

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A brief story about a conference at the Vatican Observatory put out by the AP sparked my interest. The workshop is on "Black Holes, Gravitational Waves and Space-Time Singularities" is attracting famous scientists from around the world. The conference celebrated the scientific legacy of Monsignor George Lemaitre. Most of us have probably never even heard of Monsignor Lemaitre.

Monsignor Lemaitre was the first to explain motion in distant galaxies as was the result of the expansion of the universe. He came to that conclusion by solving the complicated equations of Einstein's General theory of Relativity. The theory that he offered was that of the "primeval atom", known today as the Big Bang Theory of creation.

I find it interesting that one of the theories that sometimes seems so in conflict with what many hold to be the story of creation was, in fact, first offered by a Catholic priest. This shows that, in reality, there is no conflict between religion and science. Both disciplines seek the truth. When one discipline suggests that they are the only route to the truth, they speak from a rather naïve and narrow perspective.

Creation originates in the ongoing action of a loving God. Science helps to explain just how magnificent this action of a loving God really is. Together science and religion should help us to grow in our understanding and appreciation of our loving God. We need not choose one side over the other. Rather we should embrace both as they help us to search for the truth which by the way can only be found in God.

Fr. Rick

OUR PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS Four 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN We are in need of volunteers for this awesome experience for our 10:30 Mass families. It is a once every six weeks commitment and an experienced minister of the Word For Children will show you what to do. Please call Jennifer TODAY at 688-3842 and sign up for this important ministry in our parish.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND The annual Collection for International Needs will be taken up in the Diocese of Erie the weekend of May 20th and 21st. A special envelope is enclosed with the bulletin this week for this purpose or one can be found in your packet of weekly envelopes. This collection offers a way for us to help those in need who are forced to leave their homes because of war or famine, children who go to bed hungry and who cannot attend school, immigrants and refugees seeking freedom and hope, and those who are persecuted for their faith. The collection reaches out to those in Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Thank you to all for your generous support and please pray for all our brothers and sisters in need.

****SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL PIZZA HUT DAY BENEFIT****

St. Joseph School will be conducting its **2nd Annual Pizza Hut Day on Wednesday, May 24th**. The school will receive **15%** of the amount of your purchase which can be eat-in, take-out, or delivery. **VOUCHERS MUST BE PRESENTED WITH YOUR PURCHASE AND ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OFFICE, THE PARISH OFFICE, AND IN THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN**. Use a Pizza Hut Scrip card and the amount rises to **23%**. Pizza Hut Scrip cards are available at St. Joseph School Office and after Mass in the back of the Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be at the Church exits after each mass on May 20th and 21st collecting contributions for the benefit of the **ARC** (Advocacy & Resources for Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities) All proceeds assist in the operation of Bolinger Enterprises in North Warren. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE Spring Cleaning? It is time to start thinking about our Annual St. Joseph School Rummage Sale. We will start accepting donations after Mass on June 10th and 11th. This year the Rummage Sale will be held June 15th, 16th and 17th. As in years past, we cannot accept old computers/monitors, large exercise equipment, or gas powered equipment. All proceeds will benefit St. Joseph Catholic School.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON COMMITTEE We are looking to expand our funeral luncheon committee, and are seeking to build a pool of volunteers to help serve and prepare a luncheon. What a wonderful way to comfort a grieving family by serving them a meal! For more information or to volunteer call Betsy Williams @ 723-2090 Ext 12.

CHANGE FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLES Take an empty baby bottle home on Mother's Day. Fill it up with spare change. Return it by Father's Day. **All Proceeds will benefit the Pregnancy Support Center of Warren County.** Handfuls of change add up to many needed items such as cribs, car seats, clothing, diapers, and more for babies in need. Thank you for your generosity and support. If you didn't pick one up after Mass, extra baby bottles will be available in the parish office.

USHERS MEETING All ushers and interested would be ushers are invited to attend a meeting on Friday, May 19th @ 6:30pm in the boardroom. All are welcome!

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The privilege is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The responsibility is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct, which can be accessed at <http://www.eriecd.org/pdf/codeofconduct.pdf>. The code is included in the diocesan Policy of the Protection of Children, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <http://www.eriecd.org/pdf/protectionploicy.pdf>. For more information, contact Mrs Karen Streett, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 5/14 Fifth Sunday of Easter -Mother's Day
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville
 10:30am Ruby Cataldo by Chris Cataldo

Monday, 5/15 Saint Isidore
11:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church *Note Time Change

Tuesday, 5/16 Easter Weekday
 12:05pm Deceased Members of the Derr & Williams Families by Family

Wednesday, 5/17 Easter Weekday
 9:05am Mary Ann Sperry by Mary Lou Wilson
 1:30pm (Warren Manor) Bernard & Esther Lignian by Estate

Thursday, 5/18 Saint John I, Pope and Martyr
 12:05pm Jeanette Anderson by Mike & Lisa Lewis

Friday, 5/19 Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Saint Pancras
 8:00am Jim Graziano by Robert & Gloria Merenick

Saturday, 5/20 Saint Bernardine of Siena
 5:30pm Al Kondak by Joanne Rickert

Sunday, 5/21 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville
 10:30am Frank Chiodo by Sally Morrison

Monday Acts 14:5-18; Gospel John 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; Gospel John 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; Gospel John 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21; Gospel John 15:7-21

Friday Acts 15:22-31; Gospel John 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10; Gospel John 15:18-21

Sunday Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; Gospel John 14:15-21

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, May 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter—Mothers Day
Second Collection to Support our National Shrine
 10:30am Carnations on Sale after Mass and Distribution of Change for Life Baby Bottles

Monday, May 15
11:45am Mass @ St. Luke in Youngsville *note time*

Tuesday, May 16 Election Day
Election Day (Meyer Hall)
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen (Cafeteria)
 5:30pm Finance Council Meeting (Boardroom)

Wednesday, May 17
9:05am School Mass
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 1:30pm Mass @ Warren Manor

Thursday, May 18
 12:30pm-8:15pm Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
 8:15pm Night Prayer & Benediction (Mother's Chapel)

Friday, May 19
 6:30pm Ushers Meeting (Boardroom)

Saturday, May 20
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
 5:30pm ARC Collection after Mass

Sunday, May 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter
Second Collection for International Needs
 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word
 ARC Collection after Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5/20	C Mahood	J Zavinski, *P Bailey, R Kujawa, D Labowski, P Lobdell, G & P Peck	H Harrison M Harrison A Courson
5/21	P Nasman	*V Amsdell, G & M Belleau, N Berardi, *C Bevacqua, R Beyer, *D Bogniak	A Beyer K Beyer J Peterson

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of
 Ian Williams by Aunt Kathy & Uncle Bob
 and
 Family & Friends by Anna Simpson

VOCATIONS ICON

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



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

DONATE YOUR SOLES TO THE HOUSE OF HOPE

 Help raise funds for the House of Hope by donating your new or used, gently worn shoes, sandals, and boots. A collection container for the shoes is located outside of the parish office.

Weekly Donations - May 7th -\$10,638
 Good Shepherd Collection—\$1812.00
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

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