

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Why do we do what we do? A fair question to ask for all aspects of our lives, but especially for our pious practices. Last night at the liturgy Committee meeting I made reference to the practice of using a resource to read along with lector or the priest as they proclaim Sacred Scripture. At Mass Sacred Scripture is proclaimed so that the Word of God comes alive in the reading by the lector or the priest. The phrases "the Word of the Lord" and "the Gospel of the Lord" refer to the proclaimed Word, not the written Word. A better way to use the resource would be to read the passages thoroughly before Mass and then listen intently to the proclaimed Word. So the question is do we just read along with the lector or priest because other people do it, do we have a hard time hearing the proclaimed Word, or is it because we have fallen into the habit?

In the Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel we pray "thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits that prowl the earth". We believe that Jesus Christ came to redeem all of creation, including Satan and the evil spirits. So why would we pray for God to banish them into hell?

Pious practices should be reflected on periodically and maybe even discussed with a spiritual director or guide to make sure that what we are doing isn't counterproductive to the will of God. The excuse that "I've always done it that way" or "it just feels right" means that it's time for some reflection and maybe even a conversation with a spiritual director or spiritual guide.

Fr. Rick

PARISH NEWS

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT There is a basket by the parish office for you to put one can of a nonperishable food item for each day of Lent. All donated foods will be used at the Youngsville Food Pantry. Matthew 25:40 "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Thank you for all the donations so far.

PIEROGI SALE St. John Church in Tidioute will be selling frozen pierogi as a fundraiser during Lent this year; every Saturday from March 4th through April 8th from 1pm to 4pm in the church's center. Potato & cheese and potato & sauerkraut pierogi will be available. Call Fran O'Hosky 484-7157 to pre-order. Cost is \$9 / dozen or \$6/half dozen.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA) 2017 began last week. The Catholic Service Appeal is the annual appeal for spiritual and financial support of our Erie Diocesan Church. This year's theme is "With Open Hearts". Through your generosity The CSA helps fund diocesan programs that reach the people of Northwestern PA. Our Parish assessment owed the diocese for these programs is \$68,188. Remember that any money raised beyond the diocesan assessment remains in the parish. This year our CSA project is to install automatic door openers on the east side entry into the church. Thank you to everyone who made a pledge last week, we are grateful for your support. Envelopes are in the pews and can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office during the next few weeks. Thank you for your consideration.

THE MASS BOOK IS OPEN to request intentions for week-end and weekday Masses through the end of the year. We still have some dates open in April and May during the Easter season. The Sanctuary Candles are also available. Please call or stop by the parish office.

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 25th. No applications will be accepted after this date.

ST. JOSEPH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE will be on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00pm at St. Joseph Church. This is the only one for the Warren Area Catholic Community. There will be multiple priests available.

SACRISTANS NEEDED to help set up and clean up after the 10:30am Mass on Sundays. We welcome individuals or couples. Please pray and discern if this ministry make be for you then call Chris Grana at 723-7764 if interested.

THE DIVINE MERCY ENCOUNTER RETREAT will be held the weekend of April 7, 8, & 9 at Saint Joseph Church in Erie. Anyone 16 years or older is welcome to apply. The cost is \$45 and sponsorships are available. Go to www.divinemercyencounter.com for information or to apply.

RCIA THE SECOND SCRUTINY This Sunday the Elect and Candidates will celebrate the Second Scrutiny during Sunday Mass. The Second Scrutiny, their spirit is filled with Christ, the light of the world. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect. They also bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. **We are called** to this same self-searching, repentance, and to deepen our resolve to hold fast to Christ and to love God above all.

The Saint Joseph Table Thank you to Pat Christy and the Banquet Committee for setting up and preparing the food for the St. Joseph Table meal. Thank you to Chris Cataldo and the Welcome Committee for their organization and setting of the St. Joseph Table for our Feast Day.



Urgent Request for an air conditioner for someone with severe breathing issues. If you can help please call Sharon Persing @ 726-2936. Please continue to check the board for items. We will be collecting spaghetti sauce for the month of April. Toilet paper and paper towels are always desperately needed. Thank You

SAVE
THE DATE!

June 27, 2017

The Altar Server
& Youth Trip

Altar Servers go free!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 3/26 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville
 10:30am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph

Monday, 3/27 - Lenten Weekday
 12:00pm Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville

Tuesday, 3/28 - Lenten Weekday
 12:05pm James Graziano by Mike & Lisa Lewis

Wednesday, 3/29- Lenten Weekday –School Mass
 9:05am Ruth & Joseph Acks by Estate

Thursday, 3/30 - Lenten Weekday
 12:05pm Deceased Brothers of Sam Scalise by Estate

Friday, 3/31 - Lenten Weekday
 8:00am Leon & Virginia Spink by Estate

Saturday, 4/1 - Lenten Weekday
 8:00am Shirley Rizzarda by Deacon Joe Lucia
 5:30pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph

Sunday, 4/2 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville
 10:30am James Graziano by Tom & Betty Juliano

Monday Isaiah 65:17-21 Gospel - John 4:43-54
Tuesday Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12, Gospel-John 5:1-16
Wednesday Isaiah 49:8-15, Gospel -John 5:17-30
Thursday Exodus 32:7-14, Gospel -John 5:31-47
Friday Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22, Gospel-John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday Jeremiah 11:18-20, Gospel-John 7:40-53

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of
 James Graziano by Ann Hultquist

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 26
 9:00am K-9 Faith Formation (School)
 11th Grade Confirmation only
 3:00pm Gospel of John (Meyer Hall)
 3:00pm Corry Penance Service

Monday, March 27
 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall)

Tuesday, March 28
 12:45pm School Stations of the Cross (Church)
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen (Cafeteria)
 7:00pm Warren Community Penance Service (Church)
 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer @ Trinity Episcopal

Wednesday, March 29
 9:05am School Mass (Church)
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 3:00pm Brownies (Meyer Hall)
 6:30pm RCIA (Meyer Hall)
 7:00pm Choir (Church)

Thursday, March 30
 8:00am Adoration (Mother’s Chapel)
 8:15pm Night Prayer & Benediction (Mother’s Chapel)

Friday, March 31
 5:00pm K of C Fish Fry in Sheffield (St. Paul Center)
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, April 1
 4:30pm Reconciliation (Church)

Sunday, April 2
 9:00am K-9 Faith Formation (School)
 3:00pm Gospel of John (Meyer Hall)
 6:00pm CCY Movie Night for MS & HS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4/1 5:30pm	C. Wolf	K & C Darling, M Sowa, K Weigel, A Kiehl, R Sharp, P Tack	H Harrison M Harrison J Kupchella
4/2 10:30am	J Bowler	G Grosch, B Harvey, J Hausmann, A Kirkpatrick, M Kirkpatrick, *J Kostrzewski, *D Pusateri	H Shattuck R Shattuck L Shattuck

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Karlene Molinaro**, wife of **Peter Molinaro** and mother of **Arlene Molinaro, Alice & Eric Fadale, Andrea & Mike Kiehl** and **Francis Molinaro** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 25th. Also please pray for the soul of **Jeannette Anderson** who passed away this week and her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on March 27th. Keep also in your prayers the soul of **James Graziano**, husband of **Janice Graziano** and brother of **Joann Anderson** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 20th. Please pray also for the soul of **Norbert Heisler** father of **Jan & Craig Kostrzewski** who passed away recently. We extend our sympathy to all the families, and ask God’s love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

VOCATIONS ICON

We would like to thank **Jackie Cunningham** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Weekly Donations - March 19th: \$ 6380.09
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

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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