

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This past Sunday I received a phone call at 1:43 am. When I answered the phone, the woman on the other end said she expected the call to go to the voicemail and only wanted to know when the next stations of the cross would be. People call with the most unusual requests at those odd hours. Some have called for diapers, some for baby formula, some for rides and I have answered them all because I don't know when the person on the other end of the line is calling for the Anointing of the Sick. Caller ID may tell us who is calling, but not why they are calling. Non-emergencies can probably wait until the next day. I don't stock diapers or baby formula and I am not an Uber driver.

We celebrated First Reconciliation with our second graders Saturday morning. In answering some of their concerns prior to the sacrament, I tried to ease their minds about several points. One point was the question of either forgetting what to say or saying the wrong thing. I told them over the course of my years as a priest I have heard many things that weren't quite right. For example, one time a person came into confession and began "Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts..." I gently reminded that person that it wasn't lunch time yet and asked how long it had been since their last confession. Congratulations to all who made their First Reconciliation.

We will be hosting Confirmation Tuesday evening. I have had the pleasure of interviewing each candidate from St. Joseph's and have confidence in each of them. They are a fine representation to present to Bishop Persico. Congratulations to them all.

Fr. Rick

PARISH NEWS



Please keep in your prayers **Samantha Stroup, Marla McMeans, Sharon Zorrilla, Kim Colvin, and Kylie and Nathan Harris** as they enter full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

WELCOME DEACON IAN— He will be returning to Saint Joseph on Friday, March 23rd and will be with us until Easter Sunday.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

Our funeral luncheon volunteers provide a welcoming place and a warm meal for families grieving the loss of a loved one. Whether your talents are baking a cake, setting an inviting table or preparing a delicious meal, please consider being part of this special ministry. All are welcome. Call the parish office for details or to sign up.

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.

VOCATIONS ICON

Thank you to Bob and Barb Crowley for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Parish.

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL 2018

CSA 2018 continues. 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!

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.

RCIA SERVICE PROJECT:

A basket raffle to benefit Caring For Life will be conducted by this year's RCIA class. CFL provides financial, emotional and travel expenses to Warren County families with seriously ill children. Tickets will be on sale after the weekend Masses of March 10/11 and 17/18 and during the week in the parish office. \$2 per ticket, 3 for \$5. Baskets include a children's Easter basket and a lottery ticket basket. The winning ticket will be drawn March 28th. Thank you for the support of our RCIA class and Caring for Life.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus of Warren Council 964 are currently having a Membership Drive. We are looking for a few good men to become members. If you are a practicing Catholic over the age of 18 and are looking to live your faith by helping others, then the K. of C. is for you. For any man who might be interested in joining at this time, there is a folder with membership applications inside on the bulletin board at the main entrance of Saint Joseph Church. For more information about the Knights, you may contact Membership Director Chuck Mahood at 723-6618 or 730-3001.

Building and Grounds Committee Is looking to add a new member. The committee assists with projects around the church and school. If you are interested in joining this group please call the parish office.

1:38 Women's Conference

Saturday April 21st, 8:00am-3:30pm

Our Lady of Peace Church, Erie PA

You can register and see all the details at www.138women.com or call 814-455-7364

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 3/18 Fifth Sunday of Lent
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 10:30am Karlene Molinaro by Pete

Monday, 3/19 Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (School Mass)
 9:05am Mass @ St. Joseph Church Jim Graziano by Jan & Family

Tuesday, 3/20 Lenten Weekday
 12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church
 7:00pm Confirmation at Saint Joseph Church

Wednesday, 3/21 Lenten Weekday
 9:05am Julia Papalia by Frank & Mary Ann Papalia
 1:30pm Mass @ Warren Manor

Thursday, 3/22 Lenten Weekday
 12:05pm Special Intention for George LeMeur by Holly & Hank LeMeur

Friday, 3/23 Lenten Weekday St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
 8:00am Lucy Notoro by Family

Saturday, 3/24 Fifth Sunday of Lent (Vigil Mass) Saint Patrick, Bishop
 5:30pm Katie Rooney by Christine, Mom & Dan

Sunday, 3/25 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Gospel Mt 1:16, 18-21,24a

Tuesday Numbers 21:4-9; Gospel John 8:21-30

Wednesday Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Gospel John 8:31-42

Thursday Genesis 17:3-9; Gospel John 8:51-59

Friday Jeremiah 20:10-13; Gospel John 10:31-42

Saturday Ezekiel 37:21-28; Gospel John 11:45-56

Sunday Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Gospel Mark 14:1—15:47

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, March 18 Third Scrutiny
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 9:15am Faith Formation K-9
 10:00am Cherub Choir Rehearsal
 10:30am Mass Youth Mass (Sonrise Choir to Sing)
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 11:30am Saint Joseph Feast tureen luncheon following Mass
 6:00 pm Confirmation Practice St. Joseph

Monday, March 19 Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9:05am School Mass @ St Joseph Church

Tuesday, March 20
 12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church
 12:45pm School Stations of the Cross
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 7:00pm Confirmation at St. Joseph Church
 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer @ Trinity Memorial Episcopal

Wednesday, March 21
 9:05am Mass in Mother's Chapel
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 1:30pm Mass at Warren Manor
 6:30pm RCIA Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 22
 10:15am Mary Queen of Heaven Lenten Study (Meyer Hall)
 12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
 6:30pm Mary Queen of Heaven Lenten Study (Boardroom)
 7:15pm Evening Prayer

Friday, March 23
 8:00am Mass
 5:00pm K of C Lenten Fish Fry—St. Paul Center, Saybrook
 5:30pm Tomato Soup & Grill Cheese served @ Holy Redeemer
 7:00pm CCY Living Stations of the Cross @ Holy Redeemer

Saturday, March 24
 4:30pm-5:15pm Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 10:30am Mass Blessing of Palms and Procession at General Joseph Warren Park with Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
3/24	J Walker	M & J Sabat, B & R Williams, R & J Cecco,	J Kupchella B Shene
5:30pm			J Westover
3/25	M Smelko	*B Smelko, *L & A Tyers, J Hausmann, D Pusateri,	L Smelko N Smelko
10:30am		Volunteer	L Thrift

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY of
 Gordon Albaugh by Wife & Family

St. Joseph Church
 Weekly Offering—March 11th \$8,922.50
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 Catholic School, please call the school at 814-723-2030.
 We have open enrollment.

**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. ****We have a special need for dressers and single bed frames . Please call the Parish Office 723-2090.**

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Leota Tremblay** who passed away last week. We extend our sympathy to her family, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.