

Highlights from St. Joseph's

Our Mission

Commitment to God, Family, Parish, and Community

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Christmas begins with Thanksgiving

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Joseph's,

Many people who sense my liturgical and spirituality tendencies might think that I would find it anathema to say that "Christmas begins with Thanksgiving." And if 'thanksgiving' were interpreted as to mean Thanksgiving Day and 'Christmas' were defined as all of the hustle and bustle of social and cultural activities associated with December, then the last thing I would say, preach or even whisper is that "Christmas begins with Thanksgiving." Even now the commercial interests in many sectors have pushed its marketing of Christmas to as early as Halloween.

However, the wisdom of Holy Mother Church with her liturgical seasons and feasts presents to us another approach to Christmas. The mysteries of God both form the essential foundation of our relationship with God through Jesus Christ and yet are so vast that they are beyond our complete understanding. Aware of this, the Church invites believers and those open to God to consider again God's marvelous works and so grow in response to them. As we experience in an unfolding fashion, year after year, the marvels of His great love through our liturgical celebrations, these infinite truths awe us more and more. Christmas, then, is not primarily a sentimental trip down memory lane or pretending that Jesus is being born for the first time. Christmas is not about enjoying inspiring Christmas carols, nor delighting in the amazing beauty of our church wondrously decorated. Christmas is not about us; it is about God.

Christmas turns our attention again to the awesomeness of God who put aside his majesty to embrace our lowliness and brokenness in order to save us. For this reason, we have prepared ourselves for four weeks of Advent, so that spiritually, intellectually, relationally, and communally we might be more re-oriented to the Lord. The liturgical season of Christmas is not about the past, but rather about the relevance of God today, who came close to us in the Incarnation that we might come close to Him again. Christmas turns our gaze toward God.

As we gaze again upon the mystery of the Incarnation—God taking upon Himself the vulnerability of our human nature in order to save us—THANKSGIVING is our best and first response. The attitude of Thanksgiving turns our attention from ourselves to our good and generous God. Isn't this the whole reason for the Incarnation, to invite us to turn away from being self-oriented, self-centered and again be God-centered? The exchange in the heart of the Mass emphasizes this proper stance: "*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.*" As we grow in thankfulness, our hearts well up in praise of God with the angels: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

The beauty and profundity of Emmanuel –God-with-us—awe us of the Lord's infinite love that saves us. As our Thanksgiving increases for God's love for us, our love for God naturally grows more deeply, more widely, more fully. We express this Thankfulness in our Christmas Masses. As we offer ourselves to God in the Eucharist as a living sacrifice of Thanksgiving and Praise, Emmanuel abides with us more closely. So let us "*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

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

(submitted by Marian West)



“The Flame of Love of My Virgin Mother is to you what the Ark was to Noah.”

~ Jesus to Elizabeth Kindelmann

“By my Flame of Love, a new era of grace, never before known on the earth, will begin.”

~ Our Lady’s promise to Elizabeth Kindelmann

It is with great joy that I share with you an extraordinary grace for our times: the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary! Our Blessed Mother is so eager to pour it out to us, her beloved little children! Heaven knows times on earth are getting more and more difficult and perilous. But “where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more!” (Romans 5:20). So... Mama to the rescue!

From 1961-1982, a Hungarian mother of six and widow, named Elizabeth Kindelmann, received messages from Jesus and Mary about the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. What is the Flame of Love? Jesus Christ Himself, alive in Mary’s – and our! – heart! Mary asked Elizabeth to receive this Flame and to spread it, as it would be a refuge of safety to protect and perfect our faith; it is not another devotion, but the cause of Mary, a call – an urgent plea – to help Jesus and Mary save souls; it is a shining light that blinds Satan; and it is an invitation to help bring about the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary! For Our Lady of Fatima said, “In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.” How exciting that we can be a collaborative part of this victory!

These revelations are Church approved. In 2009, Cardinal Peter Edo, Archbishop of Budapest, bestowed imprimatur to the Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann and fully approved the Flame of Love Movement. Archbishop Charles Chaput bestowed imprimatur to the Diary in 2012; and in 2013, Pope Francis imparted his Apostolic Blessing upon the Flame of Love Movement.

So, dear friends, how do we get started?! Let us open wide the doors of our hearts and ask for this very special grace to fill us and deepen in our hearts! Mary and her Spouse, the Holy Spirit, will do all the work. Mary asks that we add to the Hail Mary her Flame of Love petition: “Spread the effect of grace of thy Flame of Love over all of humanity” after “pray for us sinners.” Mary said, “I want to awaken humanity by this petition. This is not a new formula but a constant supplication.” Thus, the Flame of Love Rosary becomes very powerful and fruitful. Every Saturday, following the 8:15 a.m. Mass here at St. Joseph’s, we will be praying the Flame of Love Rosary together. All are warmly welcome.

We are also invited and encouraged to pray The Unity Prayer, given by Jesus to Elizabeth Kindelmann, to unite us with Jesus and one another. Mary says, “I want the home to come alive again with love. I want to unite scattered families.”

The Unity Prayer

May our feet journey together
May our hands gather in unity
May our hearts beat in unison
May our souls be in harmony
May our thoughts be as one
May our ears listen to the silence together
May our glances profoundly penetrate each other
May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father.
Amen.

Jesus said, "Through this prayer, Satan will be blind and souls will not be led into sin." The Lord explained, "Satan being blind signifies a worldwide triumph of my Sacred Heart, the freedom of souls and a full opening of the road of salvation."

Mary's arms are wide open, waiting so tenderly for each of us, for our humble yes to join hers, in freedom and gentleness and love. All in love.

Her Flame of Love is a gentle stream that brings so much joy and sweetly and speedily ushers us into Merciful Love! I can testify to this, as this grace has truly amped up my faith with such joy, enthusiasm, and courage, making everything sweet! This is truly given as a gift; it does not originate in us, and it is not earned by our merits. As Pope Francis says, "Our only merit is Mercy!" May we all be united as one family in Mary's Flame of Love!

Thank you, and God bless you!

May the Flame of Love live in your heart and be with you always!



Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

5:00pm Children's Mass

8:00pm Family Mass

11:30 pm Carols and Blessing of the Creche

Solemn Candlelight Mass at Midnight

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

9:00am Mass

New Year's Liturgies

Saturday, December 31

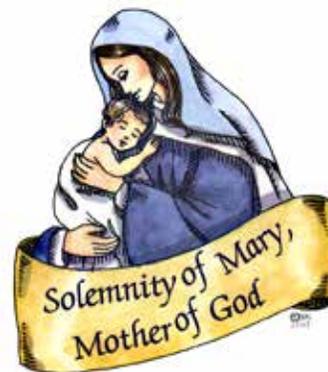
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1

8:00am Mass

10:30 am Mass

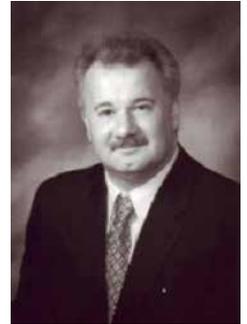
1:30 pm Mass



Parishioner in the Spotlight

Al Meier, Jr.

Al serves as an Extraordinary Minister at 8:00 a.m. Mass, and observes an hour at Perpetual Adoration each Saturday morning. He also serves on Parish Council at St. Joseph's, and is currently the Chair of that group. Al has appeared as one of the Magi at the Sunday Epiphany Mass. He is active in community outreach involving the Southwest neighborhood, having represented the parish at community meetings and Adopt-a-Block.



Al pitches in at the annual Spring Cleaning, and through that activity he has acquired the specialty of “ladder guy,” responsible for cleaning the wood work at the back of the church.

Al's grandparents were Germans who immigrated to the United States in the 1920's as young adults and settled in the Cabbage Hill neighborhood. Like his parents, Albert Sr. and Mary Weinzierl Meier, Al was baptized, received his First Holy Communion, and was confirmed at St. Joseph Church. After graduating from Penn Manor High School, Al left the Lancaster area to attend college and law school, and remained away working as a lawyer in the Philadelphia area. He returned to Lancaster and came home to St. Joseph Church in 2006.

Al has been an attorney for 28 years. He is presently associated with the law firm Pyfer Reese in Lancaster and handles a case load that involves civil litigation, divorce, child support, wills and estates, and juvenile court matters.

He enjoys reading, travel, listening to music (especially classical), and home brewing. Having had the opportunity to travel to Europe, Hong Kong, and most of the United States, Al's favorite travel destination is Japan, a place he has visited three times and where he eagerly wishes to return. Al resides in Lancaster City near Franklin and Marshall College, and enjoys being able to walk to and from Mass and various activities at St. Joseph Church.

Operation Snowflake

The Social Justice Committee would like to thank the parishioners who donated items to the *Operation Snowflake* Collection. Your beautiful handmade items will help keep many folks warm during the coming winter months.





St. Joseph Catholic Club



Hillian Happenings

(submitted by John Bauer)

The Board of Directors of the Club would like to acknowledge the members of the parish, as well as, the greater community of Lancaster who helped in any way to contribute to our organization over the past 12 months. We include in that list, the youngsters who played on our baseball and softball teams; the coaches, team parents and other adults who helped in any way; the families and friends who supported us with your attendance at the ball games; those who patronized our fund-raising events; and the parishioners who rented our club room facilities. We greatly appreciate your commitment to us. Thank you!

As we prepare for the new year, our baseball director, Alan Walsh, and softball director, Bill Souders, are meeting with representatives of the Lancaster Recreation Commission, SALSA and the Tornado Youth Baseball organization to discuss the opportunities for children in the Lancaster area. The main objective is to promote and perpetuate the love of the sport in the community, as well as, properly instruct the youngsters in the fundamentals of baseball in a sportsmanlike fashion.

Once again, we are gearing up for the 10-Week Club. The fund-raiser will be held in May 2017. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact any board member. You may also contact Gene or Linda Duncan at 299-6940 or email GDuncan@aol.com.

We are always looking for ideas and suggestions from our parishioners and friends on ways to improve and expand the influence of our organization. We are also constantly searching for coaches and volunteers, please contact any of the board members. We are asking you to help us, help the youth of the Lancaster area. Thank you, in advance, for anything that you can offer.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Board of Directors
www.stjosephcatholicclub.com

Lancaster Catholic Honor Roll Students

Congratulations to the following St. Joseph Parishioners who earned Honor Roll Status for the First Quarter of the 2016-2017 School Year:

Distinguished Honors

Erin Good
Ethan Jones
Clara Laube

Honor Roll

Benjamin Collister
Carrigan Legenstein
Hailey Legenstein
Alexandria Marquart
Paul Schlectic





Resurrection Catholic School

(submitted by Donna Walker)



Resurrection students turn out to play chess

Enthusiastic chatter punctuated the air in the library Thursday as students waited to begin their second meeting of the newly-formed Chess Club at Resurrection Catholic School. Students arrived early obviously anxious to get started, so Mark Wood set out the portable chess boards and let students warm up before the 3:00pm start. Wood owns Wood Enrichment Services. His company provides two instructors for each of six sessions at a cost of \$30 for each student.

Many students were already familiar with the game and had learned from someone they know. Victoria Rivera, one of three girls among the 16 members, joined because she wants to play with her uncle. “He tried to teach me but it wasn’t really working well,” she said. Her partner, Payton Martin had learned chess from her classmate Sarah Hernandez who isn’t in the club.

“It’s really stressful. After a while, you have to think strategically,” said Noel Murrietta who plays sometimes on weekends with friends and family. “I never saw such motivated kids in my whole life,” Mark Wood said. His ultimate objective is teaching “love of the game.”



Mark Wood, instructs students during the second session of the Chess Club.

The business is a retirement job for him and for his assistant Joe Weber, a former high school chess coach, “who can remember every single move in a game after it’s over,” Wood said. Wood is licensed by the U.S. Chess Federation. He is a former school administrator and educator who taught enrichment classes. He runs seminars, workshops and clubs in the Lancaster area for students and senior citizens.

The Resurrection Chess Club is open to students in grades 3-8. The session ran through October 27 and met Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

Bishop Gainer Celebrates At Resurrection Catholic School



The Most Reverend Ronald Gainer, bishop of the Harrisburg Diocese, shakes hands with Resurrection Catholic School fourth grade student Melanie Martinez following Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church December 1 to observe Resurrection’s 25th Anniversary.

The Bishop of Harrisburg was doing his favorite thing December 1 when he visited Resurrection Catholic School to say Mass for the students in observance of the school’s 25th anniversary. Bishop Gainer talked to students in

the school built in 1895 as St. Anthony School. In 1991-92, St. Anthony combined with St. Mary and St. Joseph schools to form Resurrection Catholic School. In the slightly newer cafeteria, he ate lunch with fourth graders in between visiting classrooms. He found younger students asked questions about what he wears at Mass, and upper classes focused more on what it's like to be a bishop.

“What is your favorite part of being a bishop?” asked a seventh grade student. “This. Being out of the office and visiting schools and prisons (and other places in the diocese).”

“What is your favorite part of the Mass?” asked an eighth grader. “Holy Communion. When we receive the Bread of Life.”

“Have you ever met the Pope?” asked an eighth grader. “Yes.” Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict and Pope Francis.

“What was that cane you carried in Mass?” asked a second grade student. “The crozier, or pastoral staff.” It resembles a shepherd's hook, and Gainer is the chief shepherd of the Harrisburg Diocese.

“What was that hat?” asked a second grader. “The beanie or skullcap is called a zucchetto, and the high hat is a miter, a sign that the bishop is the high priest.”

Prior to the school visit, the Bishop celebrated Mass along with St. Mary Pastor, Father Leo Goodman, St. Anthony Pastor, Father Daniel O'Brien, Retired Pastor Bernardo Pistone and Father Sebastian Thekkedath, Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph. Father Allan Wolfe, Pastor of St. Joseph and San Juan Bautista, was Master of Ceremonies.

Bishop Gainer's homily mentioned the consolidation and the school's theme this year, *Family of Faith – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*. He said that combining the schools was a decision made with faith. He told the children, “You get the best preparation for life here so you can succeed and do well, but Catholic education also makes us ready for a life that is eternal, to live with Jesus in the glory of heaven.” The Bishop thanked parishioners who attended the Mass and the families who choose Resurrection School. “The family is the strength of our schools,” he said.

Resurrection Celebrates Day of Sharing That Includes Giving and Receiving

Students took a lesson from Santa Claus and made gifts for others on December 6, the school's annual Day of Sharing celebrated on the feast of Saint Nicholas, the first gift giver. Resurrection Catholic School students painted ornaments, glued paper chains, cut out paper doves and created cards. By the end of the day, piles of gifts were ready for delivery.

Students in eighth grade started the excitement as St. Nicholas' assistants, filling bags with treats to place into the shoes of younger students, a tradition born of the saint said to have put coins in children's shoes. Beginning the day with presents motivated students to put all their effort into craft and card making. Their creations will be sent to St. Anne's Retirement Community, the Lebanon VA Medical Center, St. Mary's Community Meals and parishioners of St. Mary, St. Joseph, St. Anthony and San Juan Bautista churches who are confined to their homes.



Second grade student Seona Holland holds the card she created during Resurrection Catholic School's annual Day of Sharing December 6.



Evidence of St. Nicholas' visit appears in shoes filled with treats waiting to be discovered during Resurrection's annual Day of Sharing celebrated December 6 on the feast day of the saint.

Saint Joseph Church
Financial Operations Summary
For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

This is the financial report for the first quarter of 2016 ending September 30, 2016. Operating expenses exceeded the offerings collected resulting in a deficit of \$63,602. This is due to an unforeseen increase in expenditures in building repairs and maintenance. "Other Income", which is unanticipated income including rental fees, gifts & bequests, Lenten Appeal Refunds, etc., plus the "Non-Operating Income" resulted in \$22,895 in revenue. The total deficit for the first quarter of 2016 is \$40,707. Please note that it is important for parishioners to remember the parish when preparing their wills and doing estate planning.

	<u>2016/2017 Actual</u>	<u>2016/2017 Total Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Offerings (1)	\$ 148,199	\$ 655,335	22.6%
Operating Expenses (2)	\$ (211,801)	\$ (815,763)	26.0%
Excess (Deficit)	\$ (63,602)	\$ (160,428)	39.6%
Other Income (3)	\$ 23,765	\$ 147,428	16.1%
Non-Operating Income (Expense) (4)	\$ (870)	\$ 13,000	-6.7%
Revenue in Excess of Expenses	\$ (40,707)	\$ -	

(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>2016/2017 Actual</u>	<u>2016/2017 Total Budget</u>
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 84,404	\$ 340,424
Education Support	56,202	245,284
Utilities	10,273	48,430
Religious Supplies	7,437	30,425
Office/Other supplies	3,255	736
Insurance	14,859	59,272
Repairs & Maintenance	28,634	35,400
Taxes	3,860	6,635
Other Expenses	2,877	49,157
Total	\$ 211,801	\$ 815,763

* Assessments for LCHS and Resurrection, & Financial Aid

Cash and Reserves at September 30, 2016

ACCOUNT:	<u>9/30/2016</u>	<u>9/30/2015</u>
Operating cash	\$21,025	\$31,910
Organ Fund*	2,342	2,306
Organ Memorial Fund*	149,168	145,063
Restoration Fund*	45,555	39,952
Stained Glass Window Fund (Msgr. Smith)*	13,084	12,835
Savings	632	1,118
Education Endowment*	773	1,812
Total Cash and Reserves	\$232,579	\$234,996

* Denotes restricted funds

St. Joseph's Pilgrimage to Canada

September 3 to September 9, 2016

(Submitted by Joanne Bauer and Doris Wagner, Tour Directors)



40 pilgrims, accompanied by Fr. Stephen Kelley as Spiritual Director, started their trip with Mass in the Holy Family Chapel at St. Joseph's. Mass was celebrated daily by Fr. Kelley and prayers and Masses were offered for those unable to accompany us on the pilgrimage. It was a spiritually rewarding, exciting and fun trip!

The highlights of their trip included:

- A tour of Quebec City, where we walked through the old city and then toured other parts of the city via bus.
- A two-day stay on the Island of Coudres, located on the St. Lawrence River in the Charlevoix Region of Quebec.
- A whale watching cruise on the Bay of St. Catherine rewarded by several whale sightings.
- A tour of Montreal with stops at the Notre Dame Basilica, built in 1647, reflecting the splendor and artistry of its European immigrant builders and St. Joseph Oratory, the largest Basilica in North America, built by the efforts of St. Andre Bessette and the site of many miracles.
- A visit and tour of Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre Shrine, also the site of many miracles.
- A tour of the Albert Gilles Copper Museum showcasing magnificent Stations of the Cross and scenes from the lives of Jesus and Mary, as well as other artifacts, all created in copper.



St. Joseph Oratory
Montreal, Canada



Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica
Montreal, Canada



Ste. Anne de Beaupre Shrine
Ste. Anne de Beaupre Quebec, Canada

Hiking the Appalachian Trail

(submitted by Soren West)

I have been asked to write an article for the Newsletter about my adventure on the Appalachian Trail this year and I am happy to oblige.

When I was 12 years old, I hiked 67 miles in the White Mountains of New Hampshire in 5 days and I never forgot it. Three years later, I wanted to hike the entire Appalachian Trail but the time was not right and the thought went out of my head as life and responsibilities took over.



Sixty-three years later, however, the time had come. Theo, my Golden Retriever, and I had been preparing for several years by hiking over 400 miles in Vermont and Pennsylvania to try out our legs and our gear. Over this time, my dear wife, Bonnie, whom you hear singing soprano in the choir, was getting used to the idea that the long hike was probably going to happen. I even changed my Pennsylvania license plate to read IK9AT16 (think!) and told friends, my hike was not in stone but it was in metal.

On February 18, 2016, Theo and I headed south in a one-way car rental. We arrived on the 19th and stayed at a hiker hostel where I took a couple of days sorting through bills and equipment, sending unnecessary stuff home. On the afternoon of Sunday, February 21st, we took our first steps on the Amicalola Falls approach trail to Springer Mountain, Georgia, the southern terminus of the trail.

We arrived at the summit the next morning and began our 2,189.1 mile trek to the summit of Katahdin in central Maine.

The AT traverses the top of the Appalachian Mountain range and passes through 14 states. The elevation change for the hiker who finishes is the equivalent of 16 ascents up Mount Everest. The three southern and the three northern states are the most mountainous with the northern being the most difficult of all. The middle states have their own challenges. Pennsylvania is probably the flattest state with one of the most treacherous climbs at Lehigh Gap leaving Palmerton. It is also the least favored state and has been given the nickname of “Rocksylvania,” the graveyard of boots and dogs’ paws. I note that Theo’s paws did a lot better than mine.



My most glorious moment on the trail was on Franconia Ridge which I had hiked when I was 12. My son Christopher and his sons Thomas and Isaac had joined me for a few days during which God put on an awesome weather show up above the tree line. The wind was howling and I ended up howling right back as I looked out over the distant mountains appearing and disappearing in the clouds that swept over them and us.

In southern Maine there was a section so difficult that I mused, “This must be where Adam and Eve sinned and Mother Nature got really mad!” It took Theo and me 4.5 hours to go one mile over, under, around and through a raucous jumble of boulders that occasionally required me to remove my pack and crawl through on my belly, pulling my pack behind me.

I was hospitalized in Greenville, Maine for 4 days because of a shoulder injury. I declined surgery because it would have put me off the trail. While in the hospital, I saw that the weather in northern Maine was going to be

beautiful and sunny from October 14th to 16th. I decided to take advantage of the forecast and get a ride directly to Katahdin, the northern terminus of the trail, before winter took hold. I reached the iconic KATAHDIN sign at the summit at noon on Saturday, October 15th and then returned south to hike the 100-mile wilderness that would complete my hike. When I got to the finish, I could see Katahdin covered in 5” of snow! I had done the right thing.



My dear wife met me at the logging road where my adventure ended. I had been wet and cold in rain and snow for a full week and her arrival brought tears to my eyes. I could not have done what I did without her loving support - and I must add, without Theo who seemed as happy as I was to see his mistress.

Community Policing to be tested in Lancaster’s Southwest neighborhood

(Excerpts reprinted with permission from LNP)

Dick Hecker is determined to make community policing work in the Southwest neighborhood of Lancaster City. He’s not an officer or an elected official. He’s just a dedicated neighbor who has lived on Cabbage Hill for all of his 67 years. Hecker and other residents are part of the Southwest Neighborhood Leadership Board, which is launching a five-year campaign to revitalize their neighborhood.



After a neighborhood survey showed the top concern was safety, members of the board set a goal to get local police officers involved in their efforts to improve it. They are hoping to receive a \$1.25 million grant in the spring from Wells Fargo that would help fund everything from street lighting and trash removal to housing and economic revitalization. But installing better lighting and cleaning up the streets are only the beginning. Residents want their sector officers to play a larger role in the neighborhood. “We don’t want the only time we see police is when there is trouble,” said Hecker.

Hecker was named the head of the Community Safety Committee at the board’s organizational meeting November 30. He said city police Sgt. Glenn Stoltzfus has been involved in the neighborhood efforts for years, but residents want their more localized sector police to get involved as well. The city is divided into nine sectors with four officers assigned to each sector. The Southwest neighborhood is patrolled by eight officers covering two sectors, five and six. Community safety is one of the biggest issues that need to be addressed, said Jim Shultz, program development director of the Lancaster Housing Opportunity Program, which is staffing the neighborhood effort. He said that if sector officers are involved in the community’s plan, there is a better chance to build a rapport between police and residents, which helps when it comes to crime-solving. A recent LNP survey of residents and community leaders in all areas of the city found few people knew the police assigned to the sectors where they lived.....A police spokesman said the sector officers will come to the Southwest neighborhood meetings if they are invited and they are available.

Parish Family Update
September 1, 2016 - December 1, 2016

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

Noah Emmanuel Yousaf, son of Haam Yousaf & Krista Marie Burgos

We extend congratulations and best wishes to those recently married

Reynoldo Alverado & Keula Sierra

Steven Birch & Natalie Cerniglia

John Bowden & Katie Johns

Andres Montes & Shirley Alvodato

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

Parishioners

Aileen Andrews

Shirley Hackart

Oliver Ogden

Joseph Rudy

Linda Schmalhofer

Esther Schustrich

Alice Southward

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

Linda DaSilva, on the loss of her mother, Beulah Grant

Helen Florsek, on the loss of her son, Frank Florsek

Kitty Guinter, on the loss of her son, Timothy Hoar

Jeff Nadu, on the loss of his mother, Frances Nadu

Mark O’Neill, on the loss of his great-aunt, Helen McAneny

Suzanne Torres, on the loss of her father, Stephen Andrews

Tony & Patricia Wang, on the loss of their brother-in-law, Eric Chu

Joanne Weber, on the loss of her sister, Margaret McConnon

Lydia Zimmerman, on the loss of her sister, Madge Weirman

Please also remember in prayer

Rose Brooks

Mark Reiff

Monsignor Vincent Topper

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

Mr. Michael D. Bunz

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Burkhart

Mr. & Mrs. George Fischer III

Mr. & Mrs. John T. Fleckenstein

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Healy

Miss Frances McNamara

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mester

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Paulukow

Mr. & Mrs. William Ward

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

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Armstrong
Ms. Christi Beazley
Mrs. Carolee L. Clark
Mr. Philip Crnkovich
Mr. Gregory P. DeSarro
Mr. & Mrs. James Hansberry
Ms. Lisa B. Helfrich
Mrs. Rebecca Langan
Mr. & Mrs. George Maloney
Miss Megan Maloney
Mrs. Robin Milostan
Ms. Lauren E. Rosenberger
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy S. Quigley

A Memorial is an Expression of Love and Thanksgiving

(submitted by Pat LeFever)



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 this organ or memorialize a loved one will find the brochure and envelopes in the vestibule by the memorial stand. You can also visit our parish website www.stjosephlanc.com and click on the online giving tab.

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


CATHOLIC WORKER
HOUSE OF LANCASTER

Thank you for your recent donation of \$625.00 in June to the Catholic Worker House of Lancaster.

Your generous support enables us to minister to our brothers and sisters in the Lancaster community in many different ways during their times of need.

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

Sincerely,
Joe Dougherty
Director
The Catholic Worker House of Lancaster

St. Joseph Women's Club Announces Plans for 2017.

(submitted by Karen Wisniewski)

Meeting Schedule

- January 26 at 7:00pm - POPCORN and a MOVIE
- February 23 at 7:00pm - Game Night
- March 23 at 7:00pm - Wine and Painting
- April 27 at 7:00pm - Ice Cream Social

Events:

March 11 and 12 - Annual Soup and Bake Sale

We will be asking for donations of cooked chicken and baked goods of all kinds. We will cook the vegetable beef soup on Friday, March 10 and the chicken corn soup on Saturday morning March 11. Anyone is welcome to join us to chop and stir and laugh and chop some more!! The soup will be sold after all Masses on that weekend.

Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00pm - Daughters of Our Lady Banquet

The dinner will be catered by Stoltzfus Catering again, since we had so many favorable comments last year.

If you haven't joined yet, complete the membership coupon and then come and have fun with some new and old friends.

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.



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

(submitted by Matt Stewart)



Our Scout year got off to a good start with several camping trips and some projects and advancements. Over the summer we were very busy and the boys earned a number of awards which were presented at our Fall Court of Honor. At least one merit badge was earned by each scout, with several being awarded 6. We also laid out our schedule for the year, camping trips and other events.

Camping trips are always the exciting part to which the Scouts look forward. In October we went to Muddy Run Park and worked on some of the outdoor advancements. There is an observatory there now, and were hoping it would be open Saturday night but there was too much cloud cover.

In November we went to one of our favorite places, Tucquan Family Campground. This campout was a little different in that the scouts were left on their own to set up camp, start a fire, and cook over it. They were divided up into groups of two for the weekend. One of the scouts really liked it because he was "roughing it!"



One of the ideals of scouting is service, and the Troop, along with St. Joseph parishioners, have adopted the 400 blocks of St. Joseph and Poplar Streets. We were out on a Monday night and swept through the block and the cemetery, picking up trash. Several scouts also got to show some service by helping out at a local scout event by working in the kitchen. We also had one scout helping out with the CROP walk with other scouts from the local area.

Scouts from the Cub Pack and Boy Scouts participated in scouting's annual food drive held every November. The first weekend we distributed 2000 bags in the neighborhood, then picked them up the following week. The total was 1050 pounds of food collected! It was dropped off at San Juan Bautista's food bank.



New Year's Day Community Meal

OPEN to all. Serving 1:00PM to 3:00PM.

(submitted by Matt Stewart)

If you would like to come or know someone who would, please bring them or invite them. This year I would like to have parishioners as table hosts to share the meal and talk with our guests. **Preparation Schedule:** Friday evening, December 30-cook the pork; Saturday, December 31, 1:00pm-pick the pork, peel potatoes, drop off desserts and set up the hall. New Year's Day, 8:00am, finish preparation of food and be ready to serve at 1:00pm. Help is needed beginning at 12:30pm to serve, wait on tables, refill beverages and serve desserts. Since there is Mass at 1:30 parking helpers are also needed to direct people to the correct lot. To find out more and volunteer, call or email Matt Stewart 717-587-8409, wallaby38@gmail.com.

Reaching Out to Those in Need

(submitted by MaryAnne Cullen)

Anyone wishing to donate items to help the hurricane victims in Haiti, please put useful items like hand sanitizer, soap, washcloths and towels, children's vitamins, band aids, neosporin, aspirin, socks, feminine hygiene products, and diapers near the eyeglass donation box or call MaryAnne Cullen at 344-9349 for pickup. . A family in Middletown is from Haiti and will be taking the items to the victims directly.

Thank you to everyone who donated books for the little library at the West King Street McDonald's. Please continue to leave donated books at the near the eyeglass donation box or call MaryAnne Cullen at 344-9349 for pickup.