

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last week we considered the continual invitation that God extends to us in love that calls forth a response on our part. This week we'd like to consider what that response should be. We could easily say that the response should be love, but that would make for a very short column. So here goes,

Our initial response to God's generous and continual invitation should be gratitude. Thanking God for the many gifts God bestows upon us will always place us in the right relationship with God. We certainly are not even aware of all that God does for us. Therefore, thanking God for everything is a good place to start our response. We can begin first thing in the morning by thanking God for a good night's sleep, or thanking God for the gift of another day. Gratitude helps us to be aware more fully of God's loving invitation.

We should enjoy the gifts God has given us. A joy-filled heart is a sign that a person is in right relationship with God. Joy is that deep inner satisfaction that springs up in a person who realizes they are loved. If we just take a look around us with hearts open to the invitation of God, we see a truly wonderful creation.

Certainly, then, we might feel a desire to know more about this God who continually invites us into a loving relationship. But we should also desire to know God more deeply. The first we accomplish by seeking God through the Bible, in some form of religious education, or even by talking to someone who seems to know more about God. To know God more deeply means that we are willing to pray, not just say prayers or ask God for something, but to open ourselves to active dialogue with God. This, in turn, will create a more trusting relationship. In other words, we don't simply believe in God, we believe God.

Fr. Rick

PARISH NEWS

RCIA - Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Inquiry Meeting Wednesday
8-23-17 6:30 pm Meyer Hall
One Step in a Lifelong Adventure



"My journey with RCIA was such a wonderful experience filled with learning, love, and fellowship. RCIA helped spread my wings of faith in God and I am truly thankful for all the experiences I encountered. I felt God's presence in my life when he called me to the Catholic faith and my journey has just begun."

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS Classes begin **Wednesday, August 30th**. There is a need for substitute teachers this year. A volunteer is also needed to teach enrichment math to the 3rd, 4th, 5th graders. This would be about a 2 hour a week commitment. Please contact the School office at 723-2030.

THE SAINT JOSEPH PARISH PICNIC is Sept. 10th at Betts Park. There will be a 10:30am Mass followed by a afternoon of food and fun. **Signup sheets are at the entrances of the Church.**

2017 Mission Appeal for the Catholic Diocese of Ijebu-Ode. Next weekend , **August 26th & 27th**, we will welcome a visiting priest, Rev. Albert Adeleke of Ijebu-Ode Diocese, Nigeria. This Diocese has 34 parishes with over 150 Churches, 7 Houses of formation, 12 religious houses for male and female religious groups. The Catholic population does not have enough material and financial resources to sustain her many developing programs of evangelization; sustenance of priest and religious, training of seminarians, and to sustain a primary health care project for villagers. **Let us welcome Rev. Albert and generously support his Mission Diocese.**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Pete Molinaro** and **Dick Morrison** for serving as ushers for over 50 years! St. Joseph Church is grateful for your service and the kindness you have shown our parishioners through the years.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO SISTER RITA for coming and sharing her 60th Jubilee with her home parish of St. Joseph. We wish her well! What a beautiful celebration for our Saint Joseph Parish!

CSA UPDATE: The **total pledged** for St. Joseph Parish is **\$129,153**. **To date, we have received \$92,100**. Thank you for your continued support. Remember, you have until January 2018 to complete you pledge.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: If you are in 4th grade or older, have received your First Eucharist, and are interested in being an altar server, there will be two training sessions this week. Tuesday, Aug. 22nd @ 10:30am and Wednesday, Aug 23rd @ 6:00pm. Please call the Parish Office @ 723-2090 to let us know which session you will be attending.

GOLF SCRAMBLE: St. Joseph Golf Scramble is just around the corner! Get your foursome together for a day of fun and fellowship. This year's tournament will be held on **September 17th at Jackson Valley Country Club with a 1:00pm shotgun start**. For further information please contact Scott Nelson at bergenryleigh@yahoo.com or 706-8062. All proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic School.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids: Be sure to talk to your kids about cyber bullying. Four out of ten kids have been bullied online and five out of ten have said mean things about others online. Cyber bullying continues to grow and the ultimate tragic result can be suicide. Most kids who suffer or experience cyberbullying do not tell their parents as they are afraid they will lose their online privileges. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 8/20 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30am Ian Williams by Grandma & Grandpa Berardi
12:15pm Mass @ St. Luke Church

Monday, 8/21 Saint Pius X Pope Mass @ St. Luke Church
12:00pm Father Jack Bauer by Becky Harper

Tuesday, 8/22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:05pm Carrie Randas by Rose Troyan

Wednesday, 8/23 Saint Rose of Lima
9:05am Kenneth Miller by Bill & Peggy Morgan
1:30pm Mass @ Warren Manor - Deceased Members of Derr & Williams Families by Family

Thursday, 8/24 Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
12:05pm Robert & Flora Weidert by Dennis & Michele Hoak

Friday, 8/26 Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest
8:00am Ruby Cataldo by Louise Morgan

Saturday, 8/26 Weekday
5:30pm Charles & Leona Ditz by Charles & Catherine Ditz

Sunday, 8/27 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:45am Mass at St. Luke Church
10:30am Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
8/26			
5:30pm	R Williams	M Sowa, A Kiehl, H Zaffino, S Courson, B Williams, *J Zavinski, P Bailey	S Holmberg M Harrison C Shene
8/27	P Morgan	R & P Osche, M & J Roudybush, *J & V Siliano *C Feaster	Ben Sowa Brett Sowa M Sowa
10:30am			

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of
Lucy Noto by Family

Weekly Donations - August 13th - \$6696.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!

In your charity please pray for the souls of **Mary Russo**, aunt of Dennis & Anne Rock and **Anthony Fill**, husband of Helen Fill who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to the families, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

Upcoming Events

Sept 10th- Mass & Parish Picnic @ Betts Park
 Sept 17th- St. Joseph School Golf Scramble
 Oct. 14th- St. Joseph Catholic School PTU Spaghetti Dinner

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 Judges 2:11-19; Gospel Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Judges 6:11-24a; Gospel Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday Judges 9:6-15; Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday Revelation 21:9b-14; Gospel John 1:45-51

Friday Ruth 1:1,3-6, 14b-16,22; Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11;4:13-17; Gospel Matthew 23: 1-12

Sunday Isaiah 22:19-23, Romans 11:33-36, Gospel Matthew 16:13-30

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

2nd Collection for the Churches in Latin America

Sunday, August 20 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30am Mass Sr. Rita Musante's 60th Jubilee
 Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:30am Sr. Rita's 60th Jubilee Reception
12:15pm Mass @ St. Luke Church & Church Picnic

Monday, August 21
12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church

Tuesday, August 22
10:30am Altar Server Training (Church)
12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 6:00pm Pastoral Council Dinner @ Rectory

Wednesday, August 23
9:05am Mass
1:30pm Mass @ Warren Manor
6:00pm Altar Server Training (Church)
6:30pm RCIA Inquiry Meeting (Meyer Hall)

Thursday, August 24
12:05pm Mass
12:30pm Adoration
5:30pm Reposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday, August 25
8:00am Mass

Saturday, August 26 Mission Appeal Weekend
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass

Sunday, August 27 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Mass
 Children's Liturgy of the Word

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.

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.