

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Independence Day recalls for us our declaration of freedom from British rule even though the actual signing of the Declaration of Independence was a few months after the Fourth of July. If we were declaring ourselves free from British rule, then we were also stating that we were free for governing ourselves responsibly.

“Freedom from” and “freedom for” are two sides of the same coin. The “freedom for” side is never meant to be freedom for doing whatever we want. The “freedom for” side is always for doing something constructive and usually for the “common good”. With freedom comes great responsibility. That’s a statement that we have probably heard and may have forgotten. In our culture today with its emphasis on individual rights, great responsibility is rarely referred to or written about. We get stuck on the fact that we are free and tend to identify that with individual freedoms.

But if we are genuinely going to understand what freedom really means, then we will strive to understand the freedom from/freedom for concept. We will also try to keep the two halves connected so that we don’t stray too far off the right path.

Focusing only on the “freedom from” half causes us to turn inward with the belief that we can do whatever we want. That turning inward makes us into very self-centered persons. The “freedom for” half helps us to be balanced and remain part of the greater community assuring that the community as a whole will remain free.

We do a wonderful job celebrating Independence Day with parades, picnics, and fireworks. If we want to deepen the celebration, then we deepen our understanding of what “freedom from/freedom for” means.

Fr. Rick

OUR PARISH NEWS

CCY THANK YOU to all those who bought 50/50 tickets. The winner was Jim Carbon. We thank him for donating a portion of his winnings back to CCY. Thank you also to all those who cooked, served, cleaned up and bought items from the sausage stand. CCY profited \$1907.59. It was a great day of faith in our country and pride in our Church family. May God Bless America always!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRAYER SERVICES This Thursday, July 13th, Deacon Ian McElrath will lead a prayer service celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady’s appearance to the three children in Fatima, Portugal. The service will be held in the Mother’s Chapel at 6:00pm. Also during the same week the Carmelite Nuns of Erie warmly invite all to pray with them beginning July 11th through July 16th at the Carmelite Monastery in Erie. Mass will be at 8:00am and evening services at 7:30pm. Fr James Campbell, from Coudersport will be preaching.

CHILD PROTECTION & CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS & KIDS: Parents should consider having internet accounts in their name with parents having the primary screen name, controlling passwords and using blocking and/or filtering devices. Children should not complete a profile for a service provider and children’s screen names should be nondescriptive so as not to identify that the user is a child. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

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. Reservation forms and more information is available in the Parish Office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS THE WEEK OF JULY 31ST Please register your 3 year old- 5th grader to attend this super fun week or sign up yourself or your 6th- 12th 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. **We kick off July 30th with a private pool party. Sign up today!**

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 in St. Marys, PA. Cost is \$45 and sponsorships are available. Apply online at www.divinemercyencounter.com. Questions Contact Jessica Nelson @814-449-9533.



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. **The Salvation Army is grateful for your generosity in assisting to stock their Food Pantry** 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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 7/9 **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville
 10:30am Norbert Heisler by Jan & Craig Kostrzewski

Monday, 7/10 **Weekday**
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke in Youngsville

Tuesday, 7/11 **Saint Benedict, Abbot**
 12:05pm James Graziano by Robert & Gloria Merenick

Wednesday, 7/12 **Weekday**
 9:05am Jacquelyn Malone by Jim & Linda Davis

Thursday, 7/13 **Weekday Saint Henry**
 12:05pm Rose & Sam Falvo by Niece

Friday, 7/14 **USA: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**
 8:00am Karlene Molinaro by Becky Harper

Saturday, 7/15 **Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**
 5:30pm Marti Harrington by Family

Sunday, 7/16 **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville
 10:30am Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church

Monday Genesis 28:10-22a ; Gospel Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday Genesis 32:23-33; Gospel Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday Genesis 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a; Gospel Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday Genesis 44:18-21,23b-29,45:1-5; Gospel Matthew 10:7-15

Friday Genesis 46:1-7,28-30; Gospel Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday Genesis 49:29-32,50:15-26a; Gospel Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, July 9 **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
 10:30am Mass
 Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, July 10
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke in Youngsville

Tuesday, July 11
 12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, July 12
 9:05am Mass

Thursday, July 13
 12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm-5:30pm Adoration
 5:30pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:00pm Lady of Fatima Prayer Service (Mother's Chapel)
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (Meyer Hall)

Friday, July 14
 8:00am Mass

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

Sunday, July 16 **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
2nd Collection for Catholic Home, Indian, & Black Missions
 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>
7/15 5:30pm	K Jones	R & T Fadale, P Lobdell, D Labowski, F Perrin, R Kujawa,	B Hoffman S Holmberg J Kupchella
7/16 10:30am	J Bowler	*R & P Osche, M & J Roudybush, *J & V Siliano	B Alexander J Peterson I Goldthwaite

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in memory of
 Deceased Members of the McGraw & O'Neil Families by
 Dan & MaryAnn Zdanko

In your charity please pray for the souls of David Downey brother of **Meg & John Sabat** who passed away this past week and Chelsey Pivovar whose Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday. We extend our sympathy to the families, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

*Weekly Donations - July 2nd -\$6076.50
 Thank you for your continued generosity!*

VOCATIONS ICON

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

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.**

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.

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.