

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

At the Holden Evening Prayer that we hosted this past Tuesday evening, Fr. Matt from Trinity Episcopal Church was the guest homilist. His topic was fasting. During the course of his homily he suggested that we might want to try fasting from some of the creaturely comforts that we have become accustomed to, such as "one use" plastics. While acknowledging that would probably be an impossibility, he did call attention to the fact that we are becoming more and more shackled to the conveniences of this age. Think about all time we spend on computers or watching TV. How many of us use plastic silverware that will outlive us by a thousand years? His point was that Jesus Christ came to free us from our shackles. Fasting from those modern conveniences that bind us can help us understand the freedom that Jesus calls us to because we realize that we really don't need them to survive. Think about having to carry all the modern conveniences in our arms. How would we ever be able to embrace the people we love? Our burden would be so overwhelming that we may forget what is most important in our lives. Lent is an opportunity to once again reorient our priorities making sure that our arms are free enough to embrace those most important to us. Our first attempt at a Corn Hole Tournament was a success. We were able to raise about \$3000 for the school and provide an enjoyable afternoon for those who played and/or attended the tournament. Special thanks to the committee who organized the tournament. Maybe it will grow for next year. *Father Rick*

**PARISH NEWS**



**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWLS** are at all the doors of the church. The Saint Joseph Parish Soup Kitchen Ministry receives a check each year from the Erie Diocese from this collection. When you give, a portion of the money does stay local to help with our Soup Kitchen Ministry. **We thank you for your donations!**

**FORWARD TOGETHER WITH TRUTH...  
WITH HOPE... WITH CHRIST**

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the **Catholic Services Appeal**. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked "CSA" in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



**A ROSARY RALLY** will be held for Traditional Marriage in honor of St Joseph on March 23rd at noon outside across from the church on Pennsylvania Ave. All are invited to come!

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**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 24, 2019. No applications will be accepted after this date.

**5TH ANNUAL 1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**The Women's Conference will be held March 30th at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie.** The theme this year is "Live JOY-Fully". The speakers will be **Amanda Vernon, Sonja Corbitt, and Beth Davis**. For more information or to register please go to their website at <http://138women.com>. **Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions, need assistance in registering or if you are interested in carpooling to Erie. Thank You!**



**CHWC 2020 FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

CCY students going to CHWC in Rome distributed 460 M&M candy containers and so far 168 containers have been returned. CCY has received \$2584.10 in donations. You can still return your M & M container with a donation to the Parish Office or put it in the collection basket at Mass. A few containers are available in the Parish Office if you did not receive one or would like another. Your donations to help the students accomplish their goal to go on the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip to Rome in 2020 is gratefully appreciated. Thank you!

**THANK YOU!** Our first Cornhole was a big success! A special thank you to Tara Shattuck, Andrea Shene, and Steve "The Brackets" Courson. Thank you Joe and Carrie Mangione for managing the youth tournament. And to all the parishioners and school families for your support. Winners of the Adult division were John Young and Jeff Kinney with Rudy Meighan and Jack Passinger finishing second. First place in the youth division went to Eddie Abplanalp and Jaxon Thrift, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Brady and Aaron Shene, and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Owen Baldensperger and Dominic Mangione. The winner of the Cornhole Board set was Carrie Mangione.

**TEACHING POSITIONS:** St Joseph School will have a 5th and 6th grade teaching position open for the 2019-2020 school year. Inquiries can be directed to Nancy Warner, principal, 723-2030.

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD.** A worldwide initiative begun by Pope Francis inviting the faithful to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through time spent in Eucharistic Adoration and Confession begins at 5:15pm with Mass with Bishop Persico on Friday, March 22nd at St Peter Cathedral in Erie. For those who can not make the trip to Erie, Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday in the Mother's Chapel from 12:30pm- 7:15pm at St Joseph Church and Confession times are Friday after the Stations of the Cross and on Saturday from 4:30-5:15pm.



**ST LUKE CHURCH WILL BE HAVING A COOKIE SUNDAY** on March 31st after the 8:00am Mass. There will also be another drawing to benefit the CCY Students going to CHWC in Rome.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, 3/17</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
8:00am	(St Luke) Laura Morgan by Mr & Mrs Phil Bosko
10:45am	For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
<b>Monday, 3/18</b>	<b>St Cyril of Jerusalem</b>
12:00pm	(St Luke) Francis M & Mary A Russo by Estate
<b>Tuesday, 3/19</b>	<b>St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
12:05pm	Laura Ditka by Roy & Betsy Williams
<b>Wednesday, 3/20</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:05am	Lucy Notoro by Family
1:30pm	(Warren Manor) Leon & Virginia Spink by Estate
<b>Thursday, 3/21</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
12:05pm	David Lopez by Mary Ann & Dan Zdanko
<b>Friday, 3/22</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
8:00am	Vincent Pace by Jim & Betsy Suppa
<b>Saturday, 3/23</b>	<b>St Turibius of Mogrovejo</b>
5:30pm	Mary Walker by Frances Durante, Brian & Vicki Duckett
<b>Sunday, 3/24</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
8:00am	(St Luke) For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
10:45am	Katie Rooney by Family

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
<b>3/23</b> 5:30pm	R Williams	G & P Peck, D Labowski, *P Rickert, *D Geiger, *P Bailey, *A Kiehl	T Abplanalp J Hunter S Harvey
<b>3/24</b> 8:00am	Janet Mack	R McCanna, M A Morgan	Joey Mack
<b>10:45am</b>	M Smelko	B Smelko, *R Beyer, S Cole, *K & V Amsdell, *B & B Crowley	Caroline Smelko Cassandra Smelko Luke Smelko

3/20—The Rouse Home— Bob Pangallo/Mary Donahue  
3/24—8:00am Mass Ushers—Timber Bower/Mary Donahue

*WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF  
Anthony & Susan Brazer by Jan Graziano & Family*

**St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—March 9th & 10th**  
**Saint Joseph Church - \$7473.81**  
**Saint Luke Church - \$715.00**

*Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!*

### Helping Hands Items to be collected in March

**St Joseph Church** —Boxes of cereal: Raisin Bran, Fruit Loops, Frosted Flakes, Apple Jacks, Lucky Charms, Chex, Corn Flakes  
**St Luke Church** —Peanut Butter, Jelly, Juice, Coffee, Sugar & Flour  
**\*\*Items collected are distributed to the Warren Salvation Army and the Youngsville Food Pantry.**

*Thank You!*

### VOCATION ICON

A special thank you to **Mrs Nasman's 6th Grade Class** for praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life in our Parish and the Erie Diocese this week. Thank You!

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	Daniel 9:4b-10; Gospel Luke 6:36-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Sam 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Gospel Matt 1:16,18-21,24a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jeremiah 18:18-20; Gospel Matthew 20:17-28
<b>Thursday</b>	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
<b>Friday</b>	Gen 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Gospel Matt 21:33-43,45-46
<b>Saturday</b>	Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Gospel Luke 15:1-3,11-32
<b>Sunday</b>	Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Gospel Luke 13:1-9

## SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	8:00am (St Luke ) Mass 9:15am EDGE @ Holy Redeemer Church 10:45am Mass Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God) Saint Joseph Feast Tureen Luncheon following Mass in the Gym 4:00pm CCY for 7th, 8th & 9th Grades at St Joseph (Gym)
<b>Monday, March 18</b>	12:00pm (St Luke) Mass 5:30pm (Holy Redeemer) Mass followed by Bread & Soup Dinner
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>	10:30am (St Luke) Bible Study 12:05pm School Mass St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Stations of the Cross following Mass 4:30pm Soup Kitchen 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Boardroom) 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Meyer Hall) 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer @ Trinity Episcopal Church
<b>Wednesday, March 20</b>	9:05pm Mass 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall) 1:30pm (Warren Manor) Mass 6:30pm Rummage Sale Meeting (Meyer Hall) 6:30pm (St Luke) Altar/Rosary Meeting 7:00pm Choir Practice
<b>Thursday, March 21</b>	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
<b>Friday, March 22</b>	8:00am Mass 5:00pm Lenten Fish Fry at St Paul Center in Saybrook 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation 7:00pm (St Luke) Stations of the Cross 24 Hours for the Lord in Erie at St Peter Cathedral
<b>Saturday, March 23</b>	10:00am Sacrament of First Reconciliation @ Holy Redeemer 12:00pm Rosary Rally ( outside across from St Joseph Church) 4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	8:00am (St Luke) Mass 9:00am CREW @ Holy Redeemer Church 9:15am EDGE @ Holy Redeemer Church Lent Event @ Holy Redeemer Church 10:00am Sonrise Choir Rehearsal (Meyer Hall) 10:45am Mass Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God) 3:00pm Penance Service @ St Thomas in Corry