

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Vacations are great until they are over and you have to play catch-up. Fortunately, I have managed to whittle down the mountain to a manageable size so that I can write this column.

I always find that the ocean is a wonderful place to relax and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Walking along the beach one morning I notice a man with lots of expensive camera equipment. I went up to him, expressing how foolish I felt, and asked him to take a picture of me with my smart phone. He laughed and then kept directing me to a better place for the picture. I jokingly told him I knew I had picked the right person.

One evening I went out to eat with a high school classmate and her husband. She told us that she was on the "turtle patrol" which is a group that walk the beach every morning and check on the turtle nests. She said that these turtles, some weighing between 250 and 500 pounds, return to the beach where they hatched some thirty years later and lay 60-75 eggs. If one of the eggs hatch and survive to maturity, that is considered successful. I happened upon members of the turtle patrol inspecting a nest. They were concerned that a crab might have invaded the nest and was going to destroy all the eggs before they had a chance to hatch.

I also had the chance to do a little beach ministry. I celebrated Mass in a pavilion seating about 250 one block from the beach. There were two Masses last Sunday and one Mass on the Feast of the Assumption.

All in all the only drag to the entire was the 11 ride home last Friday. But I think that was a small price to pay for the wonderful time on the beach.

*Fr. Rick*

**PARISH NEWS**

**THE SAINT JOSEPH PARISH PICNIC** is Sept. 10th at Betts Park. There will be a 10:30am Mass followed by a picnic . Please bring lawn chairs for Mass and a dish to pass for the picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs, lemonade, water and table service will be provided. Alcohol is permitted, if you would like to BYOB. There will be entertainment and fun for all. **Signup sheets are at the entrances of St. Joseph and St. Luke Churches.**

**2017 MISSION APPEAL FOR THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF IJEBU-ODE**

This weekend we will welcome 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.**

**"THE GIFT: A "LIFE IN THE SPIRIT" COURSE"** Beginning Friday night, Sept. 8th, and ending Saturday afternoon, Sept. 9th , this course in the Holy Spirit will be offered at St. Paul Center, St. Anthony Church, Sheffield. The course includes six sessions: 1. The Father's Loving Plan, 2. The Joy of the Gospel, 3. The Gift of the Spirit, 4. Unwrapping God's Gift, 5. Encountering God's Spirit, and 6. Living in the Spirit. If you have questions or would like to register, please call Lil Herbstritt of St. Anthony's at 968-3208 or call the Holy Redeemer office at 723-4222. Fliers are at all entrances to the Church.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who contributed to the joy of my 60th Jubilee Celebration at the Parish, Sunday, August 20th! Your presence and acts of kindness and generosity have filled my heart's memory with overflowing gratitude.  
Sr. Rita Musante

**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS Classes begin this 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 PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will be meeting Sept 7th at 7:00pm in Meyer hall. If you knit, crochet, or quilt and would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please join us. Yarn is provided. For more information contact Betsy at the Parish Office 723-2090 ext 12.

**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.** Not a golfer but want to donate? Monetary and in-kind donations gladly accepted. All proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic School. For further information please contact Scott Nelson at [bergenryleigh@yahoo.com](mailto:bergenryleigh@yahoo.com) or 706-8062. To register your team complete the form below and return it with your check to the St. Joseph Parish Office.

**Tournament fee is \$75 per person or \$300 per team (this includes green fees, cart, lunch, beverages and dinner)**

**Make Checks Payable to St. Joseph Catholic School**

Team Members:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Captain—Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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

**Monday, 8/28 Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor**  
 8:00am Mass @ St. Joseph  
 12:00pm Terri Pring by Altar Rosary Society (St. Luke)

**Tuesday, 8/29 The Passion of St John the Baptist**  
 12:05pm Jeanette Anderson by Altar Rosary Society

**Wednesday, 8/30 Weekday**  
 9:05am Jim Graziano by Jan & Family **\*School Mass\***

**Thursday, 8/31 Weekday**  
 12:05pm Patrick & Ruth Gerardi by Patricia, Josephine, & Charles

**Friday, 9/1 Weekday**  
 8:00am Joseph Sobina by Don & Nancy Sobina

**Saturday, 9/2 Weekday**  
 5:30pm Theresa Ressler by Terry & Janice Ressler

**Sunday, 9/3 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke Church  
 10:30am Fran Baczkowski by Blair & Pam Smoulder

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
9/2 5:30pm	C Wolf	T & R Fadale, A Kiehl, F Perrin, P Lobdell, D Labowski, R Kujawa	O Strandburg A Strandburg E Grosch
9/3 10:30am	J Bowler	C Luppino, T Siliano, L & A Tyers, 2 Volunteers, D Pusateri	M Shene P Shene C Shene

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of  
 Patrick & Ruth Gerardi by  
 Patricia, Josephine, & Charles

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—\$149.00  
 Weekly Donations - August 20th - \$7684.89  
 Second Collection - August 20th—\$1157.00  
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Upcoming Events**

Aug 30th- First Day of School  
 Sept 10th- Mass & Parish Picnic @ Betts Park  
 Sept 17th- St. Joseph School Golf Scramble

**HELPING HANDS**

**ITEMS NEEDED IN SEPTEMBER**

LAUNDRY SOAP, DISH DETERGENT, CLOROX WIPES, TOILET PAPER, AND PAPER TOWELS WILL BE COLLECTED during the month of **September for the Salvation Army**. Please continue to check the Helping Hands bulletin board for new items needed. Contact the Parish Office for information or questions @ 723-2090.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 ; Gospel Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Gospel Mark 6:17-29

**Wednesday** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Gospel Matthew 23:27-32

**Thursday** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Gospel Matthew 24:42-51

**Friday** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

**Saturday** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

**Sunday** Jeremiah 20:7-9, Romans 12:1-2, Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS**

**\*Misson Appeal Weekend \***

**Sunday, August 27 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Fr. Albert Adeleke of Ijebu-Ode Diocese, Nigeria visiting  
 8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church  
 10:30am Mass  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Monday, August 28**  
 8:00am Mass @ St. Joseph Church  
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church  
 6:30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Boardroom)

**Tuesday, August 29**  
 12:05pm Mass  
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

**Wednesday, August 30 \*\*First Day of School\*\***  
 9:05am Mass

**Thursday, August 31**  
 12:05pm Mass  
 12:30pm Adoration  
 5:30pm Reposition of The Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, September 1 First Friday**  
 8:00am Mass  
 9:00am Homebound Communion

**Saturday, September 2**  
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation  
 5:30pm Mass

**Sunday, September 3 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church  
 10:30am Mass

**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.

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