

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

To my family of St. Joseph,

The first week of June always has a graduation focus for us at St. Joseph. We celebrate our Senior Mass and brunch at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday as they graduate from High School this week. Also, this Monday our 5<sup>th</sup> graders from St. Joseph Catholic School will graduate and prepare to move on to middle school. The greatest gift we can offer to all our graduates is a relationship with our God and knowledge of His great love for all of us. So let us all pray for our graduates in a special way this week that they may be open to God's grace to stay close to Him and His Church, and that they can flourish and find fulfillment in His will in their lives. We pray for their courage and strength to say "yes" to God and the place in the church for which He has created them through holy and faithful marriages, through lay leadership in the church, through ordained priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, through single lives given in service to family and the church. I personally want to thank all our graduates for their presence and service in our spiritual family and I wish them God's blessings as they move forward. I am proud of you and wish you love and peace in Christ now and forever!

May God bless our graduates 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...**

**\*\*LAST CALL for Deacon Jamie's Ordination and Parish Gift** Jamie Power will be ordained to the priesthood this Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to sign up for the bus leaving at 3pm- including a stop for dinner and returning to Warren around 11pm. If you have never been to an ordination it is certainly worth experiencing once. It is a great opportunity to pray with our Diocesan Church led by Bishop Persico plus to see St. Peter Cathedral and spend time with other members of your parish family. ALSO, 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 soon.

**\*\*Deacon Jamie's Masses of Thanksgiving** It is a tradition for newly ordained priests to celebrate Masses of Thanksgiving at his home and formation parishes. So **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, soon to be Fr. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**\*\*Darien 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!

**\*\*St. Joseph Institutional Feedback for Proposed Restructuring Plan** After our town hall meeting and the subsequent Pastoral Council meeting, the leadership of our parish wants to recommend something different than what was in the preliminary plan from the

diocese. Below is an excerpt from the Institutional feedback form to the Diocese from our Pastoral Council explaining this further. The Diocese has been told that this feedback is tentative since we wanted to meet the May 20<sup>th</sup> deadline but also wanted to have a chance to inform the rest of the parish and ensure there is overall support for this. The Finance Council has been informed and does not oppose the recommendation.

**"Suggestions-** *The Pastoral Council reconvened after the above feedback was given at our parish Town Hall meeting and further developed our parish view. It was settled that there is significant concern about the amount of pastoral time and energy required in merging St. Luke and St. Joseph that would potentially lead to a neglect of St. Joseph Catholic School (which has made substantial strides the past six years and does not want to be lost) and parish.... This ministry includes responsibility for the Rouse Home (which includes 3 units- one nursing home, one independent living and one apartment complex). With these concerns, the leadership of St. Joseph SUGGEST THAT ST. JOSEPH PARISH BE MERGED WITH ST. ANTHONY IN SHEFFIELD (rather than St. Luke in Youngsville). St. Anthony has no nursing homes or hospital responsibilities (now that Holy Redeemer has pastoral responsibility for Warren State Hospital) and is the smaller of the 2 parishes (St. Anthony and St. Luke) with less parish activities. This above suggestion was also the original suggestion our pastoral council made when asked to complete the parish snapshots in the summer of last year. There is only a distance of one mile between Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph in Warren. So the change in distance in this proposed change would be FROM 10 miles between St. Joseph and St. Luke and 12 miles between Holy Redeemer and St. Anthony TO 11 miles between Holy Redeemer and St. Luke and 13 miles between St. Joseph and St. Anthony.*

**The 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."**

Obviously if this recommendation was considered by the bishop, much more conversation would be necessary with Holy Redeemer, St. Anthony and St. Luke but for now we just need to focus on what our parish believes is best for the pastoral care of our area and making the best recommendation to the bishop.

**Please let me know directly (email or phone call) if you have significant concerns about this change in our restructuring recommendation by Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.** If I do not hear from you, I will assume you understand the reasoning behind this adjustment and that you support it.

**VOCATIONS ICON—how it works**

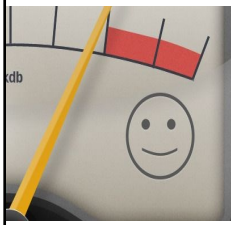
- Sign up on sheet—include name and what Mass you will pick Icon up at.**
- Receive Icon at Mass from Fr. Rich.**
- Return Icon to the Church office the following Friday before noon.**

**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 map out a plan to include prayer and God time in your summer activities!

**PARISH NEWS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** The K of C will meet at 7pm on Thurs., June 9 at the Clubhouse. All members are invited to attend.

**DEACON JAMES POWER ORDINATION** Join us at St. Peter's Cathedral at 7pm in Erie on June 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Deadline to secure a seat is Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. We are giving a parish gift to Jamie as well. Please stop by the parish office with those donations. Jamie's Mass of Thanksgiving will be held here on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30am Mass. We will have a light reception afterwards in Meyer Hall where he will receive your well wishes.

**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. Be the Difference. Be the Difference today! Call Jennifer at 688-3842 to find out what you can do to be the change you wish to see in this world.

**HOUSE OF HOPE SHOE DONATION** The House of Hope is collecting new or used, gently worn shoes, sandals and boots until June 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE** 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot. Do not bring televisions, computers, monitors, etc.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are **NOT** having an electronics drive this year.

**CHANGE FOR LIFE** Due to an overwhelming response, we ran out of baby bottles on Mother's Day. We have received additional 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 19<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds benefit the Pregnancy Support Center of Warren.

**WYD (WORLD YOUTH DAY)** Pilgrims will be here on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm with a bucket of soapy water ready to wash your car. All proceeds will help defray costs as they travel to Poland to participate in WYD and see Pope Francis at the end of July.

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS** Talk to your children about never, for any reason, agreeing to meet someone face to face that they met online. This could potentially be very dangerous. You simply just don't know who you are talking to online. Over the course of two years, one social media site removed 90,000 known registered sex offenders off its website. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out [www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm](http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm)

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.<sup>00</sup>. Price includes the bus and admission into the theme/water parks. You are responsible for food. Deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>!

**CCY ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY** We will be in the front yard of the Rectory on July 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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 sign up today for fun, friends and faith. 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders and adults call Jennifer today at 688-3842 and sign up to make a difference this summer!

**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** Please remember to purchase SCRIP for all your summer activities. Lunch, dinner dates, vacation and home improvements, we have the cards for very 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 Patty 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, 6/5 - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00am Jack Suppa by Parinella Family  
 10:30am Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph

**Monday, 6/6 - Saint Norbert**  
 8:00am Delores Doerfer by Becky Harper

**Tuesday, 6/7 - Weekday**  
 8:00am Vadie Gray by Family

**Wednesday, 6/8 - Weekday**  
 8:00am Alex Troyan by Family

**Thursday, 6/9 - Saint Ephrem**  
 9:05am Katie Rooney by Richard Wilson Family (School Mass)

**Friday, 6/10 - Weekday**  
 8:00am John Baker by Sharon Sanden, Jule Williams, Carrie & Trevor Bumbarger

**Saturday, 6/11 - Saint Barnabas, Apostle**  
 8:00am Leonard Glossinger by Joanne Rickert  
 5:30pm Catherine Bloss by John & Ruth Ann Lyon

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

**Monday** 1 Kings 17:1-6; Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12

**Tuesday** 1 Kings 17:7-16; Gospel - Matthew 5:13-16

**Wednesday** 1 Kings 18:20-39; Gospel - Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday** 1 Kings 18:41-46; Gospel - Matthew 20-26

**Friday** 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Gospel - Matthew 5:27-32

**Saturday** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Gospel - Matthew 5:33-37

**Sunday** 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13; Galatians 2:16, 19-21; Gospel - Luke 7:36—8:3

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES *in memory of*  
 Deceased Members of Oleksak & McGraw Families  
 by Dan & Mary Ann Zdarko

In your charity, please pray for the soul of Louis Pupo, father of **Thomas Pupo** who passed away recently. We extend our sympathy to his family, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

**COMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, June 5**  
 10:30am Senior Mass (Church)  
 11:45am Senior Brunch (Meyer Hall)

**Monday, June 6**  
 4:00pm RCIA Team Meeting (Kuntz home)  
 6:00pm 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Dinner (Meyer Hall)

**Tuesday, June 7**  
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen (Cafeteria)  
 7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Boardroom)

**Wednesday, June 8**  
 9:00am Kindergarten Celebration (Gym)

**Thursday, June 9**  
 Last Day of School  
 9:05am School Mass (Church)  
 12:30pm Adoration (Mother's Chapel)  
 5:30pm Reposition (Mother's Chapel)  
 7:00pm K of C Meeting (Clubhouse)

**Friday, June 10**  
 3:00pm Bus departs for Erie (School Parking Lot)  
 7:00pm Priestly Ordination for James Power (St. Peter's Cathedral)

**Saturday, June 11**  
 4:30pm Reconciliation (Church)

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
6/11 5:30pm	C Mahood	D Labowski, K & *D Weigel, D Geiger, J Anderson, P Bailey	M Harrison H Harrison
6/12 8:00am	R Williams	T Grana, E & T Keeney, J Hausmann, B & B Long	C Shene S Sokolski
6/12 10:30am	B Cole	*K Morse, Anne Kirkpatrick, S Cole, G Grosch, *G & M Belleau, *R Beyer	L Walker T Bablak L Johnson

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*School Endowment: \$93,525*  
*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Liturgy Corner**

**Baptism Next Sunday** We look forward to celebrating the Baptism of Autumn Louise Kula, daughter of Christopher and Ashly Kula at the 10:30am Mass next Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the Kula family and let's keep them all in our prayers!

**VOCATIONS ICON**

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