

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I noticed that the buds on the trees have erupted and was reminded of the story of St. Francis asking the almond tree to speak of the love of God and the almond tree blossomed. The connecting of the almond tree in nature to the love of God is something that St. Francis had a genius for. He recognized the presence of God in all of creation and so is often shown speaking to birds, wolves, or other parts of nature.

At the root of everything is an incarnational understanding of creation. When we speak of the Incarnation, we speak of the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us. An incarnational understanding of nature suggest that the presence of God can be found in all of creation. Therefore, even though allergies may be kicking in from the pollen in the air and sneezing, itchy eyes, and a running nose plaguing us, we should let the spring time remind us of God's love.

There is a song from Intercom days "Pass it on". The second verse helps to capture the understanding. *What a wonderful time is spring, when all the trees are budding. The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it. You spread his love to everyone, you want to pass it on.*

We sometimes localize the presence of God to the church because of the blessed sacrament in the tabernacle. We come and enjoy the peaceful and quiet atmosphere that is so conducive to prayer. But we should always be mindful that the presence of God is not limited to the church or to quiet and peaceful times. Springtime budding and blooming reminds us of the presence of God everywhere, even where we don't usually think we will find God. *Fr. Rick*

PARISH NEWS

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. **Seats are still available.** 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!*

THE WARREN COUNTY FAIR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. Donations of pop and bottled water are being collected to stock the St. Luke Fair Booth which is a major fund raiser for the Parish. If you would like to make a donation please see the sign up sheet in the back of the Church. The list is specific to quantity and flavor needed. Please sign your name on the line with the quantity you are able to donate. As always we THANK YOU for your support of our Parish!

VILLA MARIA-THON 5-K RUN AND 2-MILE WALK

Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center will sponsor its ninth annual Villa Maria-thon 5-K Run and 2-Mile Walk on Saturday, June 2nd, 2018 at 9 a.m. at Villa Maria Community Center in Villa Maria, Pa. Go to www.vmesec.org for registration and additional information. All proceeds from this event benefit the Center's youth and children's programs.

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Donations can be dropped off starting June 9th from 9am –3pm, June 11th, 9am –3pm, June 12th, 3pm-8pm and June 13th, 9am –12pm. You can also drop off donations after the 5:30pm and 10:30am Masses on June 9th and 10th. As in years past, we cannot accept old computers/monitors, large exercise equipment, or gas powered equipment. This year the Rummage Sale will be held on June 14th, 15th and 16th. All proceeds will benefit St Joseph Catholic School. **We do need volunteers to help with the Rummage Sale, sign up sheets are in the back of the Church on the table or you can stop by the Parish Office to sign up.**

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL SCRAP METAL DRIVE: A scrap metal dumpster will be available starting June 9th. It will be in the parking lot off Fourth Street in the back of St. Joseph Church. **Absolutely no TV's, computer monitors, or items with lots of glass .** It is very helpful if everyone fills the dumpster starting in the back. All proceeds will benefit St. Joseph Catholic School.

GASOLINE RAFFLE: Saint Joseph Catholic School is conducting a gasoline raffle fundraiser. Tickets will be on sale after Masses this weekend and the drawing is May 25th. The grand prize is \$200.00 in Kwik –Fill scrip cards and there will be four additional prizes of \$50.00 Kwik-Fill scrip cards. A special thank you to United Refining Company for their contribution of the prizes. The tickets are one dollar each or six tickets for five dollars. Thank you for your generous support.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL is seeking candidates for a full-time fourth grade teaching position beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Please send resume, application, and all other required documentation to Mrs. Nancy Warner, Principal @ St. Joseph Catholic School 608 PA. Ave. West, or drop paperwork off at the school office. Application deadline: May 25th. First Interviews: Week of May 29th. For all positions, preference is given to practicing Catholics. Candidates must have current clearances. Required documentation may be found at www.eriercd.org/teachingforms.html.

CHANGE FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLES

Take a empty baby bottle home with you, fill it up with your spare change. Please return the bottle on Father's Day. With your support, we can provide life-affirming, life-saving care for women with crisis pregnancy, right here in our community. All proceeds benefit Warren's non-profit pregnancy resource center which provides free and confidential crisis pregnancy services. Thank you for your generous support. Baby bottles are still available by the Parish Office.

ONLINE GIVING: Another way to manage your church giving is with Online Giving. With vacation season approaching quickly, it's a great way to keep up your support of our parish. Go to <http://www.stjosephwarrenpa.org/> and click on the Online giving link. It's quick and easy. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 5/20	Pentecost Sunday
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Church
10:30am	Lyle Watkins by Catherine Watkins Atwood & Bruce Atwood
Monday, 5/21	Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Compnions, Martyrs
12:00pm	Mass @ St Luke Church
Tuesday, 5/22	Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
12:05pm	Lucy Notoro by Family
Wednesday, 5/23	Weekday
9:05am	Kathy Shea & Howard O'Neil by Families
Thursday, 5/24	Weekday
12:05pm	Sister Kathleen Hagan by Nick Tomassoni
Friday, 5/25	Saint Bede the Venerable, Saint Gregory VII, Pope, Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
8:00am	Pat Pazderski by Family
Saturday, 5/26	Saint Philip Neri, Priest
5:30pm	Joe & Helen Castagnino by Joe & Loni
Sunday, 5/27	The Most Holy Trinity
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Church
10:30am	For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5/26	C Mahood	M & J Sabat, B & R Williams, R & J Cecco, *P Bailey	A Strandburg O Strandburg
5:30pm			L Harrison Marylin Shene
5/27	B Cole	S Cole, B & B Crowley, D Bogniak, A & M Kirkpatrick, *P Christy	Parker Shene T Bablak
10:30am			

*WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY of
 Karlene Molinaro by Arlene, Owen, & Adam*

St. Joseph Church
 Weekly Offering—May 13th—\$8253.50
 St Joseph Cemetery Collection—\$2634.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!

VOCATIONS ICON

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

BAPTISMS Through the waters of Baptism, we at Saint Joseph Parish wish to **Welcome Carter, Tyler, and Emilia Brown** into our community of faith in Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless their lives with His love. They are the children of Heid Brown.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Catholic education emphasizes self-discipline. Students are taught lessons that will give them a strong moral and ethical foundation to help them make Christ like decisions. If you or someone you know wants to attend St. Joseph Catholic School, please call the office at 723-2030. **SJCS Annual Rummage Sale is June 14th, 15th, and 16th.**
We have open enrollment.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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	Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 20	Pentecost Sunday	2nd Collection -Church in Eastern & Central Europe
	8:00am—Mass @ St Luke Church	
	10:30am Mass	Liturgy of the Word for Children
		7:00pm CCY HS Meeting (Youth Room)
		Baptism of Hannah Amelia Kiser
Monday, May 21	12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church	
	6:30pm	St Joseph Parish Book Club meet at Church and carpool to Rouse Home
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts (Meyer Hall)
Tuesday, May 22	12:05pm Mass	
	4:30pm	Soup Kitchen
Wednesday, May 23	9:05am Mass	(School Mass)
	10:30am	Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
	6:30pm	SJCS Spring Concert (Gym)
Thursday, May 24	12:05pm Mass	
	12:30pm	Adoration in Mother's Chapel
	6:00pm	Daisy/Brownie Meeting (Meyer Hall)
	7:15pm	Evening Prayer in Mother's Chapel
Friday, May 25	8:00am Mass	
		SJCS Field Trip to Chapman State Park
Saturday, May 26	4:30pm—5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	5:30pm Mass	
Sunday, May 27	The Most Holy Trinity	
	8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church	
	10:30am Mass	

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY ITEMS NEEDED IN MAY

THE MONTH OF MAY WE WILL BE COLLECTING PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, AND APPLE JUICE. Your support to the needy families of the Warren Community is amazing. **Thank You!**

JOIN FATHER RICK, FATHER JIM AND ANNA FOR A DAY OF FUN!

DARIEN LAKE TRIP
ALTAR SERVERS GO FREE
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018
SIGN UP NOW!