

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Here we are a little more than halfway through Lent, in the second weekend of March Madness, at the beginning of baseball season, and hoping that the weather will turn warmer and stay that way. There is still one Lenten Penance Celebration on Tuesday evening at 7 at St. Anthony's. Holden Evening Prayer is continuing Tuesday evenings. With all this going on we need to ask the question "How is our preparation for Easter going?"

As we know Lent is a 40-day preparation for the celebration of the Triduum, the three days that celebrate the Last Supper of Holy Thursday, the Lord's death on Good Friday, and the Lord's Resurrection on Easter. Sometimes because of everything else that is going on, preparing for Easter gets shoved to the back burner.

Unlike Christmas which has a countdown to remind us of how many days there are left until Christmas, Easter beckons to us through fish fries and crocuses without ever mentioning the number of days left. So, our preparation for Easter is largely left up to us. For that reason, we sometimes go days without ever remembering what exactly it is that we are preparing for.

Over the course of the next three weeks, the pace of Lent picks up as our readings become filled with the tensions Jesus faced leading up to Holy Week. Maybe that's an implicit reminder that the pace of our Lenten preparations should pick up as well. *Father Rick*

PARISH NEWS

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

HOW TO SPOT FRAUDULENT EMAIL Email fraud and spam remain prevalent today. Dissecting an email address is the first step in keeping safe on the internet. **Most U.S. email addresses end in three-letter suffixes, such as .org, .com, .edu and .net. Email addresses ending in a two-letter suffix originate from a foreign country.** Here is a list of two-letter suffixes from around the world: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Internet_top-level_domains#Country_code_top-level_domains. If you open an email that requests money or threatens legal action, review the FROM address carefully. This still isn't a foolproof method for recognizing fraud because some malicious senders will fake the FROM address and use a different address as the REPLY. Be safe and also review REPLY addresses carefully. The Parish Office has been receiving phone calls concerning suspicious emails, we hope this article was informative and if you have questions just give us a call.

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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.

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



REMINDER: First Eucharist Retreat is April 7th at Holy Redeemer from 8:15am Mass until 12:15pm. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer at the Parish Office.

YOU'RE INVITED TO PRAY the Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary and Novena on April 12th-20th at 10am each day at St Anthony's Church in Sheffield. Hope to see you there!

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.

CHWC 2020 FUNDRAISER UPDATE

CCY students going to CHWC in Rome distributed 460 M&M candy containers and so far **187** containers have been returned. CCY has received **\$2853.90** in donations. You can still return your 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.

Thank you!



MOVIE NIGHT! Join us for the second half of Mary of Nazareth on April 8th at 6pm in Meyer Hall, St Joseph Church. We watched the first half of this movie in Advent and we will finish this epic tale of our most holy saint, the Blessed Mother. Drinks and popcorn will be served. Don't miss it.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Pledge to Heal: The Erie Diocese is committed to help those who were harmed by clergy sexual abuse to heal and recover. The Diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims or concerned individuals are also welcome to contact the diocese directly to report abuse at 814-451-1543. Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their families through the diocesan victim assistance coordinator, Dr. Robert Nelsen, who can be reached at 814-451-1521. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 3/31	Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00am	(St Luke) Julius Sitka by M/M James Brooks
10:45am	Michael Kolos by Karen
Monday, 4/1	Lenten Weekday
12:00pm	(St Luke) Georgette Shtoyko by M/M Darrell Harlan
Tuesday, 4/2	St Francis of Paola
12:05pm	Jack & Linda Larkins by Nick Tomassoni
Wednesday, 4/3	Lenten Weekday
9:05am	Sue Ellen Nazario by Frances Durante, Brian & Vicki Duckett
2:00pm	Mass @ Rouse Home Francis M & Mary A Russo by Estate
Thursday, 4/4	St Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
12:05pm	Bill Hunter by Daniel & Cecile Richard
Friday, 4/5	St Vincent Ferrer, Priest
8:00am	Troy Patrick Albaugh by Mom & Dad
Saturday, 4/6	Lenten Weekday
5:30pm	Meg Sabat by Sue Melocchi
Sunday, 4/7	Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00am	(St Luke) Dick & Carolyn Hutley by M/M Hutley
10:45am	For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4/6		H Zaffino, R Kujawa, K Jones,	J Wilson
5:30pm	C Mahood	R Sharp, G & M Belleau, A Kiehl	A Strandburg O Strandburg
4/7			
8:00am	T Marino	M Skerda, L Marino	R Nuhfer
10:45am	J Bowler	J & V Siliano, R & P Osche, B Walczak, J Rickert, T Siliano,	Volunteer S Sokolski E Straight

4/3—The Rouse Home— Fr Rick Tomasone / Mary Donahue
4/7—8:00am Mass Ushers—Doug & Diana Sandberg

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF *Chester Krepschaw*

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—March 23rd & 24th
Saint Joseph Church - \$7128.50
Saint Luke Church - \$751.00

Thank you for your continued weekly support of our Parish!

VOCATION ICON

A special thank you to **The Patrick Shene Family** for praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life in our Parish and the Erie Diocese this week. Thank You!



Helping Hands Items to be collected in April

St Joseph Church & St Luke Church
Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, & Noodles

**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 65:17-21; Gospel John 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; Gospel John 5:1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49:8-15; Gospel John 5:17-30
Thursday	Exodus 32:7-14; Gospel John 5:31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Gospel John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11:18-20; Gospel John 7:40-53
Sunday	Isaiah 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Gospel John 8:1-11

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

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 (Church)

10:45am Mass (Youth Mass)

Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God)
Coffee & Donuts (Cafeteria)

11:45am Cherub Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Monday, April 1

12:00pm (St Luke) Mass

4:30pm Fair Booth Committee Meeting (Boardroom)

5:30pm (Holy Redeemer) Mass followed by Bread & Soup Dinner

7:00pm Penance Service @ St Callistus in Kane

Tuesday, April 2

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 Anthony Church

7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer @ St Paul Lutheran Church

Wednesday, April 3

9:05pm School Mass

10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)

2:00pm (Rouse Home) Mass

5:15pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (Boardroom)

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 4

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

Friday, April 5 First Friday

8:00am Mass

9:00am Homebound Communion Visits

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, April 6

4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass

Sunday, April 7

8:00am (St Luke) Mass

8:15am-12:15pm 3rd Gr Retreat @ Holy Redeemer Church

9:15am EDGE @ Holy Redeemer Church

10:45am Mass

Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God)

6:30pm Confirmation Practice @ Holy Redeemer Church