

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

One of the noticeable differences between second graders and third graders when I walk into the classroom is that second graders want to tell me something and third graders want to ask me something. Lately the third graders have been asking about God and other gods. While I try to answer them correctly and truthfully, judging from the looks on their faces, I'm sure the answers are not satisfying for them.

Yesterday the questions centered on the possibility that there may be other gods than the one we know from the Bible. Clearly, we are moving into whether we trust what the Bible teaches. I told them that there are different ways of knowing other than with the intellect. I suggested that they needed to listen to their hearts. (Now you know why I didn't think my answer was satisfying for them.)

Truth resonates in the heart. When we believe something, generally speaking, there is a confirmation in the heart that allows us to know without necessarily being able to explain. Third graders aren't quite ready to listen to their hearts and trust what their hearts are telling them.

Maybe the same is true for us as adults. We seek a rational explanation based on scientific facts which allows us to make an intellectual judgement. But without the confirmation in the heart, we are left with nodding our heads in assent.

Faith takes us to another level, the level of truth resonating in our heart. *Father Rick*

PARISH NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available in the **Parish Office** for graduating seniors from our Parish planning to attend a college or a trade school in the fall. Applications will be reviewed and scholarships offered to those students who have exemplified commitment and service in their faith life at St Joseph Parish. Applications must be returned to the Parish Office by Wednesday, April 1, 2020. No applications will be accepted after this date.

1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE MARCH 28TH IN ERIE

Come and enjoy fellowship and inspiring national speakers: Caralyn Collar, Alyssa Bormes, and sister Regina Marie, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass with Bishop Persico. For more information or to register visit www.138women.com or call 814-455-7364 or stop by the parish office.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD!

24 Hours for the Lord will be held at St. Peter Cathedral on March 20—21. We are hoping to get a large group from the Warren Catholic Community to travel to Erie on March 21st for this wonderful event, which includes 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration and 24 hours of Confessions. This year Bishop Persico has asked for prayers for vocations during this time. We are planning to leave Warren at 9:30 on Saturday, March 21st. (If you need a ride—no problem) We will arrive at the Cathedral at about 11a.m. where we will make a holy hour. Afterwards we plan to go to lunch in Erie. All are invited! If you would like to go, please contact Becky Harper at 726-2849 or the St. Joseph Parish Office.

Come Join Us for a Night of Wine & Design!

Join us Friday, March 20th from 6:30—9:30pm at St Joseph School. The cost is \$30.00 and includes art supplies, a 11"x14" canvas to take home and wine and snacks. There are 4 different spring designs to choose from and they are pictured on the back of the registration forms which are available at the doors of the Church or the Parish Office. This is an adults only night out. Instructional Assistance will be available. So come and enjoy a very relaxing night of Wine and Design!

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CASH RAFFLE!

Weekly drawing for \$100 from March 16th through June 1st. Grand prize drawing will be on the last day of school worth \$2500, \$1000 and \$500. Tickets are \$50 and available at the church office. Split with a friend, or 5 friends, whatever works for you. Hurry before they sell out! Thank you for supporting the children at St. Joe's.

MINISTRY CORNER: Altar Servers are a very important to the liturgy, and other church services that go on throughout the year. Servers assist Father during Mass. They serve at weddings, funerals, Stations of the Cross or other Liturgical functions. Any boy or girl who has made their First Communion through 12th grade and has a desire to serve at the Lord's table can become an altar server. Minimal training is required. If at any time you desire to become an altar server, please call the parish. Your youthful presence is welcomed.

Save the Date! The Feast Day of Saint Joseph is on March 19th, which we will celebrate with a 12:05pm School Mass. We will celebrate our St. Joseph Table parish luncheon on March 22 after the 10:45 Mass. Meat will be provided but everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Sign up sheets are at the doors of the Church. Signing up will help us plan for the amount of meat we need, so thank you!

The 72 and You Movie Night this Monday will feature **The Staircase**, based on the real legend of the "miraculous stairway" at the Sisters of Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The movie will be shown at 6pm at Holy Redeemer Church. Come join us!

Help Needed at Saint Joseph Soup Kitchen Ministry

We need help with cleaning tables, sweeping and mopping floors on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Come around 5:00pm and we usually finish about 6:15pm. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 3/8 Second Sunday of Lent
8:00am (St Luke) Clarence & Jeanette Anderson by Hazeltime & Anderson Families
10:45am The Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
Monday, 3/9 Saint Frances of Rome
12:00pm (St Luke) Rose & Sam Falvo by Niece
Tuesday, 3/10 Lenten Weekday
12:05pm Vocations to the Priesthood by K of C Council 964
Wednesday, 3/11 Lenten Weekday
9:05am Carolyn Graziano by Jim & Halina Carlson
Thursday, 3/12 Lenten Weekday
12:05pm Sheri Crissman by Nick Tomassoni
Friday, 3/13 Lenten Weekday
8:00am Francis M & Mary A Russo by Family
Saturday, 3/14 Lenten Weekday
5:30pm Tony Falconi by Connie Morrison
Sunday, 3/15 Third Sunday of Lent
8:00am (St Luke) Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
10:45am Carolyn Graziano by Rosemarie Green

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
3/14			
5:30pm	M Sandberg	A Nagurney, J Sabat, R Sharp, G & P Peck	O Strandburg A Strandburg T Abplanalp
3/15			
8:00am	S Kibbey	L Marino, Carol Knapp	J Mack
10:45am	V Amsdell	C Feaster, D Pusateri, A Shene, C Pearson, J Rickert	E Dippold K Dippold L Dippold

3/15 8:00am Mass Ushers —Jim & Mary Beth Riggle
3/11 Rouse Home—Bob Pangallo & Carol Knapp

*WEEKLY SANCTURAY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Robert A Rich & Frank A Rich by Lydia Rich*

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—Feb 29th & Mar 1st
Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering —\$6192.75
Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering- \$1175.00
Thank you for your continued weekly support of our Parish!

CSA 2020 -FORWARD TOGETHER DOING THE WORK OF CHRIST
A sincere thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the CSA appeal. We appreciate you sharing your blessings and continuing to advance the mission of the church. If you have not yet made a pledge, it's not too late. Return your pledge card to the parish office or drop it in the offertory collection. Your generosity is appreciated.

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!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Daniel 9:4b-10; Gospel Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Gospel Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday Jeremiah 18:18-20; Gospel Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday Jeremiah 17:5-10; Gospel Luke 16:19-31
Friday Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Gospel Matt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Gospel Luke 15:1-3,11-32
Sunday Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; Gospel John 4:5-42

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 8 Second Sunday of Lent
Daylight Savings Time Begins —Girl Scout Sunday
8:00am (St Luke) Mass
10:45am Mass
Liturgy of the Word for Children - DOG
Girl Scout Cookie Sales after Mass
12:30pm SJCS Cornhole Tournament Registration (Gym)
1:00pm SJCS Cornhole Tournament Begins (Gym)
Monday, March 9
12:00pm (St Luke) Mass
Tuesday, March 10
10:30am (St Luke) Bible Study
12:05pm Mass
2:00pm Stations of the Cross
4:30pm Soup Kitchen
6:00pm Cub Scouts (Loranger Hall)
7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer—1st Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, March 11
9:05am School Mass
10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
6:00pm Webelo/Arrow of Light Cub Scouts (Loranger Hall)
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal Church)
Thursday, March 12
10:15am Wild Goose Bible Study (Meyer Hall)
12:05pm Mass
12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration
1:00pm SJCS Penance Celebration Grades 3-6
6:30pm SJCS PTU Meeting (Meyer Hall)
7:15pm Evening Prayer
Friday, March 13 
8:00am Mass
5-7pm K of C Lenten Fish Fry @ St Paul's Center
6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation
Saturday, March 14
4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass
Sunday, March 15 Third Sunday of Lent
8:00am (St Luke) Mass
10:45am Mass
Liturgy of the Word for Children - DOG
3:00pm Penance Celebration in Corry

Items Needed for the Helping Hands Ministry in March
Saint Joseph Church
Fruit Loops, Apple Jacks, Frosted Flakes, Chex, Corn Flakes
Saint Luke Church
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Coffee, Juice, Flour, Sugar
Items collected will be donated to the Warren Salvation Army and the Youngsville Food Pantry