

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

To my family of St. Joseph,

A blessed Most Holy Trinity Sunday to all! Having just celebrated the powerful encounter the early church had with the third person of the Trinity (God the Holy Spirit) last weekend at Pentecost, we now celebrate that great mystery of faith which is at the heart of our Catholic faith... the Most Holy Trinity. There is such a profound mystery, yet wisdom, to the truth on which all of our church is founded- that God is one God in three divine persons. The community of divine persons, which is our God, is the source of all life as well as the purpose and final destination for all existence. We are created to live in communion with and grow in unity with the Holy Trinity.

Next weekend we will celebrate the most effective and concrete way that our God has given us to grow in communion with Him- the Most Holy Eucharist. It is the Solemn Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ traditionally known as Corpus Christi (Latin for the Body of Christ). It is a great tradition in our Catholic faith to hold Eucharistic Processions on this feast and such processions are fast gaining popularity among younger Catholics who never experienced them in their youth, and older Catholics seem glad to see them return. A custom originating in 13th century Belgium, Eucharistic processions marking the local Feast of Corpus Christi quickly spread around Europe and eventually led to the feast day being adopted for the universal Church in the late 1200s. St. Thomas Aquinas himself composed the liturgy for the Corpus Christi Mass, including the famous "Pange Lingua" and "Tantum Ergo" prayers/songs. Originally celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, the Feast of Corpus Christi has been transferred to the following Sunday in the United States. People in the procession might sing, pray, or walk silently. Temporary altars are set up at various locations for special prayers. In some parishes, First Communicants wear their formal clothes. Processions end with Benediction, a short liturgy that ends with the Host being returned to ("reposed in") the Tabernacle. As one priest from California wrote "I believe the Eucharistic procession is a fantastic sign that reminds us of what we are all called to do when we process out of the church after the typical dismissal of Mass. What we are called to do with the words spoken to us, and the Eucharist we have just consumed, is to take them out, literally, through our human bodies, into the neighborhoods and into the marketplaces."

Building on our brief procession last year, this year at the end of the 10:30am Mass we have a more traditional Eucharistic Procession. The procession will include stops at three altars set up around the block of our church facility (Laurel, 4th, Hazel and Pennsylvania Avenue) where extra prayers will be said, and conclude with Benediction in the main church. There will be a potluck lunch in the gym immediately following (around 12:45pm) which everyone is invited to share. The parish will supply the meat, beverages and table settings; parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share. We will conclude with a talk from Fr. Ross at 1:30pm (with simultaneous Children's activity in Meyer Hall). The goal is to be done by 2pm or so. You are asked to make a reservation by calling the parish office or signing up in the binders at the doors of the church. **The deadline for reservations is Monday, May 23rd.**

Please consider joining your parish family in honoring our Lord Jesus whose REAL PRESENCE is found in the Eucharist, and to witness to our community that His presence is the heart of our community and faith. May God bless our week ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Rich

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

Notes from the pastor...

****New Pastoral Council Members** Congratulations to Kathleen Jones, Jessica Roudybush and Darryl McTavish who were selected as the newest members of the St. Joseph Pastoral Council! I am grateful for their willingness to serve our parish in this important role of leadership. They will serve a three- year term on the council which helps provide vision and mission for our parish. Also, a huge thank you goes out to those members of our council who have just completed their 3-year term- Craig Kostrzewski, Holly LeMeur, and Roy Williams. As I have said before, the Pastoral Council at St. Joseph is the best that I have seen in all my assignments as far as accomplishing the church's and my vision as to what a pastoral council should be. So I thank our outgoing members for being a big part of helping make that happen. Please pray for them and all the members of the council... come Holy Spirit!

****I thank Msgr. Ed Lohse** who is celebrating the 5:30pm Mass here at St. Joseph this weekend 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.

****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 parish office board room**. Please contact me at the office if you plan to attend or want to recommend someone for me to follow up.

****West Fest Follow Up Meeting** There will be a **follow up meeting on Sunday, May 22nd at 3pm in Meyer Hall** for the organizational team.

****Deacon Jamie's Return and Parish Gift** Jamie 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 Nicaastro, who is studying at St. Marys in Baltimore (where Jamie also was), is a native of St. Jude Parish in Erie. He will be joining us in late May.

****Fr. Ross Chamberland O.F.M.** Fr. Ross, ordained to the priesthood in January of 2015, holds a bachelor's degree in social justice and urban life from Emmanuel College in Boston, a master's degree from the Washington Theological Union, and pontifical graduate degree from the Catholic University of America. He serves on the faculty of St. Bonaventure University while pursuing doctoral studies at St. John Fisher in Rochester. Fr. Ross is the executive director of The Lateran Center. The Center assists various departments by serving as a catalyst for program development, special events, and student recruitment. Fr. Ross works with the university president in developing closer relationships with the many branches of the Franciscan Order, as well as the Catholic dioceses associated with the university. "We're not reinventing the wheel here," Fr. Ross said. "Bonaventure already does a lot of the things that the pope is championing, and we do them well. Because of him, a lot of people are starting to see what being Catholic actually means. What we hope the center can do is connect the dots for people, to show how all that we execute in the Franciscan tradition is directly tied to our Catholic identity and mission."

The title of Fr. Ross's talk here will be: "The Humility of God: mercy and the Eucharist—a Franciscan perspective".

Mercy Meter



To date, we have collected over 339 rolls of paper towels, 448 cans of beef stew, 138 bottles of dish detergent, 162 light bulbs, 308 rolls of paper towels, 42 boxes of garbage bags, 14 containers of laundry soap, and 227 jars of spaghetti sauce since January. As a parish, we have also delivered eight beds, three dressers, two couches, 3 recliners, 3 tables, one refrigerator, plus bedding, clothes, kitchen ware and curtains. We have taken a few families devastated by fire shopping and we have paid over \$1400.00 in mortgage and utility costs. Pope Paul VI says in his 1965 encyclical Gaudium et Spes, "There must be made available to all men everything necessary for leading a life truly human, such as food, clothing, and shelter; the right to choose a state of life freely and to found a family, the right to education, to employment, to a good reputation, to respect, to appropriate information, to activity in accord with the upright norm of one's own conscience, to protection of privacy and rightful freedom even in matters religious." Saint Joseph family be proud and keep on caring! This week, say you are sorry at least five times; you may even say it to God! We continue to collect laundry detergent, clorox wipes and window cleaner in May. Thank you!

PARISH NEWS

FORMATION NIGHTS ON MERCY Our next Formation Night on Mercy will be held **THIS 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.

RCIA ALUMNI PICNIC The RCIA team is having an RCIA Alumni picnic on Wednesday, May 25th 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, etc.

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 staycation 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.

DARIEN LAKE Calling all Altar Servers! Fr. Rich thanks you for your service during the past year. To show our appreciation, we are inviting you to go to Darien Lake on Wednesday, June 29th for a family fun day. Not a server? You can still come along for all the fun. Cost for servers is free; non-servers, both youth and adults, is \$50.⁰⁰. Price includes the bus and admission into the theme/water parks. You are responsible for food. Deadline is June 15th!

CHANGE FOR LIFE Due to an overwhelming response, we ran out of baby bottles on Mother's Day. We have received additional bottles. Please take one home with you and fill up with your spare change and return them on Father's Day, June 19th. All proceeds benefit the Pregnancy Support Center of Warren.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE Join us as we visit the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA from August 9-11. Additional site stops: Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel at West Point. Reservations are due by July 7 to secure a seat on the bus. Forms can be found at the doors of the Church.

PARISH DIRECTORIES Finally! We have received confirmation the pictorial directories should be here around the third week of June. If you had a family photo taken, you will receive a free directory. There may be a few extras which can be purchased once the others are given out. Thank you for your extreme patience during this process.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS Chat rooms can be a treacherous place and parents need to talk to their children about the potential dangers. Children 'meet' new friends virtually but in the virtual world you never really know who you are talking to. Sometimes these 'friends' are adults trying to gain the friendship and trust of children and youth. Continual monitoring of children's participation in chat rooms is required to keep children safe! To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm

HOUSE OF HOPE SHOE DONATION The House of Hope is collecting new or used, gently worn shoes, sandals and boots until June 10th. Shoe donations will be turned in for cash to help support the House of Hope. It also supports micro-enterprises in developing nations. PLUS it reduces what goes into landfills! A large box is located in the main vestibule to deposit your donations. Thank you.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HfH is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Seeking to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Our affiliate has built and constructed 8 homes here in City of Warren. Our latest is outside the city of Warren, in Clarendon. Habitat for Humanity is seeking applicants for this next home. Applications are available at the Public Library, EOC and online at: habitatwarrenpa.org

From the Halls of St. Joseph Catholic School

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. Winners will be drawn on Friday, May 27th.

As we approach the end of another school year, our SCRIP program has been such a boost to our bottom line. From May 1, 2015-April 30, 2016, the SCRIP program has raised \$7,286 to help support our school. We thank everyone who has made large and small purchases. Remember to buy SCRIP for all your summer activities! Call the school or parish office to place orders or to find out how to purchase online.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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, 5/23 - Weekday
 8:00am Howard O'Neil and Kathy Shea by Family

Tuesday, 5/24 - Weekday
 12:05pm Richard Sowa by Wife

Wednesday, 5/25 - Saint Bede the Venerable; Saint Gregory VII; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
 9:05am Anthony Genco and grandson Tony Genco by Jean & Christine Puleo
 1:30pm Bernard & Ester Lignian by Estate at Warren Manor

Thursday, 5/26 - Saint Philip Neri
 12:05pm Cathie Rice by M/M James Rice
 6:00pm Anointing Mass

Friday, 5/27 - Saint Augustine of Canterbury
 8:00am Rose & Sandy Fadale by Children

Saturday, 5/28 - Weekday
 8:00am Estelle & John Rickert by Joanne Rickert
 5:30pm Henry & Katherine Weidner, Robert Franklin and Emma Thompson by Jackie Franklin

Sunday, 5/29 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
 8:00am John Baker by Dave & Mary Lopez
 10:30am Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph

Monday 1 Peter 1:3-9; Gospel - Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday 1 Peter 1:10-16; Gospel - Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday 1 Peter 1:18-25; Gospel - Mark 10:32-45
Thursday 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Gospel - Mark 10:46-52
Friday 1 Peter 4:7-13; Gospel - Mark 11:11-26
Saturday Jude 17, 20b-25; Gospel - Mark 11:27-33
Sunday Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Gospel - Luke 9:11b-17

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES *in memory of*
 Henry & Katherine Weider, Robert Franklin
 and Emma Thompson by Jackie Franklin

COMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday, May 24
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen (Cafeteria)
 5:30pm Finance Council Meeting (Boardroom)

Wednesday, May 25
 9:05am School Mass (Church)
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 1:30pm Mass at Warren Manor
 6:00pm RCIA Alumni Picnic (Amsdell's home)

Thursday, May 26
 12:30pm Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
 5:30pm Reposition (Mother's Chapel)
 6:00pm Anointing Mass (Church)

Saturday, May 28
 4:30pm Reconciliation (Church)

Sunday, May 29
 11:30am Corpus Christ Procession
 12:45pm Pot Luck lunch (Gym)

Monday, May 30
 Parish Office Closed
 9:00am Memorial Day Mass (St. Joseph Cemetery)

In your charity, please pray for the soul of **Ramona Dunn** who passed away recently. Also keep in your prayers, Jeff Hunter, brother of **Jim & Sally Hunter** who also passed away recently. We extend our sympathies to their families, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5/28 5:30pm	K Jones	J Caumban-Lim, R & T Fadale, C & K Darling, *H Zaffino	D Funari O Strandburg
5/29 8:00am	M Sandberg	P & S Cronmiller, R Sharp, B & B Crowley, P Rickert	A Gatto L Dippold
5/29 10:30am	D Wortman	G Grosch, D Bogniak, *C Luppino, *A Wortman, C Bevecqua, C & *J Kostrzewski,	G Wortman I Wortman M Wortman

Weekly Donations - May 15: \$ 8,115
 CSA Pledged: \$116,651; Paid to date: \$ 67,560
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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 **Cecco Family** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph.