

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

As I am writing this column today (Tuesday) we are awaiting the publication of the grand jury report concerning child sex abuse by clergy in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There has been much published about the 900+ page report. Bishops in the six dioceses that are covered in the report have already received an advance copy of the unredacted report. Individuals named in the report have received a copy of the section of the report in which they are named.

As we know some of the individuals named have objected to the Supreme Court for a number of different, but valid reasons. Those objections have delayed the publication of the report as the Court tries to work through the objections.

Regardless of all that, the fact that there needs to be an investigation at all is a great tragedy. In a perfect world the church would be a source of light without any darkness. Obviously, that is not the case. All levels within the church have experienced the darkness.

To all the victims of clergy sex abuse, I am profoundly sorry and I pray for your healing. I pray that the darkness has not overcome the light for you. I pray that the ineptitude with which the church has dealt with the scandal has not soured you to the possibility of good in the church. I pray that each of you find vessels of God's grace in your lives bringing consolation and healing.

I pray for the church that with God's grace we will be able to root out this darkness, no matter how long it may take or how painful it may become.

To have to write a column like this where darkness comes from every level, from Cardinals, to bishops, to priests, to deacons, to religious and to laity is gut-wrenching. We are all in need of God's mercy. *Father Rick*

**PARISH NEWS**



**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH MASS & PICNIC**

The Parish Picnic is August 26<sup>th</sup> at Betts Park. Mass will be at 10:30am followed by a picnic. Please bring a lawn chair for Mass and a dish to pass for the picnic. The parish will provide the meat, water and table service. There will be entertainment and fun for all ages. Sign up sheets are at the doors of the Church.

**CATECHISTS NEEDED!**

If you have just a few weeks or many to give, please consider sharing yourself with our young people. Team teaching has become a blessing to our program and our youth. Please consider joining our team. Training and materials will be provided. Call or text Jenn at 688-3842. Remember:

**GOD DOES NOT CALL THE QUALIFIED; HE QUALIFIES THE CALLED!**

**FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation will start up again on September 23rd. We will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 16th. **Formation families will be receiving information/registration packets in the mail this month.** As always, please keep our students and catechists in your prayers as we will face changes and challenges in the months to come as we try to keep our families and formation centered on Christ and his mission. Thank You!



**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Altar server training will take place August 22, at 10:30pm or August 23 at 6:00pm. If your child is interested please call the parish office to sign them up for one of the sessions. Any youth, up to twelfth grade, who has made their first Holy Communion is eligible. Fr. Rick will be leading the training, which will last about an hour.

A special thank you to Carl & Cathie Luppino for their VBS donation! Your contribution was greatly appreciated.



**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC 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, sponsoring 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCHES IN LATIN AMERICA**

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs that share our Catholic faith. **A special envelope for this collection is in your monthly packet of envelopes.** Thank you for your generosity!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**A Committed Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament** is needed on Thursdays from 1:30pm-2:30pm beginning in September. Adoration is a wonderful way to clear your mind and open your heart to rest in Jesus. Even for 5 minutes between practices, homework and the grocery store, Jesus desires to be with you and your children. This can be a short term or long term commitment. For more information, please call Becky Harper at 726-2849.



**NEW SAINT JOSEPH PARISH SUGGESTION BOXES**

If you have a suggestion and a way that it can be accomplished we'd like to know about it. Your ideas help build a strong church community. Suggestion boxes are placed at the side doors of the church. Ideas and their solutions will be brought to pastoral council for consideration.

*We want to hear from you!*



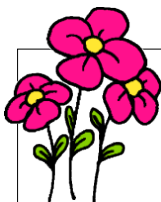
Have **YOU** Thought About **BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

To inquire about the Catholic Faith, contact Fr. Rick at the parish office: 814-723-2090 or [frick@westpa.net](mailto:frick@westpa.net)

**PARISH NEWS**

**FAITH IN ACTION MINISTRY FAIR**

On September 8th & 9th a Ministry Fair will be held after all the weekend Masses. Come see how God may be calling you. Representatives from over 30 ministries will be available to tell of their activities and the good work they do. There will be door prizes, refreshments and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!



**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.

**MONDAY MOVIES AT SAINT LUKE CHURCH**

The Monday movie time has changed to 10:45am. "The Ocean of Mercy" will be shown on August 13th (DVD is 65 minutes). This movie contains a summary of the spiritual legacy of St. John Paul II, Saint Maximilian Kolby, and Saint Faustina. On August 20th the movie (DVD is 55 minutes) is the story of the miracle that led to Saint Faustina's canonization. Please call Susan Cronmiller 563-4040 if you have any questions.

**RCIA -**

*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Are you a Baptized Christian looking to be received into full communion into the Catholic Church? Are you an adult who missed your confirmation?

Do we know a friend or family member that was baptized when they were young but never received the sacraments of initiation? Are you a Baptized Christian wanting to be welcomed home into the Catholic Church? We invite you to talk to Fr. Rick about how you or your friend can continue the Catholic journey.

THE RCIA PROGRAM WILL BE STARTING SOON

*Jesus Said, "Come, Follow Me"*

*Matthew 4:19*



**ARE YOU A PIE BAKER?**

Please contact Jenn at 688-3842 if you are able to help bake pie for the CCY (Cool Catholic Youth) pie and coffee stand at the Wildwind Festival on Sunday, September 9th.



**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE**

Our Grand Total for this year's Rummage Sale is **\$6615.50**. A Special Thank You to everyone who made this possible!



**ATTENTION SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH PARISHIONERS**

*In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, clergy and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information—including a request for gift cards of any type—exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.*

**BIBLE STUDY—THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

You are cordially invited to attend a six week study on the Gospel of John at Holy Redeemer Church. Classes will run from 6:30pm-8:30pm on Thursdays from September 6th through October 11th. This is a free course, but we ask a donation of \$5.00 to defray the cost of the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. To sign up call or stop by the Parish Office.

**ONE DAY WORKSHOP/RETREAT & CONCERT** with world-

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

**SIGN UP FOR THE DIOCESAN E-NEWSLETTER**

Do you want to keep up to date on all the news and information generated in the 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie and beyond? Then sign up today to receive *Diocese of Erie News* and enjoy a quick overview of what's happening in your town and elsewhere. Go to [www.nwpaCatholic.com](http://www.nwpaCatholic.com) and subscribe today. This is replacing the FaithLife newspaper insert. The e-newsletter will begin publication in the near future.

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**LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, 8/12** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church Matt Donahue by Mary Donahue  
 10:30am Robert Kerner Sr by Jeff & Stephanie

**Monday, 8/13** Saints Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyr  
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church

**Tuesday, 8/14** St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr  
 12:05pm Robert Daye by K of C Council 964  
 7:00pm Vigil Mass @ St Luke Church –Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—For the Living & Deceased Members of Saint Joseph Parish

**Wednesday, 8/15** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 12:05pm Sylvia Yeskey by Niece  
 5:30pm Charles Fleeger by June Fleeger

**Thursday, 8/16** St. Stephen of Hungary  
 12:05pm Mark Sember by Bill & Beverly Long

**Friday, 8/17** Weekday  
 8:00am Vincent Pace by Frances Durante & Brian & Vicki Duckett

**Saturday, 8/18** Weekday  
 5:30pm Marianne Scheer by Adam & Katy Wygant & Family

**Sunday, 8/19** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church  
 10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday** Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28C; Gospel Matthew 17:22-27

**Tuesday** Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Gospel Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

**Wednesday** Rev 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Gospel Luke 1:39-56

**Thursday** Ezekiel 12:1-12; Gospel Matthew 18:21—19:1

**Friday** Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63; Gospel Matthew 19:3-12

**Saturday** Ezekiel 18:1-10,13b,30-32; Gospel Matthew 19:13-15

**Sunday** Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; Gospel John 6:51-58

**SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, August 12**  
 8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church  
 10:30am Mass  
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

**Monday, August 13**  
 10:45am DVD “Ocean of Mercy” @ St. Luke \*Time Change\*  
 12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church

**Tuesday, August 14**  
 12:05pm Mass  
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen  
 7:00pm Vigil Mass for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary @ St Luke Church

**Wednesday, August 15**  
 12:05am Mass The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 5:30pm Mass The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thursday, August 16**  
 12:05pm Mass  
 12:30pm Adoration  
 5:30pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, August 17**  
 8:00am Mass

**Saturday, August 18**  
 4:30pm—5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:30pm Mass

**Sunday, August 19** \*2nd Collection for Church in Latin America\*  
 8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church  
 10:00am Warren Community Worship Service @ Library Theatre  
 10:30am Mass  
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
<b>8/15</b> 12:30pm	Bill Morgan	C Zawacki, D Labowski, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	O Strandburg A Strandburg P Shene  Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer
<b>8/15</b> 5:30pm	Marlene Sandberg	A Kiehl, C Bevacqua, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer
<b>8/18</b> 5:30pm	Lilly Suppa	P & J Rickert, R & B Williams, P Bailey, Volunteer, Volunteer	Jacob Funari Jill Funari Sarah Harvey
<b>8/19</b> 10:30am	Mike Smelko	B Smelko, A Kirpatrick, M Kirkpatrick, D Pusateri, R & P Osche, P Christy	B Alexander A Gatto G Gatto

*WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF  
 Karlene Molinaro by Jan Graziano & Family*

**St. Joseph Church**  
 Weekly Offering—August 5th—\$7569.50  
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY  
 ITEMS NEEDED IN AUGUST**  
 The month of **August** we will be collecting canned Fruit:  
**Pears, Peaches and Fruit Cocktail.** Your support to the needy  
 families of the Warren Community is amazing.  
 Thank You for your continued generosity!

**VOCATIONS ICON**  
 Thank you to **Bob Scheer** for taking the Vocations Icon this  
 week and praying for an increase in vocations in the Erie  
 Diocese and here at St. Joseph Parish.

**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**  
**The First Day of School is Wednesday, August 29th**