

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Popular devotions have mixed origins. Some devotions origins are relatively obscure...we don't really know where they come from, but developed over the ages as people sought to live out their faith. Some devotions, like the rosary or the scapular, come from adaptations of practices of religious orders. Finally, some devotions come from a private revelation—some vision or message given to one of the faithful.

There are many different types of popular devotions and one size does not fit all. The important consideration to remember in popular devotions is that in the authentic practice of the devotion, the individual is moving closer to Christ. What is important to one person may not be as important to another. That does not mean that devotions should be done away with, but that we should recognize what works for one person may not work for another.

Because the Bible is at the center of what God has revealed, popular devotions should be in line with what God has revealed in Sacred Scripture. In other words, popular devotions should not contradict what God has revealed in the Bible. Rather the devotions should use biblical themes and imagery to help the faithful who practice a particular devotion.

The Church supports all authentic popular devotions, but does not mandate one over another. Popular devotions are aids to a deepening spiritual life, but are not essential to salvation. One author suggested that popular devotions are like healthy food which makes eating a little more enjoyable. They are not necessary to sustain life, but make the experience of dining better.

Some popular devotions are practiced by a group and some are practiced by individuals. There are even some that can be practiced by either a group or an individual. Regardless of the style of devotion we choose, we should be inspired to aid those who are most in need. Thus we share more deeply in God's special love for the poor.

Fr. Rick

PARISH NEWS

NEW PARISH APP COMING SOON! In the coming weeks St. Joseph Parish will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more. Please watch in the coming weeks for our official launch announcement.

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR is Dec. 2nd from 10:00am to 4:00pm in the St. Joseph Educational Center. Admission is \$2.00/ 12 and under is free. A homemade lunch will be available to benefit our youth CCY Program. All proceeds of the Fair will benefit the St Joseph Catholic School Accelerated Reader Program.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Please see the bulletin insert with more information.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

Beginning Thanksgiving Day through Dec. 16th, St. Joseph Church 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, Dec. 15th and delivered on Saturday morning, Dec. 16th. We would appreciate donations of nonperishable food, and 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 the 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.

****CCY BASKET RAFFLE****

We are in need of baskets for the Christmas Basket Raffle.

This is a major fund raiser for the CCY Programs. If you are willing to donate a basket, please contact Kathy at the office- 723-2090 x 14. We hope to have them by Nov. 20th.

NEW FUTURE PARISHIONER NEWS! Please see the bulletin insert about the Rite of Acceptance that we will celebrate at the 10:30am Mass on Nov 19th. Please pray for & support our 6 adult candidates on their journey to full initiation into the Catholic Church.

YOU ARE INVITED To come meet internationally-acclaimed author John Schlimm on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30pm to discuss his Christopher Award-winning memoir *Five Years in Heaven: The Unlikely Friendship That Answered Life's Greatest Questions*. A resident of St. Mary's, PA the book is about John's inspiring and life-changing five-year friendship with 87-year-old artist Sister Augustine, who ran the ceramic shop at St. Joseph Convent. This special "Conversation with John Schlimm" event is being sponsored by the St. Joseph Church Book Club, and is open to the community at no charge. **John will be happy to sign any copies of *Five Years in Heaven* that attendees bring with them.** The event will be held in Meyer Hall at St. Joseph Church. RSVP is appreciated please call the parish office at 723-2090.

THE WARREN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Warren K of C will hold its major fundraising activity, **The Annual Turkey and Ham Raffle** at the North Warren Cataldo Barn club house on **Nov 19th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm**. There is a \$2.00 donation at the door and you must be 21 or over to attend.

"COATS FOR KIDS" - At all the Masses on Nov 18th & 19th the K of C Councils of Warren Co. will be asking for your support of the **Coats for Kids program**. Envelopes will be available at the doors of all churches and can be dropped in the collection basket or the parish office. 100% of monies go specifically to this program.

Thanks for your support and generosity in these 2 events!

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 11/12	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Mass @ St. Luke Church (Fr. Chris Singer)
10:30am	Scott Warner by Family (Fr. Chris Singer)
Monday, 11/13	USA: St Frances Xavier Cabrini
7:00am	Mass @ Holy Redeemer
Tuesday, 11/14	Weekday
7:00am	Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer
9:00am	Mass @ St Anthony Church
Wednesday, 11/15	St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00am	Mass @ Holy Redeemer
9:05am	School Mass (Fr. Jim Gutting) @ St. Joseph Church Robert & Flora Weidert by Dennis & Michele Hoak
Thursday, 11/16	St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude
7:00am	Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer
Friday, 11/17	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
7:00am	Mass @ Holy Redeemer
Saturday, 11/18	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Mass)
5:30pm	Charlotte Zaffino by Holly & Cindy Zaffino
Sunday, 11/19	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am	Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Wisdom 1:1-7; Gospel Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday	Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Gospel Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday	Wisdom 6:1-11; Gospel Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Gospel Luke 17:20-25
Friday	Wisdom 13:1-9; Gospel Luke 17:26-37
Saturday	Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Gospel Luke 18:1-8
Sunday	Wisdom 6:12-16; 1Thes 4:13-18; Gospel Matt 25:1-13

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, November 12	8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church
	10:30am Mass Liturgy of the Word for Children Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tags After Mass
Monday, November 13	7:00am Mass @ Holy Redeemer
Tuesday, November 14	7:00am Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer
	9:00am Mass @ St Anthony Church
	4:30pm Soup Kitchen
	6:30pm Book Club with author John Schlimm (Meyer Hall)
Wednesday, November 15	7:00am Mass @ Holy Redeemer
	10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
	6:30pm RCIA (Meyer Hall)
	7:00pm Choir Practice (Church)
Thursday, November 16	7:00am Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer
	6:00pm Daisy/Brownie Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall)
Friday, November 17	7:00am Mass @ Holy Redeemer
Saturday, November 18—2nd Collection—	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
	4:30pm Soup & Pie with Chinese Auction @ Holy Redeemer
	4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
	5:30pm Mass Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tags after Mass
	6:00pm Exchange Club Turkey Party (Gym)
Sunday, November 19—2nd Collection—	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
	8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church
	10:30am Mass Liturgy of the Word for Children Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tags After Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
11/18		*J Anderson, J Caumban-Lim,	M Harrison
5:30pm	A Fadale	P Bailey, C & K Darling, G & P Peck	H Harrison L Harrison
11/19		*A Wortman, *B Smelko,	M Shene
10:30am	V Amsdell	G Grosch, T Grana, K Amsdell, A Kirkpatrick, M Kirkpatrick	P Shene O Baldensperger

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory Of
Thomas Cappello by f. Palmer Lindblom

St. Joseph Church

Weekly Donations - November 5th- \$7547.75

All Saints/ All Souls collections -November 1st & 2nd -\$516.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

VOCATIONS ICON

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

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Paul Leofsky of Saint Luke Church**, who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to the family, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

BAPTISM Through the waters of Baptism we at Saint Joseph Parish wish to **welcome Emmet Scott Knisley** into our community of faith in Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless his life with His love. Emmet is the son of Randall & Shannan Knisley and he has a sister, Zoey.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TAGS St. Joseph Church will be supporting the Salvation Army Angel Tag Christmas Program again this year. Susan Olson will have 150 tags available after Mass in the main vestibule. 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 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.