

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hard to believe that we are into the month of May already. I'm sure that for the First Communion class that May couldn't get here fast enough, but for the rest of us May has gotten here too quickly. Of course, if the warm weather is here to stay, we'll take it.

First Communion is always a big event in the life of a parish. First Communion signifies the passing on of the faith to the next generation. Our third graders making their First Communion are evidence of the saving plan of God active and alive in our parish. Their excitement at making their First Communion reminds us of what a gift sharing in the "Breaking of the Bread" really is. Congratulations to all who have made their First Communion.

We also have baptisms scheduled for each Sunday this month. I will be baptizing more children this month than I did in any of the previous years as pastor in Sykesville and Reynoldsville. I am so pleased with our young families bringing their children to be baptized. Congratulations to you all.

Ascension Thursday is this Thursday. It's a holy day of obligation. The feast of the Ascension in much of the country is pushed back to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. However, in our little corner of the country, Ascension Thursday is still celebrated 40 days after Easter.

Pentecost is celebrated on May 20th, 50 days after Easter. Pentecost is the final day of the Easter season. That means that between Lent (40 days) and Easter (50 days) we have given three months to the celebration of the wonderful mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection into which we have all been baptized.

I'm sure May will pass with the same speed of the previous 4 months. I just hope that time slows down a little once June arrives. *Fr. Rick*

PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS Three 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.

SCRAP METAL DRIVE: Starting June 9, a dumpster will be available for your scrap metal. Please NO tv's, NO computer monitors. Bring your scrap early. Always, put your scrap metal INSIDE the dumpster, all the way to the back.

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ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE Thinking of Spring Cleaning? The excitement has started! We will start accepting donations June 9th at 9am -3pm. You can also drop off after 5:30pm and 10:30am Masses, June 11th, 9am -3pm, June 12th, 3pm-8pm and June 13th, 9am -12pm. 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. **Sign up sheets to volunteer with the Rummage Sale are in the back of the Church on the table or you can stop by the Parish Office to sign up.**

The Annual Pizza Hut Day for St Joseph Catholic School is May 16th. The school will recover 15% of your bill which can be eat-in, take-out, or delivery. Also, if you purchase your meal with Pizza Hut SCRIP cards, the contribution to the school rises to 23%. You must have a voucher to participate. They are available in both the Parish and the school offices. May 10th is the deadline to order the SCRIP cards. Thank you for supporting our school!

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. Seating is limited. Call the parish office to reserve your seat for this very special day.

DEACON IAN ORDINATION GIFT If you 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.

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.eriecd.org/teachingforms.html.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse: Child sexual abuse is a great deal more prevalent than many imagine. Some studies suggest that as many as one in six boys and one in four girls will be the victim of some form of sexual molestation before the age of 18. That means that, directly or indirectly, child sexual abuse will touch most of us during our lifetime. And although we would like to believe that most accusations are false, the facts tell us that children rarely lie about being molested. In fact, they rarely tell anyone at all. An adult study about the prevalence of sexual abuse found that 42% of the men and 33% of the women who were victimized as children had never told anyone. (Source: Sharon Womak Doty, "Refresher from the Protecting God's Children® Program." To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>.

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 5/6 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Church

Monday, 5/7 Easter Weekday
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church

Tuesday, 5/8 Easter Weekday
 12:05pm Susan & Anthony Brazer by Jim Graziano & Family

Wednesday, 5/9 Easter Weekday
 9:05am Karlene Molinaro by Jan Graziano & Family
 7:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church Vigil Mass for Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, 5/10 The Ascension of the Lord
 12:05pm Karlene Molinaro by Arlene, Owen, & Adam
 5:30pm Betty Madeline by Cindy & Rob Kaemmerer

Friday, 5/11 Easter Weekday
 8:00am Abby Schmader by Nick Tomassoni

Saturday, 5/12 Easter Weekday
 5:30pm Lorraine Bengston by Family

Sunday, 5/13 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 Mark 16: 15-20

Friday Acts 18:9-18; Gospel John 16:20-23

Saturday Acts 18:23-28; Gospel John 16:23b-28

Sunday Acts 1:17, 20a, 20c-26; Gospel John 17:11b-19

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 6 6th Sunday of Easter
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 10:30am Mass @ St Joseph Church
 First Holy Eucharist Mass
 Reception to Follow in Meyer Hall
 Baptism of Henry Theodore William Anderson

Monday, May 7 Teacher Appreciation Week at SJCS
 8:30am SJCS May Crowning
 12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church
 4:30pm RCIA Team Meeting (Meyer Hall)

Tuesday, May 8
 12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 5:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting at Rectory

Wednesday, May 9
 7:30am-9:00am-First Group—Flower pick up in Loranger Hall
 9:05am Mass (School Mass)
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 3:00pm-5:00pm— Second Group— Flower pick up in Loranger Hall

Thursday, May 10
 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 11
 7:30am SJCS Muffins with Mom (Gym)
 8:00am Mass

Saturday, May 12
 4:30pm—5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass
 Carnations for Mother’s Day will be sold after Mass
 K of C Members will be handing out Baby Bottles for our Change for Life Fund Drive

Sunday, May 13 7th Sunday of Easter—St Joseph Cemetery Collection
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
 10:30am Mass @ St Joseph Church
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 **Carnations for Mother’s Day will be sold after Mass
 K of C Members will be handing out Baby Bottles for our Change for Life Fund Drive
 Happy Mother’s Day

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5/10			
12:05pm	Students	D Labowski, 2 Volunteers	Students
5:30pm	V Amsdell	<u>V & K Amsdell, 3 Volunteers</u>	Logan Fincher, 1 Volunteer
5/12			
5:30pm	S Lauser	C & K Darling, T & R Fadale, J Anderson, P Bailey,	M Alexander Jacob Funari
5/13		<u>J Caumban-Lim</u>	<u>Jillian Funari</u>
10:30am	P Nasman	R Beyer, V & K Amsdell, N Berardi, G & M Belleau, C Bevacqua	A Beyer, K Beyer I Goldthwaite

*WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
 Karlene, Frank, & Mary Molinaro by Family*

*St. Joseph Church
 Weekly Offering—April 29th—\$5850.50
 Thank you for your continued generosity!*

VOCATIONS ICON

Thank you to the **Mrs. Nasman’s 4th grade class** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Parish.

In your charity please pray for the soul of Carol Mando, Mother of **Cheryl & John Belleau** who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to her family, and ask God’s love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

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 Pizza Hut Day will be on May 16th**
We have open enrollment.

**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!**