

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hard to believe that October is upon us. A year ago at this time we were in the midst of a polarizing political campaign. I remember thinking that things would get better after the election. The country would have a chance to heal and we could all go back to being Americans first.

Sadly, things seem to have gone in the opposite direction. As a country, we are far more polarized now than we were a year ago. Healing seems so far away. The solution seems beyond our grasp. We are becoming a nation of individuals entrenched in our own ideology. We won't even consider meeting a person halfway, let alone crossing the aisle. And listening, why would we listen to someone who does say what we want to hear.

How can we continue? The truth is that we probably can't continue along this trajectory. If we do, we will continue to grow further apart.

What are we to do? In the Sermon on the Mount in St. Matthew's Gospel we find the Beatitudes. These statements contain the medicine necessary to correct our gradual alienation from one another. The problem is that meekness, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, mercy, and peace-making are rarely mentioned in the narrative we're given to digest. But these all contain within them a wisdom that is powerful.

If we are waiting for the other guy to take the first step in meekness or mercy, chances are we will wait for a long time. The power of the wisdom suggests that maybe we should be the initiator. And if meekness and mercy along with the rest of the beatitudes are too much to ask, maybe we can at least listen. That would seem to be a good starting point.

Fr. Rick

PARISH NEWS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED ITEMS TO OUR SUPPORT THE TROOPS COLLECTION at St. Luke Church and St. Joseph Church. All items were dropped off at the Warren Co. Memorial Park to be distributed. What a wonderful way to thank our military who serve and protect our country each day.

THE DIOCESE OF ERIE FAMILY FEST 2017 will be held on October 15th, 10:00am-5:00pm (4:00pm Mass with Bishop Persico) at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center. The cost is \$10/ person or \$40/ family. **You can register at CatholicFamilyFest.com. Registration will include all festivities and food.** National Catholic Speaker, Greg Willits, will be presenting. Scholarships are available, contact Jenn @ 723-2090 .

PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS If you are desiring a Baptism this year for your child(ren) or you are expecting a child this year, please join us for this informative and spiritually enriching program. We will meet in the parish office boardroom on Thursday, October 12th from 6:00-7:30pm. Call the parish office to sign up today.

THE BLESSING OF PETS will be on October 4th ,The Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi. Fr. Rick will be blessing pets at 2:15pm outside the front of the school. So bring your pets and celebrate this special feast day.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CRAFT SHOW There are tables available for the annual St. Joseph School Craft Show on December 2nd. Please contact Katie Courson via phone 730-6689 or email coursonkatie@gmail.com for more information.

****TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY****

Can you help one of your fellow parishioners get to Mass? Our ride share program is in need of committed individuals to drive parishioners to Mass. We could also use volunteers to fill in on an as needed basis when a regular driver is unavailable. Building a pool of drivers is the best way to ensure all of our faithful can celebrate Mass. Parishioners seeking a ride to Mass are very committed to church and it is important that they continue to be part of our St. Joseph community. If you are feeling called to this great ministry or have any questions, please call Betsy Williams at the parish office 723-2090..

THE NEW PRAYER GROUP "GOD'S HOLY LOVE" will begin meeting on Saturday, October 28th @ 10:00am. The Prayer Group will meet each week in the Mother's Chapel at Holy Redeemer Church. Please bring your Bible and your prayers. All are welcome! For additional information please call Virginia Baker at 968-5341.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY is looking for members to gather with others to knit or crochet shawls. **The groups meets this Thursday at 7:00pm in Meyer Hall at St. Joseph Church.** A great time to pray and knit together, and enjoy each other's company, while creating a visible sign of God's love for someone in need. Yarn is provided. Please contact Betsy Williams at 723-2090 for more information or if you are interested.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPAGHETTI DINNER will be on **October 14th from 4:00pm to 7:30pm.** Take outs will be served from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Tickets are available at the School office or the Parish office. The price is \$8.00/Adult, \$8.00/Take outs, \$4.00/Children 5-12, Children 4 and under eat free.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 10/1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:45am Frank Kwiatkowski by Phil & Judy Bosko @ St. Luke
 10:30am Michael Kolos by Karen

Monday, 10/2 The Holy Guardian Angels
 12:00pm Frank Kwiatkowski by M A Morgan @ St. Luke

Tuesday, 10/3 Weekday
 12:05pm Deceased Member of Derr & Williams Families by Family

Wednesday, 10/4 Saint Francis of Assisi
 9:05am Lucy Notoro by Family

Thursday, 10/5 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
 12:05pm Karlene Molinaro by Arlene, Owen, & Adam

Friday, 10/6 Saint Bruno, Priest, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
 8:00am Mr&Mrs George Martin by Carl DeStefano Family

Saturday, 10/7 Our Lady of the Rosary
 5:30pm Ian Williams by Aunt Kathy & Uncle Bob

Sunday, 10/8 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:45am Walter Fill by Ann & Rose @ St. Luke
 10:30am Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Zechariah 8:1-8; Gospel Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday Zechariah 8:20-23; Gospel Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday Nehemiah 2:1-8; Gospel Luke 9:57-62
Thursday Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12; Gospel Luke 10:1-12
Friday Baruch 1:15-22; Gospel Luke 10:13-16
Saturday Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Gospel Luke 10:17-24
Sunday Isaiah 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9; Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, October 1
 8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
 9:00am K-9 Faith Formation
 10th & 11th Grade Confirmation
 10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 Coffee & Donuts after Mass (Cafeteria)
 11:45am Parents Confirmation Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 6:00pm Youth Praise Team rehearsal (Church)
 7:00pm CCY HS (Youth Room)

Monday, October 2
 12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church
 4:30pm RCIA Team Meeting (Meyer Hall)

Tuesday, October 3
 12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 6:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Broad room)

Wednesday, October 4
 9:05am School Mass
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 2:15pm Blessing of Pets (School)
 6:30pm RCIA (Meyer Hall)
 7:00pm Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, October 5
 12:05pm Mass
 9:00am to 5:00pm St. Luke Rummage Sale
 6:30pm Environmental Committee Meeting (Board room)
 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (Meyer Hall)

Friday, October 6 (First Friday)
 8:00am Mass
 9:00am to 5:00pm St. Luke Rummage Sale
 9:00am Homebound Communion

Saturday, October 7 (First Saturday)
 9:00am to Noon St. Luke Rummage Sale (\$1.00 a bag)
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, October 8
 8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
 10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
10/7 5:30pm	B McGinn	G & Peck, J & P Rickert, J Sabat, R Sharp, K Weigel	S Holmberg B Hoffman J Kupchella
10/8 10:30am	M Smelko	B Smelko, R & P Osche, M & J Roudybush, J & V Siliano	Cassie Smelko N Smelko Caroline Smelko

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of
 Robert A Rich & Frank A Rich
 by Family

In your charity please pray for the souls of **Dorothy Turner**, and **Lucy Fowler** who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to the families, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

St. Joseph Church
 Weekly Donations - September 24th - \$7297.84
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN LUCINDA will host their annual fall country style turkey and ham dinner on **Oct.8th, 11:00am—1:30pm**. \$9.00 adults, \$4.50 children, free to Preschoolers.

HELPING HANDS
ITEMS NEEDED IN OCTOBER.

BEEF STEW AND SPAGHETTI SAUCE WILL BE COLLECTED during the month of **October for the Salvation Army**. Please continue to check the Helping Hands bulletin board for new items needed. Contact the Parish Office for information or questions @ 723-2090.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser from Sept 5th—28th
 You can place an order for Little Caesar's Pizza with any student or call the School office. Thank you for your support in this fundraiser. If you or your children want to send your/their child/ren to St. Joseph Catholic School, please call the school at 814-723-2030. We have open enrollment.