

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

During the Easter Season we have been reading from the Acts of the Apostles both at Sunday Masses and weekday Masses. Because there are so many more weekday Masses than Sunday Masses we get a much more complete picture of the Acts of the Apostles. Today (Tuesday) we hear of St. Paul being stoned in Lystra after healing a crippled man. There is very little explanation given as to why Paul is being stoned. Acts tells us that Jews from Antioch and Iconium arrive and convince the crowd to stone St. Paul.

Some Scripture scholars are convinced that the reason Paul is stoned is because he is messing with Jewish identity. In other words, we know that Paul believes that all are one...there is no more Jew or Greek, male or female, free person or slave. This effectively erases the boundary between Jew and Gentile. That boundary is what allows for an "us vs. them" mentality. This separation is what makes the Jews the "good guys" and the Gentiles the "bad guys".

Paul believes that because God has bestowed the gift of the Holy Spirit on both Jew and Gentile the playing field has been leveled. If the playing field has been leveled, then no one group of people can claim divine favor as their own. However, if a people has used divine favor as source of their collective identity, then Paul's teaching would directly conflict with that belief and bring about the violence we see in this passage from the Acts of the Apostles.

If we just take a moment to consider the ramifications of Paul's teaching in our own time, we would recognize that the same process of "good guys vs. bad guys" is still in effect. Each side still claims divine favor and thereby makes the other side the bad guys.

The division is as harmful today as it was in the time of St. Paul. Much of the violence we see in the world today comes directly from the division that St. Paul believed God had erased.

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.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL The update for this week's CSA 2017 is 271 family pledges which total \$115,983.00. For those who have not had a full opportunity to consider a pledge, it is not too late. Envelopes for your spiritual and/or financial support can be found at the doors of the church or at the parish office. **Thank you to everyone who has contributed spiritually or financially to our CSA 2017 your support is greatly appreciated in our St. Joseph Parish and our Diocesan Church.**

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

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 AVAILABLE AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OFFICE, THE PARISH OFFICE AND ALL THE ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH. 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.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE It is time to start planning for our Annual St. Joseph Rummage Sale. If you would like to volunteer, the sign up sheets will be at the Scrip Table after Mass and in the Parish Office. 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 can not 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.

CARE & CONCERN HOME REPAIRS If you are in need of small repairs in your home. Please call Steve Guadagnino 757-9592

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Susan Olson who organized the sale of carnations and to Troy McFate who coordinated the Change for Life Baby Bottle distribution. Thanks to everyone for their generous support.



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

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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, 5/22— Saint Rita of Cascia
 12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church

Tuesday, 5/23 - Easter Weekday
 12:05pm Howard O’Neil & Kathleen Shea by Families

Wednesday, 5/24— Easter Weekday
 9:05am Anthony & Anna Mary Reisienger by Charles & Catherine Ditz
 7:00pm The Ascension of the Lord Mass @ St. Luke

Thursday, 5/25 - The Ascension of the Lord
 12:05pm Lorraine Bengston by Family (School Mass)
 5:30pm In Honor of St. Jude by Pat O’Dea & Family

Friday, 5/26— Saint Philip Neri, Priest
 8:00am Lucy Notoro by Family

Saturday, 5/27— Seventh Sunday of Easter
 5:30pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Sunday, 5/28— Seventh Sunday of Easter
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville
 10:30am Marry & Gay by Walt & Ann Simpson

Monday Acts 16:11-15; Gospel John 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday Acts 16:22-34; Gospel John 16:5-11
Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Gospel John 16:12-15
Thursday Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23; Gospel Mt 28:16-20
Friday Acts 18:9-18; Gospel John 16:20-23
Saturday Acts 18:23-28; Gospel John 16:23b-28
Sunday Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; Gospel John 17:1-11a

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5/25 12:05pm	School	K Amsdell, J&V Siliano, B Williams, J Hausmann, P Bailey	School E Strausser
5/25 5:30pm	A Fadale	R & P Osche, L Tyers, R&T Fadale, M Sowa	K Fadale M Fadale
5/27 5:30pm	R McGinn	F Perrin, J&M Sabat, *H Zaffino, S Courson, J&P Rickert	J Funari J Funari R Courson
5/28 10:30am	D Pusateri	*P Christy, *B&B Crowley, *C Feaster, G Grosch, *C Luppino, J Hausmann	L Johnson S Johnson C Smelko

THIS WEEK’S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, May 21 Second Collection for International Needs
 10:30am Mass
Knights of Columbus ARC Collection after Mass
 Pastoral Council Breakfast in Meyer Hall after Mass

Monday, May 22
 12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke in Youngsville
 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall)

Tuesday, May 23
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, May 24
 9:05am Daily Mass in Mother’s Chapel
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 7:00 pm Ascension of the Lord Mass @ St. Luke

Thursday, May 25 Ascension of the Lord
 12:05pm School Mass ** Note Day & Time Change
 12:30pm-5:00pm Adoration
 5:30pm The Ascension of the Lord Mass
 6:00pm Daisy Scouts

Friday, May 26 Parish Office Closed
St Joseph School Field Day @ Chapman Dam State Park

Saturday, May 27
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation

Sunday, May 28 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Monday May 29 Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed & No School
 9:00am Mass @ St. Joseph Cemetery

CHANGE FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLES

Take an empty baby bottle home . Fill it up with spare change.
 Return it by Father’s Day. Handfuls of change add up to many needed items such as cribs, car seats, clothing, diapers, and more for babies in need. All proceeds benefit the Warren County Pregnancy Support Center. Bottles are still available at the entrances of the Church.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

“I don’t want to be the first to say anything.” “ It’s none of my business.” “Let’s just pretend it didn’t happen.” “I’m not going to be the one to tattle.” The distinction between “tattling” and “telling” is a simple one. *Tattling* is done to get someone in trouble. *Telling* is done to stop a person from hurting themselves or someone else. So don’t be the one to “tattle,” but please be the one who “tells,” and save a child’s life. Call reports of disclosed or suspected abuse to the PA child abuse hotline, Child Line, 1-800-932-0313. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of
 Norbert Heisler by Grandchildren
 and
 Frank & Mary Molinaro by Family

In your charity please pray for the soul of Marilyn Jane Eckert sister of **Betsy Azzato**, Richard Suppa Father of **Michael and Lily Suppa**, and John Wood Father of **Paul and Joel Wood** who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to the families, and ask God’s love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

Weekly Donations - May 14th - \$5370.00
 Second Collection May 14th— \$608.00