

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Chrism Mass (when the Holy Oils are blessed) is generally celebrated on the morning of Holy Thursday. Because of the geographical size of the Diocese of Erie we celebrate the Chrism Mass on Monday of Holy Week. During the Chrism Mass there is also a renewal of vows by all the priests in attendance. Representatives from throughout the diocese petition the bishop to bless the Oil of the Infirm (used in anointing of the sick), the Oil of the Catechumen (used in baptism), and Sacred Chrism (used in baptism, confirmation, holy orders, and the consecration of altars and churches).

Each parish in the diocese gets fresh oils to be used throughout the year. Parishes like ours request a larger amount of the oils because we display them near the baptismal font. One of the younger pastors expressed the concern that he did not get a sufficient amount of the Oil of the Infirm for the upcoming year. I gently assured him that the amount he received was sufficient to anoint hundreds of people.

That brings up the question of what to do with the old oils once the newly blessed oils have arrived. In cases like ours there is a large amount left over. We could burn the oils in the fire at the Easter Vigil. But the oils do take a long time to burn. We could pour them down the sacrarium in the sacristy. Or we could take them to the cemetery and dispose of them on the sacred ground there.

After trying the first two ways with very limited success, I have usually opted for taking the oils to the cemetery to dispose of them there. This year we seem to have received a larger supply than usual, so a year from now, I'll be heading to the cemetery with considerably more than usual.

Fr. Rick

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL 2018

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A PLEDGE! To date, **237 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!

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.

4TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN ERIE

Come be a part of it! The conference is April 21st, from 9:00—3:30 at Our Lady of Peace Church. Inspiring National speakers include Dominic Laurel, a Dominican Sister, Katie Hartfiel, and Patty Schneier. For more information and to register visit www.138women.com or call (814) 455-7364. If you would like to go, call the Parish Office we maybe able to car pool to Erie.

DEACON IAN ORDINATION Join us at Saint Peter Cathedral in Erie at 7pm on June 8th for Deacon Ian's ordination to the priesthood. The bus will leave Warren at 3 pm. Cost is \$45 which includes your bus seat and dinner. Seating is limited. Call the parish office to reserve your seat for this very special day.

DEACON IAN ORDINATION GIFT If your are interested in contributing to an ordination gift for Deacon Ian please drop your contribution off at the parish office. Checks made payable to Saint Joseph Church. We will be ordering him a Marian chasuble. Thank You!

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.

A **Divine Mercy** Celebration will be held at **3:00pm Sunday, April 8th**. It will be a simple period of prayer including the Divine Mercy Chaplet, litany and songs. Please join us in thanking God for his loving mercy. Holy Redeemer Church will have benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet and songs after the 8:30am Mass.

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.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, 4/2	Monday within the Octave of Easter 12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church
Tuesday, 4/3	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter 12:05pm Kathleen Oyervives by Barb & Joe Walczak
Wednesday, 4/4	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter 9:05am Frank & Theresa Siliano by Family
Thursday, 4/5	Thursday within the Octave of Easter 12:05pm Margaret Murray by Ron & Mary Ellen Beck
Friday, 4/6	Friday within the Octave of Easter 8:00am Ralph Suppa by Mike & Lisa Lewis
Saturday, 4/7	Saturday within the Octave of Easter 5:30pm For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church
Sunday, 4/8	Second Sunday of Easter/ Sunday of Divine Mercy 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church 10:30am Jeannine Loranger by the Loranger Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4/7		R Kujawa, D Labowski,	M Walker,
5:30pm	R Williams	P Lobdell, F Perrin, R Sharp,	S Walker
		<u>H Zaffino, P Bailey</u>	<u>J Wilson</u>
4/8	D Wortman	T Siliano, A & P Webster,	G Wortman,
10:30am		E Keeney, A Wortman,	Isabel Wortman,
		J & V Siliano	R Siliano

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
 Bob & Jackie Franklin, Emma Thompson,
 Henry & Katherine Weidner by Family

St. Joseph Church

Weekly Offering—March 25th—\$12,718.90

Thank you for your continued generosity!

In your charity please pray for the soul of Thomas Ognibene, Father of **Marlene & Tim Sandberg** who passed away 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.

SAVE THE DATE

DARIEN LAKE TRIP

ALTAR SERVERS GO FREE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018

More information will be available in the coming weeks
 CIRCLE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Acts 2:14,22-33; Gospel Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41 ; Gospel John 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10; Gospel Luke 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26; Gospel Luke 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12; Gospel John 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21; Gospel Mark 16:9-15
Sunday	Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; Gospel John 20:19-31

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Baptism of Noah Andrew Baldensberger

Monday, April 2 Parish Office Closed & No School all week

12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church

Tuesday, April 3

12:05pm Mass

4:30pm Soup Kitchen

6:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Boardroom)

Wednesday, April 4

9:05am Mass (Mothers Chapel)

5:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (Boardroom)

Thursday, April 5

12:05pm Mass

12:30pm Adoration in Mother's Chapel

7:15pm Evening Prayer in Mother's Chapel

Friday, April 6 First Friday

8:00am Mass

9:00am Homebound Communion

Saturday, April 7 First Saturday

4:30pm—5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass

Sunday, April 8 2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church

10:30am Mass

Liturgy of the Word for Children

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet



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.**