the priesthood is a great life and I am grateful to the Lord for such a wondrous gift! It is a humbling privilege to serve the Lord, His Church, and you!

Saint Peter, pray for us! Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!  
Father Kevin C. Louis

## Committees

### Pastoral Council

Cynthia Calhoun (Secretary)	344-4064
Robert Giese (Assistant to the President)	342-9817
Tom McCann	344-8570
James Miller	344-3132
Lee Petersen	345-1734
Mary Sadler	344-6448
Bernice Sevenich	344-7515
Mary Skrzeczkoski	342-0645
Jeff Zdroik	345-9993

### Finance Council

Bill Grimstad	342-4249
Jean Stroik	341-1470

### Rosary Society

Lorraine Glodowski	344-1860
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### Holy Name Society

Gene Kemmeter	344-2598
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### Order of St. Francis

Nancy Tillman	341-0852
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### Family Life Committee

Jean Stroik	341-1470
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### Picnic Committee

Larry Proulx	341-0634
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### Senior Citizens &

### Interfaith Caregivers

Lorraine Studinski	344-3158
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### Ministers of Hospitality

TBA

### Buildings and Grounds

TBA

### Justice & Peace

Lorraine Glodowski	344-1860
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*Respect Life!*

The production of embryonic-type stem-cells from ordinary human cells, like skin cells, "represents a tremendous scientific milestone, the biological equivalent of the Wright Brothers' first airplane...It's a bit like learning how to turn lead into gold."

— Dr. Robert Lanza, chief science officer of Advanced Cell Technology, a pioneer in the effort to extract stem cells from cloned embryos

*For those who care for the elderly and disabled, that they may know the reality of Jesus' presence in their daily life, we pray...*

## Upcoming Area Events & Items of Interest

**Stevens Point Deanery** presents Father Stan Fortuna, Wednesday, April 9, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Bronislava Church, 3200 Plover Road. The musical night will include talk and prayer. It is open to anyone ages seventh-grade and up.

**Evening of Healing:** St. Anthony Retreat Center in Marathon will offer an evening of healing on Monday, April 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. The conference will include a liturgy, private reflection, prayers for healing and an anointing. A free will offering will be taken. Call (715) 443-2236 for more information.

**UW-SP Department of Music**, Wausau Conservatory of Music and Mt. Sinai Congregation are presenting "Music of the Spirit" TONIGHT, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the Caroline S. Mark Concert Hall in the Wausau Conservatory of Music in Wausau. UW-SP music faculty, the UW-SP String Chamber Orchestra and special guest Barbara Leviton on piano will perform. Admission is free.



**SPACS** is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year for 4-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade as well as childcare and pre-school. There are half-day kindergarten options as well. Please call the SPACS Central Office (341-2445) for further information.

**In preparation for Pope Benedict's visit** to the United States and for his birthday on Wednesday, April 16, Bishop Jerome Listecki encourages children, young people and adults to offer a Spiritual Bouquet for Our Holy Father. Bishop Listecki will give Pope Benedict XVI a card listing our prayers and sacrifices. Please list the total number of prayers/sacrifices and send via e-mail to the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization, [sskemp@dioceseoflacrosse.com](mailto:sskemp@dioceseoflacrosse.com) or call (608) 791-2658 by **Tuesday, April 8**.

**Portage County Health Care Center** is looking for people to volunteer to be Eucharistic Ministers to residents of the Health Care Center. No experience is needed. Eucharistic Ministers would spend just a couple of hours one Wednesday a month providing the service. If you are interested, call 344-4256.

**In the Footsteps of Pope John Paul II** Join Chaplain Fr. Patrick Fletcher on this pilgrimage to Poland this spring. The event will begin on May 5 and continue through May 16, 2008. Visit the places where John Paul II lived and prayed. For information, contact Fr. Fletcher at 707-759-4442 or [www.catholicheritagetours.com/afp](http://www.catholicheritagetours.com/afp)

**Newsboys Go Tour**, featuring newsboys with article one, rush of fools and new-worldson, will be Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at Quandt Fieldhouse at UW-SP. Reserve tickets available at the University Ticket Office or by phone at (800) 838-3378.



## *Special Thanks*



A number of event organizers would like to extend a thanks to parishioners for their help and participation in recent activities. They are:

### **GOOD FRIDAY WALK**

Thank you to the heroic persons that braved the wind and cold to attend the Good Friday Walk.

A resounding THANKS to our favorite Cooks, Bakers, Servers, Cleanup Persons for making such a wonderful hot soup lunch with delicious desserts. It was truly appreciated and enjoyed by all. God Bless You, St. Peter's Parish.

### **DCCW ANNUAL COLLECTION**

Thank you to all who contributed so generously and to all the Rosary Society members who helped by taking up the collection last weekend. These funds will go to many charitable works, training and share shops.

### **SOUP LUNCHEON**

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked every Friday during the Lenten season to make and serve the soup luncheon and to all those who attended and enjoyed the soup luncheon. All of you made the event a success, netting \$577. Thank you! Loretta N.