

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

New Year's resolutions! The first week in January is always an interesting time in the weight room because people whose New Year's resolution is to get in shape or to lose some weight begin to show up. Most don't have any idea of what they are doing and that's very evident.

Today this older gentleman shows up in the weight room looking to set the world on fire. He picks up a bar, looks at me and says, "What's this weigh, about 75 pounds?" I tell him that it weighs 45 pounds. He does a few bicep curls with the bar and a few other exercises and then disappears. I wonder if that's the last time I'll see him in the weight room.

When new people come to the weight room for the first time, they will be surprised the next day. That's when the soreness settles in and make them wonder if lifting weights is really worth it. Most decide that it is not worth it. Within a few weeks the crowd in the weight room is back to normal.

So if lifting weights is not a good new Year's resolution, what is? I would suggest that the answer to that question can be found in the Book of the Prophet Micah.

You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: only to do the right and to love goodness and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

If we would just make this verse our New Year's resolution and work daily to live according to it, we might find that this would be the last New Year's resolution that we would have to make.

Fr. Rick

PARISH NEWS

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH APP

Our parish APP has been well received. We are up to 254 users! If you haven't had a chance to download the APP, take a minute to do so. Simply open a new message and in the "To" box enter 88202, then in the message box text "APP" and send it. We've recently added new buttons that include: Three Minute Theology, Brother Francis (for the Kids), Sacrament videos and more. Check it out!

There are still some 2018 Calendars and *Perfectly Yourself* books available at the doors of the Church and in the Parish Office. Please stop by and pick one up, we have extras.

DRIVERS NEEDED: We are always looking for folks to help get our parishioners who no longer drive to Mass. If you are feeling called to this ministry or want to know a little more about it, please call Betsy at the parish office 723-2090 Ext 12. Thank you!

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WARREN MANOR NURSING HOME MINISTRY is looking for more Participants. Participation in this ministry (you do not have to be an EMHC) and only requires about 1 1/2 hours of your time twice a month on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00am. It is truly appreciated by the Manor Residents, as well as the Manor Staff. Likewise, it is a source of personal spiritual growth for the Ministers who participate as they bring prayer, God's Work and the Holy Eucharist to a very special group God's people. Please consider joining us in this special and important St. Joseph Church Ministry. For more information call Pat Christy at 723-4047.

MARCH FOR LIFE
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MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD-

Join us for the March for Life on Jan. 19, 2018. Please consider making the trip with your student as a spiritual sacrifice and a message of hope for the future!

See the flyers at the entrances to the church. A generous parishioner has donated funds to **send two students for free!** Call or text Jennifer at 688-3842 for the scholarship. Sign up soon!



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Human Trafficking and Protecting our Youth: Trafficking of youth is a form of modern slavery. It includes both sex trafficking and forced labor. Any child under age 18 engaged in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking, even if the youth's participation is not forced or coerced. Be aware of recruiting tactics. Traffickers target victims through social media sites, telephone chat lines, after-school programs, at shopping malls, bus depots, clubs/bars or through friends and acquaintances. To help protect your child, ask questions about your child's friends, monitor their computer use and know where he/she hangs out. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>



HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

ITEMS NEEDED IN JANUARY

The Month of January we will be collecting **paper towels** and **toilet tissue**. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the needy families of the Warren community through this ministry.

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 1/7	The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00am	Mass @ St. Luke Living & Deceased Members of St. Luke Church
10:30am	Jim Hackman & Timothy Hackman by Joan Olson
Monday, 1/8	The Baptism of the Lord
12:00pm	Mass at St. Luke Paul Leofsky by Howard & Doris Labowski
Tuesday, 1/9	Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05pm	Dr. Joseph Manno by Cousin
Wednesday, 1/10	Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:05am	Robert & Flora Weidert by Michele & Dennis Hoak
Thursday, 1/11	Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:05pm	Jeanette & Clarence Anderson by the Hazeltine Family
Friday, 1/12	Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Marcia Trachier & Family by the Prayer Shawl Ministry
Saturday, 1/13	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Mass)
5:30pm	Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Church
Sunday, 1/14	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Genevieve Fehlman by Jack & Janet Natale
10:30am	Lucy Notoro by Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Isaiah 55: 1-11; Gospel Mark 1: 7-11
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1: 9-20; Gospel Mark 1: 21-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3: 1-10; Gospel Mark 1: 29-39
Thursday	1 Samuel 4:1 -11; Gospel Mark 1: 40-45
Friday	1 Samuel 8: 4-7; Gospel Mark 2: 1-12
Saturday	1 Samuel 9: 1-4; Gospel Mark 2: 13-17
Sunday	1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19; Corinthians 6:13c-15a Gospel John 1:35-42

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, January 7	8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church
	9:00am—1:00pm 4th Grade Retreat
	9:15am K-9 Faith Formation 10 & 11 Confirmation
	10:30am Mass Liturgy of Word for Children
Monday, January 8	12:00pm Mass at St Luke
Tuesday, January 9	9:00am Take down Christmas decorations in the Church
	12:05pm Mass
	4:30pm Soup Kitchen
Wednesday, January 10	9:05am School Mass
	10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
	6:30pm RCIA (Meyer Hall)
Thursday, January 11	12:05pm Mass
	12:30pm Adoration (Mothers Chapel)
	6:30pm 5th Grade Chasity Parent Meeting (Meyer Hall)
	7:15pm Evening Prayer (Mother's Chapel)
Friday, January 12	8:00am Mass
Saturday, January 13	4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
	5:30pm Mass
Sunday, January 14	8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church
	9:15am K-8 Faith Formation 10 & 11 Confirmation
	10:30am Mass Liturgy of Word for Children Coffee & Donuts after Mass (Cafeteria)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
1/12			
5:30pm	L Suppa	K Jones, R Kujawa, A Kiehl, D Geiger, T & R Fadale, J Zavinski	E Darling I Darling <u>J Darling</u>
1/13	V Amsdell	R & P Osche, M & J Roudybush, R Beyer, *J & V Siliano, C Feaster	A Beyer K Beyer <u>O Baldensberger</u>
10:30am			

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
 Deceased Members of the Zdarko & Zarnick Families
 By Dan & Mary Ann Zdarko

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

St. Joseph Church
 Weekly Offering—December 31st—\$5547.56
 Solemnity of Mary January 1st—\$1320.00
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

VOCATIONS ICON

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

Away for the winter, don't miss out, you can always find our Saint Joseph Parish bulletin and St. Luke Bulletin page online at our website, stjosephwarrenpa.org. Check us out! Or if you have downloaded My Parish APP the bulletin can be viewed there too!

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.**