

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Devotions are part of the rich spiritual life of the Church and always have been. For most of us, we probably learned some at a young age and have continued in the practice of them. But there are far more devotions than we are aware. All devotions are meant to enhance the spiritual life of the one who practices them.

The Church has two principles to keep in mind when we pray or practice a devotion. The first of these principles is that the celebration of the Liturgy (the official public worship of the church) is the center of the church's life and a devotion cannot substitute for the Liturgy or is even on a par with the Liturgy. The second is that the practice of a devotion should naturally lead to a fuller participation in the Liturgy. All devotions, whether evident or not, should be oriented to the Liturgy.

So what do these principles mean in our daily spiritual life. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Liturgy, from the documents of Vatican Council II, notes that the life of the Church flows through the Liturgy. "Source and summit" are words used to describe the Liturgy. In other words the Liturgy is the beginning (source) and the end (summit) of the activity of the Church. Christ is at work in every liturgical action of the church.

Vatican Council II pointed out that spiritual life is not limited to the celebration of liturgy. We do not spend our days in participation of liturgy. Yet St. Paul tells us to pray unceasingly.

So in between our participation in liturgy and the call of St. Paul, we find devotions. Devotions can take many forms, such as pilgrimages, novenas, the rosary, Stations of the Cross, etc. Devotions can extend the liturgical life of the church into our daily life, thus allowing us to permeate our lives with prayer to God.

*Fr. Rick*

Please keep our **Confirmation Students** in your prayers. They will be on retreat Friday. Holy Spirit Come!



The Mass book is now open for scheduling Mass Intentions and Candles for 2018.

**ADORATION ON NOVEMBER 9TH & 16TH** There will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Mother's Chapel due to Fr. Rick's vacation. We are hoping to have a group of committed adorers praying in the church before Jesus in the tabernacle from 12:30pm to 4:30pm on these dates. All are welcome to join us for a few minutes in prayer.

**HELPING HANDS  
ITEMS NEEDED IN OCTOBER**

The Month of November we will be collecting nonperishable food and cleaning and paper products for our Christmas Food Basket Ministry. We are also looking for a **kitchen table and chairs**. If you have one that you would like to donate please call Sharon Persing at 726-2936.

**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, 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\*\***

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.



**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.

**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.

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**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

**Monday, 11/6** Weekday  
**7:00am** Mass @ Holy Redeemer

**Tuesday, 11/7** Weekday  
**7:00am** Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer  
**9:00am** Mass @ St Anthony Church

**Wednesday, 11/8** Weekday  
**7:00am** Mass @ Holy Redeemer  
**9:05am** School Mass ( Fr. Jim Gutting) @ St. Joseph Church  
 Jeff Hunter by Mike Lundberg

**Thursday, 11/9** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
**7:00am** Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer

**Friday, 11/10** St Leo the Great  
**7:00am** Mass @ Holy Redeemer

**Saturday, 11/11** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Mass)  
**5:30pm** Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Church  
 (Fr. Chris Singer)

**Sunday, 11/12** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**10:30am** Scott Warner by Family ( Fr. Chris Singer)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
			B Hoffman
<b>11/11</b> <b>5:30pm</b>	C Wolf	P Lobdell, J & M Sabat, F Perrin, D Labowski, R Sharp, K Jones	S Holmberg D Holmberg
<b>11/12</b> <b>10:30am</b>	V Amsdell	P Christy, B & B Crowley, T Siliano, C Luppino, J Hausmann, K Morse	L Shattuck R Shattuck R Siliano

### St. Joseph Church

Weekly Donations - October 29th- \$6724.75

World Mission Sunday—\$1586.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of  
 Michael Kolos by Karen

### VOCATIONS ICON

We would like to thank **Tom & Chris Grana** 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 11:29-36; Gospel Luke 14:12-14

**Tuesday** Romans 12:5-16b; Gospel Luke 14:15-24

**Wednesday** Romans 13:8-10; Gospel Luke 14:25-33

**Thursday** Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; Gospel John 2:13-22

**Friday** Romans 15:14-21; Gospel Luke 16:1-8

**Saturday** Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27; Gospel Luke 16:9-15

**Sunday** Wisdom 6:12-16; 1Thes 4:13-18; Gospel Matt 25:1-13

## THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

**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  
 Coffee & donuts after Mass

**Monday, November 6**  
**7:00am** Mass @ Holy Redeemer

**Tuesday, November 7 Election Day**  
**7:00am** Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer  
**9:00am** Mass @ St Anthony Church  
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

**Wednesday, November 8**  
**7:00am** Mass @ Holy Redeemer  
 10:30am Faith Share (Boardroom)  
 6:30pm RCIA (Meyer Hall)  
 7:00pm Choir Practice (Church)

**Thursday, November 9**  
**No School**  
**7:00am** Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer

**Friday, November 10**  
**Confirmation Retreat @ Olmstead Manor**  
**No School**  
**7:00am** Mass @ Holy Redeemer

**Saturday, November 11**  
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation  
**5:30pm** Mass  
 Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tags after Mass

**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

**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 next weekend Nov. 11th & 12th after Mass in the main vestibule.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** The Christmas food basket committee is looking for "Merry Christmas" cards to go with the boxes of food being delivered to the families in need. If you have any extras from years past and would like to donate them, it would be very much appreciated. About 100 cards are needed. Cards can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank You!