

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This past week at daily Mass we began reading from the first 11 chapters of the Book of Genesis for our first reading. This section of the book of Genesis is referred to as the pre-history because the section contains stories from before the invention of writing and, therefore, before written history.

Interestingly, however, is our desire to find only historical truth in these stories. We want to see in the story of creation a historical account of what happened during the first 6 days of creation as told in the first chapter of Genesis. We are willing to overlook the fact that the cosmology of Genesis Chapter 1 is more than 3000 years old and does not reflect what we now know of the universe today.

We read through the second account of creation in Genesis Chapter 2 and rationalize away the fact that there are two accounts of the same event in succeeding chapters. We want to know the exact location of the Garden of Eden, but miss the other important truths found in the story, such as the care of the creator for the man or the tenderness with which the creator creates the woman.

The other stories that we know so well from the first 11 chapters of the Book of Genesis (the Fall, Cain and Abel, Noah, and the tower of Babel) tend likewise to be interpreted from a historical perspective. We are willing to overlook so much in order to hold onto the historical truth we want to find in all these stories.

Perhaps, we all need to realize that the truth of the Bible is broader than just historical truth. Maybe we just need to pick up a good commentary on the Bible to have our eyes opened to what the Bible is really trying to tell us. *Father Rick*

PARISH NEWS

We have had 3 candle fires, one was just a couple of weeks ago, in the St Joseph Shrine area. We are asking all parishioners to **please light the candle inserts with the lighter provided**, if you are in need of assistance please come to the parish office and we will light the candle for you. **Please do not light the candle with a wooden match and then leave the match burning in the candle**, the plastic will catch on fire. We ask everyone to please use caution when lighting the candles. **Thank you!**

Save the Dates

2232 Men's Conference—Mar 2nd at Our Lady of Peace Parish
Register at www.2232Men.com

1:38 Women's Conference—Mar 30th at Our Lady of Peace Parish
Register at www.138women.com

Please call the Parish Office for more details about the conferences or if you would like to carpool.

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**CHWC 2020 FUNDRAISER**

Last weekend our students planning to go to Rome in 2020 passed out candy treats after Mass and in turn asked for your donation to be returned in the empty containers. The M & M containers can be returned to the Parish Office or put in the collection basket at Mass. Your donations to help them accomplish their goal to go on the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip to Rome in 2020 is gratefully appreciated. Thank you!



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The St. Joseph Community will be hosting a **Cornhole Tournament on March 10 at 1:00pm**. There will be both youth and adult divisions. Registration forms are at the parish doors. On line registration also available on the parish website and MyParish APP. Don't play cornhole? Come and spectate and enjoy a fun filled afternoon with food, raffles, competition, and fellowship. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit needed teaching resources for St. Joe's School.



The next **MOVIE NIGHT** will be on **Monday, March 4th at Holy Redeemer Church at 6:00pm** (note the time change).

The movie to be shown is **The Shack**. Popcorn and drinks will be served. Come and enjoy a fun night at the movies.

2019 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2019 Catholic Services Appeal will be conducted throughout our diocese on March 3, 2019. You may wonder if this is a good time to conduct our annual diocesan Catholic Services Appeal. But the truth is, we must. You see, our diocese still has work to do on behalf of the Lord. The church needs your help to remain focused on Christ and the needs of the people of God.

Bishop Lawrence Persico personally assures us that donations to the 2019 CSA will not be used—in any way—to fund the legal expenses of the diocese related to the Pennsylvania grand jury investigation on clergy sex abuse or to provide settlements for sexual abuse victims.

The CSA is essential to helping the Diocese of Erie fulfill its mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word and celebrate the sacraments. Your participation is essential to the success of the CSA as well as to the health of our parish. Please join other Catholics from across the 13 counties of our diocese in supporting this important appeal.

The **End of the Year Contribution Statements** have been mailed. If you need a statement for tax purposes and did not receive a statement in the mail, please call the Parish Office.

***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

Prayer Shawls offer prayers and comfort to someone who is struggling with illness or who is grieving the lost of a loved one. New members from the Warren Catholic Community are always welcome to join this ministry. **We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 5:15pm at St Joseph Church.** For more information or to request a Prayer Shawl for someone please call the Parish Office at 723-2090.

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 2/17	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	(St Luke) Jeanette Uhron by M/M James Uhron
10:45am	Mary Joan DeStefano by Carl DeStefano & Family
Monday, 2/18	Weekday
12:00pm	(St Luke) Francis M & Mary A Russo by Estate
Tuesday, 2/19	Weekday
12:05pm	Anne Wolf by Valery Hoffman
Wednesday, 2/20	Weekday
9:05am	Phyllis Sobina by Don & Nancy Sobina
1:30pm	(Warren Manor) Deceased Brothers of Sam Scalise by Estate
Thursday, 2/21	St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
12:05pm	Frank, Karen, & Zebbie Atkins by Catherine & Charles Ditz
Friday, 2/22	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle
8:00am	Andrew Morsden Vars by Peggy & Robert Groetzinger
Saturday, 2/23	St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
5:30pm	Thomas Ognibene by the Card Club Ladies
Sunday, 2/24	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	(St Luke) Doris Dale by Mr & Mrs Jim Uhron
10:45am	For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
2/23		C & K Darling, D Labowski,	M Alexander
5:30pm	L Suppa	P Rickert, J Caumban-Lim, D Geiger, *A Kiehl	N Alexander Volunteer
2/24			Joey Mack
8:00am	Janet Mack	M Skerda, M Donahue	
10:45am	Students	*K & V Amsdell, R Beyer, S Cole, *B & B Crowley, C Bevacqua	M Fadale G Wortman T Bablak

2-20—The Rouse Home— **Carol Knapp and Sandi Mineweaser**
2-24—8:00am Mass Ushers—**Vince Pillar and Timber Bower**
Feb -Altar/Rosary Cleaning Committee—Annette Hutley & Carol Pillar

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Jane Maher by her sister Rose Troyan

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—February 9th & 10th
Saint Joseph Church - \$8170.55
Saint Luke Church - \$974.00
Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!



In your charity please pray for the soul of **Julius Sitka**, husband of **Sally Sitka** who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.



ST JOSEPH PARISH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY serves dinner every Tuesday at 4:30pm for the Warren Community.

VOCATION ICON

A special thank you to **Bob Scheer** for praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life in our Parish and the Erie Diocese this week. Thank You!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Genesis 4:1-15,25; Gospel Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday	Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10; Gospel Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday	Genesis 8:6-13,20-22; Gospel Mark 8:22-26
Thursday	Genesis 9:1-13; Gospel Mark 8:27-33
Friday	1 Peter 5:1-4; Gospel Matthew 16:13-19
Saturday	Hebrews 11:1-7; Gospel Mark 9:2-13
Sunday	1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Gospel Luke 6:27-38

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 17th	8:00am (St Luke) Mass 10:45am Mass Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God)
Monday, February 18th President's Day—No School	12:00pm (St Luke)
	6:30pm Liturgy Committee Mtg (Boardroom)
Tuesday, February 19th	12:05pm Mass 4:30pm Soup Kitchen 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Meyer Hall)
Wednesday, February 20th	9:05am School Mass 10:30am Faith Share
Thursday, February 21st	10:30am Jesus Revealed Bible Study (Meyer Hall) 12:05pm Mass 12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:00pm Girl Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall) 7:15pm Evening Prayer
Friday, February 22nd	8:00am Mass
Saturday, February 23rd	4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass
Sunday, February 24th	8:00am (St Luke) Mass 9:00am CREW @ HR 9:15am EDGE @ HR 9:45am Praise Team Rehearsal 10:45am Youth Mass-Confirmation Students & Sponsors Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God) Knights of Columbus Membership Drive Coffee & Donuts after Mass in the cafeteria 4:00pm CCY for 5th & 6th Grades

Items to be collected in February



St Joseph Church —Beef Stew/Spaghetti O's/Beef-a-Roni
St Luke Church —Beef Stew/ Spaghetti-O's/ Hamburger Helper/
Beef-a-Roni, Soup

****Items collected are distributed to the Salvation Army and the Youngsville Food Pantry.**

****Helping Hands is always in need of sheets, blankets, and bedding. If you have any of these gently used items, please drop them off at the parish office marked with the size. Thank you!**