

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Cold and flu season is upon us and already I received an anonymous note asking me to ban handshaking and communion from the cup for the duration. While this may seem like a sensible restriction to impose, I find two major problems with the recommendation. First, the banning would be enacted from on high. This certainly would alleviate any decision a member of the congregation would have to make. Therein lies the problem. From the time of Vatican II onward, the Church has asked us to take personal responsibility for many of the decisions that were formerly made for us. Recall the mandate to refrain from eating meat on all Fridays during the year. The Church didn't do away with the need for personal penitential practice. Rather the Church asked us to make the decision as to what our penitential practice would be outside of the Fridays during Lent. The Church respects the dignity of all baptized members of the Church and trusts each to make good decisions. The second major problem is that the example Jesus left for us is not a "command from on high mentality". Jesus brought people to a point of decision and did not mandate which way the choice should go. We see that aspect over and over again in the way he treated people and in the parables he told. Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. Because of these two problems I am not going to ban either the sign of peace or communion from the cup. I will ask each person to make a wise choice. If you are sick, please refrain from a handshake at the sign of peace and communion from the cup. If you are well, please continue to enjoy each. I trust that you will make the right decision. *Father Rick*

PARISH NEWS



CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

Beginning Thanksgiving Day through December 21st, St. Joseph Parish will again help the Salvation Army by collecting food and delivering to over 100 of our county's neediest families for Christmas. The food and supplies will be packed on Friday evening, December 21st and delivered on Saturday morning, December 22nd. We would appreciate donations of nonperishable food, cleaning, and paper products. Please leave your donations on the altar steps. **Please do NOT bring in turkeys – we have no space to store them.** Monetary donations are also useful to purchase turkeys, fresh foods locally and from Erie's Second Harvest Food Bank. Please designate on the envelope or check (made out to St. Joseph Church) that the money is for **Christmas Food for the Needy** and the money will be deposited correctly. Please place your envelopes in collection baskets during Mass or leave in the parish office or mail to the church address. Your contributions and prayers make a real difference to those in need.

Thank you for your faithful support.

PIES NEEDED Saint Joseph Soup Kitchen Ministry will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 13th. They would like to serve pies for dessert. Anyone willing to donate a pie, please drop it off in the Parish Office or set it on the cart outside the kitchen door. Thanks so much for helping our Soup Kitchen Ministry with their dinner!

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF DAY TO DAY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS to fill teacher sick day and personal day requests. Any certified teacher or any person holding a four-year degree may apply for substitute positions. Teacher work day is from 7:45 to 3:00pm. Daily substitute pay is \$80.00. All federal, state, and diocesan clearances are required (we will be glad to help you with these). Applications and clearance forms can be picked up in the school office (723-2030 Mrs. Susan Best, Office Manager) or can be procured from the Erie Diocese Website at rcderie.org. Please consider becoming a substitute for our wonderful school.

SECOND COLLECTION CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin for further information. There is an envelope in your packet for this collection. Thank you for generosity.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TAGS St. Joseph Parish will be supporting the Salvation Army Angel Tag Christmas Program again this year. Susan Olson will have 150 tags available after Mass this weekend and next in the main vestibule of the Church or during the week in the Parish Office. The gifts need to be returned to St. Joseph Church by Dec. 2nd. Thanks for your support of the children of the Warren Community.



SAINT LUKE CHURCH has been asked to donate items to the to **Rouse Home** to be used to assemble **Christmas Gift Bags** for the residents. A complete list of the items needed is available in the Parish Office.

CCY PROGRESSIVE DINNER: We will be having a CCY Friendsgiving Progressive Dinner on Sunday, November 18th from 5:30–8pm in the Russell area. This event is for 8-12th graders. Please RSVP by text or call to Jennifer at 688-3842. Don't miss out on this fun-filled evening!



****CCY BASKET RAFFLE****

It's time for the CCY annual Christmas Raffle! If you are willing to help by donating a basket, please contact Jennifer at the office 723-2090 x 15. We will begin displaying them around Thanksgiving.



SAINT LUKE CHURCH has been asked to help the Salvation Army with the "**Red Kettle Drive**" at Tops Market in Youngsville on November 30th. Please consider signing up for a 1-2 hour shift. The sign-up sheet in the gathering space at the Church.

THE NEW 2019 SAINT JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS ARE IN! Please call or stop by the Parish Office if you would like one. We have a limited supply.



LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 11/11	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	(St Luke) James Flynn by Maureen & Phil Skerda
10:45am	For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish
Monday, 11/12	St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
12:00pm	(St Luke) Vincent Pace by Sam & Kathy Ponsoll
Tuesday, 11/13	St Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
9:05am	Deceased Members of the Derr & Williams Families by Family
Wednesday, 11/14	Weekday
9:05am	Diane & Mitchell Kelly, Rose & Frank Raffaella by Barb & Mike McAvoy
Thursday, 11/15	St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
12:05pm	William Teconchuk by Bruce & Cathy Atwood
Friday, 11/16	St Margaret of Scotland; St Gertrude, Virgin
8:00am	Jeanette & Clarence Anderson by Anderson & Hazeltine Families
Saturday, 11/17	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
5:30pm	Frank Dilick by Wife & Children
Sunday, 11/18	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	(St Luke) For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
10:45am	Patricia Pazderski by Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
11/17			
5:30pm	R Williams	R & J Cecco, H Zaffino, R Kujawa, P Lobdell, R Sharp, F Perrin	H Harrison M Harrison L Harrison
11/18			
8:00am	Janet Mack	M Donahue, M Skerda	Joey Mack
10:45am	Students	J & V Siliano, T Siliano, J Hausmann, L & A Tyers, J Rickert	Students

11/14 –The Rouse Home— Deacon Skerda, T Mineweaser, B Pangelo
11/18 -8:00am Mass Ushers—Becky & Bob Pangelo
November Cleaning Committee—Alice Harlan & Lisa Marino

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF *Mark Still by Mom & Family*

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—November 3rd & 4th
St Joseph -\$ 7615.40
St Luke - \$1212.00

VOCATION ICON

A Special Thank You to Mrs Nasman's 6th Grade Students for praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life in our Parish and the Erie Diocese this week!

HELPING HAND MINISTRIES OF ST JOSEPH PARISH

Thank You for your continued generosity!

Items being collected in **November** are:

St Joseph Church: **Items for the Christmas Food Baskets**
St Luke Church: **Items for the Thanksgiving Food Drive**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Titus 1:1-9; Gospel Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday	Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Gospel Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday	Titus 3:1-7; Gospel Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	Philemon 7-20; Gospel Luke 17:20-25
Friday	2 John 4-9; Gospel Luke 17:26-37
Saturday	3 John 5-8; Gospel Luke 18:1-8
Sunday	Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Gospel Mark 13:24-32

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 11th - Veteran's Day - Thank You to all Our Military

8:00am (St Luke) Mass

10:45am Mass

DOG—Disciples of God (Children's Liturgy)

Baptism of Luciana Bussellotti following Mass

Monday, November 12th - No School

12:00pm (St Luke) Mass

Tuesday, November 13th - No School

Confirmation Retreat

9:05am Mass ****Time Change****

10:30am (St Luke) Bible Study

4:30pm Soup Kitchen

6:00pm Cub Scouts (Loranger Hall)

6:30pm (St Luke) Altar/Rosary Meeting

Wednesday, November 14th

9:05am School Mass

10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)

5:30pm Christmas Baskets for the Needy Meeting

7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, November 15th

10:30am Jesus Revealed Bible Study (Meyer Hall)

12:05pm Mass

12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Girl Scouts

7:15pm Evening Prayer

Friday, November 16th

8:00am Mass

11:30am St Joseph School Thanksgiving Feast

Saturday, November 17th

4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass

7:00pm Exchange & Rotary Club Turkey Party

Sunday, November 18th—2nd Collection

8:00am (St Luke) Mass

9:00-10:30am CREW @ Holy Redeemer

9:15-10:30am EDGE @ Holy Redeemer

10:45am Mass—Youth Mass—Sonrise Choir sings

DOG—Disciples of God (Children's Liturgy)

Coffee & Donuts in cafeteria

6:00pm CCY Progressive Dinner for 8th—12th grades

ST JOSEPH PARISH SOUP KITCHEN serving dinners each Tuesday at 4:30pm. All are welcome!

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