

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Security in public buildings is always an issue to be considered. Today we walked through the school and church with Chief Deppen to get an overall feel for our building already in place. There are some improvements that we can make relatively inexpensively and there are some improvements that will cost a little more.

Chief Deppen made the point that security is as much about a mindset as it is about physical improvements. Being aware, not blocking outside doors open, knowing the person you're letting in are all about mindset. Because the police department is only a few minutes away, just buying a few minutes can make all the difference.

As we transitioned from the school which is fairly secure to the church which is fairly open, Chief Deppen mentioned that churches are beginning to lock doors not only in "off" hours, but also during worship services. That seems to me to be a little over the top. I would prefer to keep the church doors unlocked and open to all who wish to come and pray.

But again security is as much about mindset as physical improvements. If we as a community keep our eyes open and remain aware we can continue keeping our church doors open to all who wish to come and pray. *Fr. Rick*

PARISH NEWS

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE Thinking of Spring Cleaning? **The Rummage Sale Committee will meet this Tuesday, April 24th at 5:30pm in Meyer Hall. Anyone interested in helping plan this year's sale is invited to attend.** We will start accepting donations after Mass on June 9th and 10th. As in years past, we cannot accept old computers/monitors, large exercise equipment, or gas powered equipment. This year the Rummage sale will be held on June 14th, 15th and 16th. All proceeds will benefit St Joseph Catholic School.

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!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. It is through the paid advertising of the sponsors that we can publish the bulletin.

Please thank them.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY will be held this weekend. There are currently 58 priests in our diocese who have reached retirement age, 14 of these priests still serve as a pastor, chaplain, senior associate, or administrator. **The Good Shepherd Collection** allows us to show our gratitude and support of those priests who have faithfully served our parishes. Thank you for your generous support. For more information go to <http://www.eriescd.org/goodshepherd.htm>.

2018 CSA UPDATE It's not too late to make a pledge: The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is still accepting pledges. All gifts, regardless of size are important, needed and appreciated. CSA supports both Diocesan ministries and projects here at St. Joseph. This year's projects include new carpeting and upholstering the pew cushions in the church, fair booth upgrades, and replacing the east side air conditioning unit. Thank you for your continued support!

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. The Parish will be ordering Deacon Ian a Marian chasuble. **There are still seats available on the bus** going to Saint Peter Cathedral in Erie to attend Deacon Ian's ordination. The cost is \$45 and includes your bus seat and dinner.

The DEADLINE to return your HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION is this week! Applications will be reviewed and scholarships offered to those students who have exemplified commitment and service in their faith life at St. Joseph Parish. **Your Application must be returned to the Parish Office by Wednesday, April 25, 2018. No applications will be accepted after this date.**

K of C ANNUAL ARC COLLECTION Members of the Knight of Columbus will be at the Church exits after each Mass next weekend, April 28th & 29th to conduct their annual drive to benefit the ARC (Advocacy & Resources for Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities). Proceeds assist in the operation of Bollinger Enterprises in North Warren. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

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.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month: What Happens When Abuse is Reported? People who hold positions of trust in Catholic institutions are mandated by Pennsylvania law to report child abuse. Teachers, teacher's aides, and counselors in our schools; therapists and social workers in our counseling agencies; clergy, parish employees, and volunteers in schools and parishes all have the obligation to report the reasonable suspicion of child abuse to Childline, the local police, or other appropriate agency. To see the specific reporting procedure for the Diocese and to see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriescd.org/protectyouth.htm>.

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 4/22	Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Church For the People
10:30am	Shannon Gable by Nancy Gable
Monday, 4/23	St George, Martyr, St Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
12:00pm	Mass @ St Luke Church
Tuesday, 4/24	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
12:05pm	Nick & Victoria Tomassoni by Nick Tomassoni
Wednesday, 4/25	St Mark, Evangelist (School Mass)
9:05am	Mary Margaret O'Neil by Family
Thursday, 4/26	Easter Weekday
12:05pm	Rosario Brindis by Nick Tomassoni
Friday, 4/27	Easter Weekday
8:00am	Brian Good by Godmother
Saturday, 4/28	St Peter Chanel, St Louis Grignion de Montfort
5:30pm	Jim Graziano by Jan Graziano & Family
Sunday, 4/29	Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Church
10:30am	For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Church

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4/28			
5:30pm	A Fadale	M & J Sabat, R & B Williams, D Labowski, R & J Cecco	J Wilson K Fadale M Fadale
4/29	M Smelko	B Smelko, R & P Osche, J & C Kostrzewski, B Harvey,	C Smelko
10:30am		Volunteer	E Strausser C Smelko

*WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Robert and Frank Rich by Family*

St. Joseph Church
Weekly Offering-April 15th—\$6414.88
Thank you for your continued generosity!

VOCATIONS ICON

Thank you to **Roy & Betsy Williams** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Parish.

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Judith M. Grana**, Sister of **Tom & Chris Grana** who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to her family, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Catholic education emphasizes self-discipline. Students are taught lessons that will give them a strong moral and ethical foundation to help them make Christ like decisions. If you or someone you know wants to attend St. Joseph Catholic School, please call the office at 723-2030.

We have open enrollment.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Gospel John 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26 ; Gospel John 10:22-30
Wednesday	Peter 5:5b-14; Gospel Mark 16:15-20
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; Gospel John 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Gospel John 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Gospel John 14:7-14
Sunday	Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; Gospel John 15:1-8

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

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
Monday, April 23	
12:00pm	Mass @ St. Luke Church
6:30pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting (Boardroom)
6:30pm	Book Club (Meet in Church parking lot to carpool to the Rouse Home)
Tuesday, April 24	
12:05pm	Mass
4:30pm	Soup Kitchen
5:30pm	Rummage Sale Committee meeting (Meyer Hall)
Wednesday, April 25	
9:05am	Mass (School Mass)
10:30am	Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
6:30pm	RCIA meeting (Meyer Hall)
6:30pm	SJCS Parents Crisis Event Training (Gym)
Thursday, April 26	
12:05pm	Mass
12:30pm	Adoration in Mother's Chapel
6:00pm	Daisy/Brownie Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall)
7:15pm	Evening Prayer in Mother's Chapel
Friday, April 27	No School
8:00am	Mass
Saturday, April 28	
	Kiwanis Blood Screening (Gym)
4:30pm—5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30pm	Mass
	K of C ARC collection after Mass
Sunday, April 29	5th Sunday of Easter
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Church
10:30am	Mass @ St Joseph Church K of C ARC collection after Mass Liturgy of the Word for Children

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY ITEMS NEEDED IN APRIL

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!**

JOIN FATHER RICK, FATHER JIM AND ANNA FOR A DAY OF FUN!

DARIEN LAKE TRIP

ALTAR SERVERS GO FREE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018