

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

To my family of St. Joseph,

Now that graduations and school years are done, we can say summer is here! For us as Catholics we re-enter the Liturgical Season we call Ordinary Time (recall that the days between the Christmas Season and Lent are Ordinary Time as well). Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery and therefore our Liturgical Calendar. They help us focus on the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed or "ordered", is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. So we should not see the days of summer as a time to take a break from Church but rather as a great opportunity to grow in the grace of conversion and spiritual maturity. Let's take advantage of it!

May God bless our summer of Ordinary Time and 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...

****Rev. James Power Masses of Thanksgiving** It is a tradition for newly ordained priests to celebrate Masses of Thanksgiving at his home and formation parishes. So this **Sunday, June 12th at 2pm, Jamie will celebrate a Mass at his home parish of St. Patrick in Erie.** I will be concelebrating that Mass and preaching the homily and you would be welcome to join us (St. Patrick is the beautiful pro-cathedral of the Diocese which was newly renovated). **ALSO, Sunday, June 19th Fr. Jamie will celebrate his first Mass here at St. Joseph at 10:30am.** There will be a light reception after Mass so please make every effort to be here to support Jamie and congratulate him.

****Rummage Sale Support** Please do all that you can to support our annual SJCS Rummage Sale by donating items, buying items or volunteering to work. This has become a significant fundraiser for our school- let's keep it growing!

****World Youth Day Car Wash** Next Saturday, June 18th, part of our group going to World Youth Day (WYD) in Poland this summer will be having a car wash and basket raffle from 4-7pm (during the 5:30pm Mass). Please see elsewhere for details but make note that we will be in the back Laurel Street parking lot during the 5:30pm Mass so you can drop your car off before Mass and pick it up after. There are twelve of us going to Krakow, Poland from July

Liturgy Corner

Father's Day Blessing There will be a special blessing for all our fathers next weekend at all Masses. Please make an effort to go to Mass with your fathers to pray for and with them on the day we honor them in a special way.

21-August 1 (including my sister and her husband and two sons from Erie, and my former college roommate and his wife and two sons). Please also pray for all pilgrims attending WYD!

****Bill 1947 to be brought to the State Senate** Bishop Persico called a mandatory meeting this week for all Diocesan Clergy regarding a new Bill that the Pennsylvania House of Representatives already passed and is quickly coming to be voted on by the State Senate. Essentially it would treat private and religious institutions differently than public institutions in regard to the statute of limitations regarding civil or criminal law suits in the area of child abuse. This is not fair and should at least be revised before being passed. It is also a time to remember how much the Catholic Church has done in regard to providing counseling and support for survivors of abuse and to train and educate both adults and children in preventing this social epidemic (the Catholic Church has done more than any other institution in our country regarding training and counseling). There is a bulletin insert that Bishop Persico asked to be distributed to all of our parishioners which encourages you to go to the website of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference for more information, most important of which on how to contact our senators and representatives on this issue. Please take the time to be informed on this issue and act on it. Let me know if you want to discuss this sensitive but important issue more extensively.

****Darrien Lake Youth Trip** I look forward to joining our altar servers and other youth from our community on the trip to Darien Lake at the end of June. Please see elsewhere for more details and I hope all of our youth will consider joining me and our Youth Minister, Anna Anderson, for a fun day together!

****Feedback from the Recommendation to Merge with St. Anthony** Thank you to those who responded to the latest recommendation from our Pastoral Council that St. Anthony in Sheffield be merged with St. Joseph instead of St. Luke in Youngsville. I will or have been personally in touch with those who contacted me but allow me to say here that it was not enough concern raised to alter our recommendation. I heard from six people, two of which were expressing significant concern about merging with St. Anthony instead of St. Luke. **So the following institutional recommendation has been officially submitted by our parish that would create two new parishes out of the four being considered- The two new parishes would look like this:**

- *St. Joseph (St. Joseph and St. Anthony) with responsibility for St. Joseph Catholic School, Warren General Hospital, Warren Manor (nursing home) and Cambridge Home.*
- *Holy Redeemer (Holy Redeemer and St. Luke) with responsibility for Warren State Hospital, the Rouse, Golden Living Nursing Home and the Watson Home."*

VOCATIONS ICON—how it works

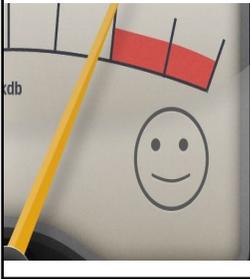
- A. **Sign up on sheet—include name and what Mass you will pick Icon up at.**
- B. **Receive Icon at Mass from Fr. Rich.**
- C. **Return Icon to the Church office the following Friday before noon.**

It only takes about 10 minutes a day. We would like to encourage everyone to sign up for a week and play a part in someone hearing their call.

It's as easy as A—B—C!

Thank you.

Terry & Janice Ressler

Mercy Meter

In June we are collecting **Peanut Butter and Jelly plus any kind of fruit juice!** Who doesn't love a good PB&J... let's fill the pantry of the Salvation Army for all those kiddos who will spend their summer there. This week say extra prayers for Deacon Jamie Power, his classmate David Carter and all those seminarians who are actively living out the call from God. May God bless their weeks ahead!

PARISH NEWS

PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE! After long wait, the directories have arrived. If you had your portrait taken, you are to get a free directory. Please stop by the parish office to get yours. We will **NOT** mail any directories, you must pick up in the parish office during normal office hours. If you did not get your portrait taken, you may purchase a directory for \$15.⁰⁰.

MONTHLY STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS FRIDAY We will have our monthly Stations of the Cross on Friday, June 17 at 6:00pm in the Church. Stop in and recharge as you start your weekend.

DON'T WAIT to make a difference in this life. Make the difference today! Our youth need faith filled, energized adults to guide them and teach them about the goodness and greatness of our Catholic faith. Call Jennifer at 688-3842 to find out what our Faith Formation program is all about and how you can help whether you have a few weekends or the whole year to give. Thank you!

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE Our Annual St. Joseph School Rummage sale is almost here! We will start accepting your donations Sunday, June 12 through Wednesday, June 15. The sale is June 16, 17 and 18th. 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.

REVEREND JAMES POWER will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at 10:30am on June 19th. We encourage everyone to come pray with Fr. Jamie. There will be a light reception following the Mass to congratulate our newly ordained priest.

WYD (WORLD YOUTH DAY) As some of you know, Fr. Rich will be taking a group pilgrims to World Youth Day in Poland in July. To help support their journey, they will be holding a car wash next Saturday, June 18 from 4-7pm in the Laurel Street parking lot. They will wash your car during Mass, just drop your car off before you head into Church or just bring your vehicle by during our car wash hours. They will also be selling Pulakos candy bars, Petrone's Pizelles, and raffling off a couple of gift baskets. While they appreciate your financial donation, they especially welcome your prayers. There will be a basket where you can leave any special intentions. They will take these intentions on their pilgrimage and leave them at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Poland. Thank you in advance for your support!

CHANGE FOR LIFE We have a few additional baby bottles. They are in the vestibule. Please take one home with you and fill it up with your spare change and return them on Father's Day, June 19th. All proceeds benefit the Pregnancy Support Center of Warren.

CCY ON THE 4TH OF JULY We will be in the front yard of the Rectory on July 4th during the parade selling sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, pop and water. Bring your lawn chairs and sit with your parish family, enjoy the parade in the shade and grab a bite to eat. We hope to see you there!

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. In appreciation, we are inviting you to go to Darien Lake on Wednesday, June 29th for a family fun day. Not a server? That's okay. 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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be here before you know it (August 1-5)! Don't miss out on a fantastic opportunity this summer to be a part of this amazing experience. EGYPT will be our largest, most fantastic summer bible school experience yet. Ages 3-grade 5 tell your mummy to send you to an awesome week of faith, friends and fun! 6-12th graders and adults call Jennifer today at 688-3842 and sign up to make a difference this summer by helping as station leaders or be a part of the kitchen crew. Thank you!

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.

VOLUNTEERING AT SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL Volunteers are always welcome and needed at St. Joseph Catholic School. Currently, there are two very important volunteer positions in need of an instructor. The first is Spanish which is taught in grades 3, 4 and 5. One afternoon is required to provide this service. The second position is supplemental mathematics which is also taught in grades 3, 4 and 5. This also requires one afternoon per week. We have the materials and lesson plans if you feel qualified, you will find working with the children to be a true joy. Call the school office, 723-2030, for any questions which you may have.

SCRIP Now that school is out, the SCRIP book will be in the parish office making it even easier to purchase. Please remember SCRIP cards for all your summer activities. Lunch, dinner dates, vacation and home improvements, we have the cards for every occasion. All proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic School with no added expense to you!

THE ST. JOSEPH RIDE SHARE PROGRAM NEEDS YOU! We are currently transporting five individuals to the 5:30 Mass with volunteer drivers. When drivers are away or have other conflicts one driver may need to pick up three parishioners. The program desperately needs additional volunteers for the 5:30 Mass as well as the 10:30am Mass. With more volunteers, the load will be light for all drivers. You will find the reward to be great for a minimal amount of time and effort. If you can provide a ride to any of the weekend Masses, please contact the parish office at 723-2090 or Kevin Weigel at 706-2507. **James 2:14-17** *What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 6/12 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am In Honor of Ralph & Pat Christy 50th Anniversary
 10:30am Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph

Monday, 6/13 - Saint Anthony of Padua
 8:00am Anna Jean McNitt by Blair & Pam Smoulder

Tuesday, 6/14 - Weekday
 12:05pm Dick Sowa by Family

Wednesday, 6/15 - Weekday
 8:00am Joline Sandberg by Duane & Donna Vicini
 1:30pm Rose Halle by Estate at Warren Manor

Thursday, 6/16 - Weekday
 12:05pm Rose & Sam Falvo by Family

Friday, 6/17 - Weekday
 8:00am Mary & Dale Winchester by Family

Saturday, 6/18 - Weekday
 8:00am Minnie Menard by Family
 5:30pm Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph

Sunday, 6/19 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am Paul Rickert by John & Patty Rickert
 10:30am Marti Harrington by Family

Monday 1 Kings 21:1-16; Gospel - Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday 1 Kings 21:17-29; Gospel - Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Gospel - Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday Sirach 48:1-14; Gospel - Matthew 6:7-15
Friday 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Gospel - Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday 2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Gospel - Matthew 6:24-34
Sunday Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1; Galatians 3:26-29; Gospel - Luke 9:18-24

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in celebration of
Reverend James Power

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 12
 12:00pm-5:00pm Rummage Sale Drop-Off (Gym)

Monday, June 13
 9:00am-3:00pm Rummage Sale Drop-Off (Gym)

Tuesday, June 14
 3:00pm-8:00pm Rummage Sale Drop-Off (Gym)
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, June 15
 9:00am-2:00pm Rummage Sale Drop-Off (Gym)
 1:30pm Mass at Warren Manor
 4:30pm RCIA Team Meeting (Boardroom)

Thursday, June 16
 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale (Gym)
 12:30pm Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
 5:30pm Reposition (Mother's Chapel)

Friday, June 17
 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale (Gym)
 6:00pm Monthly Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, June 18
 9:00am-12:00pm Rummage Sale-\$1/bag day (Gym)
 4:00pm-7:00pm WYD Car Wash (Laurel Street Parking Lot)
 4:30pm Reconciliation (Church)

Sunday, June 19
 10:30am Mass of Thanksgiving for Rev. James Power (Church)
 Light Reception to follow (Meyer Hall)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
6/18 5:30pm	J Walker	J Caumban-Lim, *K Jones, D & N Sobina, T & R Fadale	J Kupchella B Hoffman
6/19 8:00am	C Wolf	R & B Williams, *D Pusateri, P Olewine, D Vicini, P Rickert	W Sokolski M Wortman
6/19 10:30am	R Ives	G Grosch, C Luppino, *C Bevacqua, *D Bogniak, C & J Kostrzewski, R Beyer	A Beyer M Beyer K Beyer

From the Halls of St. Joseph Catholic School
 Dear Members of St. Joseph Parish,
 As you may know, Friday was my last day as principal of your school. It was a great privilege and honor to serve with Father Toohey as well as with the excellent faculty and staff which we are blessed to have. Thank you for your support of both the school and of me. I am looking forward to watching the continued success and ever growing ministry of your school in the years ahead.
 Respectfully yours,
Dr. Howard R. Ferguson

Through the saving waters of baptism we welcome **Autumn Louise Kula**, daughter of **Christopher & Ashly Kula** who will be baptized by water and the Spirit on Sunday, June 12.

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*Weekly Donations - June 3: \$ 9,433
 CSA Pledged: \$117,751; Paid to date: \$ 70,370
 School Endowment: \$93,525
 Thank you for your continued generosity!*

School is out for the summer!

Please be mindful of the children as you drive about town. They will be out enjoying their vacation, riding bikes, playing with friends and enjoying the beautiful summer weather outdoors.

VOCATIONS ICON

We would like to thank **Terry, Janice and Katie Ressler** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph.