

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

To my family of St. Joseph,

Happy Birthday, Church of God! In my opinion, Pentecost is the most overlooked Solemnity in our Church. Without life in the Holy Spirit and the power that He gives the church, we would not be able to continue the mission of Christ as His Mystical Body here on earth. Today's feast should be right up there with Christmas and Easter and this was re-enforced in the old Liturgical Calendar when Pentecost had its' own octave (but that was eliminated in the revision of the calendar in the late 1960s). Regardless, in this year of pastoral planning in our Diocesan Church of Erie and the potential restructuring of our local Catholic Community, we should be praying for a new Pentecost more than ever. We must believe that our God in His Holy Spirit wants to bring new birth to our church and is using this process to do so. This is more than a political, human, and secular transition. God is with us and leading us- to believe otherwise is not inspired by Him. Remember Jesus' promise in Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." So let us go to the upper room with Mary and the Apostles and PRAY.... pray for rebirth in the Spirit of God that desires to move mountains and empower us to be His witnesses!

May God bless our church on her birthday and our week of Ordinary Time ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ...pray for us!

St. Joseph.... pray for us!

Notes from the pastor...

****End of the Easter Season** The Easter Season will conclude with Evening Prayer for Pentecost and Benediction this Sunday, May 15th at 6pm in the main church.

****I thank Msgr. Ed Lohse** who will be celebrating the 5:30pm Mass here at St. Joseph next Saturday (May 21st) so that I can partake in an out of town wedding. Msgr. Lohse returned to the Diocese of Erie six months ago after serving in the Congregation for Clergy in the Vatican for five years. He presently serves in the Chancery of the Diocese. Please give him a warm St. Joseph welcome.

****Principal Howard Ferguson Retirement** After seven and a half years of generous service, our school principal, Dr. Howard Ferguson, is retiring this spring. Howard has been a true gift to our school and parish as, under his leadership, the school has grown from 48 students in 2010 to 120 students enrolled for next fall. The school is on solid ground due in part to his guidance and the diocesan plan has even asked us to conduct a feasibility study for adding grades 6-8 (in fact Howard will be facilitating that study for us so he is not completely retired). He is a true public servant, gentleman and man of Christ, and we will sorely miss him at St. Joseph Catholic School. There are two opportunities for you to personally and publicly thank and congratulate Howard in the next week. **One- the parish will honor him at the 10:30am Mass THIS Sunday, May 15th. There will be a light reception afterward. Two- the school community will honor him at a reception before the School Spring Concert on Thursday, May 19th. The reception will be at 5:15pm with the concert starting at 6:30pm.** If you are unable to make the event that represents the community to which you be-

long (parish or school) you are welcome to take advantage of the other reception.

****St. Joseph Catholic School Endowment** Hopefully you received a letter in the mail recently regarding the newly reestablished school endowment at St. Joseph. Thank you to everyone who has responded so far and helped us get it to its present level of \$92,200. The school endowment is part of the expectation of the recent school plan and is a great way to provide more security for the school's future. With next year's enrollment at its highest since I have been here (120) and having two third grade and kindergarten classes, this is an endeavor worthy of investing. For more information on making a donation, please contact the school or parish office.

****RCIA Inquiry Meeting** Are you or anyone you know considering becoming Catholic or completing your Sacramental Initiation in our faith through Confirmation? There will be an **Inquiry Meeting on Tuesday, May 31st at 6:30pm in the office board room.** Please contact me at the office if you plan to attend or want to recommend someone for me to follow up.

****Deacon Jamie's Return and Parish Gift** Jamie Power will return this weekend to serve as Deacon and preach at our Pentecost Masses. He will be with us until his ordination to priesthood on June 10th. Please see elsewhere for details on being a part of the ordination. The parish will be giving Jamie a gift of a new chasuble (the vestment a priest wears over his alb at Masses). If you are interested in donating towards that gift please stop by the office.

****New Seminarian for Summer** Bishop Persico and the faculty of St. Mark Seminary have asked us to host another seminarian for summer formation. Robert Nicastro, who is studying at St. Marys in Baltimore (where Jamie also was) and is a native of St. Jude Parish in Erie, will be joining us later in May.

****Personal Feedback on Restructuring Proposal** You can also give **PERSONAL FEEDBACK** directly to the Diocese. Forms are available on the website. You can also fill out a hardcopy of the feedback form which can be found out the doors of the church and drop them off at the office (and we will send them to the Diocese). **The deadline for feedback is May 20th.** Please continue to prayer our Diocesan Pastoral Planning Prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to guide this process of feedback. I hope and pray that we can all be open to God's desire to renew our parish, deanery, vicariate and diocese... come Holy Spirit!

****Corpus Christi Celebration** As another way to intensify our celebration of the Jubilee of Mercy, we are expanding our celebration of the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) on Sunday, May 29th. At the end of the 10:30am Mass we will have a more traditional Eucharistic Procession around the entire block of our church (Pennsylvania, Laurel, 4th and Hazel streets). Recall last year that we had a procession along the sidewalk of our parking lot and back through the church. As part of the tradition, the procession will stop at three altars located in yards along the block where extra prayers are said. The procession will then end back in the church where we will have benediction. Then everyone is invited to the gym for a potluck lunch where the parish will provide a meat and beverages. Fr. Ross Chamberland O.F.M. from St. Bonaventure University will preach the homily at the 10:30am Mass and then will give a 20-30 minute talk at the end of lunch. Children will be taken to Meyer Hall for activities during the talk. The whole event should be done by 2pm. Sign-ups for the pot luck lunch at the doors of the Church. All liturgical ministers (Altar Servers, EMHCs, Sacristans, Musicians, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters) are asked to make an effort to participate and will process together.

Mercy Meter

In honor of all those moms who "clean up" after us in so many ways, we are collecting **laundry detergent, Clorox wipes and window cleaner** in this month of May. This week bring flowers to a friend, family member or neighbor who is a fantastic mother. You could even take them to a favorite Mom at the cemetery.

PARISH NEWS

WEST FEST THANK YOUS/FOLLOW UP MEETING Thank you to everyone who participated in or helped organize this new community event this past Saturday! From our parish, we specifically thank Ann Wortman who was our Campus Director, and all our parishioners who from letting us borrow their canopy to serving a walking taco helped in any way. Thank you also Pastor CD Moore from Warren Wesleyan and Rev. Matthew Scott from Trinity for their leadership and cooperation. This was a great witness to how our Christian churches can come together to be a blessing on our community. Hopefully we can continue to find ways to work together to help build the Kingdom of God! There will be a **follow up meeting on Sunday, May 22nd at 3pm in Meyer Hall** for the organizational team.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Members of the K of C will be at the Church exits after each Mass next weekend to conduct their annual ARC drive (Advocacy & Resources for Citizens with intellectual disabilities). This drive assists in the operation of the Bollinger Enterprise workshop. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

RCIA ALUMNI PICNIC The RCIA team is having an RCIA Alumni picnic on Wednesday, May 25 from 6-8pm at the Amsdell's in Russell. If you are an RCIA alumni, you and your family are invited to come. Please bring a dish to share and lawn chairs! Call Kathy at the parish office so the team can accurately anticipate how many will be coming for the meat and beverages.

DEACON JAMES POWER ORDINATION Join us at St. Peter's Cathedral at 7pm in Erie on June 10th to celebrate Jamie's ordination to the priesthood. The bus will leave Warren at 3pm. Cost is \$40 which includes your bus seat and dinner. Seating is limited. Call the parish office to reserve your seat today.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE Did you start your spring cleaning yet? We would love to have what you don't want anymore! Our Annual St. Joseph School Rummage sale will be held June 16, 17 and 18. We will start accepting your donations Sunday, June 12. As in years past, we cannot accept old computers/monitors, large exercise equipment or gas powered equipment. At the same time, we will have the scrap metal dumpster in the 4th Street parking lot. Do not bring televisions, computers, monitors and the like.

PLEASE NOTE: We are **NOT** having an electronics drive this year.

ADULT FORMATION NEWS

The summer months are almost upon us. Before you head on vacation or home for a stacation for rest and relaxation, stop in to the parish library. There are many good summer reads; it's a great time to learn more about your favorite saint. Sign out your favorite books or dvd's and return them when you get back. The parish library is always open.

RIDE SHARE PROGRAM The ride share program has several individuals committed to providing transportation to Mass for other parishioners, but additional volunteers are necessary to support the current need for rides and to grow the program. Individuals seeking rides to Mass are very committed to the church and thus it is important to them that they attend Mass weekly. We would like to get enough volunteers whereby they would only have to provide rides every other week. We also have a parishioner needing a ride to the grocery store and appointments. Are their members of our congregation that could provide transportation to fellow parishioners occasionally on weekdays? Could we build a pool of individuals to support this act of mercy? If you are available to provide a ride to Mass, or if you have questions on the Ride Share Program, please contact Kevin Weigel at 706-2507.

FORMATION NIGHTS ON MERCY Our next Formation Night on Mercy will be held on **Sunday, May 22nd from 6-8pm**. Our Catechetical Ministries are being targeted to come but ALL parishioners are welcome. These ministries include Salt and Light Catechists, RCIA team, Adult Faith Formation Committee and Youth Ministry (CCY)- I am asking both leadership and volunteers in these ministries to attend. RECALL that if you have already attended a formation night and belong to these ministries, you are asked to come at 7:15pm in order to participate in your ministries discussion group. If you missed the formation night for your ministry in the past, you are asked to attend this session.

THANK YOU TO SUPPA SAWMILL AND HUBER BLACKTOP We would like to thank Suppa Sawmill and Huber Blacktop for helping us for our parish clean-up. Suppa Sawmill donated the rich mulch and Huber Blacktop delivered it for us. Thank you also to everyone who came out and helped to spruce up the grounds. We are truly blessed to have so many people who give of their time, talent and treasure here at St. Joseph.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS Have open conversations with your children about the kinds of websites they are allowed to visit. Clear, simple, easy-to-read house rules for use should be posted on or near the computer monitor. Once you establish guidelines, check to make sure that your users stay within these agreed limits. Encourage them to turn off the monitor and tell you immediately if something online makes them scared, uncomfortable or confused. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm

From the Halls of St. Joseph Catholic School

Thank you to everyone who visited Pizza Hut last week and supported our school. We appreciate you! We will let you know how much was raised in a few weeks.

We would also like to thank you for supporting our Spring flower Sales. It was big success, we sold a total of 335 items with a profit going to the school of \$2,917! We are grateful to Ekey's Garden Center, specifically Mr. Ekey, Barry and Ron the delivery man! It is very special that we can support a local business and in return they spend many hours helping us raise money for our school. Each year they make at least 10 "roundtrips" just to deliver the flowers to our school. Not to mention they do all of this during one of their busiest times of the year... Mother's Day week! And the flowers are so beautiful. Thank you for your support and know we are very grateful and blessed to have your support in so many ways!

Our Spring Concert is this coming Thursday evening. We will celebrate the blessing Dr. Ferguson has been to us for the past 7+ years. The reception will start at 5:15pm in the gymnasium and our concert will begin at 6:30pm. We welcome all to come join us.

The Third Annual May gasoline raffle will be held now through May 26th. The grand prize is \$200 of Kwik-Fill SCRIP cards. There will also be four prizes of \$50 Kwik-Fill SCRIP cards. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You can purchase them at the school or parish office. We are appreciative of United Refining Company for their contributing the prizes.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 5/15 - Pentecost Sunday
 8:00am Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph
 10:30am Alice Tomasone
 by Frances Durante, Brian & Vicki Duckett

Monday, 5/16 - Weekday
 8:00am Margaret Piccirillo by Mike and Lisa Lewis

Tuesday, 5/17 - Weekday
 12:05pm Jack Suppa by Dr. Bob Frioni

Wednesday, 5/18 - Saint John I
 9:05am Kathy Walker by Wortman Family

Thursday, 5/19 - Weekday
 12:05pm Rose Halle by Molinaro Family

Friday, 5/20 - Saint Bernadine of Siena
 8:00am Bob Suppa by Betty Parinella

Saturday, 5/21 - Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions
 8:00am Joseph & Ruth Acks by Estate
 5:30pm Lucy Notoro by Family

Sunday, 5/22 - The Most Holy Trinity
 8:00am Jordan McTavish by Ron & Mary Jane Thomas
 10:30am Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph

Monday James 3:13-18; Gospel - Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday James 4:1-10; Gospel - Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday James 4:13-17; Gospel - Mark 9:38-40
Thursday James 5:1-6; Gospel - Mark 9:41-50
Friday James 5:9-12; Gospel - Mark 10:1-12
Saturday James 5:13-20; Gospel - Mark 10:13-16
Sunday Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; Gospel - John 16:12-15

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES *in memory of*
Gretchen Giunta by Daughter, Bonnie

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 15
 9:00am Cake and Coffee after Mass (Cafeteria)
 11:30am Retirement Reception for Howard Ferguson (Gym)
 6:00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction to end the Easter Season (Church)

Tuesday, May 17
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, May 18
 9:05am School Mass (Church)
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)

Thursday, May 19
 12:30pm Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
 5:15pm SJCS Retirement Reception for Howard Ferguson (Gym)
 6:30pm SJCS Spring Concert (Gym)
 8:15pm Night Prayer & Benediction (Mother's Chapel)

Saturday, May 21
 4:30pm Reconciliation (Church)

Sunday, May 22
 3:00pm West Fest follow-up Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 6:00pm Mercy Night of Formation for Catechists (Meyer Hall)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5/21 5:30pm	A Fadale	*J Zavinski, D & N Sobina, D Geiger, J Anderson, P Bailey	J Funari J Funari
5/22 8:00am	D Pusateri	P Olewine, R & B Williams, D Pusateri, D Vicini, P Tack	E Dippold T Dippold
5/22 10:30am	P Nasman	*K Morse, *A Kirkpatrick, G Grosch, G & M Belleau, N Berardi, *R Beyer	B Sowa B Sowa M Sowa

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Liturgy Corner

May... Mary's Month We honor our Blessed Mother Mary and seek her intercession by communally reciting the Rosary every day of May after the earliest Mass of the day. Also, consider making a personal commitment to honor Mary this month and crown or decorate your Mary statues in your yards and homes.

Anointing of the Sick Mass Our annual Anointing of the Sick Mass for parishioners of Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph will be held **at St. Joseph Church on Thursday, May 26th at 6pm.** If you or anyone you know needs transportation please call the parish office.

Memorial Day Mass Do not forget that the only Mass held on Memorial Day (Monday, May 30th) is at the cemetery at 9am. Fr. Rich will be presiding.

VOCATIONS ICON

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