

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we progress through the season of Lent, preparing for the great celebration of the Paschal Mystery at Easter, we take note that our readings at Mass, both weekday and weekend, prompt us toward a deeper awareness and appreciation of the self-sacrificial love of Christ. For example, today's (Wednesday) reading speak of the reluctant prophet Jonah and his example cited by Jesus in the gospel reading. The sign of Jonah in the context of the daily readings, sometimes mistakenly thought to refer to the three days in the belly of the fish, refers to the compassionate outpouring of God's love on the Ninevites through the instrument of Jonah's preaching. The people of Nineveh responded to message of Jonah by repenting. In God's compassion, God forgave this foreign people. Jesus cites the incident and then remarks that there is something greater than the sign of Jonah here. What could be greater than the compassionate mercy of God that the sign of Jonah points to? The Compassionate Mercy of God Incarnate in their very presence. Jesus is the Compassionate Mercy of God, Jesus is the Wisdom of God in the people's very midst. Many at the time of Jesus failed to see this bigger picture of who Jesus truly is. Over the centuries we have had the opportunity to think about, ponder, meditate on, pray about, contemplate this person Jesus still present in our midst. Sometimes we still miss the bigger picture, but hopefully we get the invitation that there is more. Hopefully, we can continue to grow in our awareness and appreciation of the self-sacrificial love of Jesus and imitate it.

Fr. Rick

PARISH NEWS

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER ECUMENICAL SERVICE will be this coming Tuesday, March 14th here at St. Joseph at 7pm followed by a time of fellowship in the cafeteria with refreshments. Rev. Lee Beckes will be preaching. All are welcome.

RCIA THANK YOU A sincere thank you to all of our participants and donors for the RCIA Project Paint It Forward FUNdraiser! It was a fun, enjoyable time for all that will bless a family with a dream come true. Thanks for being a part of our project!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION On Saturday March 18th, the K of C will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day at the clubhouse. The celebration will feature a FREE food buffet and soft drinks and is open to ALL Warren, Youngsville, and Sheffield Council members as well as any guests they would like to bring. Any prospective K of C members are welcome to come too! Happy hour will begin at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm. RSVP to Ralph Gallo at 723-4733.

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT There is a basket by the parish office for you to put one can of a nonperishable food item for each day of Lent. All donated foods will be used at the Youngsville Food Pantry. Matthew 25:40 *"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."*

PIEROGI SALE St. John Church in Tidioute will be selling frozen pierogi as a fundraiser during Lent this year; every Saturday from March 4th through April 8th from 1pm to 4pm in the church's center. Call Fran O'Hosky 484-7157 to pre-order. Cost is \$9 /dozen or \$6/half dozen.

*Weekly Donations - March 5th: \$ 5831.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!*

2232 MEN'S CONFERENCE The 4th Annual 2232 Men's Conference will be on Saturday, March 25th at the Erie Warner Theatre, 811 State Street, Erie. Registration starts at 8am. The conference starts at 9am and lasts until 3:30pm. Cost is \$40 per person, but group rates are available. Please contact Troy McFate, 563-7339 if you are interested in attending.

SAINT JOSEPH TABLE Sunday, March 19th is the Feast of Saint Joseph. We will have a **5:00pm Mass (which is your weekend obligation)** followed by a tureen dinner at 6:30pm. **(There will be NO 10:30am Mass)** The meat, beverages and table service will be provided, each family is asked to bring a dish to share. All donations of non perishable food items at the Saint Joseph Table will benefit the Soup Kitchen. For reservations call the office at 723-2090 or stop in.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the **4th Annual Billy Paul Memorial Pickleball Tournament**. The winners of the Advanced division were Nate & Tim Sandberg and 2nd Place going to Dr. Keith Price & Mark Espin. The winners of the Intermediate division were Michele Ogibene & Ann Knepschild and 2nd place finishers were Mindy Howe & Pam Hanna. A special thank you to Marlene Sandberg for spear heading this fundraiser for our youth. We raised \$2,790.00 for Cool Catholic Youth!

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA) 2017 is scheduled to begin on the weekend of **March 18th & 19th**. The theme this year is "With Open Hearts" and our service project for St. Joseph Church is to remodel the side entrance by the parish office to be handicap accessible with automatic doors. Please see the parish website, www.stjosephwarrenpa.org to view **2017 Catholic Service Appeal video message**. As Bishop Persico has said: "This is an important year". With partnering, merging & new pastor assignments it will be good for all of us to hear the Bishop's video message.

THE ANNUAL PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY for the protection of the family in America will be held Saturday, March 18th at noon on the banks of the Allegheny across from St. Joseph Church. At the same time Holy Redeemer Church will be praying in their chapel for those who are not weather hardy.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available in the parish office for graduating seniors from our parish planning to attend a college or 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 here at St. Joseph Parish. Applications must be returned to the parish office by Tuesday, April 25th. No applications will be accepted after this date.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON MARCH 16TH Please join us in praying for the following special pray requests of Bishop Persico, for peace and unity in our country, immigrants and refugees, and vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

ST. JOSEPH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE will be on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00pm. This is the only one for the Warren Area Catholic Community. There will be multiple priests available.

I am pleased to announce that Pat Bailey has been hired to replace me as the Office Manager. Thank you to everyone who has come through the office, spent a few minutes chatting with me, had a laugh with me or in some way shared a piece of yourself with me. I have been truly blessed to work here for 7 years and have gotten to know so many wonderful people. God Bless.

Patty Rickert

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 3/12 - Second Sunday of Lent
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville
 10:30am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph (Youth Mass)

Monday, 3/13 - Lenten Weekday
 12:00pm Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville

Tuesday, 3/14 - Lenten Weekday
 12:05pm Homer & Betty Peck by Gary & Patsy Peck

Wednesday, 3/15 - Lenten Weekday
 905am Carrie Randas by Rose
 1:30pm Mass at Warren Manor
 Bernard & Ester Lignian by Estate

Thursday, 3/16 - Lenten Weekday—School Mass
 12:05pm Paul Rickert by Wife

Friday, 3/17 - Lenten Weekday
 8:00am Ed Baczkowski by Blair & Pam Smoulder

Saturday, 3/18 - Lenten Weekday
 8:00am Special Intention of Good Health for Rita Grillo
 5:30pm Dr. Harold Reinhard by Karen Wingard (Adult Choir)

Sunday, 3/19 - Third Sunday of Lent
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville
 5:00pm Robert & Carolyn Atkins by Children & Grandchildren (St. Joseph Feast)

Monday Deuteronomy 9:4b-10; Gospel - Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Gospel - Matthew 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 - Matthew 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Gospel - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; Gospel - John 4:5-42

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in memory of
 Howard & Mary Margaret O'Neil, & Katie Rooney by
 Christine Rooney & Dan & MaryAnn Zdarko

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 12
 9:00am K-9 Faith Formation (School)
 9:00am-1:00pm 2nd Grade Retreat (School)
 9:30am Sonrise Rehearsal (Church)
 10:00am Cherub Rehearsal (Church)
 3:00pm The Gospel of John (Meyer Hall)
 7:00pm HS CCY (Youth Room)

Tuesday, March 14
 12:45pm School Stations of the Cross (Church)
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen (Cafeteria)
 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer (Church)
 Fellowship to follow in cafeteria

Wednesday, March 15
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 1:30pm Mass at Warren Manor
 4:00-7:00 pm Rotary Pancake Supper (Gym)
 6:30pm RCIA (Meyer Hall)
 7:00pm Choir (Church)

Thursday, March 16
 8:00am Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
 12:05pm School Mass (Church)
 8:15pm Night Prayer & Benediction (Mother's Chapel)

Friday, March 17
 NO School
 5:00pm K of C Fish Fry in Sheffield (St. Paul Center)
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 18
 10:00am First Reconciliation (Church)
 4:30pm Reconciliation (Church)

Sunday, March 19
 3:00pm Gospel of John (Meyer Hall)
 3:30pm K-9 Faith Formation (School)
 10-11 Confirmation (School)
 5:00pm Mass (Church)
 6:30pm Saint Joseph Table & Tureen Dinner (Gym)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
3/18 5:30pm	J Walker	J Rickert, K Jones, R Kujawa, D Labowski, G & P Peck, P Lobdell	J Funari J Funari B Hoffman
3/19 5:00pm	K Amsdell	J & V Siliano, C Feaster, T Siliano, B & B Crowley, D Bogniak	L Johnson S Johnson K Beyer



During March, we are asking you to help fill the shelves at the Salvation Army with **laundry soap, dish detergent, Clorox wipes, paper towels, and toilet paper.** Baskets to put your donations can be found at the exits of the Church.

VOCATIONS ICON

We would like to thank **Betsy and Roy Williams** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

If you or your children want to send your/their child/ren to St. Joseph Catholic School, please call the school at 814-723-2030. We have open enrollment. There are numerous grants and scholarships available. Call the school today.

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