

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Holy Week is time of the year when we remember who we really are and celebrate that mystery. From the triumphant entry into Jerusalem celebrated on Palm Sunday through the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, his death on Good Friday and his Resurrection on Easter we take our identity. We are an Easter people who recognize that the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus represent the salvific moment of God's merciful love.

We also believe that every time we celebrate the Eucharist we are present in the salvific moment of God's merciful love. This means that what we celebrate during Holy Week is not just some historical remembrance of events strictly in the past that we recall in the spring. The mystery is that these salvific events surround us anew every year and we are caught up in them.

That's why we should make every effort to attend the liturgies of Holy Week. These liturgies help us to understand who we really are. They deepen our appreciation of God's merciful love and help us to live our lives in the light of salvation. Join us for the wonderful celebrations during Holy Week.

We welcome Deacon Ian back with us for the celebration of Holy Week.

Congratulations to our newly confirmed juniors.

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.

EASTER WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, Mar. 31st—Easter Vigil Mass @ Holy Redeemer— 8:30pm

Sunday, April 1st—Easter Day Masses

- Saint Luke Church—8:00am**
- Holy Redeemer Church—8:30am**
- Saint Joseph Church—10:30am**
- Saint Anthony Church—11:00am**

THE SAINT JOSEPH TABLE Thank you to Pat Christy and the Banquet Committee for setting up and preparing the meat for the St. Joseph Feast Day Luncheon. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for their organization and setting of the St. Joseph Table.

CONFIRMATION THANK YOU to Vilma Siliano, Ann Wortman, Ron Osche, Pat Christy, Patti Colosimo, Holly LeMeur, Robin Gage, Tom Lemmon, Tom & Chris Grana, Diane Groszek, Fran Leto & the Choir, Denise Pusateri, and Alice Fadale for all their help on Tuesday. Thank you to the parents and grandparents, friends and prayer partners for all their love and support and finally thank you to the catechists, Father Rick, and Betsy Williams and Katie Courson for preparing our young adults over their many years in formation. We are so blessed by all of you!

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL 2018

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A PLEDGE! To date, 229 families have made a pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal. Our 2018 projects include new carpeting and pew upholstery and Warren Co. Fair booth up-grade. 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 is being conducted by this year's RCIA class. **This is the last chance to get your tickets!** Tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend and in the parish office on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the winning tickets will be drawn on March 28th. The cost of tickets are \$2 per ticket, 3 for \$5. Baskets include a children's Easter basket and a lottery ticket basket. Thank you for the support of our RCIA class and Caring for Life.

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.

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.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, 3/26 Monday of Holy Week
12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church Peggy Hetrick by M/M Darrell Harlan

Tuesday, 3/27 Tuesday of Holy Week
12:05pm Marianne Scheer by Peggy Folwell

Wednesday, 3/28 Wednesday of Holy Week (School Mass)
9:05am Special Intention for Brian & Vicki Duckett by Frances Durante

Thursday, 3/29 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00pm Yarzabek & Sowa Families by Mary Sowa

Friday, 3/30 Good Friday The Passion of the Lord
1:30pm The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, 3/31 Holy Saturday
8:30pm ** Easter Vigil @ Holy Redeemer Church **

Sunday, 4/1 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord
8:00am For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Luke Church
10:30am John Castagnino by Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
3/29			
7:00pm	M Sandberg	A Kiehl, R & P Osche, H Zaffino, R Kujawa, A Wortman	L Walker, S Walker M Walker, L Fincher
3/30			
1:30pm	D Pusateri	A Kiehl, J Rickert	A Strandburg, L Stanley O Strandburg
4/1			
10:30am	M Sandberg	C Feaster, J & M Sabat, 3 Volunteers needed	J Sobina, O Baldensperger 2 Volunteers

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Alexandria & Joseph Doroticis
by Brenda, John, Abby, & Katie

St. Joseph Church

Weekly Offering-March 18th—\$6919.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Charles Salerno** who passed away recently and whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated this past week. We extend our sympathy to his family, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

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.

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**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Isaiah 42:1-7; Gospel John 12:1-11

Tuesday Isaiah 49:1-6 ; Gospel John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday Isaiah 50:4-9a; Gospel Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday Exodus 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Gospel John 13:1-15

Friday Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Gospel John 18:1—19:42

Saturday Gen 1:1—2:2; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Isaiah 55:1-11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7

Sunday Acts 10:34a,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Gospel John 20:1-9

HOLY WEEK SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Monday, March 26
12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church
 4:00pm Chrism Mass @ St. Peter Cathedral in Erie
 6:30pm St. Joseph Book Club @ the Rouse Home

Tuesday, March 27
12:05pm Mass
12:45pm School Stations of the Cross
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, March 28
9:05am School Mass
 5:30pm RCIA Sedar Meal (Meyer Hall)
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 29 Parish Office Closed
7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Child Care available 7:00pm (Meyer Hall)
8:00pm Adoration in Mother's Chapel until 11:00pm

Friday, March 30 Parish Office Closed
12:00pm - 1:00pm Confession
1:30pm The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 Child Care Available Noon -3:00pm (Meyer Hall)
 5:00pm K of C Lenten Fish Fry—St. Paul Center, Saybrook

Saturday, March 31
 12:00pm Blessing of Easter Food in the Mother's Chapel

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord
8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

SPECIAL HOURS FOR ADORATION Come and join us on Thursday evening in the Garden in Mother's Chapel after the Mass of Our Lord's Supper for Eucharist Adoration until 11:00pm

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY ITEMS NEEDED IN MARCH

THE MONTH OF APRIL WE WILL BE COLLECTING SPAGHETTI SAUCE, PASTA AND NOODLES. Thank you to all who donated boxes of cereal during March. You are awesome! Your support to the needy families of the Warren Community is amazing. ****We have a special need for sheets and blankets for full beds.**