

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Watching the movie *The Shack* a few weeks ago at St. Luke's, I was once again struck by the subtle theme of what scripture scholars call Universal Salvation—God's desire to save all humanity. While the movie focuses on one individual, Mac, and the healing process that he undergoes, the movie does portray God's desire to bring healing to all people through the experiences Mac has at the shack and after the shack.

Throughout the entire Bible we see again and again God working with his people Israel to bring salvation to them and through them to the world. In the Old Testament there are various references of how the nations will approach Jerusalem because they will recognize in the relationship of God to his people a better way. In the Gospels Jesus reaches out to Gentiles to heal them or speaks God's care and concern for all people. Certainly the very fact that St. Paul is identified as the Apostle to the Gentiles indicates the early church's understanding of this theme—Universal Salvation.

Over the course of the Liturgical Year we celebrate Saints from all times and places. For example, just this past week we celebrated the memorials of St. Agatha, a woman from third century Sicily, St. Paul Miki and his companions, sixteenth century martyrs from Japan, St. Jerome Emiliani, a sixteenth century Venetian soldier who converted, and St. Josephine Bakhita, born in the later nineteenth century in the Sudan and kidnapped into slavery.

From around the world and at all times God is working toward the salvation of all in many different ways and through many different people.

Fr. Rick

Justin Fatica, All Heart, All In Family Event**ARE YOU GETTING EXCITED? JUSTIN FATICA WILL BE HERE SOON!**

The program is Monday, February 19th at 6:30 pm in the church. It is called **ALL HEART, ALL IN** and Justin and his team of ministers are 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.

GERTRUDE HAWK EASTER CANDY FUNDRAISER FOR CCY

Our Cool Catholic Youth Group and Catholic Heart Work Camp crew will be selling **Gertrude Hawk Chocolates for Easter from Jan. 29th—Feb 23rd.** You can order online at www.gertrudehawkchocolates.com, just click on **fundraising**, click on **place an order** and enter **participant's number 727886** or you can stop in the Parish Office to place an order. Please support our teens and make your Easter basket shopping a breeze.

2232 Men 2018 Men's Conference Saturday, March 3rd

You can get all the Details and Register @ www.2232men.com

If you would like to register in a group please call the Parish Office. We need a few more men to receive the discount.

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL 2018

Commitment Sunday is February 10-11 for the 2018 Catholic Services Appeal. This year's theme is **United in Service.** Take a moment to watch Bishop Persico's message posted on our home page. A letter has been mailed to your home with a pledge envelope enclosed. Projects this year include: replace the air conditioning unit for the east side of the church, replace carpeting and pew upholstery in the church, and to repair the fair booth. Thank you for your generosity.

PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER

The Pregnancy Support Center of Warren (PSC) has entered into a partnership with Women's Care Center (WCC) of Erie County. The Warren branch is set to expand its services this Spring. WCC is a faith-based, life affirming pregnancy resource organization offering medical services, counseling/coaching, childbirth, newborn and breastfeeding education and much more. **Volunteer positions such as client care and transport, ultrasound tech, RN's, receptionists, IT specialists and more are needed.** If you are being called to this ministry, WCC will be having volunteer training sessions in March. **For more information or to register call Mary at the WCC 814-836-7505.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OWEN & ADAM STRANDBURG

Fr. Rick presented Adam with the Parvuli Dei (Children of God) Medal and Owen with the Ad Altare Dei (to the Altar of God) Medal at the 10:30 Mass last weekend (Boy Scout Sunday). Owen is a member of Boy Scout Troop 13 and attends Beaty Middle School and Adam is a 5th grader at St. Joseph Catholic School and is a member of Boy Scout Troop 732.

ENRICH YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

THURSDAYS DURING LENT, the First United Methodist Church at 200 Market St, has a noontime Lenten Service followed by a \$5.00 soup and pie lunch at 12:30 which is open to the community. **March 1st, St. Joseph Parish will be the host of the luncheon.** We are looking for volunteers to help. If you can make soup, bake pies, or lend a hand in the kitchen, we would be grateful. **All proceeds will benefit our Helping Hands and Soup Kitchen Ministries.** For more details or to sign up, call the parish office @723-2090.

40 CANS for 40 DAYS OF LENT

Saint Joseph Parish will be participating again this year in the 40 cans for 40 Days of Lent Food Drive. There will be a box by the St. Joseph Church Office and a box in the lower entryway at St. Luke Church for your donations. All proceeds will benefit the Youngsville Food Pantry.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**A & B HEATING**

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 2/11	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Sick
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Paul Leofsky by Collins Family
10:30am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church
Monday, 2/12	Weekday
12:00pm	Mass at St. Luke Special Intention for Millie Pesko by Collins Family
Tuesday, 2/13	Weekday
12:05pm	Lorraine Bengston by Family
Wednesday, 2/14	Ash Wednesday
12:05pm	Howard O'Neil by Family (School Mass)
5:30pm	Seth Amsdell by Kathy & Victor
Thursday, 2/15	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
12:05pm	Paul & Lorna Labowski by Howard & Doris Labowski
Friday, 2/16	Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:00am	Diane Lillard by PASR
Saturday, 2/17	First Sunday of Lent (Vigil Mass)
5:30pm	Dr Harold Reinhard by Karen Wingard
Sunday, 2/18	First Sunday of Lent
8:00am	Living and Deceased Members of St. Luke Church
10:30am	Dorothy Turner by Mike & Lisa Lewis

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
2/14			
12:05	Students	B Williams, C Feaster, J Rickert	Students
2/14			
5:30pm	M Sandberg	R & P Osche, K & V Amsdell, D Pusateri	Volunteer Volunteer <u>Volunteer</u>
2/17	A Fadale	G & P Peck, D Geiger, P & J Rickert, Andrea Kiehl,	M. Alexander K Fadale
5:30pm		Volunteer	<u>M Fadale</u>
2/18	B Cole	*S Cole, *C Bevacqua, R Beyer, V & K Amsdell, M & G Belleau	A Beyer K Beyer
10:30am			I Goldthwaite

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Robert and Frank Rich by Family

In your charity please pray for the souls of **Julia Ziki**, and **Francis Pesko** who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to their families, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

VOCATIONS ICON

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

St. Joseph Church

Weekly Offering-February 4th—\$7448.14

Thank you for your continued generosity!

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY ITEMS NEEDED IN FEBRUARY

The month of February we will be collecting **Beef Stew/Spaghetti O's, and Beef-a-Roni**. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the needy families of the Warren community through the Helping Hands ministry.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	James 1:1-11; Gospel Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday	James 1:12-18; Gospel Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 -6:2; Gospel Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Gospel Luke 9:22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58:1-9a; Gospel Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58:9b-14; Gospel Luke 5:27-32
Sunday	Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel Matthew 1:12-15

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, February 11

8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
9:00am 5th—8th Grade Retreat
9:15am Faith Formation K-4, 9th
Confirmation 10th & 11th
10:30am Mass
Liturgy of the Word for Children
7:00pm High School CCY

Monday, February 12

12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church

Tuesday, February 13

12:05pm Mass
4:00pm-7:00pm Shrove Pancake Supper—St. Luke Church
4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

10:00am Rouse Home—Communion Service Distribution of Ashes
12:05pm School Mass
10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
5:30pm Mass
6:30pm RCIA meeting (Meyer Hall)
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 15

10:15am Mary Queen of Heaven Lenten Study (Meyer Hall)
12:05pm Mass
12:30pm Adoration (Mothers Chapel)
6:00pm Daisy/Brownie Meeting
6:30pm Mary Queen of Heaven Lenten Study (Boardroom)
7:15pm Evening Prayer

Friday, February 16

8:00am Mass
8:30am Kindergarten Roundup (Meyer Hall)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross @ St. Joseph Church
7:00pm Stations of the Cross @ St. Luke Church

Saturday, February 17

4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass

Sunday, February 18

8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
10:30am Mass
Liturgy of the Word for Children
RCIA—Rite of Sending and Election

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.

Kindergarten Roundup
February 16th @ 8:30 in Meyer Hall