

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

March madness", bracketology", "bracket-buster", "How's your bracket doing?" are all phrases that we hear at this time of the year and are better indicators of the coming of spring than a furry critter's shadow in Punxsutawney. More daylight (thank you Daylight Savings Time), more sun and warmer temperatures, help get us out of the house to enjoy the spring.

Spring is also the time of Lenten fish fries, Holden Evening Prayer, Lenten Penance celebrations and sacramental firsts. We celebrate in the spring First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. We see robins and crocuses pushing up through the soil. We hear the birds singing sweetly in the morning.

All of these spring-time events help to renew our faith. In a sense, there is new life springing up all around us and we choose to celebrate this new life with the telling of the story of a passage from death to life. We call that passage from death to life the Paschal Mystery and prepare for forty days to celebrate the sacred three days, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

These three days help to take all the experiences of our lives during the springtime and offer them to God in thanksgiving for the events of our salvation. They remind us of our loving God and God's desire to fill us with the mystery of God's love.

Take a few minutes in the next few days between all the madness to reflect on how the liturgical experience of the church helps give perspective to the new life erupting around us. *Father Rick*

**PARISH NEWS**

**SUMMER MASS TIME CHANGE:** Believe it or not Spring is here and Summer is just around the corner! Beginning **MAY 5<sup>th</sup>**, the Sunday Mass at St. Joseph will be at 10:00AM. This change will run through Labor Day weekend.

**ST JOSEPH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY** is looking for a parishioner to deliver meals to the homebound on the third Tuesday of each month. We deliver at 4:30pm and you pick up the meals in the kitchen. If you are interested please call the Parish Office.

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**DESSERTS NEEDED:** For years Tops has donated their baked goods and sweets to our Tuesday soup kitchen meal. As of next week this practice will cease and we will be in need of additional desserts for our meals. If you would like to donate cakes, cookies, brownies, or another sweet treat, any Tuesday of the month, please drop it off at the parish office between the hours of 8am-noon. Thank you for your generosity.

**\*\*A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all of you dedicated bakers who currently supply desserts each week, your desserts are always wonderful and we sincerely appreciate it.

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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. **This is the last week to register.** 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!**



**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH AND SCHOOL GROUNDS**

**CLEAN UP DAY**

The annual Clean Up Day is scheduled for April 13th so the grounds will look nice for Easter. We will start at 9:00am and tools will be provided but, please bring gloves. This is a big project and many hands are needed, families and service groups are welcome. Let's plan to join together as a Parish and School Community and make this a fun and enjoyable morning.

**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

A Catholic education helps children mature into Christ-like people. Students are encouraged to recognize the presence of Christ in themselves and others. If you or someone you know wants to attend St. Joseph Catholic School, please call the School Office at 723-2030.

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



**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.

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

**CSA:** A sincere thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to the 2019 appeal. We are getting closer to our goal. If you have not yet made a pledge, please know that your gift is very important and no gift is too small. Complete the envelope you received in the mail and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

**LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, 3/24 Third Sunday of Lent**  
**8:00am** (St Luke) For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish  
**10:45am** Katie Rooney by Family

**Monday, 3/25 The Annunciation of the Lord**  
**12:00pm** (St Luke) Eugene Smith by M/M Jack Natale

**Tuesday, 3/26 Lenten Weekday**  
**12:05pm** Gordon Albaugh by Family

**Wednesday, 3/27 Lenten Weekday**  
**9:05am** Catherine Sheldon by Sherry Albrecht & Francis Durante

**Thursday, 3/28 Lenten Weekday**  
**12:05pm** Gerardo Alfonso Zorrilla by Jaime & Sharon Zorrilla

**Friday, 3/29 Lenten Weekday**  
**8:00am** Special Intention of Thanksgiving of Gladys & Simeon Onojobi by Mom

**Saturday, 3/30 Lenten Weekday**  
**5:30pm** Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

**Sunday, 3/31 Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**8:00am** (St Luke) Julius Sitka by M/M James Brooks  
**10:45am** Michael Kolos by Karen

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
<b>3/30</b> <b>5:30pm</b>	K Jones	*P Lodbell, J Sabat, *B & R Williams, A Williams, H Thomas, *G Stilwell	H Harrison M Harrison L Harrison
<b>3/31</b> <b>8:00am</b>	M Donahue	Becky & Bob Pangallo	R Nuhfer
<b>10:45am</b>	Students	C Zawacki, *C Bevacqua, G Grosch, *B Harvey, E Keeney, *A Kirpatrick,	Students

**3/27—The Rouse Home—** Bob Pangallo/Carol Knapp  
**3/30—8:00am Mass Ushers—** Pat & Bill Mascaro

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF  
*Katie Rooney by Mom, Dan, and Family*

**St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—March 16th & 17th**  
**Saint Joseph Church - \$10,083.50**  
**Saint Luke Church - \$732.00**  
*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!**



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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday** Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Gospel Luke 1:26-38  
**Tuesday** Daniel 3:25,34-43; Gospel Matthew 18:21-35  
**Wednesday** Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Gospel Matthew 5:17-19  
**Thursday** Jeremiah 7:23-28; Gospel Luke 11:14-23  
**Friday** Hosea 14:2-10; Gospel Mark 12:28-34  
**Saturday** Hosea 6:1-6; Gospel Luke 18:9-14  
**Sunday** Joshua 5:9a,10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Gospel Luke 15:1-3,11-32

**SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 24**  
**8:00am (St Luke) Mass**  
 9:00am CREW @ Holy Redeemer Church (11th Gr only)  
 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

**Monday, March 25**  
**12:00pm (St Luke) Mass**  
**5:30pm (Holy Redeemer) Mass followed by Bread & Soup Dinner**  
 6:00pm Baptismal Class (Boardroom)

**Tuesday, March 26**  
 10:30am (St Luke) Bible Study  
**12:05pm Mass**  
**1:00pm Stations of the Cross**  
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen  
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Meyer Hall)  
 7:00pm Penance Service @ St Joseph Church  
 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer @ First Lutheran Church

**Wednesday, March 27**  
**9:05pm Mass**  
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)  
 11:30pm (St Luke) Youngsville Ecumenical Lenten Service & Luncheon  
 7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, March 28**  
 10:30am Jesus Revealed Bible Study (Meyer Hall)  
**12:05pm Mass**  
 12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:15pm Evening Prayer

**Friday, March 29**  
**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

**Saturday, March 30**  
 9:00am-1:00pm 9th & 10th Gr Retreat @ St Joseph Church  
**4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**5:30pm Mass**

**Sunday, March 31**  
**8:00am (St Luke) Mass**  
 9:15am EDGE @ Holy Redeemer Church  
 9:00am-1:30pm 5th—8th Gr Retreat @ St Joseph Church  
 10:00am Sonrise Choir Rehearsal (Meyer Hall)  
**10:45am Mass (Youth Mass)**  
 Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God)  
 Coffee & Donuts (Cafeteria)  
 11:45am Cherub Choir Rehearsal (Church)