

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I have been playing phone tag with Fr. Mike Polinek for the past few weeks concerning a date for a school mass and for organizing a St. Andrew Dinner. A St. Andrew Dinner is a vocation awareness initiative sponsored by Fr. Mike as the Vocation Director of the Erie Diocese. The idea is to offer young men the opportunity to have a good meal, the chance to talk to several priests and the Bishop about the vocation to the priesthood, and the time to see that each young man is not alone in attempting to discern God's call.

The St. Andrew Dinner is open to gentlemen of just about all ages and from all locations. We would open our doors to welcome people from our area, not just St. Joes and St. Luke's. In fact, the truth is the more attending the better. We would be doing this in conjunction with Fr. Jim and Holy Redeemer/St. Anthony's. So why undertake this initiative. Certainly, the decline in the number of priestly vocations in our Diocese and Pastoral Plan give us the push to do something.

Warren has had a rich history of producing vocations to the priesthood, but the number has declined drastically over the past 20 years. There are many good and holy families, faithful in the practice of their faith in our area. But the media climate of our time makes choosing the vocation of priesthood difficult.

Deacon Ian and I had several good discussions about the differences between the 70's when I went through the seminary and today as he is making his way through the seminary. One common need for both times is the necessary support from family and parish. Maybe by hosting a St. Andrew Dinner we can show our support to any young man who is thinking about being a priest.

Fr. Rick

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU FROM FATHER ALBERT *From the depth of our heart we write to say "A Big Thank You" to you for your generous response to my appeal for our growing Diocese of Ijebu-Ode. Words are not enough to express the depth of our appreciation. In the words and prayers of the Prophet Elijah, we say to you in faith "...your bowl will not run out of flour or you jar run out of oil..." (Kg. 17:14). May God be gracious to you and bless you and may He bring your paths and purposes to fruitful ends.*

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE
 This year's tournament will be held next Sunday at Jackson Valley Country Club with a **1:30pm shotgun start**(Please note the time change). It is not too late, get your foursome together! Registration forms are at all entrances of the Church. For further information please contact Scott Nelson at bergenyleigh@yahoo.com or 706-8062. Completed registration forms and your check can be dropped off at the Parish Office. All proceeds will benefit St. Joseph Catholic School.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. LUKE CHURCH
September-24th—Chicken Barbeque—11:00am—3:00pm—\$9.00 presale tickets and \$11.00 at the door. (Tickets will be available at the Parish Picnic)
October— 5th,6th & 7th—Fall Rummage Sale - Hours 9am-5pm on the 5th & 6th and 9am-noon on the 7th with \$1.00 a bag.

****NEXT SUNDAY IS THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION****

Next weekend all parishes in the Diocese of Erie will be taking up a special collection in support of Catholic education. Half of the money given by our Saint Joseph and Saint Luke Church parishioners will remain in our parish to assist with our educational programs. Please remember in your prayers all who are involved in educational ministries in our Saint Joseph Parish and throughout our diocese and prayerfully consider a generous contribution next weekend.

K OF C PICNIC—This year's Council 964 Annual picnic will be held Sunday, September 17th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the North Warren Clubhouse. The Council will provide a FREE BUFFET to all attendees! The Picnic is open to all Council members, their wives, and guests. Please feel free to invite any prospective K of C member to come with you. Along with food and fellowship, we will be watching the Steelers take on the Vikings on the big screen. Please RSVP to Henry Hus at 723-2336.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. Please contact, Arthur Ardire FICF CSA, General Agent, at 814-375-1205 or arthur.ardire@kofc.org

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS St. Luke Church and St. Joseph Church will be collecting items for Christmas boxes to be sent to our troops. A list of the items needed is posted at the entrances of the churches. We will be collecting items until September 26th.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES begin next Sunday, September 17th for grades K-8. Classes will meet from 9:00am—10:15am at St. Joseph Catholic School.

CARD MINISTRY is in need of Blank note cards, Thinking of You cards, and Sympathy cards. If you would like to donate cards, please drop them off at the Parish Office. Thanks so much for your continued support of this wonderful ministry.

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
Forester Restaurant & Tavern
563-3300
 Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. It is through the paid advertising of the sponsors that we can publish the bulletin.
Please thank them.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 9/10 ***Parish Mass & Picnic at Betts Park***
8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church
Monday, 9/11 **Weekday @ St. Luke Church**
12:00pm
Tuesday, 9/12 **Weekday- The Most Holy Name of Mary**
12:05pm Marcia Trachier by Bevaqua Family
Wednesday, 9/13 **St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**
9:05am Mike & Marie Bleech by Ron & Barb Phillips
Thursday, 9/14 **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
12:05pm Lorraine Bengston by Family
Friday, 9/15 **Our Lady of Sorrows**
8:00am Michelene Colgrove by Mike & Lisa Lewis
Saturday, 9/16 **Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**
5:30pm Shirley & Louis Rizzardi by Family
Sunday, 9/17 **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Catechetical Sunday**
8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
9/16			
5:30pm	K Jones	C & K Darling, *R Sharp, *A Kiehl, K Weigel, *P Bailey, Volunteer	E Darling I Darling J Darling
9/17			
10:30am	W Cole	*S Cole, G & M Belleau, N Berardi, C Bevacqua, *A Kirkpatrick, M Kirkpatrick	L Smelko T Bablak J Letko

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of
Sylvia Yeskey by Niece

St. Joseph Church

Weekly Donations - September 3rd - \$9697.75

St. Joseph Church & St. Luke Church

Total Collection for Fr. Albert (Mission CO-OP)- \$8945.00

Total Collection for Victims of Hurricane Harvey—\$3332.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

In your charity please pray for the souls of **Dana Atwood**, son of Susan Brindis Morley and **Bruce Atwood & Cathy Watkins-Atwood** 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.

BAPTISM Through the waters of **Baptism** we at Saint Joseph Parish wish to **welcome Ellis Robert Slye** into our community of faith in Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless his life with His love. Ellis is the son of Kory & Lyndsey Slye and he has 2 siblings, Eva and Evertt.

Away for the weekend, don't miss out, you can always find our Saint Joseph Parish bulletin page online at our website, stjosephwarrenpa.org. Check us out!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Colossians 1:24-2:3 ; Gospel Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday Colossians 2:6-15 Gospel Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday Colossians 3:1-11; Gospel Luke 6:20-26
Thursday Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Gospel John 3:13-17
Friday 1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14; Gospel John 19:25-27
Saturday 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Gospel Luke 6:43-49
Sunday Sirach 27:30-28:7, Romans 14:7-9, Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, September 10 ***Parish Mass & Picnic***
8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Mass @ Betts Park (Bring a Lawn Chair)
 Parish Picnic @ Betts Park
Monday, September 11
12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church
Tuesday, September 12
12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Boardroom)
Wednesday, September 13
9:05am School Mass
10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
6:00pm New Cub Scout Night (Loranger Hall)
6:30pm RCIA Meeting (Meyer Hall)
7:00pm Choir Practice (Church)
Thursday, September 14
12:05pm Mass
12:30pm Adoration
 5:30pm School—New Family Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 6:30pm School—PTU Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 7:15pm Benediction & Night Prayer
Friday, September 15
8:00am Mass
Saturday, September 16
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass
Sunday, September 17- Catechetical Sunday
8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
9:00am Faith Formation K-8
10:00am Cherub Rehearsal
10:30am Mass Cherub Choir sings Prelude
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
1:00pm St. Joseph School Golf Scramble @ Jackson Valley Country Club
6:30pm Auditions for new Youth Praise Team instrumentalists

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The School students are taking orders for Little Caesar's Pizza from Sept. 5th -28th. You can place an order with any school student or call the School office. Thank you for your support in this fundraiser. 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.