

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Over the course of the past few weeks at daily mass we have been reading from the Book of Genesis and now for the next few weeks we will be reading from the Book of Exodus. The Book of Genesis is divided into the Prehistory, then cycles of stories about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. These stories form the back story for the Book of Exodus. The Book of Exodus is the more important of the two books because it tells the story of the formation of the "people of God" through the Exodus experience—the Sinai Covenant (the Ten Commandments) and all forty years in the desert where these people learned to trust God.

The church incorporates readings from both books in the daily masses as well as in the Sunday masses. Quotes or phrases from each book are also used in some of the prayers at mass.

Some parts of these two books are obviously much more important than other parts. For example, the story of the Ten Commandments given to Moses on Mt. Sinai is much more important than the story of Ishmael and Isaac. However, in both cases we can see the Hand of God at work.

How can we tell which stories have a greater importance? One way is to see how the remainder of the Bible reflects these passages. Some Bibles have cross reference notes that help us find where else in the Bible these verses or passages can be found. The more references, generally speaking, the more important the verse or passage.

A quick look at Exodus 20 (the Ten Commandments) shows a far greater number of cross references than Genesis 21 (the story of Ishmael and Isaac). Check it out for yourselves.

*Fr. Rick*

## OUR PARISH NEWS

**BAPTISMS IN OUR ST. JOSEPH PARISH** Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome the following into the community of faith in Jesus Christ. **Boe Michael Hendricks, Matthew Keith McElhaney, Charles Maxwell Kiser, Chase William Alex, and Addie Elizabeth Sullivan.** May God continue to bless your lives with his love.

**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](http://www.erieRCD.org).

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** Bishop Persico, in conjunction with the US conference of Catholic Bishops has designated July 23rd-29th **Natural Family Planning Awareness Week.** To learn more about this Church teaching stop by the parish office for the times and dates of classes being held within the Erie Diocese or visit [www.erieRCD.org/chastity.htm](http://www.erieRCD.org/chastity.htm) or call the **Diocesan Chastity Education Office @1-800-374-3723 Ext 259.**

**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. Reservations need to be completed by August 28th. See the insert in this week's bulletin for all the details and the registration form.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS THE WEEK OF JULY 31ST** Please register your 3 year old- 5<sup>th</sup> grader to attend this super fun week or sign up yourself or your 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> 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. The cost is \$20.00 per child, but no more than \$40.00 per family. **We kick off at 5:30pm, July 30<sup>th</sup> with a private pool party at the CAR pool where we will Make Your Own Subs, Fruit & Veggie Robots and Build-A-Sundae Bar.**

**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](http://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!**

# Helping Hands



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. 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

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**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, 7/24 Weekday St Sharbel MakhluF, Priest**  
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke in Youngsville

**Tuesday, 7/25 Saint James, Apostle**  
 12:05pm Marcia Cosmano by Steve

**Wednesday, 7/26 Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 9:05am Peter & Helen Lucia by Family

**Thursday, 7/27 Weekday**  
 12:05pm Karleen Molinaro by Andrew, Ellen, & John Peroski

**Friday, 7/28 Weekday**  
 8:00am Patricia Fiem by Karen

**Saturday, 7/29 Saint Martha**  
 5:30pm The Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

**Sunday, 7/30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville  
 10:30am J. Albert & Jeannine Loranger by George & Sue Loranger

**Monday** Exodus 14:1-18; Gospel Matthew 12:38-42

**Tuesday** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Gospel Matthew 20:20-28

**Wednesday** Memorial Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Gospel Matthew 13:1-9

**Thursday** Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b; Gospel Matthew 13:10-17

**Friday** Exodus 20:1-17; Gospel Matthew 13:18-23

**Saturday** Exodus 24:3-8; Gospel Matthew 13:24-30

**Sunday** 1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Romans 8:28-30;  
 Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS**

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

**Monday, July 24**  
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke in Youngsville

**Tuesday, July 25**  
 12:05pm Mass  
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

**Wednesday, July 26**  
 9:05am Mass

**Thursday, July 27**  
 12:05pm Mass  
 12:30pm-5:30pm Adoration  
 5:30pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, July 28**  
 8:00am Mass

**Saturday, July 29**  
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation  
 5:30pm Mass

**Sunday, July 30 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church  
 10:30am Mass  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 5:30pm Kick-off VBS Family Night—CAR Pool

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
7/29 5:30pm	C Mahood	M Sowa, H Zaffino, J Zavinski, K Jones, R & B Williams	A Strandburg O Strandburg H Harrison
7/30 10:30am	P Morgan	N Berardi, G & M Belleau, *C Bevacqua, *A Kirkpatrick, D Bogniak	L Johnson S Johnson C Shene

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in memory of  
 Dominick & Patricia Fiem  
 by Karen

Weekly Donations - July 16th -\$9048.00  
 National Needs—2nd Collection-\$1185.00  
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

**VOCATIONS ICON**

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

**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

If you or your children want to send your/their child/ren to St. Joseph Catholic School, please call the school at 814-723-2030. We have open enrollment. There are numerous grants and scholarships available. Call the school today.

**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](http://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.**