

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

To my family of St. Joseph,

I sent out an email earlier this week about Bishop Persico's announcement regarding parish restructuring in the Diocese specific to our parish. I realize not everyone receives emails so I will also include a copy of that message here....

Last night Bishop Persico announced his decision to merge St. Luke Parish in Youngsville into St. Joseph Parish. He also announced that St. Anthony in Sheffield would be merged with Holy Redeemer in Warren. The official description is that we become St. Joseph Parish with the church of St. Joseph becoming our parish church and the church of St. Luke becoming a mission church—so essentially we become a new parish with 2 church buildings. As a mission church, St. Luke will have one weekend Mass and be available for weddings and funerals. Most likely St. Joseph Church would be reduced to 2 weekend Masses. The Bishop also announced February 13, 2017 as the date in which this change will occur. So the weekend of February 18/19 will be the first weekend of Masses for our new parish. Lastly, the clergy assignments for all new parishes and other changes will be announced in December and January (most likely late December or early January).

In order to address our parish leadership's concern about the ministry of St. Joseph and St. Luke being too much for one pastor, discussions are taking place with Holy Redeemer to consider Holy Redeemer taking pastoral responsibility for the Rouse Home in Youngsville. As soon as this is finalized I will make sure to inform you. As far as staffing and other details of what this new parish organization will look like, those decisions will not take place until after the new parish is formed in February. The Diocese did provide resources for our preparation stage including ideas for bringing our new parish family together as well as prayer services to seek God's inspiration in this transition stage. Our staff and Pastoral Council will utilize these resources to plan prayer and activity to help facilitate this transition.

So please keep praying that God's will be done in this process and that both parishes affected can be open to God bringing new life, grace, vibrancy and ministry to our Catholic Community in Warren and Youngsville. Feel free to contact me with any questions and I also encourage you to check out the Diocese of Erie website for more information (<http://www.eriercd.org/planning.htm>). Copies of the official decree for establishing our new parish can be found at the doors of the church and on the website. It provides the rationale of the Bishop in this decision so I strongly encourage you to read that as well.

May God bless our new parish and our year of transition ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ...pray for us!

St. Joseph pray for us!

St. Luke pray for us!

Notes from the pastor...

****My Future at St. Joseph** Not a few people have asked questions regarding my recent communications about the unknown nature of our future leadership as a parish. I am only trying to be upfront with the parish that there will be much movement among the clergy when it comes to the newly established parishes and clergy retirements next year. My six year assignment ended in June and has not

been renewed due to the restructuring process (that is the case for all pastors in our diocese who just completed a term). There is no guarantee that I will be here as of February 13th when the new parish begins and I just want you all to be aware of that and open to whatever God calls us. Let's keep joining Our Blessed Mother Mary in her fiat to our God as we say together... "Be it done unto us according to your Will."

****SJCS Golf Outing Thank You** A big thank you goes out to all of our golfers, volunteers, and benefactors for this year's Golf Outing. We had 22 teams participate and the total amount raised is still to be determined. A special thank you to Scott Nelson for organizing the event and to Shawn and Suzy Walker for their support as well. It was a great event for our school!

****Mini-Pilgrimage to Bradford Door of Mercy** On **Monday, September 26th** I will be leading a group from our parish to the Holy Door at the Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Bernard Parish in Bradford (they are one of the seven designated Doors of Mercy Sites in the Diocese of Erie). We will attend 8am Mass at St. Joseph in Warren and then car pool to Bradford for a visit/Divine Mercy Chaplet and brunch. Return to Warren is expected to be by Noon. Please call the parish office if you would like to make a reservation.

****Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and Altar Server Volunteers/Training** We are in need of new EMHCs and Altar Servers so please consider whether you can help in these important ministries for our Liturgy here at St. Joseph. See elsewhere for details on Altar Server Training this week. I am hoping to have a EMHC training on Thursday, October 27th from 6:30-8pm. Please call the office and let us know if you are interested in either of these ministries with the deadline for EMHCs at October 20th so that we can prepare the schedule for November and beyond.

****Adult Faith Formation Opportunities** With a new year of faith formation beginning, ideally it would not be just our youth seeking to round out their faith formation, but our adults as well. So I am asking all our adults, but especially our parents of the Salt and Light Youth, to commit to coming to the **adult catechetical sessions that we are providing three times throughout the year (Sundays- October 23, December 11, April 23 from 9-10:15am)**. What a witness it would be to our youth if our adults exemplified how important continuing faith formation is by doing it themselves as well!! Another opportunity for combined adult and youth formation is a new initiative by the Diocese called "**Family Fest.**" **This Family Faith Rally will be held on Sunday, November 13th from 11am-5pm and include Mass with Bishop Persico at 4pm to be held at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center.** This will be our parish faith formation for that weekend and you will get Salt and Light credit for going. We would love to have enough families going to require a bus from Warren. More information on this exciting opportunity has been sent to all our families and we will provide more reinforcement in the bulletin as the Family Fest nears.

Liturgy Corner

St. Francis of Assisi feast day is October 4. Each year we take turns with Holy Redeemer to have a pet blessing in the parking lot. This year it will be Holy Redeemer having the blessing on October 2nd at 1pm in their parking lot. Feel free to bring dogs, cats, birds, whatever you have, to be blessed.

We have a couple individuals inquire as to Sacristan duties for weekend liturgies. If anyone feels this may be the ministry to be a member of, please call Chris Grana at 723-7764 to find out more.

Mercy Meter



This is the last week we are collecting shampoo, bar soaps, feminine hygiene products, deodorants and lice care products. Please help us stock the Salvation Army's shelves for the school year ahead. Thank you. This past week your continued generosity helped pay two utility bills for a woman in need and you provided 5 bed frames to a single mom in need and one queen mattress and box spring to a couple expecting their first child. We also received \$100 for a cancer patient whose is struggling with the extra expenses of travel and treatment. This week pray for a resolution to the public school contract negotiations so that our local families may be relieved of the continued uncertainties and stress.

PARISH NEWS

WILDWIND CCY PIE & COFFEE BOOTH It was a secret because we did not want to conflict with the picnic but thank you to our bake team and all our workers for a very successful first time run at this festival. We raised \$1363.44 for Catholic Heart Work Camp Rome. Special thanks to Nancy Holmberg who graciously took the lead with this project and worked diligently to make it a success, those students and leaders going to Rome in July 2017 are extremely grateful.

WARREN MANOR NURSING HOME MINISTRY is looking for more participants. Participation in this ministry (you do not have to be an Extraordinary Minister) only requires 1-1/2 hours of your time about twice a month, Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00am. It is truly appreciated by the Manor Residents, as well as the Manor Staff. Likewise, it is a source of personal spiritual growth for the volunteers who participate as they bring prayer, God's Word and the Holy Eucharist to a very special group of God's people. Please consider joining us in this special and important St. Joseph Church Ministry. For more information please call Pat Christy at 723-4047.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING There will be an altar server training on Thursday, September 29th from 6:00-7:30 pm in the church and another one on Friday, September 30th from 3:30-5:00 pm in the church. You only need to attend one if you are interested in becoming an altar server. Students must have received First Eucharist to be eligible. Please text or call Jennifer at 723-2090 ext 15 to register or if you have any questions.

SCRIP The leaves are starting to turn, the air is crisp in the morning, fall is headed our way. As you shop for snacks for football Sunday, make that coat and boot purchase or head to a birthday party, remember to purchase SCRIP cards first. The proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic School with no added expense to you!

SIGN-UP TODAY! Sign-ups have begun for Children and Youth Music Ministry. Information, sign-up forms and a complete schedule can be found on the parish website. New this year, a Teen Praise Team, comprised of instrumentalists and vocalists. Does your teen play guitar, ukulele, flute, violin, percussion, piano, etc.? Does your teen love to sing Praise and Worship? Interested instrumentalists should prepare a song that represents their skill level. A listening session is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18 from 6-6:30pm (or schedule a time with Mrs. Harvey if this is inconvenient). Contact Rachel Harvey at 706-2262 or singplay@yahoo.com with questions.

PASTORAL COUNCIL wants the parish to be aware and to keep up with the direction of Saint Joseph Church. The meeting minutes are available for anyone to review in the parish office.

DESIGNER BAG BINGO Our CHWC-Rome CCY will host this fun event on November 11, 2016. Tickets are \$30 per person and include 16 games of bingo (9 cards per game); a bingo dauber; light

snacks and non-alcoholic beverages (you are welcome to BYOB). You must be 21 to attend. Doors open at 5:30pm and bingo begins at 7pm. For tickets or questions, contact Katie Courson 730-6689 or kcourson@darlingshomecare.com

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Spaghetti Dinner will be on a Saturday this year! We would love to serve you dinner on Saturday, October 15th from 4pm-8pm. Please join us, eat-in or take-outs are available. Cost is Adults \$8.00; Children 5-12 \$4.00 Children 4 and under eat free! All take-outs are \$8.00. To purchase tickets, call 723-2030 or 723-2090. All proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic School.

AROUND THE AREA

Youth Soccer Challenge The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge for girls and boys ages 9 to 14 will be held at the Warren State Hospital 15U Soccer Field (across from Lowe's) on Saturday, Oct. 1st at 3:30pm. The Soccer Challenge is a free competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick. Each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal). Winners progress to the district, regional, state and international levels. Registration forms will be available on the day of the competition. For more information, please contact Scott McMeans at 814-726-7495.

Lioness Club of Warren The Warren Lioness Club is looking for ladies who have some extra time and are willing to help others. The Warren Lioness club would love to have you join their team. Their meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at Perkin's Restaurant at 5:30pm. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Jones, Lioness Secretary at 728-3502.

Overnight Retreat The Sisters in Catholic Rural Ministry invite you to a time of prayerful reflection the "adventure of mercy" during the Jubilee Year. October 4-5 from noon to noon at Olmsted Manor Conference Center in Ludlow, PA To register, call 677-2032. The deadline is September 27th. Cost is \$50—which includes the retreat, 4 meals and overnight accommodations.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter If you would like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, consider this weekend which is a positive, simple, common sense private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes marriage. A weekend away renews the romance and excitement you experienced during your dating days. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. The next weekend will be held November 11-13, 2016 in Bolivar, PA. For more information or apply for the upcoming weekend, please call 412-635-7775 or visit www.yourmarriageisworthit.org

St. Teresa's Quotes:

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 9/25 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am Ralph & Jenell Thomas by Dan & Sandy Glotz
 10:30am Deceased Members of Derr & Williams Families (Adult Choir)

Monday, 9/26 - Saints Cosmas and Damian
 8:00am Mark Bevevino by Mike & Lisa Lewis

Tuesday, 9/27 - Saint Vincent de Paul
 12:05pm Faye Watson by Fran Durante, Brian & Vicki Duckett

Wednesday, 9/28 - Saint Wenceslaus, Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions—School Mass
 9:05am John Chitester by Fran Durante, Brian & Vicki Duckett

Thursday, 9/29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
 12:05pm Katie Rooney by Catherine & Charles Ditz

Friday, 9/30 - Saint Jerome
 8:00am Michael Kolos by Karen

Saturday, 10/1 - Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus
 8:00am Estelle & John Rickert by Joanne
 5:30pm Jerry DelBalso by Ethel (Adult Choir)

Sunday, 10/2 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph
 10:30am George Ziki by Judy (Youth Choir)

Monday Job 1:6-22; Gospel - Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Gospel - Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Gospel - Luke 9:57-62
Thursday Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelations 12:7-12a; Gospel - John 1:47-51
Friday Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Gospel - Luke 10:13-16
Saturday Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Gospel - Luke 10:17-24
Sunday Hebrews 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Gospel - Luke 17:5-10

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES *in memory of*
Robert Rich and Frank Rich by Family

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 25
 Coffee / Donuts after Masses (Cafeteria)
 9:00am K-9 Faith Formation (School)
 9:10am Parent Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 1:00pm Sonrise Rehearsal (Church)
 6:30pm Doors of Mercy Session (Meyer Hall)

Monday, September 26
 8:30am Depart for Pilgrimage to Bradford Holy Door

Tuesday, September 27
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, September 28
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 3:30pm Adult Formation (Boardroom)
 6:30pm Food Basket Meeting (Boardroom)
 6:30pm RCIA Dinner (Amsdell's)
 7:00pm Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, September 29
 10:15am Doors of Mercy Session (Meyer Hall)
 12:30pm Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
 6:00pm Altar Server Training (Church)
 8:15pm Night Prayer & Benediction (Mother's Chapel)

Friday, September 30
 3:30pm Altar Server Training (Church)

Saturday, October 1
 9:00am-3:30pm 1:38 Women's Conference (Erie)
 4:30pm Reconciliation (Church)

Sunday, October 2
 Coffee / Donuts after Masses (Cafeteria)
 9:00am K-9 Faith Formation (School)
 9:00am Confirmation Class (School)
 9:10am Confirmation Parents Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 9:30am Sonrise Rehearsal (Church)
 10:30am Student Mass (Church)
 1:00pm Pet Blessing (Holy Redeemer)
 6:30pm Doors of Mercy Session (Meyer Hall)

In your charity, please pray for the soul of **Helen Juliano**, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, September 17 in Bradford. We extend our sympathy to her family, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

| | <u>Lector</u> | <u>Extraordinary Ministers</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 10/1 5:30pm | J Walker | M Sowa, K & D Weigel, C & K Darling, *K Jones | E Darling J Darling |
| 10/2 8:00am | R Williams | *J & R Cecco, J Hausmann, P Christy, P Tack, T Grana | E Dippold L Dippold |
| 10/2 10:30am | B Cole | G Grosch, C Luppino, A Wortman, *S Cole, L & *A Tyers, C Bevacqua | I Goldthwaite M Shene P Shene |

Weekly Donations - September 18: \$ 10,813
 CSA Pledged: \$124,522; Paid to date: \$ 97,615
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

1:38 Women's Conference

Final call: register today for the 2016 Catholic Women's conference!
 1:38 Women, the third annual conference for Catholic women in the Diocese of Erie, is scheduled for this coming Sat., Oct. 1 at Erie's Warner Theater from 9am-3:30pm (Check in begins at 8). Registration is only \$40/person or \$25/student and includes lunch and free parking. Based on the theme of Luke 1:54, "Remembering His Promise of Mercy", the day is designed to help women reflect on deepening their faith so they can be a source of strength for their families and others. Hear inspiring national speakers such as Leah Darrow, Mother Mary Assumpta Long, O.P., Emily Jaminet and Michele Faehnle, and enjoy opportunities for adoration and reconciliation. The event will conclude with Mass offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico. For more information and to register visit www.138women.com or call 814-455-7364. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door.

VOCATIONS ICON

We would like to thank **Terry and Janice Ressler** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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