

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pope Francis has written another Apostolic Exhortation, this one called *Gaudate et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad). Many may have already been aware of its publication from reading about it in the newspaper or hearing about it on a news-cast. But hearing about it and reading it for yourselves are two different things. Hearing about it means that you are trusting the person who wrote the report to have read it themselves and understood what they have read. Reading it for yourselves means that you access the Vatican website(www.vatican.va) and read it for yourselves.

The title comes from a line in the Beatitudes "Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven." (Mt 5:12) The exhortation is a reflection on the universal call to holiness. We are all called to be holy!

The titles of the individual chapters: The Call to Holiness, Two Subtle Enemies of Holiness, In the Light of the Master, Signs of Holiness in Today's World, Spiritual Combat, Vigilance and Discernment, give us insight to what the Holy Father sees going on in the world today. There are pitfalls to true holiness in the chapter entitled "Two Subtle Enemies of Holiness." There is a reflection on the Beatitudes in the chapter entitled "In the Light of the Master." What the Pope hopes to accomplish is simply to take a practical look into holiness in our day. This goal, while seeming like it would be an easy read, does challenge us in our understanding of what it means to be holy. I encourage each of you to take the time to visit the Vatican website and read this Apostolic Exhortation *Fr. Rick*

PARISH NEWS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the members of the **Environment Committee** for all the wonderful work they did for Lent, Confirmation and Easter. As usual you did a great job and the Church looks beautiful. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in helping the Environment Committee.

THE WARREN COUNTY FAIR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. Donations of pop and bottled water are being collected to stock the St. Luke Fair Booth which is a major fund raiser for the Parish. If you would like to make a donation please see the sign up list which is specific to quantity and flavor located by the Parish Office. Please sign your name on the line with the quantity you are able to donate. As always we THANK YOU for your support of our Parish!

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS Three new members will be needed on our Pastoral Council this coming June . **If you or someone you know would like to be part of Pastoral Council, please stop by the parish office to pick up a nomination form.** Let us pray that the Holy Spirit guide us during this process of bringing new leadership to our parish community.

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SECOND COLLECTION for the retired priests of the Erie Diocese will be held the weekend of April 21st and 22nd. **The Good Shepherd Collection** allows us to show our gratitude and support of those priests who have faithfully served our parishes. For more information go to <http://www.eriecd.org/goodshepherd.htm>.

DEACON IAN ORDINATION GIFT If you are interested in contributing to an ordination gift for Deacon Ian please drop your contribution off at the parish office. There is still seats available on the bus if you are interested in attending Deacon Ian's ordination. The cost is \$45 and includes your bus seat and dinner.

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.**

PARISH AND SCHOOL GROUNDS CLEAN UP DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST AT 9:00AM. If you can come for 1 -2 hours it would be a huge help, many hands are needed to get the parish and school grounds ready for spring. Tools will be provided but, please bring gloves. Plan to join together as a Parish and School Community for this

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPRING FLOWER SALE

Ekey's Florist is excited and ready to help us *SPRING* into the last fundraiser of the school year. We are selling **10" HANGING BASKETS**, and **10-12" PLASTIC TERRA COTTA POTS** with flowers for shade or sun for \$30 and **FLATS** with 36 plants for \$ 20. All money must accompany the order and checks should be made **payable to St. Joseph PTU** and returned in an envelope marked **FLOWERS**. The deadline to return orders is Friday, April 20th. **IMPORTANT!! Pick up date is Wednesday, May 9th from 7:30am-9am or 3pm - 5pm in Loranger Hall.** Thank you all for your continued support of our St Joseph Catholic School. If you have questions please call Alicia Gatto at 688-8003 or e-mail her at gattoalicia@gmail.com. **Completed orders can be dropped off at the School Office or the Parish Office.**

40 CANS for 40 DAYS OF LENT

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who contributed to 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent. 1654 lbs of food was collected by St Luke Church, Saron Lutheran Church, and St Joseph Church for the Youngsville Food Pantry. Awesome job!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility. It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect victims by reporting the suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of a minor is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. *To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323.* To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>.

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 4/15 Third Sunday of Easter—Youth Mass
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 10:30am For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

Monday, 4/16 Easter Weekday
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church

Tuesday, 4/17 Easter Weekday
 12:05pm Mark Sember by Mike & Lisa Lewis

Wednesday, 4/18 Easter Weekday
 9:05am Lorraine Bengston by Family
 1:30pm Mass @ Warren Manor

Thursday, 4/19 Easter Weekday
 12:05pm Walter Shanshala by wife, Madeline, Elizabeth & Michael

Friday, 4/20 Easter Weekday
 8:00am Phyllis Sobina by Don & Nancy Sobina

Saturday, 4/21 Easter Weekday, St Amselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 5:30pm Mike & Marie Bleech by Ron & Barb

Sunday, 4/22 Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 10:30am Shannon Gable by Nancy Gable

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Acts 6:8-15; Gospel John 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1a ; Gospel John 6:30-35

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; Gospel John 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40; Gospel John 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20; Gospel John 6:52-59

Saturday Acts 9:31-42; Gospel John 6:60-69

Sunday Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; Gospel John 10:11-18

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 15 Third Sunday of Easter
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 9:15am FF K-8
 9:30am Praise Team Rehearsal
 10:30am Mass @ St Joseph Church (Youth Mass)
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 Coffee & Donuts after Mass (Cafeteria)
 7:00pm CCY HS at St Joseph Church (Youth Room)

Monday, April 16
 12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church

Tuesday, April 17
 12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday , April 18
 9:05am Mass (School Mass)
 10:30am Faith Share (Boardroom)
 1:30pm Mass @ Warren Manor

Thursday, April 19
 12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm Adoration in Mother’s Chapel
 7:15pm Evening Prayer in Mother’s Chapel

Friday, April 20
 St Joseph Catholic School Grandparents Day (Gym)
 8:00am Mass

Saturday, April 21
 9:00am Parish and School Grounds Clean Up Day
 9:00am 1:38 Women’s Conference in Erie
 4:30pm—5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, April 22 4th Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd 2nd Collection
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 10:30am Mass @ St Joseph Church
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4/21		J Anderson, S Courson,	N Alexander
5:30pm	L Courson	J Caumban-Lim, C & K Darling, T & R Fadale	A Courson R Courson
4/22	J Bowler	V & K Amsdell, G & M Belleau, N Berardi, C Bevacqua, Volunteer	M Shene P Shene T Bablak
10:30am			

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
 Jeff & Charlotte Zaffino by Holly & Cindy

St. Joseph Church
 Weekly Offering—April 8th—\$6080.50
 Easter Collection—April 8th —\$1549.00
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

VOCATIONS ICON

Thank you to **The Ressler Family** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Parish.

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.

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY
 ITEMS NEEDED IN MARCH**

THE MONTH OF APRIL WE WILL BE COLLECTING SPAGHETTI SAUCE, PASTA AND NOODLES. Your support to the needy families of the Warren Community is amazing. **Thank You!** **We have a special need for full size sheets and blankets at this time.

Please call the Parish Office 723-2090.

**FINAL CALL: REGISTER TODAY FOR THE
 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
 Come hear inspiring National Speakers Sister Jane Dominic Laurel, Katie Hartfiel, and Patty Schneier. Lunch is included and there will be time for adoration and reconciliation. The event will conclude with Mass offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico.