
Highlights from St. Joseph's

Our Mission

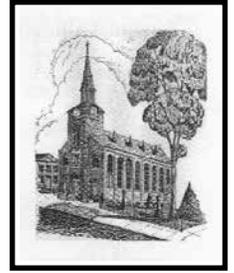
Commitment to God, Family, Parish, and Community

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Intentional Discipleship

Dear People and Friends of Saint Joseph's,

Recently we heard the encouraging yet challenging words of Jesus to the deaf man “Ephphatha!”— that is, ‘Be opened!’” With this pronouncement, the Lord demonstrated his compassion for the man, giving him the gift of physical hearing and speech. And on another level he challenged the man, and he challenges us, to be completely open to the joy, the love and the mercy of the Gospel he brings us. In that spirit, Pope Francis gathered the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops last October around the theme: “The pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization.” Catholic families are the domestic churches where evangelization takes place.

Yet, Catholic families find themselves in a society that is more opposed and even hostile to the LORD, his Gospel, and his Church. No longer can we expect culture to help us be good Catholics; instead we must become more Intentional Disciples. Our Catholic faith is not accidental, nor peripheral to our lives; our faith in the Lord Jesus is the defining factor, touching every aspect of our lives.

The work of evangelization brings the transforming power of the Gospel to each person, inviting them to be an intentional disciple. This process involves knowing, loving, and serving the Lord. As we are more fully evangelized, we help others to know, love and serve the Lord. As a husband or wife is more deeply transformed by the Gospel, he or she has a greater impact on the spouse. As parents grow in their relationship with the Lord, their example shapes their children to live as his disciples. As our parish exudes the spirit of intentional disciples, others will desire the joy and love we possess. So how do we become more Intentional Disciples?

To Know the Lord more deeply – in any relationship, knowing the person, not just knowing facts about the person, is key to a deeper relationship. Here are key ways to know the Lord more deeply:

- 1. The Bible** – Christ is the Living Word of God, so listen to this Word, because ignorance of God's Word is ignorance of Christ. Read from the Bible each day. This can be done in several ways including using the daily Mass readings or by beginning with one of the Gospels and reading, not pages and chapters, but subsections of a chapter.
- 2. Prayer**—our communication with God is essential to know Him. Communication requires both expression and listening. Although memorized prayers have their place, praying the Psalms, offering intercessory prayer for others, thanking God for particular blessings, and silence communicate with the Lord on deeper levels.
- 3. Spiritual Reading** – many resources in print or online provide reflections or meditations on God's Word. The lives of the saints and other spiritual reading help us to know the Lord and his will for us better.
- 4. Catechism of the Catholic Church**—learn our faith by reading the Catechism
- 5. Adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament** – there is no substitute for presence. Be with the Lord availing yourselves of our Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Evangelization is the process by which the Gospel transforms us more and more as children of God. Being God's children is relational, and therefore not simply a mental exercise or intellectual pursuit. Yet, as we grow in knowing the LORD more, this yields to loving Him more fully.

To Love the Lord more fully – In our relationships, the more we know a person, the more we are able to love them, especially as we recognize their goodness and love for us.

1. Gratitude – The more we recognize God’s love and mercy for us, his generosity and goodness that He has bestowed on us daily, the more we love Him. Acknowledging our blessings daily opens the door to us loving God above everything.

2. First Priority —Jesus teaches us that the first commandment is to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul and all your strength.” This means that the Lord must be our first priority and that we look at every aspect of our lives through this lens.

3. Presence – when we love someone, we want to be with them. So if the Lord is our First Priority, then we dedicate the time and our presence to him, seeking closer union in prayer, reflection and a growing awareness.

4. Mass – “Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right and just.” The reason we attend Mass every Sunday, and for some people every day, is that it is right and just to express our thanks to God. The Mass is the perfect and most complete expression of our gratitude and love for God. The Mass is not primarily a spiritual clinic for us to get remedies for what ails us. As we “lift up our hearts to the Lord,” we offer the living sacrifice of our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength in loving God by the way we will live that day in union with Christ.

5. Obedience—Jesus tells us clearly how to love him, “Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love.” Obedience to God and his will over our will is the way we love God more fully, and also the way the Lord’s “joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.”

Beginning his apostolic exhortation ‘*EVANGELII GAUDIUM (2013)*,’ Pope Francis writes, “*The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.*” The joy of the gospel animates the third aspect to being intentional disciples, which is serving the LORD more faithfully.

To Serve the Lord more faithfully – In our relationships, the more we know a person, the more we are able to love them, especially as we recognize their goodness and love for us. The more we know God’s immeasurable love for us the more we want to serve him completely.

1. Joy – St. Paul enumerates joy as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. As we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us more deeply into our love for God and thus so directing our lives and animating our actions, joy ought to be evident in everything we do as disciples of the Lord. In writing his second letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul also reminds us that “God loves a cheerful giver.” This joy borne of God’s love for us and our love for God is one of the most powerful witnesses to our faith and one of the most effective tools of evangelization.

2. Baptism – We serve the Lord in faithfulness by living fully our baptism, which is a call to holiness. This call develops as a personal relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and takes shape through the commandments and Beatitudes.

3. Vocation – We serve the Lord faithfully by seeking his will in all things, particularly by striving to discern his will for our lives. Understanding, accepting and living the vocation to marriage, priesthood, religious life or the single life that God has for us is one important way that vocations serve God. Another is by helping others, especially our children, recognize the vocation God has for them.

4. Love of Neighbor – Following the instruction of the Lord in the parable of the Good Samaritan, we serve the Lord by excluding no one from our love and compassion.

5. Family life – Shaping family life as husband and wife and parents by our Catholic faith or supporting family life as relatives, friends and parishioners constitutes an extremely important form of love of neighbor.

6. Stewardship – Good stewardship of our time, talent and treasure acknowledges the Lord as the Giver of all good gifts that have been given to be shared. Good stewards honor God and serve others, particu-

larly the most vulnerable, alienated, and needy. Through this loving service, we not only help others, but also learn to live the very nature in which we have been created—God’s—which is selfless love.

Recently, Pope Francis has given clear indication that he intends the approaching Year of Mercy to be a real opportunity for many to experience God’s mercy powerfully and deeply. May we, the People of Saint Joseph’s on Cabbage Hill open our hearts as Intentional Disciples to the vastness of God’s Mercy.

In the Knowledge, Love and Service of Christ,

Fr. Allan F. Wolfe

Parishioners in the Spotlight

Jim and Clare Tongel

Jim & Clare Tongel are the proud parents of Matthew, married to Amy Jo Jones, Mark, married to Michelle Melchiorre, and Michael. They are also crazy about their six grandsons, Christopher, in college, twins Ben & Nick, and Oliver and Sebastian, all Matt and Amy’s sons, and Collin, Mark’s son.

Jim and Clare have been members of St. Joseph Church since 1990. Clare, however, grew up in the parish until leaving for college at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in 1969. There she met Jim, a Pittsburgh native. Both are graduates of Duquesne University. Clare with a B.A. in English Literature and Jim with a B.S. in Marketing. When they married they decided that family and faith would be more important than “careers” and chose jobs that would allow them time for both.



They moved to Columbia, PA in 1987 and then to Lancaster in 1990 when they joined St. Joseph’s Parish. Jim is Produce Manager for Giant Foods and Clare retired as a store accountant/cash office associate for Giant Foods.

Both are active members of St. Joseph’s. Jim is a former chairman of Parish Council and Clare is on the Altar Linen Care Committee. Both are Extraordinary Ministers and serve as chairs of the Hospitality Committee. They sponsor a child through “Unbound” and cherish their weekly hour in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Jim and Clare are huge sports fans, professional sports, Go Pirates! Go Steelers! Go Penguins!, as well as the sports their sons and now their grandsons have participated in over the years. In addition they enjoy seeing them perform in school band and musical groups. They also enjoy home improvement projects and both enjoy playing the guitar for fun.

They chose St. Joseph’s as their parish for its personal history and for having remained relevant in an area that has gone through a difficult transformation. Both come from families whose faith and church were a part of who you were, and they have tried to instill those same values in their children and grandchildren. They feel that St. Joseph’s has always made that task easier because their fellow parishioners and the priests St. Joseph’s has been blessed with over the years have nurtured those same values.

Jim and Clare hope to remain at St. Joseph’s for many years to come. They pray for more involvement by younger members of the parish and for Father Wolfe and Father Kelley and the exciting possibilities they bring to St. Joseph’s and the surrounding area.

From Father Kelley's Desk



God is good...all the time! All the time...God is good! As the new Parochial Vicar to the parish, I was invited to offer some space in the parish newsletter, and far be it from me to turn down an opportunity to say something. I want to say two things in this little newsletter blurb.

The first thing is... I want to thank you all for your very warm welcome. The office staff, the impressive army of volunteers, the liturgical ministers, the people of the neighborhood, and especially the people of the parish, have all been wonderfully welcoming, and I absolutely want to say THANK YOU to all of you--here in a general way, and to you each personally as I come to meet and know you. I look forward to ministering to you and with you in the love and compassion of Our Lord. I don't know how long the Bishop will allow me to stay here, but whatever time we have, we'll make the most of it!

The second thing is... a little about me. I grew up in Lebanon, PA (right next to Fr. Wolfe's hometown of Annville). I grew up in the parish of St. Gregory the Great, which was a 10 minute walk from my home, but which was merged with St. Gertrude the Great (the home parish of Cardinal Keeler) to form the new St. Cecilia Parish. I was an altar server from 5th grade to 12th grade, and as a public school (Ceder Crest HS) student, attended religious education until 12th grade. I then went to West Chester University of PA and received a degree in Music Education (and a minor in Psychology), with the tuba being my principal instrument. I taught classroom music and choir in Spring Valley, New York (just north of New Jersey), and then elementary instrumental music in Baltimore County (Middle River/Dundalk). Finding that full-time music education was not where my deeper interests lay, I moved into other work, while arranging and teaching music for high school marching band in the summer and fall, and marching drum and bugle corps in the spring and summer. I worked at Zurich Financial Services in Baltimore, focusing on database and workflow management and reporting for our Baltimore and Chicago Underwriting Services offices. While I had success in my time at Zurich, and made great friends, and loved my job, my faith life was becoming more important to me. I was praying the rosary regularly, and attending daily Mass during my lunch breaks. I eventually called my pastor and expressed a growing sense of vocation to the priesthood. He connected me with the Office of Vocations for the diocese of Harrisburg, and after completing the application process, I was at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA. I graduated from Saint Vincent summa cum laude, with an extra Pontifical degree from San Anselmo in Rome, in 2013. My first priesthood assignment was at St. Joseph Church in Hanover, PA, where I had earlier served as a seminarian during the summer program. I was there for two years before receiving my new assignment, starting June 2015, at St. Joseph and San Juan Bautista in Lancaster.

I had, like many young adults, essentially stopped going to church during college, and my faith was not reflected in my life choices or conversation. But many of my friends were Catholic, including the marching band where I worked in the evenings and weekends, Lebanon Catholic, and so I never really lost touch with the Church. After a particularly challenging conversation with a Protestant friend who echoed the half-truths he was taught about the Catholic Church, I re-engaged my Catholic faith as an adult, and began seeking answers to the questions that bothered me about the Church. In a wide-ranging quest, I found that the Church had compelling and convincing explanations for her teachings, and that the more one looked for answers, the more those answers connected to one another in a single multi-faceted understanding of everything. When I was sufficiently convinced of the truth of the Church, that it was the perfection of reason and faith, and not the abdication of reason to maintain faith, I gave my assent to the Truth of the Catholic Faith, soon after which I entered seminary.

And so my approach to my seminary formation was focused on the intellectual formation: how to adequately explain and defend the Truth of the Faith. I spent a great deal of time in studying and reading, and of

course prayer, and seeking from seminary how to most effectively communicate the immense treasury of the Truth of the Catholic Church. While my priesthood is ministering the Divine love and compassion of Christ, it is also giving the Divine Truth which Christ came to give us. I still rely on that educational experience I gained in college, even though at the time becoming a priest was the farthest thing from my mind (but always part of God's plan). I love catechetical conversations--what the Church teaches, and why the Church teaches what she does. I was able in Hanover to spend a lot of time with religious education and RCIA, and I hope to be able to do that here as well.

Again, Thank you for the beautiful welcome I have been blessed with in my new assignment here, and I look forward to getting to know all of you. Most of you know I'm terrible with names, and I appreciate your patience and understanding. So to end with a quote (paraphrase) from our late bishop McFadden, "Please pray for me, as I pray for you, because you need holy priests, and we need holy people." God bless you!

Fr. Steve Kelley

Welcome to Our New Coordinator of Religious Education

Mr. Armando Torres

My name is Armando Torres, Jr. I grew up in the local Catholic Community attending St. Anthony of Padua Parish and San Juan Bautista Parish. My wife's name is Linda and we have one daughter, two sons and three granddaughters.

Long story short thanks to a lady named Judy Gantz, I became involved in the CCD program at San Juan Bautista, first as a Catechist mainly in the RCIA program for children and young adults. Most recently, since 2011 I have served as the Coordinator of Religious Education for San Juan Bautista and I welcome the opportunity to serve here at St. Joseph Parish as well.

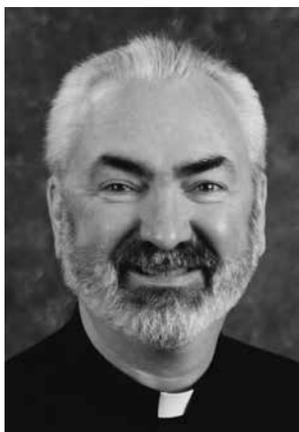


Please share any thoughts that you may have and assist me along the way as we continue to grow in faith as One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic church.

Peace to all,
Armando Torres

Parish Retreat

Saturday, November 7, 2015



On November 7, St. Joseph Parish welcomes back Father Michael Murray, OSFS, Director of DeSales Spirituality Services, for a parish retreat to be held at the Kiwanas Lodge at Lancaster Country Park.

Father's theme is "***How To Form A Holy Family.***" Come with your family to learn how your family can grow in holiness.

The day's schedule, directions to the lodge and registration information will be available soon. There is no cost to attend.

Thank You Letters Received

The following letters were received from the groups who benefitted from our annual Stewardship contributions.

June 5, 2015



Dear Father Wolfe and Parishioners of St. Joseph Church:

Thank you for your contribution of \$300.00 to the work of the Center for Community Peacemaking.

At the Annual Dinner ...Mike Evanko spoke about a young boy who had taken part in vandalism and was able to help make things right by meeting with the person he harmed. Though Mike and other facilitators are volunteers, each of these conferences costs about \$600.00 for us to coordinate. \$100.00 of that on average is paid by Lancaster County. Your donation helps us pay for the rest...for both those harmed and those who have harmed others.

We have a gem in the Center for Community Peacemaking. In all of Pennsylvania, CCP is a leading practitioner of restorative justice and that's thanks to your support. As I continue in my first year as executive director, I am ever more convinced of the need to build on this strength and expand the healing power of this work. I look forward to working with you to develop this greater call to peacemaking.

We are honored and blessed to receive your recent donation. Thank you to everyone there for walking with us to further our local peacemaking work in Christ's love.

Peace & blessings,
Christopher Fitz
Executive Director



June 3, 2015

Dear St. Joseph Catholic Church,

On behalf of our President, Mary Turnbaugh, thank you for your donation of \$400.00 for our Golf Tournament to benefit benevolent care at St. Anne's. Your gift is a tremendous help to us in our ministry of caring for our elderly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gratefully yours in Jesus,
Mary Jo Diffendall
Director of Development



June 16, 2015

Dear St. Joseph Church,

We gratefully received your congregation's gift of \$600.00 at our brand new and operating facility on North Queen Street, which many in Lancaster call "the food bank." One one hand, when you consider the versatility of LCCC's ministries, this label seems narrow. On the other, no nickname for our new home could be more precise --we are a "food bank" in the truest sense, because our mission is to feed the whole person.

For financially strapped families, we provide nutritious food, decent clothing, holiday gifts, winter shelter, and small amounts of financial assistance. Our *Wheels to Work* car dealership finances affordable vehicles, augmenting clients' budgeting skills, incomes and family bonds. Our *PA Workwear* boutique outfits new or prospective hires in professional clothing or work-related gear. These programs, made possible by your congregation's gifts, enable the Council and its clients to work for a future that is truly full.

With many thanks,
Matt Weaver
Director of Development & Finance

June 8, 2015



Dear Friend of Clare House, Inc.:

On behalf of Clare House, Inc. I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$300.00. Your commitment to helping homeless women and their children in our community weather the crises in their lives is appreciated by those helping them and, most importantly, by those who benefit from our services.

Since our inception in 1980, Clare House has helped over 4,000 women and children by providing a safe place to call home today while working on a better tomorrow. This is only possible because of thoughtful contributions from people like you.

In the years to come, we plan to continue to provide not only shelter, but also programming such as effective parenting, budgeting, job training skills and housing assistance for homeless women and children in Lancaster County. As you know, we rely on the kind support of the community to encourage growth socially, intellectually, and emotionally; thereby enabling our residents to become more productive members of society.

Thank you for your support of Clare House.

Appreciatively,
Evalina Dombrowski
Executive Director



June 22, 2015

Dear Friends at St. Joseph,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$300.00. I am especially grateful that you are thinking of our Bridge of Hope moms and children now as you look forward to your own summer plans. It is always a challenging time of year for our finances.

Thank you again for your support. I hope you have a summer of discovering hope in your daily life and vacation. You make it possible for the single moms and children in our program to do that too. It is a joy to partner with you on the road to discovering hope.

Blessings,
Francesca J. Crane
Executive Director



June 10, 2015

Dear Friends,



Thank you for interest and support of our work at Milagro House. Your donation of \$300.00 is greatly appreciated.

General contributions provide a significant part of our annual operating budget. Without your help we would not be able to provide our life-changing services for the hundreds of women and children who have called Milagro House home over the past 17 years.

Our educational program works. There is not a day that goes by that we don't get calls from women asking if there are openings. By focusing on education, we are giving women the tools to break the cycles of poverty and dependency and move toward a life of independence and self-sufficiency for themselves and their children. The comprehensive support we provide to our families includes intensive social service coordination, counseling, career guidance, life skills workshops, parenting, and of course, our core focus on education. Milagro House accepts no government funding. Every gift we receive is crucial to our operation.

Thank you again for your generous support of Milagro House.

Sincerely yours,
Gail G. Rittenhouse
Executive Director



June 2015

Dear Fr. Wolfe,

Thank you so much for the generous gift of \$364.00 from Mrs. Wang's CCD students and your support of Schreiber's *We're All Special*TM program that promotes disability awareness. Your gift plays a significant part in what we accomplish here at the Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center - and that is changing lives.

Since insurance and other funding sources only cover about half of the cost of treatment, the Center relies on the support of generous community members, just like you, to help cover the difference. On behalf of the thousands of children whom we are privileged to serve each year, thank you.

Your gift is truly appreciated. Know that you are touching the lives of some very special children.

Sincerely,
James W. DeBord
President



July 8, 2015

Dear Father Wolfe:

We very much appreciate your donation of \$500.00 on May 29, 2015 to the Catholic Worker House of Lancaster. We want to assure you that this 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

Mary's Sisterhood of Spirituality



All women of the parish are invited to this year's upcoming events, to be held Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm on the following dates:

September 15, 2015

December 1, 2015

February 16, 2016

April 26, 2016

Theme for the year: *Deepening our Prayer Life*

Join us for a wonderful time of inspiration, prayer, and music

“love the whole venue”

“so beautiful”

“wonderful food, lots of fellowship”

Help St. Joseph Whenever You Buy!

New Ways to Order Scrip

Scrip is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their non-profit organization. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks and credit cards. **When you use scrip gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're earning money for St. Joseph's Parish while you shop!**



ScripNow eCards are electronic gift cards that can be ordered and printed right from your ShopWithScrip account. You'll receive your scrip in minutes and be able to shop in store or online immediately! You can also send ScripNow eGifts via email. Schedule a delivery for a specific date up to a year in advance for birthdays, thank-yous, graduations and more. Need a last minute gift instead? ScripNow eGifts can be sent instantly! With the option to add a personal message, you'll always be able to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list.

Reload – Go green and reuse gift cards instead of throwing them away. Use the Reload option on ShopWithScrip.com and add money to gift cards you've already purchased from our scrip program. With Reload, you can add any denomination to your card between the listed minimum and maximum. Plus, when you pay for your order with PrestoPay, the online payment method offered through ShopWithScrip.com, your funds will be added to your card overnight. It's so convenient!



Enroll in **PrestoPay**, the online payment method offered through ShopWithScrip.com, and pay for your orders with the electronic funds transfer system. It's easy, it's secure and it allows you to skip the hassle of paying with cash or checks. PrestoPay securely links a bank account to your ShopWithScrip account so you can choose electronic debit when you checkout online. The rebate is automatically credited to our organization.

There is a small convenience fee of only \$0.15 per order. PrestoPay uses the same ACH process used for billions of transactions every year, including payroll direct deposit and Social Security.

My Scrip Wallet is an ordering tool for your cell phone for ScripNow eCards and Reloads, and it includes a wallet function to display your previously purchased eCards and Reload cards.



With all these new ways to order gift cards, go to ShopWithScrip.com and check it out. You are able to get gift cards for yourself or for gifts while you help St. Joseph Catholic Church raise money at no cost to you. **To link your account to St. Joseph, our code is F491ABA22L191.**

Saint Joseph Church
Financial Operations Summary
For the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2015

This is the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Operating expenses exceeded the offerings collected resulting in a operating deficit of \$181,246. 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 "Non-Operating Income" resulted in an additional \$149,309 in revenue. The total deficit for the fiscal year end is \$31,937 which is a smaller deficit than we had in March.

	<u>2014/2015 Actual</u>	<u>2014/2015 Total Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Offerings (1)	\$ 649,340	\$ 683,344	95.0%
Operating Expenses (2)	(830,586)	(884,462)	93.9%
Excess (Deficit)	\$ (181,246)	\$ (201,118)	90.1%
Other Income (3)	\$ 141,498	\$ 147,318	96.0%
Non-Operating Income (Expense) (4)	7,811	\$ 10,932	71.5%
Revenue in Excess of Expenses	\$ (31,937)	\$ (42,868)	

(1) Weekly, holiday, and other collections

(2) See chart below

(3) Rentals, gifts and bequests, votives, fund raising

(4) Net withdrawals from/deposits to savings, Fund Receipts/Capital Expenditures

Operating Expenses:	<u>2014/2015 Actual</u>	<u>2014/2015 Total Budget</u>
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 331,871	\$ 376,859
Education Support *	263,417	266,750
Utilities	52,070	60,684
Religious Supplies	27,726	25,808
Office/Other supplies	11,482	17,814
Insurance	57,226	52,375
Repairs & Maintenance	39,171	37,378
Taxes	6,229	9,056
Other Expenses	41,394	37,738
Total	\$ 830,586	\$ 884,462

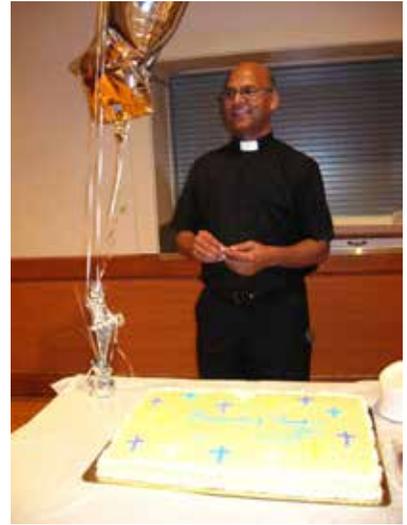
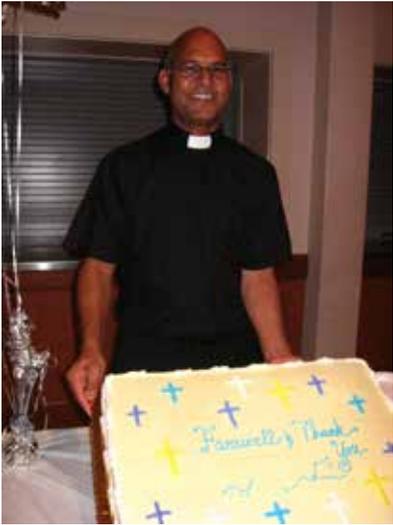
* Assessments for LCHS and Resurrection, & Financial Aid

Cash and Reserves at June 30, 2015

ACCOUNT:	<u>6/30/15</u>	<u>6/30/14</u>
Operating cash	\$33,439	\$65,376
Organ Fund*	2,297	2,263
Organ Memorial Fund*	144,507	140,822
Restoration Fund*	38,369	38,466
Stained Glass Window Fund (Msgr. Smith)*	11,789	
Savings	1,114	6,839
Education Endowment*	801	4,766
Total Cash and Reserves	\$232,316	\$258,532

* Denotes restricted funds

Summer Happenings
Farewell Reception for Father Isaac
Saturday, June 13



Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
Sunday, June 14



Announcement of LHOP Grant and Neighborhood Block Party June 29, 2015

St. Joseph's Parking Lot was the site of a neighborhood block party where The Wells Fargo Regional Foundation, which invests in economically challenged areas, awarded \$100,000 to the Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership to develop a plan to expand revitalization efforts in Lancaster city's southwest, an area marked by high poverty. It will be up to the community to develop the plan, but it must address, among other things, housing and economic development, according to the foundation. Representatives of the parish and the neighborhood are working with LHOP, the Lancaster Safety Coalition and the Lancaster City Alliance to develop the plan.





St. Joseph Catholic Club

Hillian Happenings

(submitted by John Bauer)



The Board of Directors of St. Joseph Catholic Club would like to thank all of the members of St. Joseph Church who volunteered their time and efforts to our carnival. Thank you to the board members and their families. A special thanks to Tom Souders, the carnival chairman. And most of all thank you to the parishioners and the community for supporting this fund raiser.

Congratulations to all of the recipients of the John Wendel and Pete Hegener Scholarship Awards. Thanks to Joe Hoeningner and his committee, for their efforts in the selection process of these awards. And congratulations to all of the parishioners and their families who graduated from grade school, high school and college this year.

Congratulations to all of the players and coaches in our baseball and softball programs this year. Once again the teams had another great season under the directorships of Alan Walsh (baseball) and Bill Souders (softball). They are already preparing for next year.

If any parishioner has ideas for sporting programs, utilizing the parish hall or our athletic field on Wabank Road, please contact any board member with your suggestions.

A reminder: The Club room is available for parties and family events. Please contact Mark Legenstein, chairman, at 872-8849 or Mark@certifiedcarpet.com.

The Board of Directors www.stjosephcatholicclub.com

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL COACHES

St. Joseph Catholic Club is in need of coaches to teach kids the fundamentals of Baseball and Softball. Ages vary from 6 years old (8U) to 14 (14U). We need coaches now for Fall League and also Spring Leagues. Please call Bill Souders 917-3755.



News from the Pews

Congratulations Recent Graduates

Quinn Nadu, son of Jeff and Patti Nadu graduated from Elizabethtown College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration -Entrepreneurship.

Michael Cullen, son of Jim and MaryAnne Cullen received his Master's degree in Enterprise Architecture from Penn State University. He is employed by the PA College of Health Sciences.

Dean's List

Andrew Magloughlin, son of Kevin & Marie Magloughlin was named to the Dean's List for the fall and spring semesters at American University where he is majoring in political science.

Medical Mission Trip to Peru

(submitted by Mary Anne Cullen)

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the June medical mission trip to La Merced and Huancayo, Peru. MaryAnne and Joan Cullen volunteered in rural clinics and hospitals assisting patients with health screenings, teaching English in remote poor schools, applying fluoride to children's teeth in schools and giving out toothbrushes and toothpaste, helping in an orphanage for children with HIV, and doing a presentation to school children on domestic violence.



Parishioner Linda DaSilva Travels to Ghana for Mission Work

(submitted by Linda DaSilva)

The photos below show some of the projects Linda worked on at Heritage Academy in Essiam, Ghana this summer. The school provides education and a hot lunch to 1300 students. The team worked on improving the hand washing facilities, fixed the well and are setting up drinking barrels for the kids to have easier access to drinking water. A new kitchen is being built to improve sanitation and nutrition. With support from the Tipitina's crowd they began a menstrual education program and supplied girls with sustainable, reusable menstrual hygiene kits which allows them to attend school during their menses.



September is International Alzheimer Awareness Month

(submitted by Patricia Wang)

The Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. They provide reliable information, education, support, and crisis assistance to families affected by dementia. Their nationwide helpline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 800-272-3900. They also provide a variety of online services located on their website www.alz.org such as:

- For more information on available services, call their 24 hour nationwide toll free number, 800-272-3900. Specialists are available to provide assistance anytime, day or night.

The Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline provides reliable information and support to all those who need assistance. Call us toll-free anytime day or night at 1.800.272.3900. Their 24/7 Helpline serves people with memory loss, caregivers, health care professionals and the public.

2015 Walk to End Alzheimer’s

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Registration at 9:00 am | Opening Ceremony at 10:00 am | Walk Start at 10:20 am

Clipper Magazine Stadium

650 North Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Women’s Club News

(submitted by Karen Wisniewski)

Saint Joseph Women’s Club is happy to announce the 2015 - 2016 Meetings Schedule:

Thursday, September 24, 2105

Thursday, October 22, 2015

November 19, 2015

January 28, 2016

February 25, 2016

March 31, 2016

April 28, 2016

The meetings are held in the Good Shepherd Room beginning at 7:00pm and ending around 8:30pm. Dues are still only five dollars. Please place in an envelope marked *Women’s Club* and drop in the offering basket. We are looking for new faces, new places, new ideas, new ways to use our time and treasure. We need you to make it happen this year. Please join us and see what we’re about. Don’t miss all the fun and adventure.

St. Joseph Women’s Club

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Dues are \$5.00. Please place in an envelope marked St. Joseph’s Women’s Club and drop in the collection basket.

Enjoying the Barnstormers

(Photos by Shirley Bielmyer)



Two Great Parish Activities

(submitted by Jim Weber)

Mark your calendars for two wonderful parish activities that are coming up in October.



The 1st Annual Ladies' Soirée is being held on Saturday evening October 3. Tickets are \$15 and feature a delightful social, sit down dinner and desserts.

St. Joseph's 3rd Annual GermanFest is being held on Saturday, October 24. More details will be coming on this great event.

Have Any Shoes You Don't Want Anymore?

(submitted by MaryAnne Cullen)

Please donate any kind of shoes of any size or type to help a local charity called We're All God's Children. Pick up is also available. Deadline is November 10. For more information call MaryAnne at 344-9349 or email mcullen3212002@yahoo.com. Thank you!! Shoes can be placed in the communication center by the eyeglass collection box. Thanks again!!



Scout News

(submitted by Matt Stewart and Jim Dougherty)



Our summer activities usually include a week at our local scout camp where we are doing all kinds of activities. Along with that the Troop does our own adventure trip.

This year we went to Camp Bashore in Lebanon county. The week was busy for the leaders, as we had eight first time campers with us. Our Senior Patrol Leader, David who is only 16, was busy leading the kids through the week. Under his leadership the Troop earned the Troop Award of Excellence.

Meanwhile the leaders were having their own fun. Jerry Thompson, Rick Albright, and Matt Stewart were busy cooking up something for the Cook Off Challenge. We made bacon wrapped Maraschino cherries. They were good. Later in the week, Jerry and Matt tried out their duct tape raft. All in all it was a good week at camp where the kids learned some scout skills, but also some valuable life skills.



Our Troop trip this year took us to Niagara Falls and the surrounding area. For most of the kids it was the first time seeing the falls. We spent the day there doing all the tourist things, tourists do. While there we visited Fort Niagara, where the kids were put in to the marching line and got to act to like soldiers using wood rifles.



Later in the day we went swimming, which is always a favorite activity of the Troop.

We also have to eat, so the kids are busy cooking up some fine food each day.



If you are interested in joining the Cub Scouts (1st to 5th grade) or 6th grade and up for Boy Scouts, call Jim Dougherty 393-6884 or Matt Stewart 587-8409. We meet in the Scout Room above the gym, Cubs on Wednesday night, and Boy Scouts on Monday.

Parish Family Update **May 16, 2015 - August 31, 2015**

We welcome through Baptism these “newest” members of our parish family:

Riley Scott English, son of Cean & Jana English
Nora Jean Hallock, daughter of Patrick II & Laura Jean Hallock

We welcome those young people who have registered as adult parishioners:

Ms. Hope Weber

Parish Family Update

(continued)

We extend congratulations and best wishes to those recently married:

Thomas R. Westphal & Michele Anne Bucher
Eric John Regits & Brittany Ann Newhouse
Michael J. Conner, Jr. & Jacquelyn M. Powers
Austin T. Krause & Juliann E. Souders
Jared Shayka & Reka Berenyi
Daniel J. Hickel & Jenna M. Lawrence
Jacob D. Hankins & Kimberly A. McDonnell
Michael D. Barnes & Debra J. Hutchinson

We extend a warm welcome to those who have registered as new parishioners:

Miss Antonia Celotto
Ms. Giacinta Czajkowski
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Fittipaldi
Mr. Aung OO
Ms. Paula J. Souders
Miss Courtney R. Scheingraber

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

Mr. Phillip B. Anglin
Ms. Dionne K. Desmangles
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Harrison
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Schlinkman

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of those who have died:

Parishioners

John C. "Jack" Brons
Rosemary Resch
Carolyn Wendel Roberts
Earl Roschel
Howard "Cork" Roschel, husband of JoAnn Roschel
Glenn Russell
Katrina Short, daughter of Steven & Buffie Short

Loved Ones of Parishioners

Joanne Caterbone, sister of George and Thomas Weber
Betty Hoar, sister-in law of Kitty Hoar Ginter
Vincenza Mineo, daughter of Vicki Borsellino
Elsa Paniagua, mother of Joseline Scheid
Clara Rottmund, mother of Kathleen Strosser
Robert Steinmetz, father of Janis Bond

Please also remember in prayer:

Donald C. Boettger
Shirley Rineer
James P. Ross
Herbert W. Sawyer
Dorothy Sangrey
Father Carl Steffen

Test Your Faith Knowledge

Catechist Magazine September 2015

(Permission is granted to copy for use with students and their families)

1. "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and the one who humbles himself will be ____ (Luke 18:14)
a. happy b. sad c. exalted d. smart
2. For Catholics, God's grace is
a. earned through good works b. only for saints c. unnecessary d. a free gift
3. How often should Catholics go to Mass?
a. only on Holy Days b. weekly c. twice daily d. once before dying
4. Which Old Testament book has the story of Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt?
a. Exodus b. Deuteronomy c. Revelation d. Matthew
5. Song: "Amazing ____ how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me."
a. church b. sacraments c. Lord d. grace
6. When we celebrate Mass here on earth, we are joining in the heavenly Mass where Jesus is the priest.
a. True b. False
7. In order for the sacraments to change us for the better, we must ____
a. read the whole Bible b. be raised by parents who are saints c. have faith d. never sin
8. Jesus is a good shepherd because he takes care of his sheep.
a. True b. False
9. The Old Testament contains history, poems, prophecies, wise teachings and ____
a. stories about Jesus b. letters c. gospels d. songs
10. In order to keep in touch with the churches he started, St. Paul wrote them ____
a. religious dictionaries b. letters c. Christmas carols d. rap songs
11. The ability to choose between food and evil is called
a. Facebook b. magic c. texting d. free will
12. The first part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the ____
a. priests b. Eucharist c. homily d. Word
13. The second part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the ____
a. adults b. saints c. Eucharist d. Word
14. ____ wrote most of the Psalms in the Old Testament.
a. King David b. King Solomon c. King Tut d. Jesus
15. The Lord is the source of everything good in this world, even in the lives of people who don't believe in God.
a. True b. False
16. Mary was Jesus' mother. ____ was his earthly father.
a. Hercules b. Francis c. Matthew d. Joseph
17. Besides the Mass, the other official prayer of the Church is the Liturgy of the ____.
a. Animals b. Hours c. Dead d. Bishops
18. By forgiving our ____, God welcomes us back into God's family just like the father did in the story of the Prodigal Son.
a. sins b. accidents c. mistakes d. brothers & sisters
19. "A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have ____ and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)
a. life b. happiness c. comfort d. ice cream
20. The Sign of the ____ at Mass helps us to follow Jesus who told us to reconcile with each other before we bring a gift to the altar. (Matthew 5:24)
a. Communion b. Peace c. Confessions d. Handicapped parking

1. c.	2. d.	3. b.	4. a.
5. d.	6. True	7. c.	8. True
9. d.	10. b.	11. d.	12. d.
13. c.	14. a.	15. True	16. d.
17. b.	18. a.	19. a.	20. b.
Answers to Test Your Faith Knowledge			