

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

You're Amazing. Watching the school students relate to Justin Fatica's message as he read his children's book was, well, amazing. I'm sure years from now when each student comes across the words they wrote down in the notebook they will experience a rush of powerful and good memories.

Justin's event on Monday evening was a bit revival, a bit evangelization, a bit of entertainment wrapped up into two hours of good experience. Listening to his message and seeing the reaction of the approximately 200 in attendance was heart-warming. If you didn't have the chance to come Monday evening or perhaps thought you wouldn't be interested, but now have heard from those in attendance and would like to know more, just visit his website or check out a video on YouTube. Special thanks to Jenn Wortman for arranging everything.

Now that we've settled into Lent, had our fish on Friday, made it to Stations, and struggled with giving something up, we can refocus on the reason for doing all of this. We can clear away those things in our lives that hinder us from sensing the true, loving, and merciful presence of God in our lives.

We should be clear however that because God is loving and merciful does not mean that God intends to protect us from the consequences of being human, pain, suffering, humiliation. In other words, God does not intend to rescue us. God did not rescue Jesus from the cross. However, God does desire to redeem us. After Jesus had died on the cross, God raised him from the dead. The Father in heaven can take all the pain, suffering and humiliation of being human and raise us up again. God is a loving and merciful God who redeems rather than rescues.

PARISH NEWS

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH/ SAINT JOSEPH TABLE will be Sunday, March 18th after the 10:30am Mass with a tureen luncheon. Meat, beverages and table service will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share. Donations of non-perishable food items will also be collected for our Soup Kitchen Ministry. For reservations please sign up at the doors of the Church or call the Parish Office @ 723-2090.

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER

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 and to register

1:38 Women's Conference

Saturday April 21st

8:00am-3:30pm

Our Lady of Peace Church, Erie PA

Speakers are Sr. Jane Dominic Laurel, Katie Hartfiel, Patty Schneier

You can register and see all the details at

www.138women.com or call 814-455-7364

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL 2018

This year's theme is **United in Service**. The projects for 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. Pledge envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your consideration and thank you to all of those who have already made a pledge. We are grateful for your support!

St. Joseph Parish will be the host of First United Methodist Church Lenten Service luncheon on **March 1st. We could use more help in the kitchen..** For more details or to sign up, call the parish office @723-2090.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available in the Parish Office for graduating seniors from our Parish planning to attend a college or a trade school in the fall. Applications will be reviewed and scholarships offered to those students who have exemplified commitment and service in their faith life at St. Joseph Parish. Applications must be returned to the Parish Office by Wednesday, April 25, 2018. No applications will be accepted after this date.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER AT SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH will be this **Tuesday, February 27th, at 7:00pm.** **Pastor Jeff Ewing** will give the reflection. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. Please join us!

PARISH APP

Haven't signed up for the myParish App yet? Now is a great time! Stay connected with the Lenten activities going on at the parish to enhance your preparation for Easter. Simply text APP to 88202 in your smart phone to download the APP. Or go to the APP Store to download. Call the parish office with questions.

CONFIRMATION Please keep the following in your prayers as they complete their Confirmation journey to reception of the sacrament on March 20th. **Andrew Beyer, Colin Blair, Marcus Bonavita, Michael Ciprich, Emma Darling, Trenton Dippold, Aidan Farrell, Jacob Funari, Jillian Funari, Joshua John, Jacob Kupchella, Julia Lobdell, Devin McMeans, Rachael Shattuck, and Griffin Suppa.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to join us each Friday during Lent at 6:30pm at St. Joseph Church or 7:00pm at St. Luke Church. Each Tuesday during Lent the Stations of the Cross will be at 12:45pm with the Saint Joseph Catholic School Students.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 2/25	Second Sunday of Lent (Youth Mass) Sonrise Choir
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Church Jane Mascaro by M/M Bill Mascaro
10:30am	Joan DeStefano by Carl DeStefano & Family
Monday, 2/26	Lenten Weekday
12:00pm	Mass @ St. Luke Church Stella Fill/ Rose & Ann
Tuesday, 2/27	Lenten Weekday
12:05pm	Charles Gray by K of C 4th Degree Assembly
Wednesday, 2/28	Lenten Weekday (School Mass)
9:05am	Living & Deceased Members of the Fritz & Wortman Families by Ann & Jerry Wortman
Thursday, 3/1	Lenten Weekday
12:05pm	Jeanette Anderson by Legion of Mary
Friday, 3/2	Lenten Weekday (World Day of Prayer) First Friday
8:00am	Marcia Trachier by Mike & Lisa Lewis
Saturday, 3/3	Third Sunday of Lent (Vigil Mass)
5:30pm	Robert & Carolyn Atkins by Children & Grandchildren
Sunday, 3/4	Third Sunday of Lent
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Church Paul Leofsky by Collins Family
10:30am	For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
3/3		R Kujawa, D Labowski,	S Harvey
5:30pm	C Mahood	P Lobdell, F Perrin, H Zaffino, <u>S Courson, R Sharp</u>	Lauren Walker <u>Lily Walker</u>
3/4		A & P Webster, G Grosch,	L Johnson
10:30am	W /P Morgan	A Wortman, J Hausmann, Volunteer	S Johnson E Grosch

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Barbara Remich by Brenda, John, Abby & Katie

VOCATIONS ICON

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

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

St. Joseph Church

Weekly Offering—February 11th—\$6440.32

Thank you for your continued generosity!

St John's Church will be selling Pierogi's during Lent again this year. They will be making Potato & Cheese and Potato & Sauerkraut pierogi. Cost is \$10.00 per doz or \$6.00 per half doz. Call Fran O'Hosky at 484-7157 to pre-order.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY ITEMS NEEDED IN MARCH

The month of March we will be collecting Boxes of Cereal such as Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Cornflakes, Raisin Bran. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the needy families of the Warren community through the Helping Hands Ministry.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Daniel 9:4b-10; Gospel Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1:10,16-20; Gospel Mathew 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18:18-20; Gospel Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Gospel Luke 16:19-31
Friday	Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Gospel Matt21:33-43,45-46
Saturday	Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Gospel Luke 15:1-3,11-32
Sunday	Exodus 20:1-17; 1Cor 1:22-25; Gospel John 2:13-25

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, February 25

- 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church**
- 9:15am Faith Formation K-8
Confirmation 10 & 11
- 10:30am Mass (Youth Mass)**
Liturgy of the Word for Children
- 11:30am Coffee & Donuts (Cafeteria)
- 7:00pm CCY Middle School (Youth Room)

Monday, February 26

- 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church**
- 6:30pm St. Joseph Parish Book Club (Boardroom)

Tuesday, February 27

- 12:05pm Mass**
- 12:45pm Stations of the Cross**
- 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
- 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer @ St. Joseph—Pastor Jeff Ewing

Wednesday, February 28

- 9:05am School Mass**
- 10:30am Faith Share (Boardroom)
- 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 1

- 10:15am Mary Queen of Heaven Lenten Study (Meyer Hall)
- 12:00pm Lenten Service & Luncheon at 1st United Methodist
- 12:05pm Mass**
- 12:30pm Adoration (Mothers Chapel)
- 6:00pm Daisy/Brownie Meeting (Meyer Hall)
- 6:30pm Mary Queen of Heaven Lenten Study (Boardroom)
- 7:15pm Evening Prayer

Friday, March 2 First Friday

- 8:00am Mass**
- 9:00am Homebound Communion
- 5:00pm K of C Lenten Fish Fry—St. Paul Center, Saybrook
- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross @ St. Joseph Church**
- 6:30pm RCIA Class after Stations of the Cross (Meyer Hall)
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross @ St. Luke Church**

Saturday, March 3

- 22:32 Men's Conference in Erie
- 3:30pm to 4:15pm Reconciliation @ Holy Redeemer**
No Reconciliation @ St. Joseph Church
- 4:30pm Mass at Holy Redeemer Church with Fr. Rick**
- 5:30pm Mass at St. Joseph Church with Fr. Rick**

Sunday, March 4

- 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church**
- 9:15am Faith Formation K-9
Confirmation 10 & 11 In Service for All
- 10:30am Mass**
Liturgy of the Word for Children
- 7:00pm CCY Middle School (Youth Room)