

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This past Tuesday, July 11th was the Feast day of St. Benedict, the Founding Father of western monasticism. Benedict lived during the late fifth and early sixth century. He was tired of the corruption in Rome and moved to Subiaco to live as a hermit. Many came to follow him and so he moved to Monte Cassino where the famous monastery was built. There, St. Benedict wrote the Rule...his directive for living the life of a monk. A monk's life-style was centered on prayer and work.

The first words of the Rule are "listen carefully". While we may not be monks or inclined to live a life centered on prayer and work, we nonetheless can profit greatly from these two words. Chances are that when we pray, we speak first, generally saying "In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Benedict encourages his followers to listen carefully first.

All prayer is initiated by God, but sometimes we are in such a hurry to get the first word in that we forego Benedict's wise counsel. We forget that prayer is a dialogue with God and that what God has to say is much more important than what we have to say. We can only fully appreciate the dialogue if we are willing to listen carefully to the words of love that God speaks to us.

Acknowledging that God chooses to speak to our hearts by listening carefully and then responding with words of praise and thanksgiving shows our growing spiritual maturity. Is it easy to listen carefully? Not at first. But with continued practice we can develop the skill and contemplate God in His loving goodness.

Fr. Rick

OUR PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU In 1999 Florence Scalise made a very generous donation for the establishment of the St. Joseph Youth Scholarship Fund. At that time, Florence wished to remain anonymous. Through the years this fund has helped over 160 St. Joseph high school seniors further their education. Over \$150,000 has been awarded to the youth of our church and our school families. Florence passed away this January and in her will she expressed that her identity be revealed upon her death. We posthumously thank Florence for this gift to our youth, and for her shining example of Christ's love and generosity.

2017 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2017 will be held at two locations: St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway on August 6th, at 2:00pm and St. Jude the Apostle, Erie, on August 13th at 2:00pm. Liturgy will include presentation of scrolls to each anniversary couple. To register please stop by the Parish Office or visit the Diocesan Website: www.erieRCD.org.

THE CHASTITY OFFICE OF THE ERIE DIOCESE is requesting a survey of our parish members' views on chastity and moral teachings, representative of our parish. If you received such an email and have any questions, contact Martha Rogus at 726-0344. Otherwise, please follow the directions to complete this important survey. Thank you!

23RD ANNUAL DIOCESAN ROSARY MARCH BUS TRIP COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA will be held on October 8th at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie. There will be a bus stopping in Warren for all those interested in attending. Reservation forms and more information is available in the Parish Office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS THE WEEK OF JULY 31ST Please register your 3 year old- 5th grader to attend this super fun week or sign up yourself or your 6th- 12th grader to help lead a group or a station. The more help we have, the more smoothly things go. Plus, this multi-generational gathering is simply the best week of faith, fellowship, community and fun for all ages. **We kick off July 30th with a private pool party. Sign up today!**

FAITH FORMATION Please consider the call to be a catechist or assistant for faith formation. We need people to work with youth and adults of all ages. Join our team and share in the mission to bring every person in our parish family and outside our parish family to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Our office is buzzing with excitement as a new season of RCIA, youth and adult formation and youth group approaches. Please call today and share your gifts and talents whether for one hour a week or many. Every minute makes the difference in another person's life. Call Jenn or Kathy today!

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT will be held August 11th, 12th, & 13th at Elk County Catholic HS in St. Marys, PA. Cost is \$45 and sponsorships are available. Anna Anderson and Deacon Ian McElrath of Saint Joseph Church will be on the retreat team. Apply online at www.divinemercyencounter.com. Questions please contact Anna at 814-688-0963.

*****CCY CANOE TRIP** down the Allegheny River with Father Rick and Anna Anderson is planned for **August 9th at 10:00am**. More information will be coming soon.

Save the Date!



We will be collecting **Canned Meats such as Spam, Tuna, and Chicken** during the month of **July**. Toilet paper and paper towels are always desperately needed. **The Salvation Army is grateful for your generosity in assisting to stock their Food Pantry.** Please continue to check the Helping Hands bulletin board for new items needed. Currently there is a need for **Couches and Chairs**. Contact the Parish Office for information or questions @ 723-2090

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 7/16 **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville
 10:30am Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church

Monday, 7/17 **Weekday**
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke in Youngsville
 Marcia Trachier by Betty Dowd

Tuesday, 7/18 **Weekday USA Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest**
 12:05pm Jeanette Anderson by Tom & Shirley Patten

Wednesday, 7/19 **Weekday**
 9:05am Bernard & Esther Lignian by Estate
 1:30pm Mass @ Warren Manor Rose Halle by Estate

Thursday, 7/20 **Weekday Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr**
 12:05pm Estelle & John Rickert by Joanne

Friday, 7/21 **Weekday Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church**
 8:00am Brooks Rossman by Chris Cataldo

Saturday, 7/22 **Saint Mary Magdalene**
 5:30pm Anthony DeSalvo by Don & Nancy

Sunday, 7/23 **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville
 10:30am Bill Blanks by Lynn & Pete Smith

Monday Exodus 1:8-14,22; Gospel Matthew 10:34- 11:1

Tuesday Exodus 2:1-15a; Gospel Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday Exodus 3:1-6,9-12; Gospel Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday Exodus 3:13-20; Gospel Matthew 11:28-30

Friday Exodus 11:10-12:14; Gospel Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday Exodus 12:37-42; Gospel John 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, July 16 **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 2nd Collection for Catholic Home, Indian, & Black Missions
 8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
 10:30am Mass
 Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, July 17
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke in Youngsville

Tuesday, July 18
 12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Boardroom)

Wednesday, July 19
 9:05am Mass
 1:30pm Mass @ Warren Manor

Thursday, July 20
 12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm-5:30pm Adoration
 5:30pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, July 21
 8:00am Mass

Saturday, July 22
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, July 23 **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
 10:30am Mass
 Children's Liturgy of the Word

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
7/22 5:30pm	H/H LeMeur	G & P Peck, R Sharp, K Weigel, J & P Rickert	S Walker M Walker E Grosch
7/23 10:30am	W Cole	*C Luppino, A & L Tyers, B & B Crowley, *S Cole	H Shattuck L Shattuck R Shattuck

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory Of
 Joseph Alexandria Dorotic
 by Brenda, John, Abby, and Katie

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Shirley Ann Fasenmyer** wife of **Bernard Fasenmyer** and mother of **Pam & Tim Meley** who passed away recently. We extend our sympathy to the family, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

*Weekly Donations - July 9nd - \$7315.50
 Thank you for your continued generosity!*

VOCATIONS ICON

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

DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET? Shawls, lap robes and prayers provide comfort to those who are ill, grieving, or just need extra hugs! Yarn will be provided. For additional information or questions please call Betsy at the Parish Office 723-2090 Ext 12.

K OF C PRO LIFE TABLE AT THE FAIR

Warren County Knights of Columbus Councils will be coordinating efforts to man a Pro-Life table at the Warren County Fair this year. Saint Joseph Church's day is Friday, August 11th. Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the Church and by the Parish Office entrance. Thank you for your support.

On vacation this summer, don't miss out, you can always find our Saint Joseph Parish bulletin page online at our website, stjosephwarrenpa.org. Check us out!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT WARREN COUNTY FAIR

Sign up sheets to volunteer at the St. Luke Church food booth at the Warren County Fair are at the Scrip table in the back of the Church and at the Parish Office. **All are Welcome. Please sign up today. Free admission pass is given to each volunteer.**