

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today (Tuesday) is the feast of St. James the Apostle. St. James was the first of the Apostles to be martyred, probably in 44 AD. Historians tell us that James was beheaded by Herod. Legend tells us that friends of James took his body and set out in a rudderless boat that eventually made its way to what now is northwest Spain. There James was buried. Later when his body was discovered, the faithful built a great cathedral in Compostela. That site, called Santiago de Compostela, is a pilgrimage destination from the middle ages until now. Pilgrims try to arrive on July 25th after a 30 day walk from the southern part of France where they will then pay homage to the remains of St. James.

Hanging in the cathedral is the world's largest thurible (censer) called the "Butafumeiro". This censer weighs about 175 pounds and takes 88 pounds of charcoal. Eight men operate ropes that get this very large censer swinging and dispersing great amounts of smoke.

The pilgrimage is called the "Camino" and was a subject of the movie "The Way". The sign of the pilgrim is the scallop shell which originally would have been used as a plate or a cup to drink water from. Now the scallop shell marks the path of the pilgrim. A pilgrim making the full journey will walk for 30 days. Since many people who desire to walk the "Camino" don't have thirty days, shorter walks are possible.

Even within the city itself the scallop shells mark the way to the cathedral. I had the great opportunity to make my own shortened version of the "Camino" from the railway station in Santiago de Compostela to the Cathedral. Following the shells we arrived at the great square in front of the cathedral and were in awe of the beauty of the scene.

Inside we were able to take in all the points of interest which included the tomb of St. James just below the main altar. Because there were so many visitors we really didn't spend much time at the tomb. But we discovered that the effort we made for our own pilgrimage was well worth it.

Fr. Rick

OUR PARISH NEWS

GOLF SCRAMBLE Please plan to participate in the 8th Annual Saint Joseph Catholic School Golf Scramble which will be held on Sunday, September 17th beginning at 1:00pm, at Jackson Valley Country Club. A flyer to sign up your team or sponsor a hole will be available in August. For further information please contact Scott Nelson at 706-8062 or bergenryleigh@yahoo.com. All proceeds will benefit Saint Joseph Catholic School.

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. Registration forms are at the entrances of the Church.

*****CCY CANOE TRIP** down the Allegheny River with **Father Rick and Anna Anderson** is planned for **August 9th at 10:00am**. See bulletin insert for details and registration form.

Sign up today!

WELCOME HOME AND THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE A group of 15 attended the **Catholic Heart Work Camp Roanoke** and a group of 8 attended the **Catholic Heart Work Camp Rome**. We want to thank them for their hours of service and hard work. The Roanoke group included Jenn Wortman, Jennifer Hoffman, Chuck & Eileen Gerardi, Rachael Courson, Isabel Wortman, Rachel Cecco, Hanna Hoffman, Paige Rafalski, Lyndsey Dippold, Troy Shattuck, Jimmy Lobdell, Nathan Eadie (Holy Redeemer), Maribeth Baker, and Cameron Baker (St. Anthony). The Rome group included Anna Anderson, Chris Darling, Steve Courson, Emma Darling, Laura Courson, Megan Wortman, Meg Beyer and Janelle Balas (Holy Redeemer). A special thank you also to all of you who supported them in this wonderful ministry. We are so grateful to have a parish family who lifts us up and encourages us to deepen our faith through the broader Church. May God bless you always.

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL RECYCLABLE INK CARTRIDGE PROGRAM The school will **no longer be participating** in the inkjet/laser and toner cartridges recycling program. Thank you to everyone who supported the program and everyone is encouraged to continue to reduce, reuse and recycle.

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.**



We will be collecting **Personal Hygiene Items** during the month of **August**. Toilet paper and paper towels are always desperately needed. Please continue to check the Helping Hands bulletin board for new items needed. Contact the Parish Office for information or questions @ 723-2090.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, 7/31 **Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church

Tuesday, 8/1 **St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Dr. of the Church**
 12:05pm Lena Scigliano by Jim Siliano & Jodi Elmquist families

Wednesday, 8/2 **St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**
 9:05am Brooks Rossman by Frank Papalia Family
 2:00pm Mass @ The Rouse Home

Thursday, 8/3 **Weekday**
 12:05pm Lorraine Bengston by Pat Wilcox & Bonnie Riggle

Friday, 8/4 **Saint John Vianney, Priest**
 8:00am Helen Long Sykes by Bill & Beverly Long & Sharon Sanden

Saturday, 8/5 **The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**
 5:30pm Karlene Molinaro by Richard H. Wilson family

Sunday, 8/6 **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke Church
 10:30am The Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Monday Exodus 32:15-24,30-34; Gospel Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday Exodus 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28; Gospel Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday Exodus 34:29-35; Gospel Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday Exodus 40:16-21,34-38; Gospel Matthew 13:47-53

Friday Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37; Gospel Matt 13:54-58

Saturday Leviticus 25:1,8-17; Gospel Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Gospel Matt 17:1-9

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Monday, July 31
 8:30am—12:00pm Vacation Bible School
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church

Tuesday, August 1
 8:30am—12:00pm Vacation Bible School
 12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, August 2
 8:30am—12:00pm Vacation Bible School
 9:05am Mass

Thursday, August 3
 8:30am-12:00pm Vacation Bible School
 12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm-5:30pm Adoration
 5:30pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Meyer Hall)

Friday, August 4 First Friday
 8:00am Mass
 8:30am—12:00pm Vacation Bible School
 9:00am Homebound Communion

Saturday, August 5
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, August 6 **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
 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>
8/5			
5:30pm	B McGinn	C & K Darling, D Geiger, P Bailey J Anderson, J Caumban-lim	E Darling I Darling J Darling
8/6			
10:30am	D Wortman	C Feaster, A & P Webster, G Grosch, P Christy, M Kirkpatrick	G Wortman I Wortman E Strausser

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of
 Barbara Remich by
 Brenda, John, Abby and Katie

Weekly Donations - July 23rd - \$5573.84
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

VOCATIONS ICON

We would like to thank **The Wortman Family** 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.