

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Seems like every day there is another article about the clergy sex abuse scandal in the newspaper. You might be wondering when it will all end. After all, the Grand Jury Report came out a month ago. My guess is that we are no where near the end of the articles appearing in the newspaper. More than likely each state will have their own investigation into the church in their state. That may take as many as a few years. The Grand Jury met for almost two years here in Pennsylvania.

In the mean time there are people who have questions, concerns, anger, confusion, hurt, broken hearts here and now. People need to have their questions answered, they need to be heard. In some cases people have had wounds reopened and are in need of healing.

With all that in mind I am organizing a panel discussion and listening session called "A time of healing and hope" where we will invite the community to come together and listen to one another's stories. This is a time where we will allow the healing touch of God into our hearts, where we will try to answer any questions to the best of our ability, but where we will not judge, criticize, or condemn. People will be free to speak what is in their hearts or simply to listen to others.

I'm thinking that a Sunday midafternoon might be the best time. We will have ample time to process without the hour becoming too late. We will take as much time as is necessary.

I don't have an exact date yet. We are still trying to nail a few things down. We will give a few weeks notice. I'm thinking that having the event in Meyer hall. We can remove the tables and seat about 100. If there are more than 100, we'll either squeeze or move to the gym. But we will not turn anybody away. All are welcome. Please watch for the date. *Father Rick*

PARISH NEWS

REMINDER: Faith Formation classes begin next weekend, September 23rd, at Holy Redeemer Parish Center from 9:15-10:30am. Mass changes begin as well. Holy Redeemer Sunday Mass will be at 8:15am and St. Joseph Church Mass will be at 10:45am. Note also that Liturgy of the Word for Children will begin at the 4:30pm Mass at Holy Redeemer and will remain at the 10:45am Mass at St. Joseph Church.

Thanks to all who participated in last weekend's Faith In Action Ministry Fair. If you missed it but are still interested in volunteering for one of our ministries, please call the parish office. A special shout out to Meghan Dahl, Carol Lauser, and Carol Pillar for their exceptional organization in making our fair a success.

Wild Wind Festival CCY Pie & Coffee Booth

Thank you to all who donated money, baked pies, worked in the booth, and helped transport supplies to the Wild Wind. We raised \$977.00 for the Cool Catholic Youth Group.

BAPTISM PARENT CLASS. If you are planning to baptize a child in the year ahead, please plan to attend the parent Baptism class on Monday, October 1st at 6:00pm in the Saint Joseph Parish office. This is a great opportunity to refresh and renew your own beliefs as you prepare to raise a child in the Catholic Church. You will appreciate this most important Sacrament so much more as you recall your own promises, now through the parental lens.

BOX CITY is back! 9-12th graders and any young adults or adults with clearances, please join us as we build our BOX CITY and spend the night raising money and awareness for the homeless and hurting in our own county. October 6th -7th at Holy Redeemer Church. Forms are at the doors of the churches or contact Jennifer at 688-3842. **This is an unforgettable experience. Don't miss out!**

SECOND COLLECTION in support of Catholic Education will be **this weekend.** Your generosity will make a difference. Half of the money collected will remain in St Joseph Parish to assist with our educational programs. Please see the bulletin insert for the names of our Faith Formation catechists and our St Joseph School Staff. Please thank them and keep them in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity!

MISSION APPEAL : Next weekend Fr. Kenneth Amadi will be visiting our Parish to speak about St Joseph Catholic School which opened this September in Nigeria. The school is a pilot project for specific pastoral activities such as Catechesis, pastoral seminars, the celebration of the Mass and the sacraments as well as Catholic education. To maintain a student in the school costs \$30 per month and because half of the students come from poor families some earning only \$20 per month, the church has the enormous task to support them. With your generosity and support children of this community will be given a good future based on Catholic values. Thank You!

FALL RUMMAGE SALE : **Saint Luke Church Altar/Rosary Fall Rummage Sale** will be October 4th, 5th and 6th. Save the Date! If you would like to volunteer to help please call Rita Gillespie or Mary Ann Morgan. Donations are now being accepted and can be dropped off in the lower level of the Church, **please no TV's or electronics .**

St Joseph's Parish in Lucinda, PA will host their Annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 7th in the Parish Social Center. Dinners will be served from 11:00am to 1:30pm. The cost is \$9.00 for adults , \$4.50 for children, and free for preschoolers.

PIEROGI FOR SALE

St. John Church in Tidioute, PA will be selling pierogi at their booth at the PA State Championship Fishing Tournament on September 27, 28, 29, and 30th. To pre-order frozen pierogi call Fran at 814-484-7157.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIROMENTS

Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to ongoing screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is also committed to the yearly in servicing and training of our children, youth, and parents regarding touching –safety and safe environments. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>.

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 9/16 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am (St Luke) For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
10:30am Dana Atwood by Bruce Atwood & Cathy Watkins Atwood
Father Rick & Father Jim will be on Retreat this week

Monday, 9/17 Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of Church
7:00am Mass at Holy Redeemer

Tuesday, 9/18 Weekday
7:00am Communion Service at Holy Redeemer

Wednesday, 9/19 St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
 No School Mass

Thursday, 9/20 Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest & Paul Chông Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs
7:00am Communion Service at Holy Redeemer

Friday, 9/21 St Matthew Apostle & Evangelist
 No Mass

Saturday, 9/22 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Mass)
5:30pm For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

Sunday, 9/23 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am (St Luke) James Flynn
10:45am Anne Wolf by Bruce Atwood & Cathy Watkins-Atwood

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
9/22 5:30pm	Charles Mahood	S Courson H Zaffino J & R Cecco, J Zavinski, F Perrin, *R Sharp	J Wilson S Walker M Walker
9/23 10:45am	B & P Morgan	*J & V Siliano, T Siliano, E Keeney, A & L Tyers, A Wortman	L Dippold T Dippold R Siliano

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Mike & Marie Bleech by Ron & Barb

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Patrick Sheehan** and the soul of **Sandy Rigard**, mother of **Leslie Close**, 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—September 9th—\$9884.00
Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Gospel Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Gospel Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Gospel Luke 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Gospel Luke 7:36-50

Friday Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13 Gospel Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday 1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49; Gospel Luke 8:4-15

Sunday Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Gospel Mark 9:30-37

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 16 Catechetical Sunday
 Catholic Education—2nd Collection
8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church
10:30am Student Mass Praise Team will sing
 Liturgy of the Word for Children (Disciples of God—DOG)
 12:30pm Golf Scramble registration @ Jackson Valley Golf Club
 1:30pm Tee Off @ Jackson Valley Golf Club
Father Rick will be on Retreat this week

Monday, September 17
 10:45am DVD series Mary, Queen of Heaven @ St Luke Church

Tuesday, September 18
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, September 19
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 6:30pm Environmental Committee Meeting (Meyer Hall)

Thursday, September 20
 10:30am Jesus Revealed Bible Study (Meyer Hall)

Friday, September 21
 8:30am Peace Pole Ceremony at St Joseph School

Saturday, September 22
 6:00am-10:00am Rotary Club Blood Screening (gym)
Mission Appeal —Fr. Kenneth Amadi
4:30pm—5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass

Sunday, September 23 **Mission Appeal —Fr. Kenneth Amadi**
8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church
 9:15-10:30am FF—EDGE (Every Day God Encounters)
 9:15-10:45am CREW —(Confident, Ready, Excited Witnesses)
10:45am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children (Disciples of God-DOG)

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY
ITEMS NEEDED IN SEPTEMBER
 The Helping Hands Ministry will be collecting **Cans of Soup** during the month of **September**. Your support to the needy families of the Warren Community is amazing.
Thank You for your continued generosity!

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