

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Catholic Church encourages all people to form a prayerful relationship with God that gradually deepens throughout our lives. There are a variety of prayer forms that most of us are familiar with ranging from formal public prayer (the Mass or the Liturgy of the Hours) to the Rosary to different devotions (Divine Mercy Chaplet) to Lectio Divina (prayer using Sacred Scripture) to Ignatian Meditation (using imagination to place one's self into a Scripture passage) to meditation (consideration of a scriptural or other sacred text) to contemplation (sitting in the Presence of God and enjoying the company). There are form prayers (the Our Father or the Hail Mary) and there is spontaneous prayer (having a heart to heart conversation with God). Regardless of the type of prayer we must always allow quiet time for God to speak to our hearts.

St. Ignatius does suggest that after any time of prayer we take a few moments to review what happened during the prayer. St. Ignatius also suggests that we take time to ask for the specific grace we may need at any give period in our lives.

In the sixth chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew Jesus reminds us that God already knows what we need before we ask. There is no need to babble on and on. Our request for a specific grace is an articulation of trust on our part sharing with God what we are feeling in our deepest being.

Spending quality time with God is preferable to spending quantity of time with God if that quantity is superficial and distracted.

Pray as you are comfortable praying. Just make sure you pray.

Father Rick

PARISH NEWS

FAITH IN ACTION MINISTRY FAIR

On September 8th & 9th a Ministry Fair will be held after the 5:30pm, 8:00am, & 10:30am 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!**

MASS TIME CHANGE

Beginning September 23rd the Sunday Mass time at Saint Joseph Church will be 10:45am. The change is due to the start of our Faith Formation classes at Holy Redeemer Church. This change will allow everyone in Formation to attend class and time to return to the Church for Mass. Thank you all for your understanding.



To inquire about the Catholic Faith please contact Father Rick at the Parish Office 723-2090 or email him at frrick@westpa.net.

Holy Redeemer Parish contact Father Jim at 723-4222.

TAKE ME TO WORSHIP PROGRAM AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Take Me to Worship is an evangelization effort to encourage regular participation by families at Catholic churches throughout the Diocese of Erie. Visit www.ErieRCD.org/familiesmatter/tmtw.html for more information or contact the Family Life Office in Erie at 814-824-1261.

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.



ST JOSEPH PARISH CHILDREN & YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY

Does your child love to sing? Children age pre-school through 12th grade are invited to join our Parish Music Ministry. Forms and the calendar for the year are available at the doors of the Church or in the Parish Office. **Please return completed forms to the Parish Office by September 5th.**

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

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!

OUTREACH TO THE NEEDY

Did you ever wonder what the pink envelopes are for in your packets? Outreach to the Needy is for our Helping Hands Ministry. The money you generously donate helps people in need of emergency shelter, gasoline for travel to out of town medical appointments, furniture, housewares, food, and clothing. Your kind donations help many people throughout the year. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SAINT LUKE CHURCH DVD SERIES

On September 10th at 10:45am the DVD series *Queen of Heaven* will start. The series will run for 8 weeks. Please call Susan Cronmiller at 563-4040 with questions.

Are you a Pie Baker? Please call Jenn @ 688-3842 if you are able to help bake pies for the **CCY Pie & Coffee Booth** on September 9th at the Wild Wind Festival held at the Fair Grounds.

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

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 8/26	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Church For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
10:30am	Patricia Pazderski by Debbie & Larry Vicini Mass at Betts Park and Parish Picnic
Monday, 8/27	St Monica
12:00pm	Mass @ St Luke Church
Tuesday, 8/28	St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
12:05pm	Maria Amelia Piroto (Niece of Frances Durante) by Family
Wednesday, 8/29	The Passion of St John the Baptist
9:05am	Jim Graziano by Jan Graziano & Family (School Mass)
Thursday, 8/30	Weekday
12:05pm	Anthony Fill by Howard & Doris Labowski
Friday, 8/31	Weekday
8:00am	Ruth & Patrick Gerardi by Patricia, Josephine, & Charles
Saturday, 9/1	Vigil Mass 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30pm	For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
Sunday, 9/2	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Church
10:30am	Bob Leins by K of C Council #964

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
9/1	Roy	C & K Darling, T & R Fadale,	E Darling
5:30pm	Williams	J Anderson, *P Bailey, J Caumban-Lim	I Darling J Darling
9/2	Bill Cole	*K & V Amsdell, C Bevacqua,	A Beyer
10:30am		R Beyer, S Cole, *C Luppino, Volunteer	K Beyer Volunteer

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Katie Rooney, Mary Margaret & Howard O'Neil by Family and

Ruth & Patrick Gerardi by Patricia, Josephine, and Charles

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Stephen Cosmano**, the soul of **Eleanor Swanson**, and the soul of **Meg Sabat**, wife of **John Sabat** who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to their families and their friends, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

St. Joseph Church
Weekly Offering—August 19th—\$7326.74
Second Collection—\$833.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12; Gospel Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Gospel Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Gospel Mark 6:17-29
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Gospel Matthew 24:42-51
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Gospel Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Gospel Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday	Deut 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21b-22.27; Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 26

8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church

10:30am Mass @ Betts Park

*Picnic to Follow Please bring lawn chairs & dish to pass

4:30pm Meeting for New Families of St Joseph Catholic School

5:30pm Ice Cream Social for St Joseph Catholic School Families

Monday, August 27

10:45am DVD Series@ St. Luke Church

12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church

5:00pm RCIA Team Meeting (Meyer Hall)

6:30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Boardroom)

Tuesday, August 28

12:05pm Mass

4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, August 29—First Day of School

9:05am School Mass

Thursday, August 30

12:05pm Mass

12:30pm Adoration

5:30pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, August 31

8:00am Mass

Saturday, September 1

4:30pm—5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass

Sunday, September 2

8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church

10:30am Mass

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY ITEMS NEEDED IN SEPTEMBER

The Helping Hands Ministry will be collecting **Cans of Soup during September**. Your support to the needy families of the Warren Community is amazing.

Thank You for your continued generosity!

The First Day of School is Wednesday, August 29th

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