

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On Tuesday I attended a vicariate meeting for priests in Ridgway. The topic of the meeting was the continuing pastoral planning in the diocese. The diocese is offering the services of moderators to help individual areas plan for the next 5-10 years. The basic question to be considered is "Where will my parish be in 5 or 10 years?" Some are even considering where the parish will be in 3 years.

Three areas of the diocese are already using moderators to help in their planning. Those areas are Dubois, with 5 parishes involved, Meadville, with 3 parishes involved, and Oil City, with two parishes and several buildings involved.

Presently, in the diocese, there are 105 active priests. When I asked if this included priests who were older than 75, the age canon law requires a priest to submit a letter of retirement, the answer was yes. Once a priest reaches the age of 75, the bishop might ask him to remain on if the priest is healthy. The priest has the option and if he chooses to remain on, he will do so for a year at a time.

In 8 years, the projected number of active priests in the diocese will be 78. That's a loss of 27 active priests or about 3-4 priests per year. That's part of the reason why when the Bishop began the pastoral planning process, he was adamant that the process was on-going.

There will have to be more changes coming because there are presently just under 100 parishes in the diocese.

I did ask about the status of the idea of importing foreign-born priests. That idea still is on the back burner. However, most priests attending the meeting thought that bringing in foreign-born priests carried with it a number of issues and in the long run was just a band aid for the problem of the declining number of priests.

Please keep open hearts and open minds as we move forward.

Father Rick

PARISH NEWS

CCY IS GOING TO ROME THIS JULY for a pilgrimage and mission work. Please support their efforts by donating to the SPONSOR A MILE program. Silver Sponsor—\$50-\$249, Gold Sponsor—\$250-\$499, and Platinum Sponsor—\$500 and up. For more information please pick up one of the flyers at the doors of the church or call the parish office.

DME RETREAT, Please Pray for Clare Jaynes and Isabel Wortman this weekend as they are on retreat in Erie at the Divine Mercy Encounter retreat. **Come Holy Spirit and continue to work in their hearts in the months and years to come.**

MINISTRY CORNER: Did you know we have a parish library? It's located in the vestibule, in the room to the left as you enter the church. Here you can find a wonderful selection of Catholic reading. There are stories of saints, popes, church history, prayer, meditation, personal witness and much more. There is a sign out log and you can return any book at your leisure. Dig into your faith through some of the rich readings found right here at St. Joseph. This wonderful ministry is made possible by dedicated volunteers. If you have an interest in helping keep our library organized, please contact the parish office.

ST JOSEPH SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP will take place on **Friday, February 14th, beginning at 8:30am.** Please call the school office to reserve a spot for your child as kindergarten will be limited to a total number of 30 students (split between two classes) for the 2020-21 school year. Kindergarten Registration Packets are available in the school office, or can be mailed upon request. 723-2030.



72 and YOU MOVIE NIGHT

We will be showing the movie **BREAK THROUGH** on February 10th at 6 pm in the TK Room at Holy Redeemer Church. Joyce Smith's unwavering faith and love brings her son through a tragedy and inspires her community to believe in God and His miracles. All are welcome. Popcorn and drinks will be served.



CONFIRMATION: Please keep our young adults in your prayers as they gather this weekend at the 8:15 am Mass and class with their sponsors. They are in their final steps of preparation for the reception of this great Sacrament on April 2nd. Come Holy Spirit!

THANK YOU to Becky Harper for her generous donation to the Seat for a Student Campaign. We are so grateful for your generous heart!

"IMMIGRATION 101" Welcoming the Refugee and Migrant"

Paul Jericho, of the Multicultural Community Resource Center in Erie will discuss the current state of resettlement in Northwestern PA and State and Nation. This is a free public event to be held at the Warren Public Library Slater Room on Wednesday, February 5th at 1:00pm.

LUKE 22:32 MEN'S CONFERENCE will be held on February 29th at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie. The speakers this year will be Dr Ralph Martin, Chris Padgett, and Father Michael Denk. Each of these men has an inspirational message for us as brothers in Christ. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month: Teen dating violence is a serious problem in the United States. One in three high school students experience either physical or sexual violence, or both, that is perpetrated by someone they are dating or going out with. One in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend. Teen dating violence can be physical, emotional or sexual. Teen dating violence can be prevented through empowering teens to lead healthy lives and establish healthy relationships. Healthy relationships consist of trust, honesty, respect, equality and compromise. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 2/2 The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)
8:00am For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
10:45am For Vocations to the Priesthood by K of C Council 964

Monday, 2/3 Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, Saint Ansgar, Bishop
12:00pm (St Luke) Lucy Notoro by Famiy
 Blessing of Throats at Mass

Tuesday, 2/4 Weekday
12:05pm Stephen Wozneak by Judie Worhacz

Wednesday, 2/5 Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
9:05am Scott Franklin by Nick Tommassoni
2:00pm (Rouse Home) Special Intention for Lacey Rutsky & Families
 by Fran Bauer

Thursday, 2/6 Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
12:05pm Deceased Members of William F Ullrich Family by
 Clara Dumond Estate

Friday, 2/7 First Friday
8:00am Karlene Molinaro by Tony & Sally Marino

Saturday, 2/8 St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
5:30pm For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

Sunday, 2/9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am (St Luke) Julius Sitka by Family
10:45am Joseph Walczak by Boyd & Rita Freeborough

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
2/8		A Nagurney, J Sabat, R Sharp,	A Harvey
5:30pm	L Suppa	H Zaffino, S & K Courson, R Kujawa	S Harvey J Hunter
2/9			
8:00am	M Donahue	M Skerda, R McCanna	R Nuhfer
10:45am	Cub Scouts	R & P Osche, K & V Amsdell, E Keeney, B Walczak, C Bevacqua	T Bablak O Baldensperger J Gatto

2/9 Mass Ushers –Bob & Becky Pangallo
 2/5 Rouse Home—Fr Rick, Mary Donahue, Judy Bosko, Volunteer
 Feb Altar/Rosary Cleaning Com—Carol Pillar & Annette Hutley

WEEKLY SANCTURAY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Victor Benigni by Roy & Betsy Williams

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—January 25th & 26th

Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering –\$7510.51
 Catholic Communication Collection -\$882.28

Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering- \$930.00
 Catholic Communication Collection-\$87.00

Thank you for your continued weekly support of our Parish!

Items Needed for the Helping Hands Ministry in February

St Joseph Church

Beef Stew, Spaghetti O's, Beef-a-Roni, Grape & Apple Juices

St Luke Church

Soups, Beef Stew, Hamburger Helper, Beef-a-roni

Items collected will be donated to the Warren Salvation Army and
 the Youngsville Food Pantry

THANK YOU!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 2 Samuel 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13; Gospel Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday 2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3; Gospel Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday 2 Samuel 24:2,9-17; Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Thursday 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Gospel Mark 6:7-13

Friday Sirach 47:2-11; Gospel Mark 6:14-29

Saturday 1 Kings 3:4-13; Gospel Mark 6:30-34

Sunday Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 2 Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)
8:00am (St Luke) Mass
 9:15am EDGE & CREW at HR
 9:30am First Communion Parent Mtg @ HR
10:45am Mass
 Blessing of Candles
 Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG
 Baptism of Kensington Michele Phillips
****CCY will be selling Cooke Tavern Soup Mixes after Masses**

Monday, February 3 NO SCHOOL
12:00pm (St Luke) Mass
 Blessing of Throats for the Parish after Mass

Tuesday, February 4
12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting (Loranger Hall)
 6:00pm Pastoral Council (Boardroom)

Wednesday, February 5
9:05am School Mass
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 3:15pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (Boardroom)
 6:00pm Webelo/Arrow of Light Cub Scouts (Loranger Hall)
 7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, February 6
 10:15am Wild Goose (Meyer Hall)
12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
 6:30pm Girl Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 7:15pm Evening Prayer (Mother's Chapel)

Friday, February 7 First Friday
8:00am Mass
 9:00am Homebound Holy Communion Visits

Saturday, February 8
4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass

Sunday, February 9 Cub Scout Sunday
8:00am (St Luke) Mass
 8:15am 9th & 10th Grade Retreat at HR
 9:15am EDGE & CREW (11th grade) at HR
10:45am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG
 6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal (Church)

Save the Date: St Joseph Catholic School—Casino Night— February 22nd
Watch the bulletin for more information or call the Parish Office

ST JOSEPH PARISH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

The Saint Joseph Soup Kitchen serves dinner on
 Tuesday at 4:30pm for the Warren Community.

All are Welcome!