

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Over the course of the Octave of Easter we hear readings about the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. Sometimes they differ in minor details. For example, we have the story of the "Conversion of St. Paul" appear in several places and each has a few minor differences. Overall, all the post-resurrection appearances agree in the fact that Christ appeared to many different people.

One of my favorite stories of post-resurrection appearance is the story of Christ encountering Mary Magdalene as she turns from the tomb. At first, she thinks he is the gardener. When he calls her by name, she recognizes him and rejoices that her teacher and friend is back. Things can go back to the way they were. But Jesus tells her not to cling or hold on to him for he has not yet ascended to the Father.

That's a curious thing for Jesus to say to Mary. Yet if we think about it we can see that Mary wanted things to go back to the way they were. If she held onto that reasoning, she would never be able to accept the truth that the Risen Jesus is the Christ. She would be locked into the way things were, rather than grow into the way things are.

The entire story of the encounter between the Risen Lord and Mary is truly a story about the growing in faith that we all experience. Mary upon her arrival notices that the stone has been removed from the tomb and concludes that somebody has stolen the body. She stays outside the tomb after Peter and the beloved disciple leave, but does look in. She sees two angels who want to know why she is weeping. She turns around and encounters Christ who wants to know why she is weeping. She doesn't recognize the Lord at first until he calls her by name. Then she wants to hold onto him and return to the way things were. He calls her to growth and gives her a mission. She tells the disciples that she has seen the Lord.

We all have to grow from a small understanding of the Lord through openness to the Spirit to a greater understanding of the Risen Christ present in our midst.

*Fr. Rick*

**PARISH NEWS**

**\*\*\*\*\*A Very Special Thank you to Linda Johnson who donated our beautiful Easter Candle this year.**

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL** who made our Sacred Triduum Celebrations and Easter Masses so very beautiful. To the RCIA and RCIC team leaders, , Environmental Committee, Liturgy Committee, Music Ministry, Knights of Columbus, all Liturgical Ministries (EMHC's, Lectors, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Ushers, Greeters), and all who just volunteered to help , we thank you for your time and dedication to our parish and these ministries.

HE is RISEN, Alleluia

**40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT** A big Thank You to all who supported this food drive during the weeks of Lent. All donated foods will be used at the Youngsville Food Pantry.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL** Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has contributed spiritually or financially to our CSA 2017. We presently have 251 family pledges which total \$109,548.00 and we have reached our parish diocesan assessment of \$68,188.00. All money pledged beyond the diocesan assessment remains in the parish and will be used for our service project to remodel the side entrance by the parish office to be handicap accessible with automatic doors . There is still time to make your pledge,

envelopes for your spiritual and/or financial support can be found at the doors of the church or at the parish office.

**\*\*DEADLINE IS TUESDAY\*\* HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are available in the parish office for graduating seniors from our parish planning to attend a college or 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 here at St. Joseph Parish. **Applications must be returned to the parish office by Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.** No applications will be accepted after this date.

**DO YOU HAVE A WILL?** A FREE estate planning Seminar will be held on May 10th at 6:30pm in Meyer Hall. Topics include Will Planning, Power of Attorney, Healthcare Directives, Guardianships for your Children, and Funeral Planning. Speakers include Christine Kuntz, Attorney, Steve Grillo, CLU, and Mike Lewis & Scott Nelson. Please RSVP to Betsy Williams at 723-2090 ext 12 if you plan to attend.

**A SPECIAL WEEKEND WITH YOUR SPOUSE** Give each other the gift of time and love by taking your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on June 23rd—25th. A time designed to give married couples the opportunity to examine their lives together and share their hopes, disappointments, joys and frustrations in a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one person they have chosen to live with for the rest of their lives. For more information and to register visit [www.yourmarriageisworthit.org](http://www.yourmarriageisworthit.org).

**ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP** will be held on **April 29th starting at 9:00am** All are invited to come and help make Saint Joseph Church/School look fresh and ready for the beautiful spring and summer months ahead. Please remember to bring a pair of gloves and any rakes, shovels, or wagons etc. with you.



We are still collecting **spaghetti sauce** for the month of **April**. In **May** we will be collecting **Peanut Butter & Jelly and Apple Juice**. Toilet paper and paper towels are always desperately needed. **Your generosity is overwhelming.** Please continue to check the bulletin board for new items needed

**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

If you or your children want to send your/their child/ren to St. Joseph Catholic School, please call the school at 814-723-2030. We have open enrollment. There are numerous grants and scholarships available. Call the school today.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, 4/23—Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville  
 10:30am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church ( Adult Choir & Sonrise & Praise Team)  
 Youth Mass

**Monday, 4/24 - Monday Easter Weekday**  
 12:00pm Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville

**Tuesday, 4/25 - Tuesday Saint Mark, Evangelist**  
 12:05pm Jane Hultquist by Nancy Hultquist

**Wednesday, 4/26— Wednesday Easter Weekday**  
 9:05am Karlene Molinaro by Mike & Lisa Lewis

**Thursday, 4/27 - Thursday Easter Weekday**  
 12:05 Norbert Heisler by Craig & Jan Kostrzewski

**Friday, 4/28 - Friday Easter Weekday**  
 8:00am Mary Margaret O’Neil by Family

**Saturday, 4/29 - Saturday Saint Catherine of Siena**  
 8:00am Catherine Sheldon by Frances Durante & Sherry Albrecht  
 5:30pm Jackie Franklin by Rich & Annette Hutley

**Sunday, 4/30—Third Sunday of Easter**  
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville  
 10:30am Brian Good by Godmother

**Monday** Acts 4: 23-31; Gospel John 3:1-8  
**Tuesday** 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Gospel - Mark 16:15-20  
**Wednesday** Acts 5:17-26; Gospel - John 3:16-21  
**Thursday** Acts 5:27-33; Gospel John 3:31-36  
**Friday** Acts 5:34-42 Gospel John 6:1-15  
**Saturday** Acts 6:1-7; Gospel John 6:16-21  
**Sunday** Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Gospel Luke 24:13-35

**COMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 23**  
 9:00am K-8 Faith Formation (School)  
 9:30pm Sonrise & Praise Team Rehearsal  
 11:30am Coffee & Donuts after Mass in Cafeteria  
 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Sung (Church)  
 3:00pm Bible Study Gospel of John (Meyer Hall)  
 7:00PM MSCCY (Youth Room)

**Monday, April 24**  
 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall)  
 6:30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Boardroom)

**Tuesday, April 25**  
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen (Cafeteria)

**Wednesday, April 26**  
 9:05am School Mass (Church)  
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)  
 3:00pm Brownies (Meyer Hall)  
 6:30pm RCIA (Meyer Hall)

**Thursday, April 27**  
 12:30pm-8:15pm Adoration (Mother’s Chapel)  
 6:30pm PTU Meeting  
 8:15pm Night Prayer & Benediction (Mother’s Chapel)

**Friday, April 28**

**Saturday, April 29**  
 9:00am Spring Clean Up at the Church

**Sunday, April 30**  
 9:00am K-8 Faith Formation (School)  
 3:00pm Bible Study Gospel of John (Meyer Hall)  
 7:00PM CCY High School (Youth Room)

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
<b>4/29</b> <b>5:30pm</b>	Alice Fadale	F Perrin, J & M Sabat, H Zaffino, S Courson, J & P Rickert	K Fadale M Fadale E Grosch E Strausser
<b>4/30</b> <b>10:30am</b>	Bill Cole	*S Cole, A Kirkpatrick, M Kirkpatrick, *K Morse, C & J Kostrzewski, D Pusateri	G Wortman I Wortman

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of  
 Ian Williams by Grandma & Grandpa Berardi  
 and  
 Walter Shanshala by wife Madeline & Children

Weekly Donations - April 16th - \$7077.01  
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

**VOCATIONS ICON**  
 We would like to thank **Bob & Marianne Scheer** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

**Prayer Chain** If you have prayer intentions, please call Charmell Feaster at 726-0455. Also if you would like to know more about this ministry and be a part of praying for others, give Charmell a call today!

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**CARNATION FLOWERS WILL BE ON SALE FOR MOTHER’S DAY , MAY 14TH , AFTER BOTH MASSES. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR HELPING HANDS PROGRAM**  
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**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**  
 Child Abuse Prevention Month: April is designated as *Child Abuse Prevention Month*. Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep them safe in today’s fast-paced world. **The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)** offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. Visit the NCMEC web site at [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com) and check out the helpful topics. Watch this space in the coming weeks for tips on how to create safe environments for children and youth! To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>