

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

To my family of St. Joseph,

Happy Father's Day! This weekend we will pray for all fathers at all of our Masses and offer a special blessing for them. Fathers play such an important role in family life and bring an essential dimension to their children's formation as children of God. We pray for their renewal in being emotional and spiritual leaders and role models in their families. I include the words of the blessing of the father during the Catholic Baptism Rite to focus our pray for our fathers this weekend.... "God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May He bless the father of this child. He and his wife will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. May they also be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith in what they say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord." Fathers, be courageous in your fatherhood!

Speaking of fathers, this week all of the spiritual fathers of the Erie Diocese will be gathering with Bishop Persico and all diocesan deacons at our annual convocation called Emmaus. This is a time for prayer, conferences, recreation and fellowship in order to encourage our clergy to be renewed individually and collectively. So Fr. Jamie Power and I, and the rest of the clergy from the diocese, will be gathering at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA from Monday to Thursday. In our absence Communion Services will be held at all the local parishes on Tuesday through Thursday, with those at St. Joseph being led by our seminarian, Robert Nicastro (who will offer a reflection each day as well). Please pray for the clergy of our diocese and know that I will be praying for all of you as I always do. The Emmaus Prayer is included elsewhere in the bulletin for this purpose.

May God bless our biological and spiritual fathers, and our week ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Rich

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

St. Joseph, patron of fathers.... pray for us!

St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests.... pray for us!

Notes from the pastor...

****Father Jamie's Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph Congratulations to Fr. Jamie on his ordination! This Sunday, June 19th, he 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. Remember that the parish is going together on a gift for Jamie, which you can still contribute to in the office, but you are welcome to give him something on your own as well. It is a tradition to receive a first blessing from a newly ordained priest within a year of his ordination so I encourage you to come to the reception to receive this or do not be afraid to ask him for one if you see him elsewhere.

****Parish Pictorial Directories** After many drafts and corrections, our parish pictorial directories are finally here. I again thank Tara Shattuck who organized this effort starting last summer and for our parish staff and others who have volunteered to help in any capacity. It has been seven years (2009) since our last directory and first one since I have been here. Hopefully as I stated in the introduction to the directory, it can help our parish family strengthen our connections and relationships.

****Rummage Sale Appreciation** Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and supported the Rummage Sale this year... it is being called our biggest ever!

****Volunteers at SJCS** For years we have depended upon volunteers to help supplement our academic efforts at St. Joseph Catholic School. I want to thank Patty Tack, Diana Baxter and Vivian Boger for their years of helping in the Math and Spanish programs and who are "retiring" this year. If you or anyone you know is available to tutor or teach, please contact me.

****Buildings and Grounds Update** Two significant projects will be taking place this summer as a result of the Catholic Services Appeal in the spring. One- work will begin this week (June 22) on replacing the tile floor in Meyer Hall and the hallway between the church and school. That means next weekend, **ALL DOORS TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE CHURCH (under the bell tower) WILL BE CLOSED AND LOCKED.** It should be complete within seven-ten days. Two- work on cleaning and re-pointing the bell tower will begin in July. We are not sure to what extent it will effect the use of the doors and I will update you as we know more.

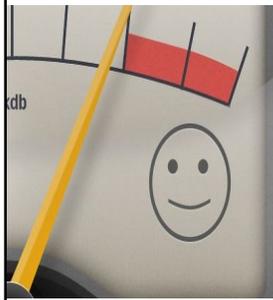
****Bill 1947 to be brought to the State Senate** Bishop Persico has asked all pastors to make our diocesan church aware of a new Bill that the Pennsylvania House of Representatives already passed and is quickly coming to be voted on by the State Senate. Essentially it would treat private and religious 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 2 page summary of this issue at the doors of the church 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 Darrien 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!

Liturgy Corner

Ordinary Time in Liturgical Calendar 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!

Mercy Meter



MERCY METER In June we are collecting **Peanut Butter and Jelly plus any kind of fruit juice!** Summer is here and the Salvation Army is running child care and camp all summer! Let's stock their shelves with kid friendly summer yummy PB & J sandwiches and juice (boxes or bottles). This week invite a neighbor or someone from the parish for a cookout or campfire. Be sure to throw in a blessing and evangelize with your words and actions!

PARISH NEWS

PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE! 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.

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 We had another successful Rummage Sale. We are very blessed to have Jim & Vilma Siliano spearhead this event each year for us. Thank you also to everyone who helped by volunteering their time this past week and for your donations.

SCRAP METAL DRIVE We currently 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.

CHANGE FOR LIFE Time to return the baby bottles filled with your change to support those facing difficult times and choosing life for their unborn child. Please drop the bottles in the baskets at the doors of the Church, put them in the offertory basket during Mass or stop by the parish office with them. 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!

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. A few seats remain, call today.

CCY CANOE TRIP CCY will be having a canoe trip on July 13th. They will start at the Kinzua Dam and end at Allegheny Outfitters. Interested persons, please contact Anna Anderson at: annamarini02@yahoo.com

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



Prayer Chain We would like to thank Ann Kirkpatrick for her many years of dedicated service to our prayer chain. We are pleased to announce that **CHARMELL FEASTER** will be taking over the prayer chain. If you have

prayer intentions, please call Charmell at 726-0455. Also if you would like to know more about this ministry and be a part of praying for others, give Charmell a call today!

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.*

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS The 2016 Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, July 31 at 2pm at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Harborcreek and Sunday, August 7 at 2pm at Queen of the World Church, St. Marys. To register, go online to: www.eriecd.org/anniv.htm or contact the Family Life Office: 1-800-374-3723 ext. 250.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, 6/20 - Weekday
 8:00am Sam Scalise by Estate

Tuesday, 6/21 - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
 12:05pm Communion Service

Wednesday, 6/22 - Saint Paulinus of Nola; Saint John Fisher; Saint Thomas More
 8:00am Communion Service

Thursday, 6/23 - Weekday
 12:05pm Communion Service

Friday, 6/24 - The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
 8:00am Margaret Piccirillo by Betty Donovan

Saturday, 6/25 - Weekday
 8:00am Katherine Schilling by Joanne Rickert
 5:30pm Charlotte Zaffino by Holly and Cindy Zaffino

Sunday, 6/26 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph
 10:30am Lucy Notoro by Family

Monday 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Gospel - Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Gospel - Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Gospel - Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday 2 Kings 24:8-17; Gospel - Matthew 7:21-29

Friday Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Gospel - Luke 1:57-66

Saturday Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Gospel - Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Gospel - Luke 9:51-62

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES *in memory of*
SAM & ROSE Falvo by Family

COMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday, June 21
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen (Cafeteria)

Thursday, June 23
 12:30pm Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
 5:30pm Reposition (Mother's Chapel)

Saturday, June 25
 4:30pm Reconciliation (Church)

Sunday, June 26
 6:00pm CCY End of Year Party (Youth Room)

In your charity, please pray for the soul of Marjorie Gage, mother of **Stephanie & Jeff Wilson**, grandmother of **Scott & Lewann Alexander**, great-grandmother of **Brody and Trent Alexander** who passed away this week. Also keep in your prayers, James Reisinger, brother of **Catherine Ditz** and Vince Beichner, brother-in-law of **Charles Ditz**, both of whom passed away recently. We extend our sympathy to these 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>
6/25 5:30pm	C Cataldo	R Kujawa, P Lobdell, B McAvoy, D Labowski, M Sowa, *P Bailey	S Holmberg I Darling
6/26 8:00am	V Amsdell	P & *S Cronmiller, R Sharp, *R & P Osche, Volunteer	L Belleau R Cecco
6/26 10:30am	B/P Morgan	T Siliano, *B Harvey, M Trachier, *A & P Webster, V & J Siliano	R Courson I Goldthwaite M Shene

Weekly Donations - June 12: \$ 7,884
CSA Pledged: \$117,751; Paid to date: \$ 75,068
Thank you for your continued generosity!

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THE EMMAUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer for the spiritual renewal of priests. We praise you for giving their ministry to the Church. In these days, renew them with the gifts of your Spirit.

You once opened the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Now renew your ordained ministers with the truth and power of your Word.

In Eucharist, you gave the Emmaus disciples renewed life and hope. Nourish priests with your own Body and Blood. Help them to imitate in their lives the death and resurrection they celebrate at your altar.

Give priests enthusiasm for the Gospel, zeal for the salvation of all, courage in leadership, humility in service, fellowship with one another and with all their brothers and sisters in You.

For You love them, Lord Jesus,
 and we love and pray for them in Your Name.

VOCATIONS ICON

We would like to thank the **Patrick Shene Family** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph.

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.