

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Fourth of July, with the parade and the fireworks, is a wonderful celebration of the freedom we enjoy as Americans. While not exactly the midpoint of the summer, the Fourth with the picnics reminds us that we should enjoy the rest of the summer, the warm weather, the sunshine and all the outdoor activities. Independence Day should make a statement for us that when we celebrate freedom, we celebrate not just freedom from something, but also freedom for something. There is a responsibility that goes with freedom that nudges us to do something good... help to make the world a better place, even if that better place is the world of our neighborhood.

We should never take our freedom for granted, nor should we believe that the freedom we enjoy is personal freedom. Our freedom as Americans should be directed to the common good. The sacrifices of our forefathers so that we can enjoy freedom should not just be remembered as a one-time sacrifice, but a model for the right way to live.

This Fourth of July we have much to be thankful for. But there is still work to be done so that the next generations can enjoy the same freedom that we do. *Father Rick*

PARISH NEWS



IS JESUS CALLING YOU?

Here is what one of our newest parishioners has to say about her journey:

"I did RCIA sessions three times. The first two were in another state. I didn't go all the way because I didn't "Get it" yet. I decided to try again and at least get baptized. The group was so friendly and warm. I was not afraid to ask questions. The answers were so easy to understand. When I looked at the community receiving the Eucharist – Communion, I wanted that. Something opened my eyes and I decided I was going to go all the way. I am so blessed that I did. I "Got It"!

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



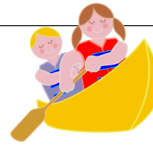
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WARREN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SPLASH CANYON BIBLE SCHOOL will be held 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 WARREN COUNTY FAIR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.

A Big Thank You to all who donated pop and bottled water to stock the St. Luke Fair Booth. If you did sign up but have not brought in your donation, if possible, please do so this week. **There is still a need for 12 more cases of water.** As always we **THANK YOU** for your support of our Parish!

Sign up sheets to volunteer to work the St. Luke Fair Booth are in the back of the Church or you can call the parish 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.**

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! **Over 60,000,000 innocent lives have been lost since 1973 passage of Roe v Wade, and your continued support will help us to end that cycle of violence against the unborn.**

A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR NATIONAL NEEDS will be taken on July 21st and 22nd. This collection helps to support the poorer dioceses in the United States. See Bishop Persico's letter in the bulletin for all the details. A sincere thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP Please keep our 3 adults and 12 youth missionaries in your prayers as they travel to Hartford, CT for Catholic Heart Work Camp this week. May the Spirit work through them as they become the hands and feet of Jesus.

SAVE THE DATES

PARISH PICNIC: This year's picnic will be on August 26th at Bett's Park. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 followed by a picnic lunch and games.

THE ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOLF SCRAMBLE will be Sunday, September 16th. This is the first major fundraiser for our school. Mark your calendars!

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, 7/9	St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
12:00pm	Mass @ St Luke Church
Tuesday, 7/10	Weekday
12:05pm	S. Knox & Laura L. Harper by Becky Harper
Wednesday, 7/11	St Benedict, Abbot
9:05am	Vincent Pace by Jim & Betsy Suppa
Thursday, 7/12	Weekday
12:05pm	Special Intention—Dewey & Joanna Mayes 60th Wedding Anniversary
Friday, 7/13	St Henry
8:00am	Bonnie Giunta by Becky Harper
Saturday, 7/14	St Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
5:30pm	Linda Buser by Steve & Carol Lauser
Sunday, 7/15	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Church
10:30am	Robert Faga by Knights of Columbus #964

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
7/14			Jayden Wilson
5:30pm	S Lauser	G & P Peck, *J & P Rickert, P Bailey, R & J Cecco	Lauren Walker Lily Walker
7/15			Owen Baldensperger
10:30am	J Bowler	B & B Crowley, C Feaster, *G Grosch, *B Harvey, A & P Webster	Dominick Holmberg Sean Holmberg

*WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Deceased Members of the O'Neil & McGraw Families
By MaryAnn & Dan Zdarko*

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Dewey and Joanna Mayes** as they celebrate 60 years of Marriage on July 12th. All are invited to come to celebrate their Anniversary at the 12:05pm Mass . May God continue to bless their life together. 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!

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Hosea 2:16, 17c-18,21-22; Gospel Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday	Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Gospel Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday	Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Gospel Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday	Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Gospel Matthew 10:7-15
Friday	Hosea 14:2-10; Gospel Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday	Isaiah 6:1-8; Gospel Matthew 10:24-33
Sunday	Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Gospel Mark 6:7-13

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 8	
8:00am	Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am	Mass Liturgy of the Word for Children
Monday, July 9	
11:00am	DVD Series—Second Greatest Story Ever Told=Divine Mercy @ St. Luke Church
12:00pm	Mass @ St. Luke Church
5:15pm	RCIA Team Meeting
Tuesday, July 10	
12:05pm	Mass
4:15pm	Ministry Fair Meeting
4:30pm	Soup Kitchen
Wednesday, July 11	
9:05am	Mass
Thursday, July 12	
12:05pm	Mass
12:30pm	Adoration
5:30pm	Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, July 13	
8:00am	Mass
Saturday, July 14	
4:30pm—5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30pm	Mass
Sunday, July 15	
8:00am	Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am	Mass Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of Daylyn Mae Munksgard

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Daniel Midlik**, husband of **Joan Midlik** who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

St. Joseph Church

Weekly Offering—July 1st—\$7480.51
2nd Collection—Peter's Pence—\$1650.26

Thank you for your continued generosity!

NFP AWARENESS WEEK JULY 22-28

"Natural Family Planning: Celebrate God's Gift of Married Love." is this year's theme for NFP Awareness Week as designated by Bishop Persico in conjunction with the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more details see the bulletin insert, visit their website at www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm or contact the Diocesan Chastity Education Office at 1-800-374-3723.