

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Unity vs. uniformity. That was a subject of conversation at the most recent Liturgy Committee meeting. The celebration of the Eucharist is an action of Christ and the People of God, the Church. The entire liturgical celebration is carried out by perceptible signs that help unify us as the Body of Christ.

So what are some of these perceptible signs? Gestures, for example, help us to perceive the unity of the Church. During the Lord's Prayer the congregation is encouraged to extend hands in the way that the priest does as a visible sign of the oneness we experience. Singing together or reciting the appropriate parts of Mass are another way we can show our unity.

Does the Church ask that we uniformly do all the same things at the same time? Yes and no. We certainly would not begin to recite the Our Father at the beginning of Mass, but rather wait until the appropriate moment to do so. That would be an example of uniformity. The Church asks us to approach the reception of the Eucharist reverently. That's an example of uniformity. But the Church does not specify the outward gesture of reverence. The Bishop who is moderator of the liturgical life of the diocese can state the appropriate gesture of reverence before receiving the Blessed Sacrament. In the diocese of Erie, the Bishop has stated the bow is the appropriate gesture of reverence. Does that mean that all people in the Diocese of Erie must bow before receiving the Blessed Sacrament? No, there are other gestures of reverence that may be used, such as the genuflection. However, as a perceptible sign of the unity of the Church in the Diocese of Erie, the bishop hopes all will consider the bow as the norm.

When we all stand or kneel or sit at the same time we are unified. Specifically choosing to do something other than what the rest of the congregation is doing to draw attention to one's self should be avoided because that gesture disrupts the perceptible sign of the unity of the church.

Hopefully, this column will help us understand what the Church means by the full, active, and conscious participation at the celebration of the Eucharist.

Jr. Rick



It is time once again to bring in last year's palms. There is a container in the front of the Church and one by the Parish Office. The palms will then be burned. Thank You!



K of C of Youngsville will be hosting a **Shrove Tuesday All You Can Eat Pancake Supper** at St Luke Church on Tuesday, March 5th from 4:30-7pm. Donations will be accepted and 10% of the proceeds will benefit the Rouse resident's activity fund.

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CHWC 2020 FUNDRAISER

The CCY M & M Fundraiser is underway and 50 containers have been returned so far. You can return your M & M container with donation to the Parish Office or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Your donations to help the students accomplish their goal to go on the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip to Rome in 2020 is gratefully appreciated. Thank you!

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS will be available on Monday, March 4th 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.

SAINT JOSEPH TABLE will be celebrated Sunday, March 17th after the 10:45am Mass with a tureen luncheon. Meat, beverages and table service will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass. Sign up sheets are now at the doors of the Church or call the Parish Office to sign up.



HELPING HANDS is looking for volunteers: If you have a pick-up truck or have free time that can help move and deliver furniture we'd like to add you to our pool of volunteers in the Helping Hands Ministry. Frequency of deliveries depends on the requests of those in need but typically it's about once a month. If you have any questions or would like to add your name to the pool, call the parish office.



Join us **March 4th at 6pm in the TK Room at Holy Redeemer Church (note the time change) for THE SHACK.** It is rated PG-13. After a family tragedy, Mack's faith in God is wavering, until he gets a mysterious invitation to a Shack in the woods, where our Trinitarian God reveals himself fully, in the form of three strangers. This is spiritually uplifting and transforming movie that you do not want to miss. Popcorn and drinks will be served.

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

Today is commitment Sunday for the 2019 CSA. Together, we make it possible for parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic Charities, clergy and the Catholic faithful to live and share Christ's teaching. You may wonder why you should support the CSA. The truth is, our diocese still has work to do on behalf of the Lord. The church needs your help to remain focused on Christ and the needs of the people of God. Our bishop assures us that CSA donations are designated to fund projects, ministries, and departments of the Diocese of Erie. No funds have been or will be used to defray expenses related to the sexual abuse crisis. Your gift is so important.

St. John Church in Tidioute, PA will be selling frozen pierogi as a fund raiser every Saturday from March 9th through April 20th from 1- 4:00 pm in St. John Center (25 1st Street). Potato & cheese or Potato & sauerkraut are available. Walk-ins are also welcome. Call Fran O'Hosky at 814-484-7157 pre-order. Cost is \$10.00 per dozen or \$6.00 per half dozen.

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 3/3 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am (St Luke) For the People
 10:45am Ben Kupchella by the Rob Richard Family

Monday, 3/4 Weekday
 12:00pm (St Luke) Frances M. & Mary Russo by Estate

Tuesday, 3/5 Weekday
 12:05pm Patrick Sheehan by Lannie, MaryAnn & Mary Kate

Wednesday, 3/6 Ash Wednesday
 12:05am Mary Johnson by Mary, Meg, Maggie Yeager
 5:30pm Anne Wolfe by David Marinoble

Thursday, 3/7 Weekday
 12:05pm Jack & Mary Fill by Howard & Doris Labowski

Friday, 3/8 Weekday
 8:00am Anton & Anna Smosna by Family

Saturday, 3/9 Weekday
 5:30pm For the People

Sunday, 3/10 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am (St Luke) Denise Dorrien by Mr. & Mrs. James Riggle
 10:45am Laura Ditka by Pat & Toni Williams

Monday Sirach 17:20-24 Gospel Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday Sirach 35:1-12; Gospel Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday Joel 2:12-18, 2Cor 5:20 6-9, Gospel Matthew 6:1-616-18

Thursday Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Gospel Luke 9:22-25

Friday Isaiah 58:1-9 Gospel Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday Isaiah 58:9-14; Gospel Luke 5:27-32

Sunday Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13 Gospel Luke 4:1-13

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 3rd
 8:00am (St Luke) Mass
 9:15am CREW @ HR
 9:15am EDGE @ HR
 8:15am 2nd gr Retreat HR
 10:45am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God)

Monday, March 4th
 12:00pm (St Luke)
 6:00pm Movie night at HR

Tuesday, March 5th
 12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 4:30pm-7pm Pancake Supper at St. Luke
 6:30pm Pastoral Council at St. Luke

Wednesday , March 6th (Ash Wednesday)
 12:05pm School Mass
 5:30pm Mass
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 7th
 10:30am Jesus Revealed Bible Study (Meyer Hall)
 12:05pm Mass

Friday, March 8th
 8:00am Mass
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by confessions
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Luke

Saturday, March 9th
 4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, March 10th
 8:00am (St Luke) Mass
 10:45am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
3/6		Ash Wednesday	
12:05pm	Students	J Rickert , D Labowski B.Williams	Students
3/6		J Sabat	
5:30pm	M Sandberg	2 Volunteers	2 Volunteers
3/9			
5:30pm	Jean Walker	S & K Courson, J Zavinski, H Zaffino, R Kujawa, F Perrin, R Sharp	J Sobina, L & S Walker
3/10			
10:45am	Steve Lauser	R & P Osche, B Walczak, J Rickert, 3 Volunteers	C & B Shene, LShattuck

Ash Wednesday: Deacon Phil Skerda will celebrate a Communion Service and Distribution of Ashes at St Luke Church at 7:00pm and at the Rouse Home at 10:00am.

3/6—The Rouse Home— **Deacon Phil Skerda, Carol Knapp**
 3/10—8:00am Mass Ushers—**Carol & Vince Pillar**
 March -Altar/Rosary Cleaning Committee—Cheryl Gruber & Jodi Bower

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Robert A. & Frank A. Rich by Family

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—February 23rd & 24th
Saint Joseph Church - \$6,182.50
Saint Luke Church - \$802.00
Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

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!

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

You are cordially invited to attend a two part audio presentation by Dr. Brant Pitre. Dr. Pitre is a best-selling Catholic author and professor of sacred scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Classes will run from 6:30pm to 8:30pm Thursday March 14th and 21st.

You can sign up by calling the Holy Redeemer parish office by March 11th at (814) 726-3360.

VOCATION ICON

A special thank you to **Bob & Barb Crowley** for praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life in our Parish and the Erie Diocese this week. Thank You!