

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last evening, we hosted a picnic for the RCIA team from St. Joes and Fr. Gutting and Deacon Joe Lucia to discuss how we might better use the assets available at our parishes to better accommodate the needs of people who desire to become Catholic. I thought the discussion was very fruitful.

Several years ago, I met with a candidate who because of his work schedule could not commit to a regular schedule for the RCIA. Because he had a great desire to become Catholic, I met with him when he was available to meet. We had a wonderful celebration the day he was confirmed into the Catholic Church. He always had a smile when he would come to communion with his family.

That experience suggests to me that meeting people where they are at in their journey of faith is essential. We would like to move in that direction...to be as accommodating as we are able to be, given the limited resources that we have.

Some who are unbaptized would need a longer process to cover aspects of the Catholic faith necessary to be baptized. The appropriate time for baptism in that case is the Easter Vigil. But for those who are already baptized, the appropriate time for their confirmation into the church and their first communion is when they are ready.

What that means is to help people discover where on the journey of faith they may be and walk with them. At the appropriate time we baptize or confirm and then continue to walk with them as a pilgrim community of faith, inviting them to join us in living out their faith, recognizing that Jesus came as one not to be served, but to serve.

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please call and let us know. We'll be happy to join you and walk together on the journey of faith. *Father Rick*

PARISH NEWS

WHAT DID JESUS ASK OF US WHEN HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN?

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Matthew 28: 18-20



We are all given this call to evangelize, to build up the body of Christ and His kingdom on earth. A great way to answer His request is to think of your friends, coworkers, extended family & acquaintances and to pray. If they are not actively participating in a community of faith, invite them to come and see with you. **Spark their interest and ask them to talk with Fr. Rick. What better way to share the Love of Jesus. For our fellow baptized Christians, Fr. Rick is working to make joining the church a little easier.**

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?



HOWARD FERGUSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund has been established to assist St. Joseph School students with tuition. As our enrollment is climbing, so is the need for financial assistance. If you would like to contribute to this most worthy fund or have questions, please call the parish office.

THE WARREN COUNTY FAIR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.

Donations of pop and bottled water are being collected to stock the St. Luke Fair Booth which is a major fund raiser for the Parish. If you would like to make a donation please see the sign up sheet in the back of the Church. The list is specific to quantity and flavor needed. Please sign your name on the line with the quantity you are able to donate. As always we **THANK YOU** for your support of our Parish!

Sign up sheets to volunteer to work the St. Luke Fair Booth are also in the back of the Church or you can call the parish office to volunteer. **** Free Admission Pass to the Warren Co Fair is given to each volunteer.**

THE WARREN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PRESENTS:

SPLASH CANYON BIBLE SCHOOL: July 30th through August 3rd from 8:30am to noon for ages 3 to grade 4 at St Joseph Church. The cost is \$20 per child/ no more than \$40 per family. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church or in the parish office.

Plunge on in and join us as we discover God's promise on life's wild ride

THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD = DIVINE MERCY

Come and see what Divine Mercy is all about. The award winning DVD series: **The Second Greatest Story Ever Told = Divine Mercy**, will be shown on Mondays at 11:00am in Classroom 3 at St. Luke Church. Fr. Michael Gaitley weaves a tapestry of wonder and beauty from the threads of the dramatic history of Poland, the message of St. Faustina Kowalska, the message of Our Lady of Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolby, and the papacy of St. John Paul II. This is powerful and timely. Please call Susan Cronmiller at 563-4040 or 688-4867 with questions. All are Welcome!

ERIE DIOCESE CATHOLIC NEWS SITE

Last week was the last publication of the *Faith Life* newspaper we received bi-weekly with the bulletin. There is a new updated Diocesan website, **www.eriecd.org**. On this web page, click the events and news tab, you will find a **news site** for the Erie Diocese, **nwpaCatholic.com**, Parishioners can also sign up for a free bi-weekly e-newsletter which will be coming soon. Check it out!

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 7/1 **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church Betty Ingols by Marge & Neil Humber
10:30am Marti Harrington by Family

Monday, 7/2 **Weekday**
12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church— Jean Marie Warner
 by Karen & Mark Bauer

Tuesday, 7/3 **St Thomas, Apostle**
12:05pm David Lopez by Bob & Gloria Merenick

Wednesday, 7/4 **Weekday—Independence Day**
****9:00am** Patrick & Ruth Gerardi by Patricia, Josephine, & Charles

Thursday, 7/5 **St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest, St Elizabeth of Portugal**
12:05pm Marine Lance Cpl. William J. Seiler by Steve Guadagnino

Friday, 7/6 **St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr**
8:00am Ruth M & Joseph J Acks by Ruth M Acks Estate

Saturday, 7/7 **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Mass)**
5:30pm Elizabeth Mascaro by Frances Durante & Brian & Vicki Duckett

Sunday, 7/8 **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church James Weaver by M/M Darrell Harlan
10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Amos 2:6-10,13-16; Gospel Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday Ephesians 2:19-22; Gospel John 20:24-29

Wednesday Amos 5:14-15,21-24; Gospel Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday Amos 7:10-17; Gospel Matthew 9:1-8

Friday Amos 8:4-6,9-12; Gospel Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday Amos 9:11-15; Gospel Matthew 9:14-17

Sunday Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Gospel Mark 6:1-6a

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 1 **2nd Collection—Holy Father (Peter’s Pence)**
8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Mass

Monday, July 2
12:00pm Mass at St. Luke Church

Tuesday, July 3
12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, July 4 **Happy 4th of July**
****9:00am** Mass
10:00am CCY Sausage Stand opens for 4th of July Parade

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

Friday, July 6 **First Friday**
8:00am Mass
 9:00am Homebound Communion visits

Saturday, July 7 **First Saturday**
 7:30am Mass @ Holy Redeemer Church
4:30pm—5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass

Sunday, July 8
8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
7/7			
5:30pm	K Jones	G & M Belleau, T & R Fadale, D Geiger, J Caumban-Lim, J Anderson	H Harrison L Harrison M Harrison
7/8			
10:30am	M Smelko	V & K Amsdell, C Bevacqua, R Beyer, C Luppino, S Cole, Volunteer	A Beyer K Beyer J Letko

*WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
 Ruth & Patrick Gerardi by
 Patricia, Josephine, and Charles*

VOCATIONS ICON

Thank you to the **Ressler Family** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations in the Erie Diocese and here at St. Joseph Parish.

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Bonnie Giunta** who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends, and ask God’s love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations to Jobin and Christina (Bacchetti) Swedler who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on June 23rd. May God continue to bless them as they begin their married life together. Jobin is the son of Jack and Kim Swedler. Best Wishes!

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY
 ITEMS NEEDED IN JULY**

The month of **July** we will be collecting canned meats: **Chicken, Tuna and Spam**. We are also collecting **School supplies**. Your support to the needy families of the Warren Community is amazing.
Thank You for your continued generosity!

St. Joseph Church
Weekly Offering—June 24th—\$6738.80
Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY CORNER: Do you know of someone in need of the comfort of a **Prayer Shawl**? Prayer shawls can be given to those who are grieving, experiencing illness or recovery, surgery, pregnancy or new mothers and babies, or anyone in need of prayers and comfort. Shawl makers pray for the intentions for the recipient as they knit. If you know of someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl OR if you would like to join this ministry, call the parish office.

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. **WE HAVE OPEN ENROLLMENT**