

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

At the Liturgy committee meeting last evening we discussed the upcoming important dates to remember. February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also called Candlemas Day. The Mass for the day begins with the blessing of candles, similar to the blessing of palms on Palm Sunday. If you have candles for your home that you would like to have blessed, that is the mass to attend.

February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. Since this feast is on Saturday this year, we will bless throats at the weekend Masses.

February 14th is Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence, the beginning of Lent. Make your Valentine's Day date for either Tuesday the 13th or Saturday the 17th or be prepared to eat fish.

February 27th is our date to host the ecumenical evening prayer service at 7 pm.

March 17th is First Reconciliation.

March 19th is the Feast of St. Joseph. We will have our St. Joseph table after the Sunday (March 18th) 10:30 Mass. This year we will have brunch type foods.

March 20th is Confirmation for Warren County hosted here at St. Joe's.

April 1st is Easter, no fooling!

May 6th will be First Communion.

The Catholic Services Appeal begins around the First Sunday of Lent. In the past your generosity has allowed us to complete a number of projects. Some of those we have planned on and a few arose unexpectedly. An example of the latter is the replacement of one of the air conditioners for the church. We will have to replace the other.

Busy times ahead.

Fr. Rick

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS and plan to attend a community/family event at Saint Joseph Church on Monday, February 19th from 6:30- 8:30 pm. **Nationally known and Erie grown evangelist, Justin Fatica, will be speaking.** The program is called **ALL HEART, ALL IN** and Justin and his team of ministers is excited to speak to you and pray with you. Four Salt & Light and Confirmation hours will be given because this is a big event. Please make this a priority for your family as we are very blessed to have this opportunity. Any questions, please call or text Jennifer at 688-3842.

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CANDIDATES WELCOMED TO THE DIACONATE

Larry Tyers from Saint Joseph Church and seven other Candidates from around the Erie Diocese were recently admitted to candidacy for the permanent diaconate during a ceremony at St. Mark's Catholic Center's Chapel. **Our congratulations to Larry and his family.** Larry is a member of the RCIA Team, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and a Liturgy of the Word for Children leader. Larry and his wife Anne have 3 boys, Alex, Chad and Andrew. Please keep Larry in your prayers as he continues on this journey in his faith.

DR. HOWARD FERGUSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As most of you know, Dr. Ferguson passed away in December. He was a beloved principal who worked tirelessly to revitalize St. Joseph School, and a leader in the Warren community. In honor of Dr. Ferguson, a scholarship is being established with St. Joseph students as the beneficiaries. If you would like to make a donation to this scholarship fund in honor of Dr. Ferguson you can do so by sending a check to the parish office made out to St. Joseph Catholic School. Please note Dr. Ferguson Scholarship Fund on the envelope.

ADULT FORMATION NEWS!

We will be offering a Lenten study called **Mary Queen of Heaven**, exploring her life from before time to today; revealing her ongoing battle against evil and increasing our relationship with the woman who brought us the Savior of the World. The series will run on Thursdays beginning February 8th and will run to April 5th, no meeting on Holy Thursday. You may choose your session: 10:15-11:45 am or 6:30-8:00 pm. **Sign up in the parish office today!** Cost is \$25.00 for the book.

THE SAINT JOSEPH PARISH BOOK CLUB will be meeting on Monday, January 29th at 6:30pm. It's a great time to join in as we are starting a new book. Call the parish office today!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND for the **Catholic Communication Campaign.** This collection helps to spread the Good News to people around the country and around the world. Your gift will also make a local impact by supporting the communication projects in the Erie Diocese. There is a special envelope for this collection in your packet. Thank you for your generosity.

2017 CSA: Our records indicate that there are a number of outstanding balances from 2017 pledges. If you are able to complete your pledge, or even part of it, please do so by January 31st. The 2018 CSA will be kicking off the second week of February. Thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph Parish.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SAINT LUKE CHURCH

January 26th at 7:00pm
Snacks and Beverages Provided
Please call the Parish at 723-2090 to sign up

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 1/21 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00am Mass @ St Luke - Mel Kramer by Knights of Columbus
10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

Monday, 1/22 **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children**
12:00pm Mass at St. Luke - Tony Moniak by Sharon Persing

Tuesday, 1/23 **St Marianne Cope, Virgin, St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr**
12:05pm Mary Russo by Mike & Lisa Lewis

Wednesday, 1/24 **St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**
9:05am Phyllis Sobina by Don & Nancy Sobina
1:30pm Mass @ Warren Manor - Rose Halle by Estate

Thursday, 1/25 **The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle**
12:05pm Marcia Trachier & Family by Prayer Chain Ministry

Friday, 1/26 **St Timothy, St Titus, Bishops**
8:00am Julia Papalia by Altar Rosary Society

Saturday, 1/27 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Mass)**
5:30pm Ruth Acks by Family

Sunday, 1/28 **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00am Mass @ St Luke Living & Deceased Members of St Luke Church
10:30am Dr Howard Ferguson by Erie Diocese Catholic School Office

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 2 Samuel 5:1-7,10; Gospel Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday 2 Samuel 6:12b-15,17-19; Gospel Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Gospel Mark 4:1-20

Thursday Acts 22:3-16; Gospel Mark 16:15-18

Friday 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Saturday 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Sunday Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Gospel Mark 1:21-28

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, January 21
8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 9:00am 9th & 10th Grade Retreat
 9:15am Faith Formation K-8
10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

Monday, January 22
12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church
 6:00pm First Reconciliation Parent Meeting (Meyer Hall)

Tuesday, January 23
12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 6:45pm Cemetery Board Meeting (Boardroom)

Wednesday, January 24
9:05am School Mass
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 1:30pm Mass @ Warren Manor
 6:30pm RCIA (Meyer Hall)
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 25
12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm Adoration (Mothers Chapel)
 4:30pm Lions Club Turkey Dinner (Gym)
 6:00pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 7:15pm Evening Prayer

Friday, January 26
8:00am Mass

Saturday, January 27
4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass

Sunday, January 28 St Joseph Catholic School Open House
 Second Collection for Faith Communications
8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 11:30pm St Joseph Catholic School Open House & Tours

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
1/27			
5:30pm	A Fadale	J Anderson, Joy Caumban-Lim, A Wortman, C & K Darling, G & P Peck	B Hoffman S Hoffman
1/28			
10:30am	Students	G Grosch, P Bailey, *P Christy R & J Cecco, A Kirkpatrick, *M Kirkpatrick	<u>D Holmberg</u> Students

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
 Thomas Graziano by Barbara Graziano & Children

VOCATIONS ICON

We would like to thank **Meg and John Sabat** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Parish.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Catholic school students learn that excellence is a response to God's blessings. If you or someone you know wants to attend St. Joseph School, please call the school at 814-723-2030. We have open enrollment. **Catholic Schools week will begin January 28th with School Choir singing at 10:30am Mass followed by Open House at the School from 11:45am to 1:00pm. Plan to join us.**

2232 Men 2018 Men's Conference

Saturday March 3rd
 8:00am-3:00pm

Our Lady of Peace Church, Erie PA
 Speakers are Mike McCoy, Fr Larry Richards, Steve Wood
www.2232men.com for details

If you are interested in going please call the Parish Office at 723-2090. If you register as a group you maybe able to receive a discount at the time of registration

St. Joseph Church

Weekly Offering-January 14th—\$6412.30

Thank you for your continued generosity!

SAVE THE DATE

DARIEN LAKE TRIP

ALTAR SERVERS GO FREE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018

More information will be available in the coming weeks
 CIRCLE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS