Strategic Evangelization – Go Make Disciples

Dear People of Saint Joseph Church,

As Spring is quickly turning into Summer here at Saint Joseph’s Church, I have experienced all of the liturgical seasons, as well as each of the seasons of the year with all of their beauty and richness in my first year as pastor. I have been touched by the artistic beauty of the church, the natural beauty of our snow-covered cemetery and white blossomed lined street, the elegant beauty of the Christmas and Easter decorations and the melodic beauty of our wonderfully singing parish. I have been so impressed by the tremendous army of volunteers in all aspects of parish life, organized so efficiently, executing duties so skillfully, and committed so loyally to their duties and to the building up of our parish. I am inspired by the vitality of the faith demonstrated in the perseverance of our adorers in Perpetual Adoration, in the creativity active in various committees and groups, in the generosity of the care of the disadvantaged, in the leadership shown to the neighborhood and community, and in the faithfulness to stewardship. With all of this and so much more, I thank God in my morning prayers for this tremendous privilege of being pastor of both Saint Joseph’s and San Juan Bautista. I am truly grateful.

My gratitude flows not only from the awareness of all the goodness, faith and love that I see at Saint Joseph’s, but also from an awareness of our tremendous potential. We see this potential best in light of the gospel for the Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity:

“Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’”

As a Catholic community, our mission and purpose comes directly from the Risen Lord himself: “Go and make disciples.” It is upon this that our Catholic lives, and therefore our parish life, are founded. Evangelization is this process of making disciples, and it consists of helping others to know, to love and to serve the Lord. Discipleship is all about a growing relationship with the Lord, and therefore all of us need ongoing evangelization. In fact, by the very process of making disciples of others, we ourselves grow in discipleship—of knowing, loving and serving the Lord better.

In the autumn, I began a process of consultation to learn about our parish community from parishioners, with the ultimate goal of becoming an even better evangelizing parish. We began by hearing from parishioners about their thoughts on our strengths and areas that need further growth. An ad hoc committee of the Parish Pastoral Council—the Strategic Evangelization Committee—was formed to address evangelization in a strategic fashion centered on the needs of 5 aspects of deepening discipleship in a parish:

- **The Committed Parishioners** – responding to the needs of active parishioners in their ever deepening in their Relationship with the Lord.
- **The Weekly Mass Attendees** – assisting Catholics who faithfully attend Sunday Mass to embrace discipleship more fully through active participation in the life of the parish.
- **The Fallen Away or Inactive Catholics** - understanding why these Catholics are inactive so as to be able to respond to their NEEDS, and thus re-engage them as Catholic disciples of the Lord and his Church.
- **The Unchurched** - SAINT JOSEPH’S used to be a neighborhood parish, with people living in the neighborhood. Now most drive to Cabbage Hill, while many in our neighborhoods are unchurched. To these, Jesus commands us ‘Go and make disciples’.
- **The Weekend Experience** – because much of our Catholic life centers on Sunday Mass, we want to make sure this weekly experience is nurturing people’s discipleship in the Lord.

With such a strong, gifted Catholic community and so much potential, we all have reason to be so grateful and enthusiastic about all that awaits us.

Fr. Allan F. Wolfe
Spring Cleanup 2015

Once again thanks to the help of nearly 35 parishioners we had a successful spring cleanup on Saturday, May 2. In addition to members of the parish, participants in the Nuestra Clinica program came to help. Pat and Vickie Hallock along with Adop-A-Plot chair, Joe Ziegler, served as chairpersons. Participants enjoyed a continental breakfast and Father Wolfe offered a prayer before the start of the work. Outside mulch was spread, flowers were planted and the sidewalks and gutters were swept. The Good Shepherd and St. Francis Rooms were cleaned, the church pews and woodwork in the church were washed. When the morning ended both the inside and outside of our buildings and grounds were polished and swept! Many thanks to all who helped.
Father Isaac Reassigned

Father Tariq Isaac, who first came to St. Joseph’s in late 2011 has been reassigned by Bishop Gainer as Parochial Vicar at St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland.

Father came to the United States from his native Pakistan because of the persecution of Christians there. After serving at St. Joseph’s for a short time, he was assigned as Chaplain at Hershey Medical Center. In December of 2012, Bishop McFadden reassigned him to St. Joseph’s to assist Monsignor Smith and Father Hilbert who were both in failing health.

We thank Father for his service to the parishioners of St. Joseph’s and wish him well in his new assignment.

A farewell reception for Father will be held in the Monsignor Thomas H. Smith Social Hall from 6:00-8:00 pm on Saturday, June 13.

Welcome Father Stephen Kelley!

We welcome Father Stephen Kelley as our new Parochial Vicar. Father Kelley, who grew up in Lebanon, entered St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA, from St. Patrick Parish in York when he was 35.

In an interview which appeared in the Catholic Witness just after his ordination, Father stated that he fell deeply in love with the Church when he was in his early 30s. “It ended up becoming a journey for me,” he said. “I came to understand that the faith makes sense when you understand how it is put together in one tapestry…. It is the avenue to some of the greatest joys that humanity can experience.”

He was ordained at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg by Bishop William Waltersheid, Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh in June 2013 and since his ordination has served as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph’s in Hanover.

GREAT NEWS!

(submitted by Pat LeFever)

The Legacy of Faith program, which was established to repay the $200,000 borrowed for a portion of the Parish Hall renovation project, is within 3% of its goal!

Our original target was to repay this amount within ten years and we are within “striking distance” with only $5,398 remaining.

Although we “borrowed” this money from our own Education Endowment Fund (thus avoiding interest payments) – like all debts, we have a moral obligation to make full repayment.

We originally asked everyone to consider giving $5.00 per adult per household twice a month, and through your generosity have collected $194,602 to date! For those of you who have been faithful to this program, our sincere thanks as we ask you to continue your commitment. For others, we ask that you consider a “one time” contribution to help retire this obligation!

May God bless you and your generosity!
Welcome to those received into the Church at the Easter Vigil
April 4, 2015

Kay Duffy
Jennifer Rineer
Terry Root

Confirmed by Bishop Gainer on the Vigil of Pentecost

Michael Cullen
Daniel Hickel

Received into the Church on Pentecost Sunday

Michele Westphal
2014 First Communion Class
May 3, 2015

Decorating their blessing cups

Congratulations to Our First Communicants
John Laube, Magdalena Kain, Ginger Albert, Tucker Faus, Maura Hambleton, Sydney English, John Torres

2014 Eighth Grade Confirmation
March 7, 2015

Pictured left to right: Front: Mariah Bolyer, Emma Hamaker, Paul Schlectic, John Fiorella, Hugh Stover. Back: Jordan Slagel, Josh Kirchner, Vanessa Joseph, Emily Braungard, Kelsey Kimmel, Griffin Turnpaugh, Nolan Rishell, Keiriana Boone.
Missing from photo: Mercedi Albert, Eryn Albright, Kaitlyn Graybill, Braden McCarty and Maya Pieters,
RCIA for Adults

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the usual way in which adults become full, active and participating members of the Catholic Church. It is a process of prayer, reflection, learning and conversion for those who have not been baptized or who have been baptized in another faith tradition. If you or someone you know would like more information call the parish office, 397-6921. There is no obligation to join!

RCI Adapted for Children

ATTENTION PARENTS! The RCI Adapted for Children is a process for children ages 7 years and older who, for a variety of reasons, have not been baptized as infants or perhaps were baptized but have not been prepared for reception of the sacraments at the usual time (First Eucharist and Penance in grade 2, and Confirmation in grade 8). Please contact the parish office at 397-6921 for information.

Thank You Letters Received

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Good Shepherd Men’s Club
440 St. Joseph St.
Lancaster, PA 17603

We very much appreciate your recent donation of $746.00 to the Catholic Worker House of Lancaster.

We also want to assure you that your donation will be put to good use in serving those in need in the Lancaster community.

You are in our prayers, and we wish you peace in the days ahead.

Sincerely,
Joe Dougherty
Director
The Catholic Worker House of Lancaster.

Dear Members of St. Joseph’s Parish,

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Catholic Deaneries of Lancaster’s Prayer and Care Day.

The $300.00 we received will go towards the costs of this free day we offer to 170 caregivers. There were no goods or services received for this contribution.

Again thank you for your support and trust.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Fran Eppley
Treasurer, Prayer & Care Day
Catholic Deaneries of Lancaster
Prayer and Care Day

May 12, 2015

Dear Father Wolfe and Parishioners,

Please know how grateful we are to St. Joseph’s for their support and participation in the Lancaster Deaneries third annual Day of Prayer and Care. Special thanks goes to those in the parish who provided wonderful treats, the Anderson Sisters for serving in many areas, the parish’s financial contribution, Patricia Wang and Jean Robinson for the awareness and outreach to caregivers and those who volunteered their time and talents to serve.

In the past three years we have increased the awareness of the need for disability advocates at each parish, have had articles in the Lancaster Newspaper’s Faith and Value section and The Catholic Witness. Our event has served as a role model for the Harrisburg Deanery. Our Chairwomen, Maria Hayes, continues to work with Ginny Duncan, Diocesan Disability Advocate, to help others with similar events.

As we work on next year’s event I am reminded of the many churches, organizations and individuals that have helped us increase the awareness of disabilities and the need to honor caregivers. Saint Joseph’s Church has been a strong supporter from the beginning. Thank you!

With Gratitude,
Denise Ziegler, Team Leader

“Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing.
So, go forth and don’t be discouraged. Care for life. It’s worth it.” Pope Francis
Diocesan Youth Protection Program
Update and Policy Changes
(excerpted from information received from the Diocese)

In recent months the Pennsylvania Legislature has enacted legislation that changes the way, as well as how, all of us who work with children must respond to possible situations of child abuse. The Diocese of Harrisburg is committed to ensuring that all clergy, employees and those volunteers who work with the youth of the diocese in our schools, parishes and youth programs understand their responsibilities under the new laws.

One of the most important changes is that of who is now considered a “mandated reporter.” All clergy, all employees working with children and those volunteers serving in schools, Catholic Charities and parish youth ministries are now classified as mandated reporters. To provide the knowledge needed to understand the responsibilities of a mandated reporter a new training program is available and can be accessed on the diocesan website http://www.hbgdiocese.org/safeyouth/youth-protection-on-line-training.

All volunteers responsible for the welfare of a child or having direct contact with children are required to complete the new on-line training program BEFORE they begin serving in activities this coming year as they must be aware of their increased responsibilities. A certificate of Completion must be printed at the end of the training and be submitted to Mary Ellen Gardner, Volunteer Coordinator at the parish office (email mgardner@stjosephslanc.com). For our CCD staff and those adults who volunteer for Children’s Liturgy of the Word, nursery volunteers and scout leaders this means that the on-line training needs to be completed by September 1, 2015.

Effective July 1, 2015 all adult volunteers will be required to obtain clearances every 36 months. Adult volunteers whose current clearances are more than 36 months old have until July 1, 2016 to renew their clearances. All adult volunteers MUST obtain the following clearances:
The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Report of Criminal History
PA Department of Human Services Child Abuse History Clearance

Any current or potential volunteer who has lived outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania within the last 10 years is also required to provide a Fingerprint-based Federal Criminal History (FBI) submitted through the PA Department of Human Services.

Current volunteers will be advised of the dates by which their clearances must be renewed.

Please remember it is now State Law and not just diocesan policy that requires prospective adult volunteers to submit background clearances PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING of any volunteer service with young people/children.

CCD Catechists Visit National Shrine in Washington, DC

Several members of the CCD staff traveled to Washington on Saturday, May 16 to visit the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Front row: Sammy Saragosa, Coordinator of Religious Education, Julie Saragosa, Sophie Saragosa, Claude Saragosa. Back row: Mary Weaver, Carole Good, Steve Festerman and Carol Festerman.
Parishioners in the Spotlight

Patricia Wang

Patricia joined St. Joseph’s in the year 2000. She and her husband Tony have been married nearly 25 years. Among her family members she counts their 3 cats, Pica, Po and Paco, 5 godchildren and 5 confirmands. She has spiritually adopted all of the children she has taught in parish religious education programs.

Patricia joined the Catholic Church at age 14. Educated in public and parochial schools, she spent 4 years as an Aspirant with the School Sisters of Notre Dame at their Motherhouse in Baltimore. After three years in college she enrolled in stewardess training with United Airlines, then attended nursing school, completing her training as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Patricia holds an Advanced Catechetical Certificate from the Diocese of Harrisburg and is pursuing ongoing studies related to special needs.

During her career, Patricia worked first as an Airline Stewardess and then as an LPN for 5 years specializing in care of head injuries. She has also worked at Lancaster County Prison and did private duty nursing with terminally ill patients in their home. In addition, she worked as marketing director for a roofing firm and developed promotional programs for a balloon championship, a basketball team and a major art show in Lancaster. Patricia and her husband are the owners of Tony Wang’s Restaurant. However, being a wife and homemaker is what she loves the most!

In our parish Patricia serves as a catechist for CCD and RCI for Children. She is also responsible for Perpetual Adoration for Children. She is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, St. Joseph’s Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, an Adorer for Perpetual Adoration, a member of the Little Saint Rita Prayer Group and of St. Joseph’s Women’s Club.

She lists her community involvement as evangelization and serving as an advocate for survivors of suicide and bullies.

Among her hobbies, Patricia notes “conquering the computer – the MACHINE”, gardening, reading, creating art and craft projects, cooking and cat management. She is interested in teaching and learning every day and loves to travel. Having lived in or visited eighteen states and six countries, she hopes to continue her travels in the future. Currently Patricia is engaged in developing a website to share and encourage others to start Children’s Adoration in their parish, finishing a book about her cats and writing an autobiography of her “crazy life.”

Patricia describes the best quality of St. Joseph’s as the folks she has known, past and present …the laughter and tears; teaching alongside her co-catechist, Bobbie North, sharing time with all those inspiring children who have taught her so much; experiencing the joy of the Adoration Chapel. Her most special parish memory is of her husband, Tony, being received into the church by Monsignor Smith and now coming together each week to worship her loving Savior.

Adoration Hours for Children

Give JESUS the gift only you can give - your time. A special adoration hour for children will be held in the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel beginning June 9 through August 14 every Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:00pm. and every Thursday from 1:00 to 2:00pm. Enter by the handicap access door. All ages and abilities welcome. For more information or a ride, call Mrs. Wang, catechist, 396-0635. Spend some time with Jesus!
It’s that time of year, spring is here. That means outdoor sports. The baseball program’s director, Alan Walsh, has his coaching staff in place with once again three squads. The girls’ softball program, under the leadership of Bill Souders, will have four teams. The combined programs held a sub sale in April. Thanks to all who purchased these subs. Please try to attend some of these games. The home games are played on our athletic field on Wabank Road, adjacent to St. Joseph’s Cemetery. Contact Bill Souders or Alan Walsh for times and dates. Your support will be encouraging to players, as well as the coaching staff.

The Board of Directors of St. Joseph Catholic Club would like to thank all of our parishioners and friends who attended the Ten-Week Club Party on May 9th. A fun time was had by all. We congratulate all of the prize winners and look ahead to next year for even a greater event. Thank you to this year’s sponsors and patrons who contributed to the party. A big thank you to Gene and Linda Duncan, Joe Hoenninger, Rick Long, Tom Souders and all of the Board Members for their efforts to make this a successful fundraiser for the youth of our community. Our scholarship committee, chaired by Joe Hoenninger, has selected the recipients of this year’s awards. Once again, we had an excellent list of applicants with some exceptional qualifications. Congratulations to all of the honorees. A list of the winners will be published in the parish bulletin and is included with the graduation information in the newsletter.

We will have our Parish Carnival in June. The dates are Monday, June 22 through Saturday, June 27 on the athletic field at 1409 Wabank Road. Six big nights of fun, rides, food, games, bingo and Granny’s Attic. Come One Come All! Free parking and free admission. Contact Tom Souders (572-2098) or any board member for details or to volunteer to help.

St. Joseph Parishioners are also reminded that our club room facilities are available for rent. For information or to make reservations, please contact Mark Legenstein at marklegenstein@certifiedcarpet.com or 717-572-0413.

7-& 8-year-old girls in one of their first Softball games against Warwick.
Looking for a Day Trip this Summer?
(submitted by Patricia Wang)

I suggest a Pilgrimage to the beautiful Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, Md. On June 13, 2009 my husband Tony and I scheduled a day trip to the shrine. I had found a holy card in the chapel with their address and it is an easy drive from there to my home town of Baltimore. We followed our GPS til it dinged “You have arrived at your destination.” We looked around and seemed to be in the middle of no where. We drove through the next gate and were amazed. The Monastery of the Franciscan Friars and the grounds made us feel as though we were in Italy.

June 13 is the feast of St. Anthony and we had arrived, unknown to us, on the biggest celebration of the year. The head of the Franciscan Friars had come from Italy and we witnessed the installation of the Reliquary of St. Anthony brought from Padua, Italy. In 1995 the Franciscans in Padua had given the reliquary to The Shrine of St. Anthony in Maryland in honor of the 800th Anniversary of the birth of St. Anthony. The reliquary of St. Anthony, containing a tissue from him was enthroned in a walnut tree house. Historically, Anthony both lived and preached from this site in his own illness. We were there for the installation in their chapel and joined the brothers in Holy Mass, then excused ourselves from the other festivities since my husband had his heart set on Fells Point and Baltimore crab cakes. What a blessing!!

For more information:
Call: Shrine of St. Anthony 1-410-531-2800
visit the web site www.shrineofstanthony.org
12290 Folly Quarter Road
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

Easter Egg Hunt a Sweet Success
(submitted by Jim Weber)

For nearly 15 years, the kids of St. Joseph have enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday. Following Mass, kids scrambled on the rectory lawn picking up a wide variety of candy and beautifully painted Easter eggs. Special thanks go out to Erin Good for her efforts. She pulled a team together and it all went flawlessly. Thanks also to the youth volunteers who pulled this event off. Even the Easter Bunny stopped by with a basket full of goodies.

Interested in Becoming an Altar Server?

To serve at Mass is a very sacred and important privilege. Training for new altar servers will be scheduled over the summer. Our volunteer trainers will schedule training with the families directly so that every child who wants to be a server will have the opportunity to be trained. Any boy or girl, third grade (as of September, 2015) and older who would like to be a server is asked to call Joe Weaver at 285-9097 or Rick Albright at 471-2731.
If you missed our last Mother/Daughter Banquet, you missed our last Mother/Daughter Banquet! We are going to re-name this venerable institution for next year to better reflect our changing demographics. But whatever it’s called it’s always an enjoyable night for us, the women of the parish along with assorted little ladies of many ages. And, as we closed out 2014-2015, the Women’s Club had some exciting announcements.

We presented a check to Father Wolfe (in absentia) for the balance of the money owed to PAY OFF the Chapel Kneeler Project. Thanks to our fundraising efforts and the magnificent support of the Parish we were able to write a check for $2558.90, thus zeroing out the balance owed.

So, next year, we will be ready to undertake another service project under the direction of Father Wolfe. We had a fabulous raffle table with donated prizes from cleaning supplies donated by Certified Carpet to picnic supplies, from gift cards to flowers, from a bag of fragrant hand creams from Bath and Body Works to cake pans from Pampered Chef. We also drew the winner of the beautiful afghan donated by Yvonne Nordin. Frank Rineer was the lucky winner. Thank you to all who donated anything and to all who supported us this year.

We got serious for a moment as we remembered our friend Jeanne Kauffman. Jeanne’s presence was felt in so many places in the parish --- her help was a given on just about any project and her ideas sparked many discussions at Women’s Club meetings. To honor her memory, the Women’s Club donated $100.00 to be used or given to persons who need a little extra help.

The past and future officers of the club were announced and gratefully thanked:

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Honey and the Bee entertained us this year with some fast and slow 50’s and 60’s music. With prizes and games—the smallest to the tallest had a great time twisting, and cha-cha-ing and limbo-ing and hula-hooping to fun dance music.

We can’t forget a thank you to our Boy Scout Troop for preparing our picnic supper and serving and cleaning up. We went easy on you this year boys, using paper and plastic—next year look out we’ll be using china!!! Just Kidding!! Thank You again!!

S. Clyde Weaver tickets will be on sale throughout the summer from Women’s Club members and after Masses, as possible, during the next few months. They are $5.00 each until sold out.
Congratulations to the Class of 2015

Eighth Grade Graduates

Resurrection Catholic School

Mercedi Albert
Mercedi is the daughter of Nathan Albert & Jacy Arrison. A student at Resurrection for 9 years she was a member of the basketball team the choir, the Enviro Club and the Yearbook Club. Mecedi served as the Recording Secretary of the Leadership Team, participated in the 8th Grade play and was awarded a 1st place in the Science Fair.

Eryn Albright
Eryn is the daughter of Rick & Brenda Albright. She has attended Resurrection for 9 years. Eryn participated in the 8th Grade play, was a member of the RCS basketball team and President of the 8th Grade Leadership Team, Eryn received a 1st Place award in the Science Fair, a 1st place AMVETS award and is the recipient of the St. Joseph Catholic Club Pete Hegener Memorial Scholarship. Eryn is an altar server in our parish.

Vanessa Joseph
Vanessa is the daughter of Johnson & Aneela Joseph. Vanessa has been a student at Resurrection for 9 years. She is a member of the basketball team, participated in the 8th Grade play. She received an AMVETS award and and NIE award. Vanessa earned the Resurrection Catholic School Christian Character award and is an altar server in our parish.

Mariah Bolyer
Mariah is the daughter of Star Zoric. She participated in the 8th Grade play and was a part of the Leadership team. She has been a Resurrection student for 9 years.

Keiriana Boone
Keiriana is the grandniece of Joseph and Carla Danz. She has been a member of the basketball team, a cheerleader for RCS and a member of the leadership team, and the Enviro Club. Keiriana earned a 3rd place award in the National History Day competition at Resurrection. She has attended RESurrection for 9 years.
High School Graduates
Lancaster Catholic High School

Alexander J. Torres

Alex is the son of Will and Suzanne Torres. He has been accepted into the Engineering program at Penn State and will begin classes this fall. Before he begins his next adventure, he plans to enjoy the summer with his family at the beach, and on their annual kayak trip, as well as with his friends. He will continue to work and drive his favorite Camaro on errands for his parents, brother and sisters.

Jillian Legenstein

Jillian is the daughter of Kristy & Joe Legenstein. She plans to continue her education at Millersville University but has not yet decided on a major. At Lancaster Catholic she was an honor roll student, a cheerleader, a member of Serteen, the yearbook staff and served as a student ambassador. Jillian received the Serteen scholarship, the Rotary Club Volunteer Award, the Lancaster Rotary Club Community Service Award, the Sertoma Club Award and a John Wendel Scholarship.

In our parish she was formerly an altar server, a member of the youth group and volunteers at the parish carnival.

Ross Souders

Ross is the son of Rick & Teri Souders. He has been accepted into the Engineering program at Penn State, Harrisburg.

St. Anne Catholic School

Kaitlyn Graybill
Kaitlyn is the daughter of Josh & Barbara Graybill. She advanced to the state level of competition for National History Day.

Braden McCarty
Braden is the son of Tom & Jennifer McCarty. He was recognized in his class for his outstanding artistic talent.

Paul Schlectic
Paul is the son of Gary Schlectic and Carole Kirchner. He received the Language Arts award and advanced to the state level of competition for National History Day.

Lampeter-Strasburg High School

Braden McCarty
Braden is the son of Tom & Jennifer McCarty. He was recognized in his class for his outstanding artistic talent.

Paul Schlectic
Paul is the son of Gary Schlectic and Carole Kirchner. He received the Language Arts award and advanced to the state level of competition for National History Day.
St. Joseph Catholic Club has awarded the following scholarships for 2015

The John P. Wendel Memorial Scholarship Award recipients are

Jillian T. Legenstein
Giavonna Rose Manno
Christopher M. Sands

The Pete Hegener Memorial Scholarship Award recipient is

Eryn K. Albright

Congratulations to these and all of the 2015 graduates. God bless you and keep you safe as you start another chapter in each of your lives.

St. Joseph Catholic Club Board of Directors

Manheim Township High School
Joseph Stanavage

Joe is the son of Mark & Angela Stanavage. He plans to attend Penn State University and major in Mechanical Engineering. At Manheim Township he was a member of the National Honor Society, the German Club, the Bicycling Club, the Varsity/Junior Varsity Bowling Team and the Political Club. He also served as a student tutor. Joe is an Eagle Scout in Troop 102 at Grandview United Methodist Church and participates in German Folk Dancing at the Lancaster Liederkranz. He received the Concordia Language School German Scholarship in 2012 and has been awarded a Penn State Berks Chancellor’s Scholarship.

In our parish Joe serves as an altar server.

Penn Manor High School
Carolyn Weber

Carolyn is the daughter of Tom and Mary Anne Weber. She will be continuing her education at King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, where she has been accepted into the five-year Physician Assistant Program. Upon acceptance she was awarded a Blessed Moreau Scholarship. Students receiving this scholarship must have a minimum GPA of 3.7 and rank in the top 15% of the class. The scholarship is also based on exemplary leadership and community service.

Carolyn also plans to play soccer for the Monarchs. At Penn Manor, Carolyn was a Varsity letter winner in Girls’ Soccer, Swimming and Track & Field. She was a member of Student Council for four years - Holding the positions of Vice President and President most recently and was also involved in many clubs. At the Senior Sports Awards Ceremony, Carolyn was awarded an E. Jerry Brooks Award for Academic Excellence.

At St. Joseph’s Carolyn is a 1st/2nd grade CCD Catechist.
College Graduates
Eastern Mennonite University

Juliann Souders

Juliann is the daughter of Rick & Teri Souders. She has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and will be working at the Breast Health Center in Lancaster.

Mount St. Mary’s University

Matthias Wurster

Matthias is the son of Tom and Joan Wurster. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude, and plans to teach at Indian Valley Academy in California, then attend graduate school for education.

At Mount St. Mary’s Matthias was a member of Delta Epsilon Sigma, the George Henry Miles Honors Society, Phi Sigma Tau, Theta Kappa Alpha, and Phi Sigma Iota. He also sang with Crescendudez, an a capella group.

In our parish he was an Altar Server, a cantor and occasionally has sung with the choir.

Penn State University

Andrew Stover

Andrew is the son of Eric and Jane Stover. He was awarded a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science at Penn State and plans to attend Law School at Michigan State University where he has been awarded an academic scholarship.

At Penn State he was a Dean’s List student, earning a 4.0 average for six semesters and served as an academic tutor for History and Philosophy.

At St. Joseph’s he participated in CYO basketball, the Cookie Sale, and helped at parish carnivals.

Kelsey Souders

Kelsey is the daughter of Rick & Teri Souders. She has received a Bachelor’s Degree in Supply Chain Management from Penn State University and will be working for Braskem America in Philadelphia.
A Prayer for Our Graduates

Gracious God, we ask special blessings upon our young people. They are our future, our hope and the true citizens of the new millennium. Bless them with inquiring and discerning minds, loving hearts, and lively imaginations that they may see a future shaped with peace and a world that reflects values that are acceptable in your sight. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

News from the Pews

Dean’s List

Congratulations to the following young people named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2015 semester.

Juniata University
Veronica Kirchner and Cameron Westerlund

Lock Haven University
John Fiorill

Immaculata University
Allaya Arrison

American University
Andrew Magloughlin

Congratulations to Seve Flores, a member of the Penn Manor Middle School Technology Student Association, and an award winner at the Lancaster-Lebanon regional competition.

Come & Nourish Your Nature at our Parish Retreat

(Submitted by Christine Speiss)

If you missed our Parish Retreat last year, be sure to save the date coming this fall. Father Michael Murray will be returning to lead us on the journey to “holier families.” This will follow the September visit of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to Philadelphia for the World meeting of Families.

We hope to expand on the Holy Father’s message about “family.” Fr. Murray is an excellent presenter and should not be missed!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 10, 2015, starting at 9:00 am.

The retreat will be held “off campus” at the Kiwanis Lodge Pavilion in the Lancaster County Park. A REAL retreat!

This event will be very exciting and will include Mass, the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch and plenty of “food for the soul.” Make a note to yourself now to plan to attend.

More information will be forthcoming as the date draws closer.

Reminder: If you have a change of address or phone number, please notify the rectory so that our records are accurate and up to date. The parish must pay “postage due” on all mail that is returned to the rectory as undeliverable. If we do not have your current address and phone number, we cannot contact you!
Scouting At St. Joseph’s
troop and pack 16 news
(submitted by matt stewart)

The Troop has been busy this spring with lots of campouts. The campouts help us to reinforce the leadership and scout skills that we cover in our indoor meetings. The campouts are not just to go someplace and camp. They are an extension of our meetings, where the youth get to put into practice those skills covered at our indoor meetings. It doesn’t mean however that all campouts are the same. This spring we went four different places with different emphasis for each one.

In February we went to Camp Rodney, in Maryland. It was a little cold but we took a hike along the bay. Most of the campout was spent getting a group of new scouts trained.

In March the Troop went to Camp Tuckahoe in York county, along with the Cub Scouts. The place we stayed in resembled an old western fort. It even had a rampart around the outside. During this campout we focused on outdoor skills, like fire building, axe and saw safety, and camping skills.

For April it was back in tents, when we went to Pine Grove Furnace State Park. This was a great chance to get out of the lodges and back in tents. The weather was just right. The Appalachian Trail runs right through the park. Saturday we took a long hike along the trail.

During May we went to a Scout camporee where we got to test our scout skills against other Troops. There was fire building, compass, first aid, knots, and more. Along the way we hosted a group of Cub scouts to show them how it’s done.

One of the annual good turns the Cubs and Scouts do, is place American flags on the graves of Veterans to honor them for Memorial Day. The Cub Scout Pack did St. Joseph Cemetery and it looked great, seeing all the flags flying in the wind when we were done.
We extend congratulations and best wishes to those recently married:
Branden J. Smith & Mary E. Regan
Edwin Vigo & Marie D. Reynolds
Travis L. Homan & Amy M. Boleto

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of those who have died
Parishioners
Miriam Axe
Rita Johnson
Jeanne Kauffman, wife of Glenn Kauffman
Curtis Laudenberger, husband of Carole Laudenberger
Mary Pichler, mother of Arlene Scheingraber
Darlene Russell, wife of Glenn Russell
Mrs. Phyllis Zangari

Loved Ones of Parishioners
Sherry Albert, mother of Nathan Albert
Thomas Darrenkamp, brother of Eugene Darrenkamp & Mary Ann Rumberger
Yvonne Geib, sister of Rosemary Resch
Helen Hughes, sister of Dolores Stipe
Catherine Matthews, sister of Jack Mahoney
Betty Young, mother of Jacob Young

Please also remember in your prayers
Monsignor Thomas J. Kujovsky
Father Daniel Menneti
Father Louis Ogden
Elizabeth Manganella
Dorothy Sangrey
JoAnn Shearin
Patricia Shetrompf
Jay Shopf
Dolores Story
Ronald Strosser
Walter Wise

We extend a warm welcome to those who have registered as new parishioners
Miss Tami Jones
Mr. Jonathan Mortensen
Ms. Terry Root
Mrs. William Scarpero
Mr. Thomas Stipe
Mr. & Mrs. Abel Taveras
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Christoffel IV

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Parish Family Update
(continued)

We extend farewells and best wishes to those who have moved from our parish

Mr. & Mrs. Alex Boy Doh
Mrs. Rita J. Geib
Mrs. Ashley Hilgert
Mr. & Mrs. John Hockley
Mrs. Rosemarie Kissinger
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Krause
Miss Rose Lehman
Mrs. Iris Lopez
Mr. Scott Major & Family
Mr. Edward P. Martin
Mr. Juan Rivera
Mrs. Karen Ruhl
Mr. & Mrs. John Ward

2015 Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal

Thank you Parishioners! It is with deep gratitude that we thank you for your generous commitment to the 2015 Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal. To date, our pledges total $93,590.75 with payments of $61,920.75 towards our goal of $82,000.00. If everyone remains faithful to their pledges, every dollar beyond the goal will come back to Saint Joseph’s and can be used for parish needs or programs. However, if the pledges are not fulfilled and we fall short of the goal, money from the operating budget will need to be used to close the gap.

The Annual Lenten Appeal has afforded us the opportunity to continue Christ’s loving ministry through the sacrificial gift we have made to this year’s Appeal. As the Lord willingly and selflessly offered himself for us, your sacrificial gift demonstrates your love for the Lord through the service to our neighbor which the Appeal provides.

For those who pledged and have a balance to be paid, coupon books were mailed during May from the Diocese. If anyone has not yet received their coupon book, please contact the parish or Lenten Appeal Office at the Diocese. Payment should be mailed to the Diocese, not the parish.

Many thanks to the workers who helped us in any way in the Appeal:


**Team Captains:** Molly Reynolds, Bill Stewart, Doris Wagner.

**Telephone Follow-ups:** Mary Sandoe and Joanne Bauer.

**Office Workers:** Joanne Bauer, Donna D’Agostino, Clara Fruchtl, Helen Light, Joan Matterness and Mary Sandoe.

**Lenten Appeal Chairperson:** Joanne Bauer
Saint Joseph Church  
Financial Operations Summary  
For the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2015

This is the financial report for the first nine months of the fiscal year. Operating expenses exceeded the offerings collected resulting in a operating deficit of $167,977. This is due to the decrease in collections on Sunday and Holy Day Masses. "Other Income", which is unanticipated income including rental fees, gifts & bequests, Lenten Appeal Refunds, etc., plus the "Net Non-Operating Income" resulted in an additional $121,400 in revenue. The total deficit for the first nine months of the fiscal year is $46,577.

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<td>TOTAL DEFICIT</td>
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(1) Weekly, holiday, and other collections  
(2) See chart below  
(3) Rentals, gifts and bequests, votives, fund raising

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* Assessments for LHSH and Resurrection, & Financial Aid

Cash and Reserves at March 31, 2015

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* Denotes restricted funds
Meditation Bench in honor of Monsignor Smith is blessed

Family and friends of Monsignor Smith gathered on Sunday, May 17 for the blessing and dedication of a meditation bench at his gravesite at the Sacred Heart Basilica in Conewago. Father James Lease, Pastor, blessed the bench donated by Monsignor’s family.

The wrought iron bench was constructed by ten technology junior and senior students at South Western High School using laser technology. It was powder coated and the polished cement top was completed by two companies in Hanover. The students researched the Basilica and specifically designed the bench with the praying hands on one end and a cross on the other in memory of Monsignor’s priesthood.

The bench is a bit higher than most similar benches, making easier for people to get up from it.

Following the dedication and blessing, Father Wolfe gave the Benediction. Family and guests then enjoyed a luncheon in the parish center.

Monsignor Smith’s Family
Seated on the meditation bench left to right: Sr. Mary Mark, Dolores Byron, Sr. Thomasine. Standing left to right: Jeanne Smith, Kathleen Smith, Don Smith, Linda Mummert, Mary Ann Roberts and Larry Smith.