

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today as I write this column I am filled with gratitude for several reasons. As I mentioned at Mass this past weekend, this is the final week for Deacon Ian to be with us until his Christmas break. I am thankful for his time here and for your willingness to accept him and nurture him for the past 11 weeks. As he returns to Baltimore for his final year of theology and formation, our prayers go with him.

I am also grateful for Jenn Wortman who submitted her resignation as Faith Formation Leader. Well before I arrived she was caring for one of the most important ministries in the Church, the passing on of the Faith. Always one to make sure things were done correctly and to her liking, she spent many more hours working than we paid her for. We will surely miss her as our Faith Formation Leader.

We are also grateful to Jenn's family who shared her with us. We probably will never fully realize the extent of their sacrifice, but we are grateful to each of them.

Jenn's resignation certainly leaves us with a big hole to fill and relatively little time to fill it. If any of you are interested in applying for this important position, please remember the sooner the better. Please include a resume and a paragraph about why you are interested in the position.

I hope that as you read this column, you, too, will find things to be grateful for. God's ways are not our ways, and many times God's ways are hard to figure out. But we should always be grateful that our God continues to work in our lives, whether we understand how or not.

Fr. Rick

OUR PARISH NEWS

Jesus said "Come, follow me

IF YOU ARE WAITING FOR A SIGN...THIS IS IT!

AN INVITATION- 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

FAITH FORMATION Please consider the call to be a catechist or assistant for faith formation. We need people to work with youth and adults of all ages. Join our team and share in the mission to bring every person in our parish family and outside our parish family to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Our office is buzzing with excitement as a new season of RCIA, youth and adult formation and youth group approaches. Please call today and share your gifts and talents whether for one hour a week or many. Every minute makes the difference in another person's life. Call Jenn or Kathy today!

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA Next week we will have a collection for the Church in Latin America. The collection provides support to lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

THE WARREN COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held on August 13th at 10:00am at the Struthers's Library Theatre. **Our St. Joseph Children's Choir is singing** and the guest speaker is Michael Jordan, Dean of the Chapel, Houghton College.

SISTER RITA MUSANTE, OLVM, a native of St. Joseph Parish and a St. Joseph Catholic School Alumna, is celebrating her **60th Jubilee as Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters**. 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.

*****CCY CANOE TRIP** down the Allegheny River with **Father Rick and Anna Anderson** is planned for **August 9th at 10:00am**. Registration forms are at the entrances of the Church.
Sign up today!

WARREN CO FAIR While at the Fair please stop by and support the **St. Luke Church Food Booth**. They serve 12", 6" and 2 foot subs, 8" meatball subs, cabbage rolls, pierogies, kluski, pickled eggs, fudge, nut rolls, cookies, and drinks. **Enjoy the Fair, the good food and family fun while supporting our Parish.**

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT will be held August 11th, 12th, & 13th at Elk County Catholic HS in St. Marys, PA. Cost is \$45 and sponsorships are available. **Anna Anderson and Deacon Ian McElrath** of Saint Joseph Church will be on the retreat team. Apply online at www.divinemercyencounter.com. **Questions please contact Anna at 814-688-0963.**

HELPING HANDS UPDATE:

We have been very busy throughout the summer months collecting and delivering donated household items, purchasing new beds, and even providing emergency lodging. All of this could not be possible without your generosity, both monetary and through personal items you have given to Helping Hands Ministry. Our list of needs continues to grow, table and chairs, sofas, beds, and more. A complete list can be found on the bulletin boards at the church doors. Monetary donations are always welcome. They can be placed in the pink envelopes labeled "Outreach to the Needy" also located on the bulletin boards and in your envelope packets. **Thank you for your continued support!**

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 8/6 **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke Church
 10:30am The Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Monday, 8/7 **St Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs, St Cajetan, Priest**
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church Father Michael J McGivney by Knights of Columbus Council #964

Tuesday, 8/8 **Saint Dominic, Priest**
 12:05pm Mary Elizabeth Vars by Peggy & Bob Groetzinger

Wednesday, 8/9 **St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr Priest**
 9:05am Father Jack Bauer by Helen Mangold

Thursday, 8/10 **St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**
 12:05pm Andrew Vars by Peggy & Bob Groetzinger

Friday, 8/11 **St Clare, Virgin**
7:00am Mass @ Holy Redeemer only

Saturday, 8/12 **St Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious; B.VM**
 5:30pm Karlene Molinaro by Husband

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
8/12 5:30pm	M Sandberg	T & R Fadale, R Kujawa, J Sabat, S Courson, P Lobdell, F Perrin	A Courson R Courson L Walker
8/13 10:30am	M Smelko	B Smelko, S Cole, M Kirkpatrick, K Morse, J Hausmann, T Siliano E Keeney	C Smelko L Smelko N Smelko

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in memory of
 Karlene Molinaro by Family

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Charles Gray** who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to the family, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

*Weekly Donations - July 30th-\$6658.50
 Thank you for your continued generosity!*

VOCATIONS ICON

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

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 Numbers 11:4b-15; Gospel Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday Numbers 12:1-13; Gospel Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday Numbers 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a,34-35; Gospel Mt 15:21-28

Thursday 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Gospel John 12:24-26

Friday Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Gospel Mt 16:24-28

Saturday Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Gospel Mt 17:14-20

Sunday 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Gospel Mt 14:22-33

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, August 6 **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Mass
 Children's Liturgy of the Word
The Warren County Fair All Week

Monday, August 7
12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church
 4:30pm RCIA Team Meeting (Meyer Hall)

Tuesday, August 8
12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, August 9
9:05am Mass

Thursday, August 10
12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm-5:30pm Adoration
 5:30pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, August 11
7:00am Mass @ Holy Redeemer only

Saturday, August 12
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass

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

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.

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