

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

During the course of Holy Week I had two opportunities to watch people when they didn't know they were being watched. The first was at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Erie on Monday of Holy Week. Because of the renovations going on, the priests remained in their pews during the Eucharistic Prayer and for Communion. This allowed me to watch the Communion line and witness the reverence of the people in line. I was very moved watching the people in line waiting to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Usually during Communion I am otherwise occupied and this opportunity was a rare treat.

The second opportunity was during the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. People approached the cross so reverently that again I was moved. Whether they genuflected, kissed the cross, or made some other sign of veneration, people showed their faith in this simple action.

We often hear about witnessing to faith and generally that mean people speaking about their belief in Jesus. But in the two opportunities I just mentioned, people witnessed to their faith in a much more profound and solemn way. Words really weren't necessary to make their point. Their actions said all that was necessary.

The liturgies of Holy Week are complex with many moving parts. Many people are involved behind the scenes to help make the liturgies beautiful. I would like to thank all the behind the scenes people who helped Deacon Ian and me to enjoy the experience of Holy Week. *Fr. Rick*

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU CCY MEMBERS Emma Carlson, Anthony Errett, Kelsey and Maddie Fadale, Connor Guiffre, Jimmy Lobdell, Jarod Peterson, Brett and Matt Sowa, Troy Shattuck, and Owen Strandburg for your moving portrayal of the Passion of our Lord held March 23. And thank you to the grilled cheese and tomato soup crew who helped make the evening a very special Lenten experience.

RCIA BASKET RAFFLE raised \$302.00 for Caring for Life. Congratulations to Darrell McTavish who won the Lottery Ticket Basket and to Pat Bailey who won the Children's Easter Basket. Thank you to all for your kind support!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month: BE VIGILANT. It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children. And we must always communicate our concerns to the appropriate parties. Sometimes this means communicating our safety concerns to our children. And sometimes this means communicating our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. Parents must also listen carefully to their children and observe both their children's activities and the behavior of older children and adults who interact with them. When children exhibit dramatic behavioral changes, adults must find out what caused the changes. Being aware of what's happening with our children means talking to, listening to, and observing them at every opportunity. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>.

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.

PARISH AND SCHOOL GROUNDS CLEAN UP DAY is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st at 9:00am. If you can come for 1 -2 hours it would be a huge help, many hands are needed to get the parish and school grounds ready for spring. Tools will be provided but, please bring gloves. Plan to join together as a Parish and School Community for this fun day!

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPRING FLOWER SALE

Ekey's Florist is excited and ready to help us *SPRING* into the last fundraiser of the school year. We are selling **10" HANGING BASKETS**, and **10-12" PLASTIC TERRA COTTA POTS** with flowers for shade or sun for \$30 and **FLATS** with 36 plants for \$ 20. All money must accompany the order and checks should be made **payable to St. Joseph PTU** and returned in an envelope marked FLOWERS. The deadline to return orders is Friday, April 20th. **IMPORTANT!! Pick up date is Wednesday, May 9th from 7:30am-9am or 3pm - 5pm in Loranger Hall.** Please use the back parking lot accessing Loranger Hall. Please mark on your order form which time you will be picking up your flowers as Ekey's will be delivering at two different times that day. Thank you all for your continued support of our St Joseph Catholic School. If you have questions please call Alicia Gatto at 688-8003 or e-mail her at gattoalicia@gmail.com. **Please see the bulletin insert to order your flowers today! Completed orders can be dropped off at the School Office or the Parish Office.**

Prayer Shawls: Are created lovingly by women of the prayer shawl ministry as a reminder of God's love for us. If you know of someone who is ill, grieving, in a nursing home, is a new mother, or anyone in need of a little extra care and comfort, please call the parish office or stop by to pick one up. Special prayers are included with each shawl.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, 4/9 **The Annunciation of the Lord**
 9:05am Mass @ St. Joseph Church (School Mass)
 Shirley Fasenmyer by Fran Durante, Brian & Vicki Duckett
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church

Tuesday, 4/10 **Easter Weekday**
 12:05pm Ian Williams by Aunt Cathy & Uncle Bruce

Wednesday, 4/11 **St Stanislaus**
 9:05am Ruth M Acks & Joseph J Acks by Estate

Thursday, 4/12 **Easter Weekday**
 12:05pm Anthony DeSalvo by Don & Nancy Sobina

Friday, 4/13 **Easter Weekday St Martin I, Pope & Martyr**
 8:00am Jeanette & Clarence Anderson by Anderson & Hazeltine Families

Saturday, 4/14 **Easter Weekday**
 5:30pm Marianne Scheer by Bob

Sunday, 4/15 **Third Sunday of Easter—Youth Mass**
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 10:30am For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4/14			
5:30pm	C Wolf	G & P Peck, P & J Rickert, D Giger, K Jones, A Kiehl	A Strandburg O Strandburg L Stanley
4/15	Students	*B & B Crowley, A Kirkpatrick, M Kirkpatrick, *D Bogniak, P Christy, S Cole	Ben Sowa Brett Sowa Matt Sowa
10:30am			

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
 George & Josephine Yarzabek by Mary Sowa

St. Joseph Church
Good Friday Holy Land Collection —\$ 390.00
Weekly Offering—April 1st—\$5515.50
Easter Collection—April 1st —\$2885.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!

BAPTISM Through the waters of Baptism, we at Saint Joseph Parish wish to **Welcome Noah Andrew Baldensperger** into our community of faith in Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless his life with His love. Noah is the son of Shawn & Laura Baldensperger and he has two brothers Owen and Liam.

In your charity please pray for the soul of Martha Kulka, Mother of **Dr John & Patti Maljovec** 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.

VOCATIONS ICON

Thank you to **Bob Scheer** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Parish.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday Acts 4:32-37 ; Gospel John 3:7b-15

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 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Gospel Luke 24:35-48

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 8 **2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday**
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 9:00am Praise Team Rehearsal
 9:15am FF K-8
 10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 7:00pm CCY MS @ St Joseph Church (Youth Room)

Monday, April 9 **The Annunciation of the Lord**
 9:05am Mass @ St Joseph Church (School Mass)
 12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church
 School Flower Sales April 9th—April 25th (see bulletin insert)

Tuesday, April 10
 12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 5:00pm RCIA Team Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 6:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Boardroom)

Wednesday, April 11
 9:05am Mass (Mothers Chapel)
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 6:30pm RCIA Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 6:30pm 2018-19 2nd Grade Parents Meeting (Cafeteria)

Thursday, April 12
 12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm Adoration in Mother's Chapel
 6:30pm PTU Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 7:15pm Evening Prayer in Mother's Chapel

Friday, April 13
 8:00am Mass

Saturday, April 14
 4:30pm—5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, April 15 **3rd Sunday of Easter**
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 9:15am FF K-8
 9:30am Praise Team Rehearsal
 10:30am Mass @ St Joseph Church (Youth Mass)
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 7:00pm CCY HS @ St Joseph Church (Youth Room)

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY ITEMS NEEDED IN MARCH

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. ****We have a special need for full size sheets and blankets at this time.**

Please call the Parish Office 723-2090.