

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The second sentence in the Prologue of the Catechism tells us that in every time and in every place God draws close to us. This is not because of anything we have done or said, but because God created us freely to share in God's own life. Simply put we have not earned the love of God by our own efforts. God freely chooses to love us even when we think that we are unlovable.

Further, while in most cases this loving outreach of God will bring about a response from us. That response is not a requirement for God's continuing love for us. God's desire for us to share in God's own life is the motivation for God's continued outreach in invitation.

Obviously, we need to recognize that continued invitation if we are going to be able to respond. So where should we look? First and foremost, we should love in the loving relationships that we experience in the here and now. While these relationships are not perfect, they do reflect the loving approach of God. If we stop and think about it, we probably will realize that the person who loves us sees in us what we may not be able to see in ourselves, at least initially. From that basis, we can grow in trust for the person who loves us.

Secondly, we can look to all of creation for certainly the fingerprints of the Creator can be found there. Some heresies (wrong teachings) in the past have taught that the material world is evil, but clearly the first creation account in the Book of Genesis teaches that God found everything that God created "good". Therefore, creation itself in its beauty constantly invites us to respond to the Creator.

Finally, we can look to see how others have responded to this invitation. Their example can be very enlightening, helping us to understand the invitation and how we should properly respond.

Fr. Rick

PARISH NEWS

Jesus said "Come, follow me"

Interested in joining the Church?

AN INVITATION TO FEED YOUR SOUL &
ENCOUNTER THE LIVING LORD

RCIA INQUIRY MEETING

August 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Meyer Hall.

Questions? Call Kathy Amsdell 814-723-2090 x 14

THANK YOU! A very special thank you to **Northwest Savings Bank** who generously donated gently used office furniture to our parish and school offices, plus all the classrooms. We all have beautiful desks and much more storage thanks to their generosity. Thank you also to **Jeff Wilson** who coordinated the furniture moves and to **Bill Dorrion, Chris Streich, Joey Close, and Tristan Davis** for their time and talent in making the moves happen. Our staff has been blessed by you!

SISTER RITA MUSANTE, OLVM

SISTER RITA MUSANTE, OLVM, a native of **St. Joseph Parish** and a **St. Joseph Catholic School Alumna**, is celebrating her **60th Jubilee as an Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sister**. She will be in Warren the weekend of August 20th. **To celebrate her Jubilee a reception will be held after the 10:30am Mass in Meyer Hall**. All are invited to come and meet Sr. Rita and to extend well wishes to her. Sister Rita said, "Helping people become aware of how much God loves each of us with all our mistakes and sins, achievements and dreams, is such a Joy! My favorite ministry is retreats and spiritual direction— because these are for me the best and most direct ways of assisting people to become aware of and respond to God's amazing invitation to them to enter into an intimate friendship like no other." She also wrote, "The dream began to form in me during my early childhood years. Lives of the saints, doctrinal books and Bible stories formed a substantial part of my reading diet. From this reading and from my parents' example and guidance, my own romance and adventure with God began to evolve." **Come and join us as we celebrate Sister Rita's 60th Year Jubilee!**

MORE DESSERTS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR SOUP KITCHEN Desserts are always welcome on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesdays of the month for our Soup Kitchen patrons. The desserts can be dropped off at the Parish Office on Tuesday. *Thank you for your generosity.*

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE We have a final profit amount after taking some items to an auction and paying expenses. **Our final amount that goes to Saint Joseph School is \$5423.85.** Thanks again to everyone who worked so hard and contributed to this wonderful and successful event.

We are in need of a **lector to read for our daily Masses** at St. Joseph Church. If you are interested and would like to volunteer one or two days a week please call the Parish Office @ 723-2090.

HELPING HANDS

PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED during the month of **August for the Salvation Army**. 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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 8/13 **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:45am Mass at St. Luke Church
10:30am Kathleen Shea by Family

Monday, 8/14 **Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**
7:00pm Vigil Mass @ St Luke Church -The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, 8/15 **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
12:05pm Sylvia Yeskey by Niece
5:30pm Chelsea Pivovar by Hank & Holly LeMeur

Wednesday, 8/16 **Saint Steven of Hungary**
7:00am Mass @ Holy Redeemer

Thursday, 8/17 **Weekday**
7:00am Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer

Friday, 8/18 **Weekday**
7:00am Mass @ Holy Redeemer

Saturday, 8/19 **Saint John Eudes, Priest**
5:30pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Sunday, 8/20 **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:45am Mass at St. Luke Church
10:30am Ian Williams by Grandma & Grandpa Berardi

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
8/15			
12:05pm	D Pusateri	C Luppino, J Anderson, J Rickert	L Johnson S Johnson
8/15			
5:30pm	V Amsdell	C Bevacqua, K Weigel, Volunteer	2 Volunteers
8-19			
5:30pm	J Walker	G & P Peck, J & P Rickert, P Bailey, *R Sharp, K Weigel	Jacob Funari Jillian Funari B Hoffman
8-20			
10:30am	D Pusateri	J & *R Cecco, W Harvey, R Beyer, C & J Kostrzewski, *V Amsdell	S Sokolski W Sokolski B Alexander

*Weekly Donations - August 6th - \$9706.50
Thank you for your continued generosity!*

VOCATIONS ICON

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

There have been many requests for Deacon Ian's address:
Rev. Mr. Ian McElrath,
5400 Roland Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21210

CARE & CONCERN HOME REPAIRS

If you are in need of small repairs in your home. Please call Steve Guadagnino @ 757-9592.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Gospel Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Gospel Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Gospel Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Joshua 3:7-10a,11,13-17; Gospel Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday Joshua 24:1-13; Gospel Mt 19:3-12

Saturday Joshua 24:14-29; Gospel Mt 19:13-15

Sunday Isaiah 56:1,6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Gospel Mt 15:21-28

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, August 13 **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:00am Warren Community Service (Library Theatre)
10:30am Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, August 14
7:00pm Vigil Mass @ St Luke Church -The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15 **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
12:05pm Mass
5:30pm Mass
4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, August 16
7:00am Mass @ Holy Redeemer

Thursday, August 17
7:00 am Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer

Friday, August 18
7:00am Mass @ Holy Redeemer

Saturday, August 19
4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass

Sunday, August 20 **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:30am Sr. Rita's 60th Jubilee Reception

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in memory of
Jim Graziano by Jan & Family

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Did you know that the Catholic School climate, mission, and purpose positively impact student achievement, and attendance? (Bryk, LeeVe & Holland, 1993). 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.

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.