

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

There is a curious reading from the Book of Numbers that is read as the first reading on Tuesday of the fifth Week of Lent. The story centers on the Israelites during the Exodus impatiently complaining. God sends saraph serpents which bite the people causing many to die. The people repent and ask Moses to intercede with God. God tells Moses to make a saraph serpent and mount it on a pole so that all who look at it will be healed.

The obvious reason why the story appears during the readings of Lent is the idea of mounting the serpent on the pole healing those who look at it provides background for Jesus being crucified on a cross and people seeing in the Crucified Lord a source of healing.

If we take a deeper look at the story in the book of Numbers, we see that the source of misery becomes the source of healing. In other words, the bronze serpent mounted on the pole not only points out the source of the problem, but also provides the solution to the problem.

Using that line of reasoning, Jesus on the cross points out the source of our misery and is also the source of our healing. But what exactly is Jesus pointing to as the source of our misery.

Many have suggested that Jesus is pointing out that the source of our misery is our tendency to think that force and violence can overcome whatever is bothering us. Jesus does not respond to the force and violence of his passion with more force or violence. Rather, he responds with the words "Father, forgive them, they know not what they are doing." The source of our healing is found in the willingness to forgive.

This Easter let us take this example to heart and share the forgiveness of the Lord with all we meet.

Happy Easter! *Father Rick*

**PARISH NEWS**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who gave so generously of their time and helped with Spring cleanup. Your hard work in beautifying the church and school grounds is like a breath of fresh air!

**FINANCE COUNCIL VACANCIES:** Do you have a background in finance, accounting and personnel matters, have sound business judgment and experience in business? Then maybe the finance council is the ministry for you. To be considered for appointment by Fr. Rick or to inquire about the committee's duties, please call the parish office.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** New members will be needed for our Pastoral Council beginning in June. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of Pastoral Council, stop at the parish office to pick up a nomination form. Pastoral Council is an idea center of the parish that exchange ideas on how to encourage spiritual, educational and social growth. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit guide us during this process of bringing new leadership to our parish.

Beginning Monday, May 6th at St Luke Church we will be showing a DVD series called "The Wild Goose". The series will begin at 10:45am. If you have questions, contact Sue Cronmiller at 563-4040.

**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**Reminder:** Applications must be returned to the Parish Office by Wednesday, April 24, 2019. No applications will be accepted after this date.

**SAINT JOSEPH'S SCHOOL 12TH ANNUAL**

**SPRING FLOWER SALE**



Just a reminder that St. Joe's School flower sale is going on until April 24. This has been one of our largest fundraisers and is always an exciting time of the year. Please spread the word with your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. These flowers also make a wonderful Mother's Day gift. Order forms are available at the school and parish offices.

**School Office Secretary Position:**

St. Joseph School has a full time opening for an office secretary position beginning the 2019-2020 school year. For more information or to apply, contact Nancy Warner, principal, at 723-2030 or email: [nwarner@sjcswarren.org](mailto:nwarner@sjcswarren.org)

**The Knights of Columbus of Warren Council** is sponsoring a Marian prayer program in honor of "Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians" on Monday, April 29th at 7:00pm in Holy Redeemer Church. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR AND CHAPLET**

On April 28th at 3:00pm in St Joseph Church Deacon Phil Skerda will celebrate a Divine Mercy Holy Hour which will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song. All are invited to come.

**OUR RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS**

The Diocese of Erie is blessed with forty-four priests who have reached retirement age. Eleven of these priests still have a diocesan assignment. These priests make present Christ, the Good Shepherd, not only in what they do, but who they are. Many of them continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are grateful. In two weeks we will have our **annual Good Shepherd Collection** in our parish to assist with the needs of caring for our retired diocesan priests. This special collection will be the weekend of May 4th & 5th. Please use the special envelope in your packet for this collection. Thank you!

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

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**

**Child Abuse Prevention Month**— It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God— our children. For information on what the diocese is doing, and what you can do to become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe visit/[www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/)

**LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, 4/21 Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord**  
 8:00am (St Luke) Julius Sitka by Helen Schoener  
 10:45am Shannon Gabel by Dan & Lois Falconi

**Monday, 4/22 Monday with in the Octave of Easter**  
 12:00pm (St Luke) Georgette Shtoyko by June and Mary

**Tuesday, 4/23 Tuesday with in the Octave of Easter**  
 12:05pm Bernard & Esther Lignian by Frank W Maier

**Wednesday, 4/24 Wednesday with in the Octave of Easter**  
 9:05am Mike & Marie Bleech by Ron & Barb Phillips

**Thursday, 4/25 Thursday with in the Octave of Easter**  
 12:05pm Edwin Gorgacz by Mike & Pam Giannini

**Friday, 4/26 Friday with in the Octave of Easter**  
 8:00am Ross Brindis by Nick Tomassoni

**Saturday, 4/27 Saturday with in the Octave of Easter**  
 5:30pm For The Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

**Sunday, 4/28 Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
 8:00am (St Luke) Chari Philips by Evelun Ann Stufflebeam  
 10:45am Jim Graziano by Jan and Family

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4/27 5:30pm	M Sandberg	G & P Peck, D Labowski, P Rickert, *D Geiger, *K Jones, *A Kiehl	M Alexander N Alexander T Abplanalp
4/28 8:00am	Janet Mack	T Mineweaser, M A Morgan	Volunteer
4/28 10:45a	B Cole	*B & B Crowley, C Bevacqua, R Beyer, S Cole, *B Harvey, Volunteer	B Sowa M Sowa L Stanley

4/24—The Rouse Home— Judy Bosko and Sandi Mineweaser  
 4/28—8:00am Mass Ushers—Timber Bower/Mary Donahue

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF  
*Michael Kolos by Karen*

*St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—April 13th & 14th*  
 Saint Joseph Church - \$7395.97  
 Saint Luke Church - \$851.00

*Thank you for your continued weekly support of our Parish!*

**It's not too late to give!** Please consider a pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal to support our diocese mission to evangelize, educate, serve and celebrate the sacraments. Money raised beyond our parish goal will remain here and help fund our projects of door replacements and heating upgrades in our school. Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge to the CSA!

*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!*

**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 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19; Gospel John 20:19-31

**SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of The Lord**  
 8:00am (St Luke) Mass  
 10:45am Mass  
 Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God)

**Monday, April 22 No School & Parish Office is Closed**  
 12:00pm (St Luke) Mass

**Tuesday, April 23**  
 12:05pm Mass  
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen  
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Meyer Hall)  
 7:00pm Cemetery Board Meeting (Boardroom)

**Wednesday, April 24 Last Day for SJCS Flower Sale**  
 9:05am School Mass (School Choir to Sing)  
 Scholarship Applications are due

**Thursday, April 25**  
 12:05pm Mass  
 12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00pm Girl Scouts (Meyer Hall)  
 7:15pm Evening Prayer

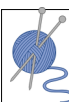
**Friday, April 26**  
 8:00am Mass

**Saturday, April 27**  
 Kiwanis Club Blood Screening in Gym  
 4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:30pm Mass

**Sunday, April 28 Second Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 8:00am (St Luke) Mass (Cookie Sunday)  
 9:30-10:30am Rehearsal for First Eucharist Students  
 10:45am Mass  
 Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God)  
 3:00pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Chaplet (Church)

**ST JOSEPH PARISH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY**

We serves dinner every Tuesday at 4:30pm for the Warren Community. All are invited!



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Prayer Shawls offer prayers and comfort to someone who is struggling with illness or who is grieving the lost of a loved one. New members from the Warren Catholic Community are always welcome to join this ministry. For more information or to request a Prayer Shawl for someone please call the St Joseph Parish Office at 723-2090.