

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I just finished reading the latest book by Dan Brown called *Origin*. In the book the author quotes Galileo "I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use."

While Galileo lived a long time ago (1564-1642) and found himself in hot water with the church, he was an important figure in the sciences. The above quote brought a smile to my face when I read it. Galileo is sometimes called the "Father of the Scientific Method."

Rather than blindly accepting something on the word of others, Galileo was encouraging people to use their God-given gifts in the pursuit of understanding.

We encounter God in the present moment, but may not understand what that encounter is all about until we have had a chance to reflect on the encounter. According to Galileo we should use our common sense, reason, and intellect as tools to help us. Reflection on the encounter allows us to enter more fully into the mystery of God's love for us.

There are some in our world today who would say that common sense, reason, and intellect are detriments to faith. They would say that only blind obedience is the proper expression of faith. Our world has people who blindly follow the word of others...suicide bombers, terrorists, etc.

Perhaps Galileo's point is the antidote for many of the issues we face in our world.

God's gifts are given for the upbuilding of the Body of Christ, not to be rejected in favor of blind obedience. Let us use them wisely!

Fr. Rick

PARISH NEWS

CHANGES TO SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND FAITH FORMATION

Beginning November 5th, this next weekend, Sunday morning Mass in Youngsville at St. Luke Church will be at 8:00am. Faith Formation classes will be held from 9:15am—10:20am here at St. Joseph Church. These changes will allow Fr. Rick to be able to be present for our children in Faith Formation. If you have questions please call the Parish Office at 723-2090.

GOING AWAY FOR THE WINTER? Please call the parish office and we can have your parish envelopes put on a temporary hold while you are away. When you return just call the parish office and we can have the envelopes mailed to you. Also, you can always read our St. Joseph Parish bulletin page online at our website, stjosephwarrenpa.org. Thanks for your cooperation and enjoy.

HELPING HANDS

ITEMS NEEDED IN OCTOBER

BEEF STEW AND SPAGHETTI SAUCE WILL BE COLLECTED during the month of October for the Salvation Army. **Starting in November we will be collecting food for our Christmas Food Basket Ministry.** Please continue to check the Helping Hands bulletin board for new items needed. Contact the Parish Office for information or questions @ 723-2090.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS will be celebrated on Nov. 4th @ 5:30 Mass. (St. Joseph) and Nov 5th @ 8:00am Mass (St. Luke). The memorial service will include the presentation of a candle during Mass in honor of the deceased by a family member. Candles will be provided to family members of parishioners of St. Joseph Church and St. Luke Church who have passed away this past year. **If you have a family member who has passed away this past year and is not a member of either Church, you can purchase a candle in their memory for \$4.00**, just pick up and complete a Memory Candle Form (found at all entrances of the Church) and return the form in the collection basket or to the parish office. All candles can be taken home by the family at the end of Mass.

****TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY****

If you're coming to Mass why not bring one of our parishioners who can not drive themselves! Parishioners are so grateful when they are able to worship with their faith community. There are several people in need of transportation to a weekend Mass. Please consider helping with this rewarding ministry. For more information contact Betsy Williams at the parish office 723-2090.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY is looking for new members to gather with others to knit or crochet shawls. **The group meets this Thursday at 5:00pm in the Boardroom 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. Please contact Betsy Williams at 723-2090 for more information or if you are interested.

****CCY BASKET RAFFLE****

It's not too early to start thinking of the CCY annual Christmas Raffle! If you are willing to help by donating a basket, please contact Kathy at the office 723-2090 x 14. We will begin displaying them in November around Thanksgiving.



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL SKI CLUB AT PEEK'N PEAK RESORT AND SPA. Information sheets, registration forms, and contact info are available in both the Church and School Offices and need to be **returned to the School Office by Nov. 1st**. Remember you do not have to be a member of St. Joseph Parish or School to sign up with our group. Your family and friends can ski/snowboard at any time and receive our group rate. **Sign up today!**

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 10/29 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:45am Anson DeVore by Family @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

Monday, 10/30 Weekday
12:00pm Charles Gray by Knights of Columbus Council 964 @ St. Luke Church

Tuesday, 10/31 Weekday
12:05pm Bernice Hunter by Pat & Ralph
5:00pm @ St Luke Church (**Vigil Mass All Saints Day**)

Wednesday, 11/1 All Saints Day
12:05am Joseph Sobina by Don & Nancy (**School Mass**)
2:00pm @ The Rouse Home
5:30pm Jory Giger by Kristen & Kids

Thursday, 11/2 All Souls Day
12:05pm Sam Falvo by Family

Friday, 11/3 Weekday
8:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Frances Malone Lundgren Family by Estate

Saturday, 11/4 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Mass)
5:30pm Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus # 964

Sunday, 11/5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Student Mass)
8:00am Living & Deceased Members of St. Luke Church @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Seth & Stephen Amsdell by Mom & Dad

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
11/1 12:05pm	School	B Williams, J & V Siliano	School
11/1 5:30pm	B McGinn	C Bevacqua, R & P Osche	I Wortman G Wortman
11/4 5:30pm	L Suppa	R & B Williams, H Zaffino, D Geiger, A Kiehl, J Zavinski, R Kujawa	O Strandburg A Strandburg J Hunter
11/5 10:30am	Student	S Cole, G & M Belleau, N Berardi, D Bogniak, A Kirkpatrick, M Kirkpatrick	Students

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of
Karlene Molinaro by Arlene, Owen & Adam

VOCATIONS ICON

We would like to thank **Bob & Barb Crowley** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Romans 8:12-17; Gospel Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday Romans 8:18-25; Gospel Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday Revelation 7:2-4,9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

Thursday Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; Gospel John 6:37-40

Friday Romans 9:1-5; Gospel Luke 14:1-6

Saturday Romans 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29; Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-11

Sunday Mal 1:14b-2:2b,8-10; 1Thes 2:7b-9,13; Gospel Matt23:1-12

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, October 29
8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
 9:00am Faith Formation K-4, 9
 9:00am Faith Formation 5-8 St. Joseph Cemetery
 9:00am Confirmation 10-11
10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

Monday, October 30
12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church
 6:30pm Christmas Baskets Meeting (Boardroom)

Tuesday, October 31 Happy Halloween
12:05pm Mass
 1:00pm SJCS Halloween Parade
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, November 1
 10:30am Faith Share (Boardroom)
12:05pm School Mass All Saints Day (SJCS Choir)
2:00pm Mass @ Rouse Home
5:30pm Mass All Saints Day
 6:30pm RCIA (Meyer Hall)
 7:00pm Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, November 2
12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm Eucharist Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
 5:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (Boardroom)
 6:30pm SJCS PTU Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 7:15pm Evening Prayer (Mother's Chapel)

Friday, November 3
8:00am Mass
 11:00am Decorate Church

Saturday, November 4
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass (All Souls Day Mass)

Sunday, November 5
8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church * New Time*
 (All Souls Day Mass)
9:15am Faith Formation K-4, 9 *New Time*
9:15am Confirmation 10-11 *New Time*
10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

St. Joseph Church

Weekly Donations - October 22nd- \$5621.09

2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday—\$1094.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!