

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The call to service is what being a disciple of Jesus is about. The example that Jesus left is as one who came to serve and not to be served. To follow Jesus is to follow his example. Not every follower of Jesus is in a position to give hours and hours of service every week. However, every follower of Jesus should be open to serving others when the opportunity presents itself.

With that in mind I hope that the ministry fair, sub-titled "Faith in Action" opens the door to service for you. Our parish is large and active and we need many hands to make the work of discipleship lighter. Maybe you can help out once a month at the soup kitchen. Maybe you might want to be involved with one of the liturgical ministries—lector, altar server, sacristan, etc. The listing of the ministries on the book mark that we passed out last weekend is almost overwhelming. Surely, there is some ministry there that seems inviting to you.

All of us are aware of the story Jesus tells of the separating of the sheep from the goats. Jesus tells us in the story that as we respond to the needs of others we respond to him. The blessed are those who give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick or imprisoned. Clearly the story challenges us to understand that our faith is more than just an hour on the weekend. So I ask you to volunteer for some ministry in the church and discover that serving others leads to a deep satisfaction. *Father Rick*

PARISH NEWS



JESUS REVEALED Encountering Christ in His Biblical Names is a weekly Bible Study being held at St. Joseph Church on Thursdays at 10:30am or 5:30pm. The Bible Study will be held the following dates, Sept 13th-Nov 15th and Feb 14th to Apr 11th. If you are interested please call the Parish Office to register. Don't have time to attend a class? When you register you receive online access to the DVD series, so you can enjoy the study from home.

MASS TIME CHANGE September 23rd

Due to our newly formed Warren County Catholic Community Faith Formation program, beginning **September 23rd the Sunday Mass time at Saint Joseph Church will be 10:45am** and the **Sunday Mass at Holy Redeemer Church will be 8:15am**. Thank you all for your understanding.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The **2018 Catholic Education Collection will take place on September 15-16**. This important collection supports lifelong faith formation for all generations throughout our diocese. **Half of what you give will remain here at Saint Joseph Parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs.** Because of you, our many children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith. THANK YOU for your support.

DAY OF PRAYER: Bishop Persico has asked that on September 15th, the day when the Catholic Church venerates Our Mother of Sorrows, all churches are to be opened to the faithful from 7am to 7pm, so that people may make private visits in prayerful response to the crisis of sexual abuse. Saint Joseph Church and Saint Luke Church will be open for prayer during these hours.

All are welcome!

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOLF SCRAMBLE is next Sunday, September 16th at Jackson Valley Golf Club. If you want a fun day of golf, food, fellowship and great prizes, consider entering a four-some. If you are unable to play but would like to support the school, sponsoring a hole for \$125 in memory of a loved one or honoring a former alumni is a great way to give. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and support of our Saint Joseph Catholic school.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

If you have just a few weeks or many to give, please consider sharing yourself with our young people. Team teaching has become a blessing to our program and our youth. Please consider joining our team. Training and materials will be provided. Call or text Jenn at 688-3842. Remember:

**GOD DOES NOT CALL THE QUALIFIED;
HE QUALIFIES THE CALLED!**



FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS: Our new Faith Formation program, **SYNERGY**, begins September 23rd at Holy Redeemer Church for our youth. Registration packets have been mailed to all families with children ages 5-17. If you feel that we might have missed you because you are not registered with the parishes, or you did not receive your packet, please contact Jennifer at 688-3842. Thank you!

SAINT LUKE CHURCH DVD SERIES

Monday, Sept 10th at 10:45am the **DVD series Queen of Heaven** will start. The series will run for 8 weeks. Please call Susan Cronmiller at 563-4040 with questions. All are welcome to join us!

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.

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. Cooked or frozen pierogi will be available. To pre-order frozen pierogi call Fran at 814-484-7157. Pre-ordered frozen pierogi can be picked up at St. John Center on Friday, September 28th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm or at the tournament grounds booth.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIROMENTS

Annual Compliance Audits: Did you know that an independent auditing company audits the Diocese of Erie, and in turn, all Parishes and Catholic Schools each year for compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*? Our 2016-2017 audit found the Diocese of Erie to be in full compliance with the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter. The Office for the Protection of Children and Youth is currently working on the yearly audit report due September 1st. To read the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* visit <http://www.usccb.org>. **To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>**

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 9/9 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church Brian Mineweaser by Family
 10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

Monday, 9/10 Weekday
 12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church

Tuesday, 9/11 Weekday
 12:05pm Deceased Members of the McAvoy/Lucia Family by Mike & Barb McAvoy

Wednesday, 9/12 The Most Holy Name of Mary
 9:05am Katie Rooney by Christine, Mom & Dan (School Mass)

Thursday, 9/13 St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 12:05pm Florence Scalise by Jan Graziano & Joanne Anderson

Friday, 9/14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 8:00am Dave Lopez by Fred & Debi Martin

Saturday, 9/15 Our Lady of Sorrows
 11:00am Memorial Mass for Margaret Wawrejko at St Luke Church
 5:30pm Louis & Shirley Rizzarda by Family

Sunday, 9/16 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Gospel Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Gospel Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Gospel Luke 6:20-26

Thursday 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13; Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Friday Num 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel John 3:13-17

Saturday 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Gospel John 19:25-27

Sunday Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Gospel Mark 8:27-35

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 9
 8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church
Faith in Action Ministry Fair (Gathering Space)
 10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children (Disciples of God –DOG)
Faith in Action Ministry Fair (Gym)

Monday, September 10
 12:00pm Mass @ St. Luke Church
 4:30pm RCIA Team Meeting (Meyer Hall)

Tuesday, September 11
 12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, September 12
 9:05am School Mass
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 5:30pm Golf Scramble Committee Mtg (Boardroom)
 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall)

Thursday, September 13
 10:30am Jesus Revealed Bible Study (Meyer Hall)
 12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm Adoration
 5:30pm Jesus Revealed Bible Study (Boardroom)
 6:30pm St Joseph School PTU Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 7:15pm Evening Prayer

Friday, September 14
 8:00am Mass

Saturday, September 15
 7:00am-7:00pm Day of Prayer for the Victims of abuse—St Joseph & St Luke Churches will be open
 11:00am Memorial Mass for Margaret Wawrejko @ St Luke Church
 4:30pm—5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, September 16
 8:00am Mass @ St. Luke Church
 10:30am Mass
 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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
9/15	Bob McGinn	*M & G Belleau, R & J Cecco, P Bailey, 2 Volunteers	H Harrison L Harrison M Harrison
9/16	Kathy/ Victor Amsdell	B Smelko, A Kirkpatrick, *M Kirkpatrick, D Pusateri, *R & P Osche, Volunteer	B Sowa M Sowa E Strausser

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF

Grace Elizabeth Bailey by Pat Bailey & Family

In your charity please pray for the soul of Margaret Wawrejko, aunt of **Pauline Stec** who passed away recently. We extend our sympathy to her family and her friends, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

VOCATIONS ICON

Thank you to **Patrick Shene Family** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations in the Erie Diocese and here at St. Joseph Parish.

St. Joseph Church

Weekly Offering—September 2nd—\$6337.30

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WE HAVE OPEN ENROLLMENT