

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

With the ever-changing environment of the coronavirus, we get updates from the diocese almost daily. Reflecting on how these updates modify previously sent updates led me to think about how fast our vocabulary is changing. Remember "flattening the curve". Now we're into "social distancing" and "being socially responsible". I'm sure by the time you read this, it will be obsolete.

One insight into this coronavirus environment is that we have a chance to re-evaluate how we "love our neighbor as ourselves". Most of the recent recommendations really are suggestions of how to put "love our neighbor" into action.

In some cases, our survival instinct has kicked in and we are worried about our future. Let's just take a deep breath and repeat to ourselves: "love God above all things and love our neighbor as ourselves."

One other reflection on the changing environment caused by the coronavirus. If we can take a step back and reflect on the changes we have had to make, we may be able to determine what are the truly valuable elements of our lives and what we can really do away with. Doing this may allow us to unclutter our lives to make time and space for what is truly important.

Father Rick

The winner of the Saint Joseph Catholic School Cash raffle Drawing for Week #2 is Bob Bablak. Congratulations Bob! Thank you for supporting Saint Joseph School!



HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS must be returned to the Parish Office by **Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 5pm**. No applications will be accepted after this date.



Do you have a couple hours a week to give? We are looking for a few volunteers to pick up food at ALDI on Tuesday afternoons and deliver it to the Soup Kitchen. If this is something you are interested in or would like more information, please call the parish office.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

*Dr Simon Amsdell, MD Orthopedic
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday** Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Gospel John 8:1-11
- Tuesday** Numbers 21:4-9; Gospel John 8:21-30
- Wednesday** Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95; Gospel John 8:31-42
- Thursday** Genesis 17:3-9; Gospel John 8:51-59
- Friday** Jeremiah 20:10-13; Gospel John 10:31-42
- Saturday** Ezekiel 37:21-28; Gospel John 11:45-56
- Sunday** Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11 ; Gospel Matt 26:14-27:66



Saint Joseph School Students are eligible to receive free breakfast and lunches during the school closure. Locations in Warren are Warren Area Elementary Center and the First Lutheran Church (109 West Third Ave).

The elderly and anyone in the high risk category can call The Hi-Ed Council at 814-723-3222 for assistance in getting grocery items.

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—March 21st-22nd

**Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering —\$6572.50
Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering- \$170.00**

Thank you for your continued weekly support of our Parish!

ST JOSEPH PARISH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

The Saint Joseph Soup Kitchen will be serving take out dinners only
Tuesday from 4—5pm for the Warren Community.
All are Welcome!



Items Needed for the Helping Hands Ministry in April

Saint Joseph Church & Saint Luke Church
Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Noodles

Items collected will be donated to
The Warren Salvation Army
and the Youngsville Food Pantry
Both Churches will be open during the day!

****Saint Luke Church is still accepting cans of food for The 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive.**

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PARISH NEWS

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| Sunday, 3/29 | Fifth Sunday of Lent For the Living & Deceased Members of Saint Joseph Parish |
| Monday, 3/30 | Lenten Weekday (St Luke) Denise Dorrien by Jim & Mary Beth Riggle |
| Tuesday, 3/31 | Lenten Weekday Lorraine Bengston by Family |
| Wednesday, 4/1 | Lenten Weekday Howard Ferguson by Tony & Sally Marino |
| Thursday, 4/2 | Lenten Weekday St Francis of Paola Richard Morrison by Deacon Joe Lucia |
| Friday, 4/3 | Lenten Weekday Troy Patrick Albaugh by Mom & Dad & Sisters & Brothers |
| Saturday, 4/4 | Lenten Weekday St Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of Church Ann & Jerry Wortman Family |
| Sunday, 4/5 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord For the Living & Deceased Members of Saint Joseph Parish |



We hope you are all staying safe and healthy during this time of “social distancing”. To keep you occupied and engaged with St. Joe’s, Fr. Rick would like to begin live streaming a “15 minutes with Father.” segment. The premise is that you, the parishioner, will email your questions of faith, theology, etc. and Fr. will answer them. This is a wonderful way to keep in touch with your church community and continue to grow in our Catholic Faith. If you have a question for Fr. Rick, please email it to frrick@westpa.net. All questions will be screened prior to being aired. You will also remain anonymous. Once questions start coming in then we will establish a time to begin streaming. You will be able to view 15 with Fr. on our facebook page or the St. Joseph Parish website home page. We hope that you will consider either participating or listening in.

WEEKLY SANCTURAY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Jeff & Charlotte Zaffino by Holly & Cindy

VOCATION ICON

A special thank you to **Rose Troyan** for praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life in our Parish and the Erie Diocese this week. If you would like to take the Vocation Icon home for a week to pray for vocations, there is a new sign up sheet by the parish office.
Thank you!



A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

REMINDER : You can view Mass daily on the parish website at stjosephwarrenpa.org. or the parish facebook page. St. Joseph will continue to publish a weekly bulletin, however, only a few will be printed. If you have a computer, please access the bulletin through the parish website or the parish app. This week the *Growing in Faith* will also be available online. Any questions just call the parish office.

Child Abuse Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month—Reporting Suspected Child Abuse is Everyone’s Responsibility: It is every adult’s moral responsibility to report suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2019 state report there were 5,102 substantiated reports of child abuse in Pennsylvania in 2018. 47.4% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse. To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7). Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to learn how mandated reporters in the Erie diocese are required to report suspected child abuse.

*My Jesus
I believe that You are present in
the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already
there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.
Amen.*