

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A few weeks ago Starbucks announced that by 2020 they would no longer be using plastic straws. Rather they would use straw-less lids or straws made of other substances. Of course, there was both positive and negative reaction to the announcement.

While on vacation I visited the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center. The tour is very informative about the most common types of sea turtles, their habits, and why sea turtles end up in a sea turtle hospital. Sea turtles mature about the age of 30 and females begin to lay eggs once every 2-3 years at that age. The temperature of the sand determines whether a female or a male turtle hatches from the egg.

So what does the Starbucks announcement and sea turtles have to do with each other? As we know plastic can take up to 1000 years to decompose. So when sea turtles encounter plastic straws that human have left behind, they can be seriously injured. One of the exhibits on the tour of Beasley center was a bucket of straws collected from the beach in less than an hour and a picture of a sea turtle with a straw sticking out of its nose. The turtle would have no way of removing the straw and, therefore, the damage would continue. If the turtle was fortunate, it would end up in the turtle hospital for the removal of the straw and time for recovery.

Many years ago there was a TV commercial about litter that ended with a Native American shedding a tear over the amount of trash that was spread over the countryside. We, as Americans, were called upon to do our part to clean things up.

As I walked through the Beasley Center I was reminded of that commercial and of our responsibility to keep our environment clean. *Father Rick*

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR NATIONAL NEEDS will be taken up during all the Masses this weekend. This collection helps to support the poorer dioceses in the United States. *A sincere thank you for your generosity.*

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL GOLF SCRAMBLE is September 16th. If you want a fun day of golf, food, fellowship and great prizes, consider entering a foursome. If you are unable to play but would like to support the school, dedicating a hole for \$125 in memory of a loved one or honoring a former alumni is a great way to give. Please call the parish office for more information or pick up a form at the doors of the church.

FELLOW PRO-LIFE SUPPORTERS

Warren County Knights of Columbus Councils are coordinating efforts to man a **Pro-Life Table at the Warren Co Fair. Volunteers are needed from St Joseph Church on Friday, August 10th.** If you would like to volunteer the sign up sheet is on the table in the back of the Church or you can call the parish office. Thank you for your support!

THE WARREN COUNTY FAIR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.

We are in need of a few more workers for the St. Luke Food Booth at the Fair. The sign up sheets are by the parish office or you can call the office to sign up. Salt & Light and Confirmation service hours can be earned by volunteering to work the booth. **** Free Admission Pass to the Warren Co Fair is given to each volunteer. This is a major fundraiser for our Parish so sign up and enjoy a day at the Fair.**

THE DIVINE MERCY DVD SERIES AT SAINT LUKE CHURCH will continue every Monday at 11:00am (before Mass) through August. For more information please call Susan Cronmiller at 563-4040.



To inquire about the Catholic Faith, contact Fr. Rick at the parish office- 814-723-2090 or frrick@westpa.net

122ND ANNUAL FRENCHTOWN HAM OR CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, July 29th at St Hippolyte Church. Dinners served from noon until 6:00pm or until sold out. Games for all ages. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$9.00 per seniors and \$7.00 for Children. St Hippolyte Church is located 7 miles east of Meadville on Rt 27.

WORKSHOP/RETREAT & CONCERT September 8th at Sacred Heart Church in Lakewood, NY with world-renowned musicians David Haas and Lori True. If you are interested please stop in the Parish Office for more information or call Maria at 716-490-4187.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP!



SPLASH CANYON BIBLE SCHOOL will be held MONDAY, JULY 30TH through FRIDAY, 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!



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CAMP TOTUS TUUS

Please keep **Jarod Peterson** in your prayers as he completed our diocesan Camp Totus Tuus this past week. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and strengthen his relationship with Christ and our parish family.

MINISTRY CORNER



Environment Committee: Do you enjoy worshipping in the grace filled beauty of our Church? Then maybe you could be one of the people that helps create the splendor which surrounds you! Whether you are artistic, enjoy decorating, or just want to help maintain the flowers and plants, this is the ministry for you. Call the Parish Office for more information.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 7/22 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
10:30am Ann Pollock by Harry & Helen Glotz
Monday, 7/23 St Bridget, Religious
12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Bonnie Giunta by Delores & Andrea Hazeltine
Tuesday, 7/24 St Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
12:05pm Anthony DeSalvo by Don & Nancy Sobina
Wednesday, 7/25 St James, Apostle
9:05am Helen Lucia by Family
Thursday, 7/26 Saint Joachim & Anne Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:05pm Anthony & Frances Brindis by Nick Tomassoni
Friday, 7/27 Weekday
8:00am Rose & Sam Falvo by Niece
Saturday, 7/28 (Vigil Mass) 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30pm Michael Curren by Jim & Sally Hunter
Sunday, 7/29 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church
10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
7/28			J Sobina
5:30pm	C Mahood	J Zavinski, N Berardi, H Zaffino, R Kujawa, P Lobdell, F Perrin, R Sharp	M Fadale B Hoffman
7/29	B & P		L Shattuck
10:30am	Morgan	J & V Siliano, *T Siliano, E Keeney, A & L Tyers, A Wortman	B Shene C Shene

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF Barbara Remich by Brenda, Jon, Abby & Katie

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Doris Dale**, 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.

BAPTISM Through the waters of Baptism, we at Saint Joseph Parish wish to **Welcome Daylyn Mae Munksgard** into our community of faith in Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless her life with His love.

St. Joseph Church
Weekly Offering—July 15th—\$8535.50
Thank you for your continued generosity!

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Micah 6:1-4,6-8; Gospel Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Gospel Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Gospel Matthew 20:20-28
Thursday Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Gospel Matthew 13:10-17
Friday Jeremiah 3:14-17; Gospel Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday Jeremiah 7:1-11; Gospel Matthew 13:24-30
Sunday 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; Gospel John 6:1-15

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 22 2nd Collection for National Needs
8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
Monday, July 23
 11:00am DVD Series-*Second Greatest Story Ever Told=Divine Mercy*
 @St. Luke Church
12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church
Tuesday, July 24
12:05pm Mass
1:30pm Golf Scramble Meeting (Boardroom)
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
Wednesday, July 25
9:05am Mass
Thursday, July 26
12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm Adoration
 5:30pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, July 27
8:00am Mass
Saturday, July 28
4:30pm—5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass
Sunday, July 29
8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
6:00pm VBS Family Night @ the Warren Carpool

VOCATIONS ICON

Thank you to **The Johnson 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.

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER OF WARREN

THE GRAND OPENING OF THE WOMEN'S CARE CENTER OF WARREN is Sunday, July 29th from Noon-7:00pm. The Women's Care Center is located at 60 Hatch Run Road Suite 2. For more information call 723-4357 or 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.**

Scrip cards will be available at the Parish Office this summer.