

# Highlights from St. Joseph's

## Our Mission

### Commitment to God, Family, Parish, and Community

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## Opening the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Dear People and Friends of Saint Joseph's,

Earlier this week, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and in so doing opened the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Guided by the theme of this Jubilee, "Merciful like the Father," all are invited to enter more deeply into the mercy of our Heavenly Father so as to be merciful like him in every one of our relationships.

In the document proclaiming this year – December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016 – as the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis explains the reason for this focus: "In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. Lk 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon."(9)

This Jubilee follows naturally from his earlier apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel," and so much of his pontificate, in which the Pope has been emphasizing God's mercy. The "Joy of the Gospel" begins with him writing, "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." Thus, this Jubilee serves to refocus and renew the Church—clergy and laity alike—in living and proclaiming the joy of the Gospel by being witnesses to God's mercy.

Utterly convinced of this, Pope Francis continues to explain the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church "has an endless desire to show mercy".[8] Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. . . On the other hand, sad to say, we must admit that the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture. In some cases the word seems to have dropped out of use. However, without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."(10)

This Jubilee of Mercy offers an exciting opportunity for all the Church, an exciting opportunity for us at Saint Joseph's as we strive to build upon the great heritage we have inherited on Cabbage Hill. Re-learning to be more effective witnesses to mercy to one another, to our neighbors and to all those around us empowers us to live the joy of the Gospel and share it effectively with others. This is what it means to be Intentional Disciples of the Lord.

"Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures forever!" Psalm 107:1

In the Joy of the Gospel,  
*Fr. Allan F. Wolfe*



# St. Joseph's Parish Retreat 2015

(submitted by Christine Spiess)

The event that took place at Lancaster County Park on November 7 was extraordinary! Our retreat was led by Father Michael Murray, OSFS, Executive Director of De Sales Spirituality Services in the Wilmington/Philadelphia Province and Religious Superior of De Sales Center Oblate Community. He gave us a look at the "Holy Family" in a way that sent a message never before considered. The image most of us see is a beautiful picture of the three main characters: Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child. However, based on studies from St. Francis DeSales, Father Michael told us that what we see in this beautiful art does not always give us the full picture.

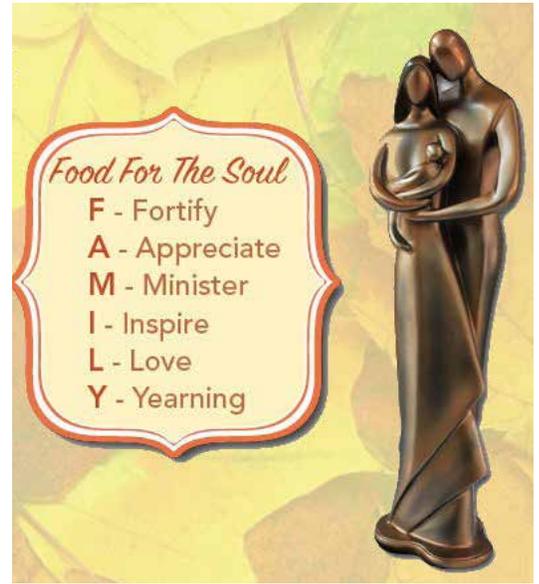
For instance, this family had struggles and met with obstacles much like our families do today and some were even more challenging. The message being, in spite of, or because of the obstacles, we stick together. Life is difficult, but it is a gift! Using our ability to REASON, LISTEN AND BE SPIRITUAL (spirituality is the call to be REAL) "we will remain stern and constant in this mortal life."

"Holiness" is our response to the challenges that this life brings into our path. Father Michael tells us to be "reasonable" respond, don't react! Listen!! Obedience is not about being told what to do; it is about listening.

As family we learn to work with diversity. This is within ourselves, our families, our communities and in this world. "Jesus did not come to make life easy; Jesus came to make us great!" Father Michael tells us to "be grateful and thank God for family."

Experiencing this retreat has given all of those who attended a much greater understanding of devotion to holiness; doing the right thing readily - diligently - frequently. Work the problems "together."

Thank you Father Michael Murray and all those who helped make this experience possible and all who came to join in the experience.



## Leadership Needed for Parish Youth Group!

Are you fun? Energetic? Do you want to help spread the News? Are you in grades 7-12? If so, the Saint Joseph Youth Group is for you! The youth group is looking to expand. They are also in need of someone to lead them in ministry, spirituality, and fun. They want to give back to the Church and the community. Some members of the group recently met at a local restaurant to brainstorm fun activities to do throughout the year such as visiting retirement homes, planning picnics, and going caroling. They are a fun, energetic group with many ideas for building the program.

Adults who are willing to work with our young people, please call Mary Ellen Gardner, Volunteer Coordinator, at the rectory 397-6291.

## A Memorial is an Expression of Love and Thanksgiving



Why not consider sponsoring an Organ Pipe to remember a loved one, honor a friend, or give yourself a gift this Christmas? There are 1092 pipes remaining to be sponsored, as well as 19 Ranks, the Swell, and the Pedal.

- Sponsor an organ pipe (\$250) for family, friends, or yourself and include them in our Memorial and Gift Book. We will also prepare a certificate for you (see sample at the stand by the donor wall in the vestibule of the church).
- Sponsor a rank of pipes (\$5,000), Swell (\$15,000), or Pedal (\$15,000) for family, friends, or yourself and include them on our donor wall. We will also prepare a certificate for you.

Monies received are for maintenance and future repairs of our historic organ. Those wishing to contribute to our care of our organ or memorialize a loved one will find the brochure and envelopes in the vestibule by the memorial stand.

Thank you, again, to all who have helped preserve the treasures we have received.

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## News from the Pews

Congratulations to Christopher MinMin and Niang Lamlian, two of our parishoners originally from Myanmar (Burma) who were naturalized United States citizens.

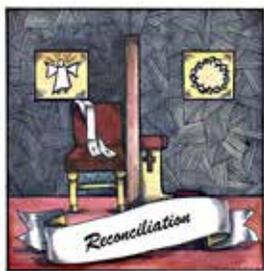


Christopher came to the United States in 2008 and graduated from J. P. McCaskey High School in 2008. He is employed at Dart Container and is enrolled in the RCIA program and engaged to Rita Bawiza Nuam.

Niang, who was born in Buan, Burma, is married to Joseph Thang Lam Lian and works as a nursing assistant. She and Joseph are the parents of a two-year-old son, George.



## Advent Penance Services



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| Thursday, December 10th  | St. Anne Church                            | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, December 10th  | St. Richard Church                         | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, December 13th    | St. Peter's & Holy Trinity at Holy Trinity | 2:00 p.m. |
| Monday, December 14th    | Sacred Heart Church                        | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, December 15th   | St. James Church                           | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, December 16th | St. Joseph Church                          | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, December 17th  | St. John Neumann Church                    | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, December 17th  | San Juan Bautista Church                   | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, December 20th    | Assumption BVM Church                      | 6:30 p.m. |
| Monday, December 21st    | St. Anthony of Padua Church                | 7:00 p.m. |

### Sacrament of Penance

*Additional times for Confessions here at St. Joseph's: Saturday, December 19 from 10:00-11:00am and 4:00-5:00pm; Wednesday, December 23 from 10:00-11:00am and 7:00-8:00pm; Thursday, December 24 from 10:00-11:00am. Anytime by appointment*

### Spiritual Offering

Children's Adoration every Tuesday 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
 December 15 and December 22  
 Adoration Chapel, lower level.  
 All ages and abilities welcome; handicap accessible.



"GIVE YOURSELF THE BEST ADVENT EVER - SPENDING TIME WITH JESUS.  
 For more information call catechist Patricia Wang at 396-0635

## Happy Retirement, Shirley!

Father Wolfe, Father Kelley and the Parish Staff hosted a luncheon on December 8 to honor Shirley Engle on her retirement. Shirley served as cook and housekeeper at St. Joseph's for twelve years. She will be remembered for her culinary skills and beautiful presentation of the food she prepared. Following the luncheon, Father Wolfe and the staff presented her with a money tree in appreciation for her years of service to St. Joseph's Parish.





# St. Joseph Catholic Club



## Hillian Happenings

(submitted by John Bauer)

As we approach the end of another year, the Board of Directors of the Club would like to thank all of the members of St. Joseph Parish and the Lancaster community who have in any way participated in our programs over the past 12 months. From the players who participated on our baseball and softball teams, the coaches and team parents to those of you who supported us with your attendance at ball games and fundraisers, and rented our club room facilities, we thank you.

We are preparing for the New Year. We are presently looking for coaches for our baseball and softball teams. If you are interested in coaching in the St. Joe program, please contact Alan Walsh (baseball) at 344-4851 or Bill Souders (softball) at 917-3755. Our field committee, under the directorship of Mark Scheuchenzuber, has been working diligently on the maintenance and upkeep of the field. The Carnival Committee (Tom Souders, chairman) is planning for the upcoming event in June of 2016. The House Committee with Rick Long, chairman, has been working to keep the room as clean and attractive as possible. Joe Hoenninger, our scholarship chairman is formulating plans to enhance and expand the mission of our scholarship program. Currently, we are in the midst of selling tickets for the 10-Week Club fundraiser to be held in the Monsignor Thomas H. Smith Hall on May 7, 2016. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact any board member or call Gene Duncan at 299-6940 or email him at GDuncan@aol.com.

If you are interested in renting our Club Room, please contact Mark Legenstein, chairman at 872-8849 or e-mail him at Mark@certifiedcarpet.com.

For additional information about St. Joseph Catholic Club, please visit our website, [www.stjosephcatholicclub.com](http://www.stjosephcatholicclub.com). Our club is always looking for new board members. We welcome any parishioner who has an interest in serving the youth of our parish and community to join us. This is an excellent opportunity to practice stewardship. Please share your time, talent, treasure and prayer with the youngsters of Cabbage Hill through membership on the Board of Directors of our Club.

May everyone experience a blessed and wonderful Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

The Board of Directors

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## Seminarian Philip Anglin and his classmates at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana



Philip is in the back row, just to the right of the marble arch.



## Resurrection Catholic School Celebrates 'Family of Faith'



The Holy Father's visit to the United States had special significance to members of the Resurrection Catholic School community in Lancaster, Pa., because of the emphasis on family, the school's theme for this year. Pope Francis spoke much and often about family during his visit to the United States in September and in previous speeches throughout the world. At Resurrection, staff remarked upon the connection with its own "Family of Faith" theme for the 2015-16 school year.

New teacher Dan Cotchen said the principal told him when she hired him, "Family is the most important thing here." As a Resurrection graduate and father of an 8-month-old, Cotchen said he feels the sense of family at home and school, but the Pope added responsibility to it. "Coming from the highest power, the most important person in our faith, if he emphasizes family, then we must follow it, too," Cotchen said.

Principal Brenda Weaver said the theme was chosen "because we know we can do nothing without faith in God and the support and help of others who care." But the pope's visit revealed a deeper, multi-faceted side of it. "He said families have differences, but love overcomes all," Weaver said. "We are guided by our faith and our passion for education as we lead each child on his or her journey to become a disciple of Christ. It's an awesome job that we cannot accomplish without prayer from families and friends." Students, parents, staff, donors and community members are included in its familial circle of support.



The school plans to hold monthly *Family of Faith* activities including a family Rosary this past October. Teacher Sylvia Buller mentioned a 2013 homily Pope Francis delivered in which he said, "Praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength." Buller said the Pope defined holy families as those who pray, keep the faith and experience joy. "We are so blessed here at Resurrection Catholic School to be able to celebrate our faith and joys together in our school community as a family of faith, and in doing so, follow the leadership of Pope Francis," Buller said.

When Pope Francis spoke to thousands gathered on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in September, he declared the celebration of the feast of the family. "Our school humbly acknowledges the Pope's message and we will try to live it during this school year," Weaver said.

### Resurrection Principal Receives Leadership Award

The Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer presented Resurrection Catholic School Principal Brenda Weaver with the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School Leadership Award September 16 in Harrisburg. The recognition for her ten years of service as principal came at the end of Mass attended by the staffs of all diocesan Catholic schools gathered for the annual Education Conference. Weaver said it's a privilege to work for Catholic schools and that teachers and staff are called to this special vocation that also serves the church. "In Catholic education, principals, teachers, everybody, need the constant support of the parish, the parishioners and the priests. Catholic schools are the backbone and the future of the Catholic church," Weaver said.



## Kindergartners Thank Veterans

Resurrection Catholic School kindergarten students visited Village Grande at Millers Run on Veterans Day to thank veterans for their service. Students brought miniature American flags, thank-you notes they colored in school and a handshake for those residents who attended the ceremony.



Frank Martzall, father of Resurrection kindergarten teacher Kristy Legenstein, led students and Village Grande residents in a the brief outdoor ceremony.



Father Kelley visited Resurrection and distributed Sunday offering envelopes to Resurrection students who are parishioners of St. Joseph's.



## Lancaster Catholic Honor Roll Students

Congratulations to the following St. Joseph Parishioners who earned Honor Roll Status for the First Quarter of the 2015-2016 School Year:

### Distinguished Honors

Benjamin Collister  
Braden McCarty  
Thomas Schlectic

### Honor Roll

Deonte Bolyer  
Erin Good  
Clara Laube  
Alexandria Marquart



# Parishioner in the Spotlight

Marie Linares

It is fitting that I am writing this in the Thanksgiving Season as I am very thankful for my Catholic heritage which began long before I was born when a cradle Catholic made a novena to the Holy Spirit that his fiancée becoming Catholic would be the sign that she was the person he was to marry. I was the youngest child of that union which included my two older brothers Paul and Joseph. I was baptized Mary Frances Theresa King at Christ the King in Orangeburg, South Carolina. It was at St. Vincent de Paul in Nashville, Tennessee, that I was educated by Blessed Sacrament Sisters and Franciscan priests. I am thankful to Mother Katherine Drexel who founded the order that gave me the best education imaginable in the then segregated South and to the Franciscan priests who shared the gospel of joy.

Besides a great education, the Blessed Sacrament Sisters instilled in us a great love for the Eucharist. I am thankful to the people of St. Joseph Parish where I have been a member for the past 25 years for the great gift of Perpetual Adoration. One of my greatest privileges is being able to bring the Eucharist to others. It is through bringing communion to people who are home bound and now at Lancaster General Hospital and Hamilton Arms that I have learned of the great heritage of the people who lived on Cabbage Hill and the sacrifices they made to live their faith and create a fitting place where they could worship as a community. It reminds me of my foster Brother and Sister, Gloria and Mario Valdes from Cuba, who through the Peter Pan program sponsored by Catholic Charities came to live with our family when they were 9 and 12 years old. They lived with our family for three years until they were able to reunite with their parents who left everything and gave all they had in order to come to the United States where they could freely practice their faith. It has been difficult for me to be separated from my only son, Charlie, who at age 26 decided to go and teach English at a Catholic school in Spain. I cannot imagine putting him on a plane when he was 12 in the hands of strangers, not knowing whether or not I would ever see him again.

My experience with the Valdes family helped me to better understand the rich heritage and sacrifice of immigrants. When our family moved to Miami, Florida, my last two years of High School was at a school staffed by the Christian Brothers who brought over La Salle Cuba and combined it with Immaculata. There over 90% of the students at my High School, Immaculata -La Salle were Cuban. It was in Miami that I started becoming more serious about learning Spanish. My interest in cultures continued when I followed the Blessed Sacrament Sisters to Xavier University of Louisiana where through the consortium with Loyola University, I got my Bachelor's in Psychology with a minor in Physical Education. The blend of French, Creole and Cajuns all helped me appreciate the diversity of our Catholic Faith. It was there that I danced in worship and continued my passion for dance as a healing art in Multi Arts Therapy. I completed my Dance Therapy internship at Cental Louisiana State Hospital then left for New York City to work as a Dance Therapist in the Bronx and study with the Dance Theatre of Harlem. While living and working in New York I completed my Masters in Creative Arts Therapy at Hahnemann Medical School in Philadelphia with Dance/Movement Therapy as my specialty. My vision of the healing aspects of the arts is what fueled my most recent career change to working at Catholic Charities as a therapist with youth in the Lancaster Intensive Day Treatment program. I am appreciative of the efforts of people of the parish who are continuing their great heritage of excellence in education by providing and maintaining the old St. Joseph School. I believe those of you who attended school there would be proud of the excellent teachers and the caring staff who are doing their best under challenging conditions to provide both a good education and emotional support for these children and their families.



As a member of both the neighborhood and the parish I feel doubly blessed, beginning with Paul and

Anna Lauer who were willing to open their door to a stranger. When I saw the Epiphany blessing on their door post I knew I had found my home. I went to Mass the following weekend and met Monsignor Smith and told him we may soon be neighbors, he immediately offered to bless my home. We moved in on December 31 and he was there New Year's Day to bless our home. I have no words for the priceless gift of Deacon Velazquez and his family who adopted me and my family and accepted me as one of their own. I am also appreciative of my choir family who allowed me to sing with them after my son went off to study at the University of Pittsburgh and my more recent Tipitina's family with whom I have shared faith and life struggles.

It is difficult to identify the one thing I like best about St. Joseph Parish. There is the Social Justice committee that is initiating an outreach to the family members of prisoners and those who have a heart for people who are incarcerated. I am thankful for the Parish Board especially Denise Zeigler who after approving the use of Tipitina's for families of men who are in recovery turned to me and asked "What more can we do?" There is the Dynamic Duo that fuel The Cookie Sale and my "garden fairies" who after my husband's death came in and tamed my wilderness and planted roses instead. It is seeing children I had the joy of teaching swimming at the "Y" now grown and serving on the altar or discovering that the new wellness Director of Brethren village where I worked with the Grey and silver mermaids was a Stipe. There is a vibrancy in our parish and its people which is reflected in Resurrection School and the teachers from our parish who sacrificed better pay to instruct our children. I am thankful to all of you and the sacrifices each of you make so that those who want it can have a Catholic School education.

The thing I like most about St. Joseph Parish, thanks to you and your ancestors, I can wake up every morning and see Jesus, be fed by the word of God, receive His body and blood united with my brothers and sisters in this community of faith and then take Him to those who need him most.

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## Parishioners View Papal Mass and Enjoy Potluck Supper

On Sunday, September 27 nearly 60 parishioners gathered in Monsignor Thomas H. Smith Social Hall to view the closing Mass for the World Meeting of Families celebrated by Pope Francis in Philadelphia at the close of his historic visit to the United States. After viewing the Mass on a large screen, those present shared the potluck dishes they brought to the meal.



# Making a Difference for Alzheimer's Patients at St. Anne's Retirement Community

(excerpts from information submitted by Christina Gallagher, Marketing Liaison, St. Anne's Retirement Community)

The Memory Support Center at St. Anne's Retirement Community officially opened in November, 2014 and is designed to meet the skilled nursing care needs of persons diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia. The beautifully renovated center is licensed to care for up to 51 Residents and features four room styles, including semi-private, shared private, full private, and spacious large private rooms. For many years, St. Anne's has been recognized for excellence in quality care, and we are honored to continue our mission with this enhanced level of care.

Patricia Wang, Parish Advocate for People with Disabilities was looking for ways to better the community. Her most recent project was inspired by International World Alzheimer's Awareness Month in September. She organized a team of caring parishioners to complete a variety of sensory objects which were donated to Residents in the Memory Support Center of St. Anne's Retirement Community during a dedication ceremony on World Alzheimer's Day, Monday, September 21. **Project 2015 "We Remember Them with Love"** brought people together to make soothing and challenging sensory objects for dementia patients. Many of those who created objects have a personal connection to Alzheimers. The oldest volunteer, age 86, who has a sister who suffers from this disease made blankets for them.



Before embarking on the project, Wang conducted extensive research on Alzheimer's, its effects, and activities - including sensory objects - that can lead to increased quality of life for those affected by this devastating disease. She led her team to create objects such as a wooden board with latches, locks, and other hardware that can be opened and closed. They also created lap blankets, muffs, and aprons with buttons, zippers, loops, and pockets that can be manipulated. Some creations by Mrs. Wang and her team were exhibited at Lancaster Public Library on Duke Street, Lancaster, during the month of September.



After Seeing "**ALIVE INSIDE**", an award winning documentary about the effect of music on dementia patients, Patricia has decided that next year, in addition to the tactile projects for patients, she plans to encourage the community to hold diverse musical venues to fully fund ipods and headsets for all dementia patients. She plans to approach one unit at a time; starting with the 51 beds at St. Anne's and continue until every dementia unit in Lancaster County has full access to these life changing resources. If anyone is interested in donating to the cause or creating a sensory item, please contact Patricia Wang at 717-396-0635 (Home) 8am-8pm. 717-572-6025 (cell). or email [mrswang113@gmail.com](mailto:mrswang113@gmail.com).

Families affected by Dementia....In addition to direct help to patients, we remember those who love them.

Every year the Parish Advocates in Lancaster County host “*A Day of Prayer and Care*” at Lancaster Catholic High School hundreds of volunteers come to serve over a hundred care givers. The next, will be held April 2, 2016. It gives an entire day of respite to family care givers.

### **What is Sensory Stimulation?**

Sensory stimulation uses everyday objects to arouse one or more of the five senses (sight, smell, hearing, taste and touch), with the goal of evoking positive feelings. Developed in Europe in the 1960’s, this therapy originally was designed to help people with learning disabilities. It was a way for them to explore a stimulating and safe environment that provided enjoyable, age-appropriate activities. Since then, the therapy has become widely used to treat other conditions, including autism, chronic pain, brain injuries, Alzheimer’s, and other forms of dementia.

### **How Sensory Stimulation Affects Alzheimer’s**

As Alzheimer’s progresses, a senior’s ability to communicate and perform everyday activities declines. Providing seniors a way to express themselves, when they can no longer do so with words, can help them relax and feel safe. This can improve their mood, self-esteem and, in turn, their well-being.

### **Sensory Stimulation Helps Seniors with Alzheimer’s Connect:**

Sensory stimulation is intended to bring enjoyment to seniors with dementia, reduce their anxiety and depression, and increase their social interaction. Activities are aimed at seniors, but are still shared with a therapist, caregiver or loved one. Those shared experiences and memories can help bring seniors back to a time that they remember fondly, which can help them feel meaningful again.

Source: <http://www.alzheimers.net/2014-01-23/sensory-stimulation-alzheimers-patients/>

### **What can you do?**

**SUPPORT**..... Families of dementia patients

**VISIT**..... volunteer at your local dementia unit

**CREATE** .....Soothing sensory objects for dementia patients ( knit, crochet, sew build)

**DANCE**...help to sponsor a dance or musical event for Project 2016..AFTER you

**WATCH**...*ALIVE INSIDE* (you tube)and help us fully fund a connection of memory

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## **Neighborhood Informational Update Continues**

(submitted by Denise Ziegler)



Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership along with Millersville University continue with surveys and meetings to gather input from residents on the needs and desires of our community. The goal is to find out what is needed/wanted and then funding to improve the lives in the southwest area where St. Joseph’s Church is a major stakeholder.

Saint Joseph’s provides meeting space for many of these meeting. Father Wolfe has been very supportive and eager to work with these organizations.

A public meeting was held on September 23. Topics of discussion included: Economic Opportunities (Business Development/Recruitment, Entrepreneurship, Local Business Participation, Supportive Services, Workforce Development); Housing (Assets, Code Enforcement, Landlord Issues, Maintenance & Upkeep, Market Conditions, Resident Relations) and Quality of Life (Crime, Nuisance Activities, Public Safety Concerns, Public Spaces, Resident Engagement, Youth Activities).

Stay tuned! And continue to monitor the process and progress!

# Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2016 National Education Contest

Court Queen of Peace #1023 Catholic Daughters of the Americas announces the Catholic Daughters of The Americas 2016 National Education Contest for Grades 4 –12. Entrants can choose from two themes: “**WE ARE STEWARDS OF GOD’S CREATION**” or “**HOW DO WE CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?**”. For details of contest rules and awards, please go to [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org), scroll down the page to frequent downloads, and under contests, select Education Contest Forms. Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster, PA, of the Diocese of Harrisburg, will be sponsoring entries at the local level. First place local winners will compete at the state level. First place Pennsylvania winners will compete at the national level. Local entries must be post-marked or received no later than February 15, 2016. Below is the information on where to return the entries and what to fill in on the “Return to:” portion of each entry form. All participants must sign a completed entry form, and all rules must be adhered to in order for the entries to be valid. Please verify rules as some may have changed since last year.

**Name of Sponsoring Court:** Queen of Peace No. 1023  
**City of Sponsoring Court:** Lancaster **State:** PA  
**Name of Education Chairperson:** Margaret T. Giordano  
**Address:** 1530 Hollywood Drive  
**Phone:** (717) 390-9035  
**City:** Lancaster **State:** PA **Zip:** 17601

## McKenna Kimmel, Archer and Entrepreneur

McKenna, the daughter of Scott and Wendy Kimmel, decided to try shooting a bow after reading “The Hunger Games” an adventure novel by Suzanne Collins. Her archery skills won her a spot on Lancaster Archery’s Junior Olympic development team and she has dreams of being an Olympic contender.

Her interest in fashion sparked an idea to start an archery-themed clothing business when she participated in the 2015 Junior League Girls’ business contest, where she earned a second place award. Taking some money from her savings and a small investment from her parents, McKenna launched **Quiver Archery Apparel**. The home page of the website reads “Striving to provide high quality products combined with excellent customer service. The company is inspired by the classic and adventurous feel of archery. Founded by a sixteen-year-old archer, Quiver is designed to promote the beautiful sport to both archers and non-archers alike.”

Merchandise ranging in cost from \$18 to \$22 include a “Quiver Crest” baseball cap, a “Bull’s Eye” tank and T-shirts sporting the logos “Archery Arrow Ringer,” “Quiver Tree” and “Ladies Aim and Conquer.” She hand draws the designs in pencil then contracts the silk screening to a company in Iowa. She hopes to increase her clothing business and appreciates how much she is learning from it.



A junior at Lampeter-Strasburg High School, McKenna was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. She serves as Junior class vice-president, is helping to organize the school’s mini-THON fund raiser to fight cancer, runs cross-country in the fall and plays lacrosse in the spring and shoots her futuristic-looking Olympic recurve bow.

# **Parish Family Update**

## **August 15, 2015- December 1, 2015**

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

Delaney M. Duvall, daughter of Robert & Jessica Duvall  
Nora L. Morone, daughter of Frank & Jennifer Morone  
Walker D. Fittipaldi, son of Joseph & Jessica Fittipaldi  
Molly Anne Beazley, daughter of Luke & Monica Beazley  
Makayla M. Gonzalez, daughter of Jayson Gonzalez & Ana Fermin

### **We extend congratulations and best wishes to those recently married**

Daniel Aaron McCord & Valerie Elizabeth Martin  
James Andrew Finnegan IV & Rebekah E. Burns  
William A. Libor & Brynn K. Tillett  
John Joseph Skrynecki IV & Rebecca Bleil  
Joseph M. Guza & Dominique C. Filiziani  
Daniel Cane & Karen Muckenthaler

### **We express our sympathy to the family and friends of those who have died** **Parishioners**

Marian Fulginiti  
Jessie Sagerer  
Joseph Sagerer

### **We extend our sympathy to those parishioners who have lost loved ones:**

Jennifer McCarty, on the loss of her father, Joseph R. Kirchner  
Robert McClure, on the loss of his brother, Charles McClure  
Gina Ruhl, on the loss of her father, Richard Ruhl  
Donna D’Agostino, on the loss of her mother, Dorothea D’Agostino

### **Please also remember in prayer**

John Quinn

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

Mr. & Mrs. Yousaf Albert  
Mr. Haam Yousaf  
Mr. Saam Yousaf  
Mr. & Mrs. Jayson Gonzalez  
Mrs. Donna Shapiro  
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick J. DeCoursey  
Miss Kelly E. Mallery  
Miss Maria A. Hershey  
Miss Dim Lian Hung  
Mr. & Mrs. Saw Ma Jow  
Miss Cecilia Roi Ja  
Miss Rita Nan Swe

**Parish Family Update**  
**August 15, 2015- November 15, 2015**  
(continued)

**We welcome back former parishioner**

Miss Rose Lehman

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

Mrs. Carol Frey  
Miss Antonio Celotto  
Miss Allison Passey

**Holy Year of Mercy**  
**December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016**

***“It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation.”***

*Pope Francis*

**Corporal Works of Mercy**

*To Feed the Hungry*

*To Give Drink to the Thirsty*

*To Clothe the Naked*

*To Shelter the Homeless*

*To Care for the Sick*

*To Visit the Imprisoned*

*To Bury the Dead*



**Spiritual Works of Mercy**

*To Convert Sinners*

*To Instruct the Ignorant*

*To Advise the Doubtful*

*To Comfort the Sorrowful*

*To Bear Wrongs Patiently*

*To Forgive Injuries*

*To Pray for the Living & Dead*

***“A Time to Heal, to Help, to Forgive.”***



# Scouting At St. Joseph's Troop and Pack 16 News

(submitted by Matt Stewart)



The fall weather was pretty nice for our two campouts, although the October one was a little wet.

In October we attended a District event that was held at the Lancaster County Conservancy property in Pequea. It is a nice place and the staff there was great. The theme was conservation. During the morning the boys has the opportunity to explore different stations about soil erosion, stream studies, plant diversity, water cycle and some other things.



Then in the afternoon we did some service work, clearing out evasive species and planting trees. It did rain, a lot, but it was over by Saturday afternoon.



For November we camped at a local campsite, Tucquan Family Campground. Usually no one else is there camping in tents at that time of year, so we had the whole tent camping area to ourselves. It was a good weekend to work on some outdoor skills. The weather was nice, with temperatures into the 60's for the day. Saturday afternoon we drove over to Muddy Run and tool a walk along the lake and kids of course checked out the playgrounds.



The annual Boy Scout Scouting for Food drive is also held in November. The Pack and Troop spent two Saturdays putting bags out and then returning to collect them. We put out about 2000 bags in the Cabbage Hill area. The food collected was donated to the Bethel AME food bank.



## Celebrating Twenty Years of Marriage

Congratulations to Brian & Lisa Loiseau, who celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary. They were married by Monsignor Thomas Smith on December 2, 1995. They asked Father Kelly to bless their 20 years together. The rectory staff joined them in the parlor for the prayers and blessing.

The Loiseau family recently returned from a three-year stay in Mexico where Brian's job had taken them. They are the parents of four children: Hayden, Erica, Jamie and Mary.

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## Christmas Liturgies

### Thursday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy

8:00 p.m.

Family Liturgy

11:30 p.m.

Service of Carols and Blessing of the Crib  
Solemn Candlelight Mass at Midnight

### Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day

Morning Mass

9:00 a.m.

## New Year Liturgies

### Thursday, December 31st

Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.

### Friday, January 1st

Masses 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

