

# 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 their marketing of Christmas to as early as Halloween and before.

However, the wisdom of Holy Mother Church with her liturgical seasons and feasts presents 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 nor delighting in the amazing beauty of our church wondrously decorated. Christmas is not about enjoying inspiring Christmas carols, nor pretending that Jesus is being born for the first time. Christmas is not about us; it is about God.

Christmas turns our attention again to the awesomeness of God, who put aside his glory to embrace our lowliness and brokenness in order to save us. For this reason, we prepare ourselves for four weeks of Advent (this year only 22 days), so that spiritually, intellectually, relationally, and communally we might be more re-oriented to the Lord. This year's Advent theme from the Mass, "we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ," focuses our attention on the destiny of our Christian lives—the blessed hope of heaven and Christ's return to bring us there. 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*

## Ad Orientem—The Lord as Focal Point Christmas Candlelight Midnight Mass Ad Orientem

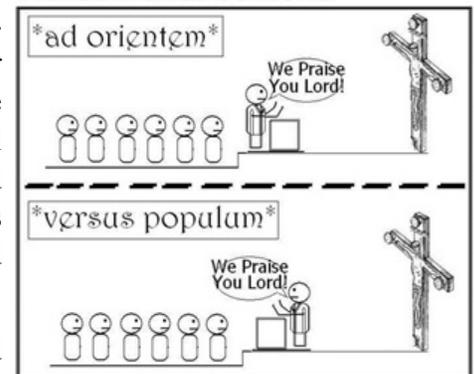
The Christian life, particularly the seasons of Advent and Lent, focus on conversion, turning more and more toward the Lord. Although often associated with rejecting sin, conversion literally means ‘turn to the Lord,’ or in Latin *Conversi ad Dominum*. This attitude or orientation of turning to the Lord not only shapes the Christian life, but also our entire perspective, including our very worship of God.

The earliest Christians, longing for the Lord to return in glory soon, not only prayed fervently and frequently *Maranatha*, ‘Come, O Lord!’ but oriented their worship toward the East. The East, the direction of the rising sun, both represented the Glorious Risen One and was associated with Christ’s Second Coming. As Cardinal Ratzinger wrote, “Praying to the east means going to meet the coming Christ.” For this reason, churches were soon built with an orientation to the East, so gathered in worship, the Christian people would be watching for the Lord. This orientation, known as *ad orientem*, —to the Oriens (East)—includes both priest and people turned toward the Lord.

Cardinal Ratzinger continued that the liturgy “is a prayer of hope, the prayer of the pilgrim as he walks in the direction shown us by the life, Passion, and Resurrection of Christ. Thus . . . the eastward direction for prayer was given added emphasis by a reference to the Cross.” Even when the geographic East was not possible, the liturgy of the Church had its liturgical ‘East,’ represented by the cross—the victorious sign of the Risen One and the sign of the Son of Man who will return in glory. Thus, in most churches for centuries, the liturgy was celebrated *ad orientem*, meaning priest and people together turned toward the Lord, represented by the crucifix.

At Saint Joseph’s for the last two years, a large crucifix has stood upon the altar as our ‘interior ‘east’ of faith’ as Cardinal Ratzinger referred to it, so that our celebration of the Holy Mass demonstrates what all the prayers of the liturgy already indicate: that through our Lord Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we—priest and people—approach God our Father. This year at the Christmas Midnight Mass, and only at this Mass, Fr. Wolfe will be celebrating the Holy Mass *ad orientem*, in order to give all who attend the opportunity to experience the visual as well as the verbal turning to the Lord of the Holy Mass. The Mass is the same Mass we celebrate every day; the only difference is that both priest and people are turned toward the Lord together in prayer. Families not wanting to experience the Mass *ad orientem* are encouraged to attend any of the other Christmas Masses.

### Which Makes Sense?...



## 2018 Annual Sanctity of Life Mass Monday, January 22, 2018



The Order of Malta is pleased to announce the Most Reverend William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, will be our Principal Presider and Homilist for our Annual Sanctity of Life Mass. Bishop Ronald Gainer and priests of the Diocese of Harrisburg will concelebrate this liturgy with Archbishop Lori. St. Joseph’s Church on Cabbage Hill in Lancaster will be our location again this year with Mass starting at 7:00pm. We will be providing offsite parking with shuttle bus service to and from St. Joseph’s for your convenience.

# 2017 Solemn Vespers for the Faithful Departed

## Sunday, November 5, 2017

(photos by Rick Albright)



Father Walter Buckius, S.J.  
Msgr. Mercurio Fregapane  
Father William Haviland  
Father Kenneth Lawrence



Father Walter Sempko  
Sister Constance Sophy, RSM  
All Deceased Military Personnel  
All the Faithful Departed



Adeline Albright  
Helen Anderson  
Margaret Anderson  
Aileen L. Andrews  
Stephen Andrews  
Carol Baird  
Robert Ballard  
Michael D. Barnes  
Betty Blecher  
Gloria Brandt  
Joseph Buczynski III  
Jeanette Burger  
Regina Burke  
Jacqueline Carr  
Leo Caskey

William Cunningham  
Eugene Darrenkamp  
Doris DeCarlo  
Susan DeLeon  
Frank E. Florsek  
James Gasson  
Rita Geib  
Betty Hain  
Robert Haines  
Florence Hatfield  
Robert Henkel  
Joseph E. Hohenwarter  
Geroge Kennett, Jr.  
Sylvia M. Kimmich  
George Kolb

Perry Krainik  
Leo Liscosky  
Wilbur Marsh  
Helen McAneny  
Margaret McConnon  
Josephine McDonald  
Michael McKinney  
James McManus, Jr.  
Donald Mohr, Jr.  
Oliver Ogden  
Christopher Parrinello  
Neal Pennypacker  
Mark Reiff  
Kathryn Reifsnyder  
Margaret Sanchez

Linda Schmalhofer  
Esther Schustrich  
Elmer Schweitzer  
MaryAn Smith  
Richard I. Sourbeer  
Alice M. Southward  
Rosemary Steffish  
Emma Steffy  
Jean Marie Those  
Richard Thompson  
Ann Tomlinson  
Anna Vera  
Anna Welsh  
Genevieve Wilk  
Clarence (Chuck) Yost



## Christmas Liturgies

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, 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, Monday, December 25**

9:00am Mass

## New Year's Liturgies

**Sunday, December 31**

6:00pm Vigil Mass

**Monday, January 1**

9:00am Mass



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## Legion of Mary Lancaster Curia

(submitted by Joanne Bauer)



The Legion of Mary's Day of Spirituality was held at St. Joseph Church on November 4, 2017.

The 80 attendees were inspired by Father Stephen Kelley's excellent homilies on the Blessed Mother. Father also spoke about St. Charles Borromeo, the Saint of the Day.

The day provided opportunity for confession as we had three priests ready to minister to the members; attend Holy Mass; participate in the praying of the Legion Prayers and the Rosary; have time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; enjoy each other's company while sharing a luncheon of homemade vegetable soup, sandwiches, macaroni salad, pickles, chips and cookies.

The day ended with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It was a day filled with many blessings.

Our thanks to Father Kelley for agreeing to conduct this day and for his continued interest in the Legion of Mary as our Spiritual Director.

# Parishioners in the Spotlight

## Harold & Suzanne Krushinsky



Harry was born and raised on “Cabbage Hill.” He attended St. Joseph School where he was an altar boy and a Scout. He graduated from Lancaster Catholic High School in 1957. In 1962 he joined St. James Catholic Church in Lititz where he was a member of the Men’s Club and helped organize Bingo. In 1995 Harry returned to his “home parish” of St. Joseph’s. He retired from Oregon Dairy.

Sue grew up in St. Anne’s Parish where she went to St. Anne’s School and Lancaster Catholic High School. She graduated from Millersville University with a degree in Elementary/Special Education and retired from Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 where she worked as a learning support teacher.

Harry and Sue were married by Monsignor Smith in 2002. Together they have 7 children, 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Their son, Carl, was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in the Scranton diocese in November.

As members of St. Joseph Parish, Harry and Sue enjoy working together on committees such as Adopt-A-Plot, Mercy Committee and Bereavement Committee. Harry also ushers at the 10:30 Mass where Sue sells grocery/gift cards. They enjoy attending Golden Hills luncheons and helping with the Christmas Cookie Sale. They especially treasure their time of Adoration of the Eucharist - their time to give thanks for all their blessings and to pray for all their loved ones and to listen

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## New Year’s Day Community Meal

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

(submitted by Matt Stewart)

The New Year’s Day Community meal is happening again– 5th year! The meal is FREE to ANYONE. All are invited

Something we tried last year that worked very well was having parish members as table hosts. Rather than working, you sit at the table and share the meal and mingle with guests.

For those wanting to help, the schedule is:

Friday evening, December 29 - the cooking of pork

Saturday, December 30 - 1:00 pm, prep food; desserts may be dropped off and gym set-up.

Monday, January 1, New Year’s Day, - work starts 8:00am. Serving begins at 1:00pm.

I am looking for workers the day of the event to serve the food, wait on the tables, refill drinks, coffee, and the dessert cart. You would only need to be there at 12:30pm. Questions or any one wishing to help leading up to the event or can donate needed supplies please contact Matt Stewart at 717-587-8409, wallaby38@gmail.com.



# St. Joseph Catholic Club



## Hillian Happenings

(submitted by John Bauer)

As the year is winding down, the Board of Directors at our Club hopes that this was a great year for the families of St. Joseph Parish and the Lancaster Community that we serve. We thank all of you who have helped, in any way, to make this another successful experience for the participants in our programs. Without the support of our Parishioners and the residents of Lancaster, we would not be able to provide the youth of the community with the opportunity to participate in softball and baseball teams. Thank you!

We are in desperate need of volunteers for both our softball and baseball programs. We are looking for coaches, team parents and most of all, a person to oversee our baseball activities. If you or someone you know, has a love of the game, knows the fundamentals of the sport and would be interested in sharing your knowledge and time with the youngsters, please contact Mark Legenstein at 717-872-8849 or Bill Souders at 717-917-3755. This is a great way to demonstrate your Stewardship by giving your time and applying your skills of the sport for the betterment of our Parish and Community.

We are in the process of preparing for our annual 10-Week Club. Again the night of the event will be in May 2018. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact any board member. You may also contact Gene or Linda Duncan at 717-299-6940 or email GDuncan@aol.com.

Remember: If you are looking for a place to hold a party over the Winter Months, our Clubroom is available for that event. Please contact Mark Legenstein, president.

May the blessing of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, guide you to a holy and spiritual holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

The Board of Directors  
www.stjosephcatholicclub.com



St. Joe Angels 10u Fall team coached by Brian Frailey completed their Fall campaign and had a great season followed by a pizza party at St. Joseph's pavilion at the field.

### Baseball and Softball Signups

January 5 and January 13  
in Msgr. Smith Social Hall  
11:00am to 4:00pm.

We are looking for coaches for  
these young boys and girls.

For more information  
call Bill Souders  
at 302-212-5124.



# Resurrection Catholic School

(submitted by Donna Walker)

## Philanthropist Remembers Catholic Education, Gives to New Foundation

Dr. Albert Schreder donates to Catholic education all because of a priest who was his high school principal in 1945.

At 90 years old, a question Dr. Albert Schreder often asks himself is, “Why does God want me here?” The answer led to his investment in the Catholic Education Foundation, a three-year-old independent group that raises money for tuition for students to attend local Catholic schools. “I firmly believe in Catholic education,” said the retired dentist who was born and raised on Cabbage Hill in Lancaster.

Gerald Ganse feels the same. He founded CEF to help solve “the number one obstacle to Catholic education: funding.” Ganse and Schreder grew up together and attended St. Joseph School and Lancaster Catholic High School. At that time families didn’t pay tuition.

“The CEF has committed to take the lead in raising funds to allow Catholic schools to be accessible to all families of the Lancaster Deanery,” Ganse said.

During their high school years, war gripped the nation and young men were drafted. That’s what Schreder assumed would happen to him. He served in the Army but not right out of high school. That’s because Father Anthony Kane, LCHS principal in 1945, told the senior basketball star he should go to college. “I never even thought about it.” Schreder said. “I often wondered, ‘What did he see in me?’ To this day I can’t say.”

Kane helped Schreder get into the University of Notre Dame where he majored in physical education. But the draft happened, and he went to Fort McClellan, Ala., where he trained as a sharpshooter and machine gunner. From there, the Army shipped him to Sendai on the Japanese island of Honshu.

“They looked at me and said, ‘What are you doing here? This is not Infantry. This is service. We have a position open for a dental technician. Do you want to do that?’” Schreder said. “And that changed my whole life.”

He returned to Notre Dame after the service and then went on to the Temple University School of Dentistry.

“Lancaster’s a great, great place,” Schreder said, and his path brought him back here to raise his children who also attended St. Joseph’s as did his wife. Though he looked at other places to settle, he decided to partner with his brother in a dental practice on West King Street. In 1993, he retired and the business moved to Good Drive. It is now managed by his nephew and his nephew’s wife.

“I can only attribute it to divine guidance,” Schreder said. “I blame it all on Father Kane.”

Now, Schreder wants the same opportunity for Catholic children in Lancaster. “I want to get more kids to be able to go to Resurrection and Catholic High,” he said.

Schreder and Ganse visited Resurrection Catholic School November 9 to meet the students awarded \$750 each from CEF this year.

“Knowing that people want to help me motivates me to work harder and make them proud,” said sixth grade student Niang Kim.

The CEF offers an alternate way for people to be philanthropic, Ganse said. “We can work with donors to fulfill their wishes and we can accept any kind of donation.”



For information about CEF, contact Ganse at 717-577-2735.

President of the Catholic Education Foundation Gerald Ganse, left, stands with Christian Velez-Bernabe, Niang Kim and Dr. Albert Schreder at Resurrection Catholic School November 9 during a visit held so Dr. Schreder could meet two of the three students he assisted through donations to the foundation.

## Resurrection Girls on the Run

Resurrection Catholic School girls in Girls on the Run are learning the program signifies more than the culminating 5-kilometer race on Nov. 11.

When students in third to fifth grades meet twice a week to train for the run, they also receive subtle moments of encouragement. On a recent Wednesday, the session included 40 minutes of running but also a lesson on gratitude. Coach and gym teacher Connie Feldman yelled a word, like “teachers!” The girls, in teams of two, shouted one grateful statement such as, “They teach us things,” and one ungrateful statement such as, “They make us work.”

Then they ran the length of the gym and came back to Feldman to respond to another word, one that made them think about gratitude and how people impact their lives.

“There’s a different topic every time we meet,” Feldman said, like healthy eating, or what is real beauty? “The physical activity warms them up for their run and the conversations boost their confidence and make them realize they are special.”

On a large lot across the street, the girls chalked their names on the asphalt to keep track of their laps. Running partners Zury Jaramillo and Melanie Martinez end with 17 tick marks. Their goal for the next meeting?

“Nineteen,” they said in unison and without hesitation.

“They set their own goals,” Feldman said. “They can walk, run, skip; just so they keep moving.”

Teachers Mary Scaccia and Jenny Schmidheiser give up free time to be there. They volunteer as coaches because they believe it pays dividends in terms of youth development.

“It’s good for girls, especially those who have never been involved in anything before. They get encour-



agement from other girls and can feel good about themselves,” Shmidheiser said.

Scaccia added, “It’s a good program because it focuses on the positive. It gives me a chance to get out, too.”

Feldman wanted the program to work at Resurrection. She called, emailed and talked to the girls and their families about its benefits. She gives up a day off to drive in on Wednesdays because, “It’s important,” she said. “There are so many things that can bring girls down. This program is solely to build them up.”

When the 40 minutes of movement ends, Payton Martin and Sydney English told Feldman they made up a cheer as they walked and ran their laps. After listening, Feldman asked them to teach the others. Then she announced that Han Nguyen gave her best effort that day, brought her into the circle of girls, and they repeated the newly-learned cheer.

“We got girl power.

“Yes, we do.

“We got girl power.

“How about you?”

Nguyen, in a T-shirt that reads “Strong,” smiled. As she ran, her only stops were to chalk mark her laps or to write on a poster board a suggestion for a community impact project. Together, the girls will work on a project that will contribute to the community, a lesson on citizenship and service.

Resurrection students enrolled in Girls on the Run are Jaramillo, Nguyen, Martin, English, Marisol Mendez, Rylie Martin, Victoria Rivera, Melanie Martinez, Belen Borjas, and upper grade mentor Annalise Kauffman. Anyone – moms, dads, neighbors, siblings – can run in the culminating race at Millersville University Nov. 11, Feldman says but they must register at <https://www.gotrlancaster.org/5k>.

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## News from the Pews

### **Clyde Butz Receives J. Freeland Chryst Sports Achievement Award**

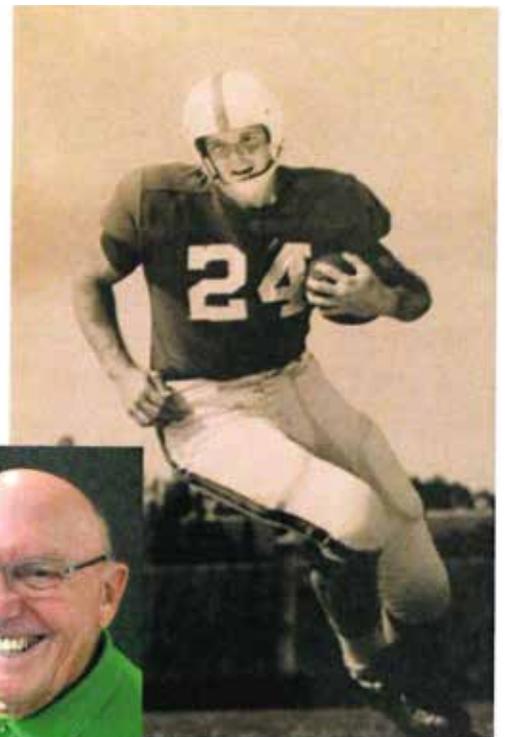
Clyde Butz played football, basketball and baseball at Lancaster Catholic, earning All-Star accolades in football and basketball.

In baseball, he was one of five Lancaster County American Legion baseball players to be selected by major league baseball scouts to play at Connie Mack Stadium in the East-West All-Star Game.

Butz earned a scholarship to Massanutten Military Academy, where he played football, basketball and baseball. At Massanutten, he was named the school’s top all-around athlete for 1955. He played football and threw the shot put in junior college.

He went on to the University of Florida where he played football until a knee injury kept him off the field.

He coached midget-midgets and junior-midgets in baseball in Marietta and at Donegal for football.



## Ben Collister Earns Eagle Scout Award

Benjamin C. Collister, son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig F. Collister, has completed all the requirements to earn the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 84 in Manheim Township, Lancaster. Ben is a senior at Lancaster Catholic High School and the rank of Eagle Scout was awarded to him on Saturday, November 25, 2017.

For his Eagle Scout project, Benjamin refurbished one of the hallways dedicated to Distinguished Alumni at Lancaster Catholic High School. The project consisted of removing the photos and frames, having the hallway repainted and assembling the photos in new and all alike frames and glass to be rehung in the hallway. Weber Advertising supplied the matching frames and glass for each photo.



Since joining Troop 84, Ben has earned a total of 33 merit badges which includes the 13 required to reach the Eagle Scout rank. He has traveled to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in the summer of 2016 and completed a 14-day camping and hiking trek of 75 miles total. Ben has also participated in the Marksmanship High Adventure trip to Bechtel Summit in West Virginia and has completed several camping trips to Bashore Boy Scout Camp and Camp Mack. In order to earn the required Cycling Merit Badge, he had completed the C&O Canal 50-mile bike trek in one day. As a first-grader, Ben started his Cub Scout years with Troop 16 here at St. Joseph's.

As a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ben has been an altar server for the past nine years, participates in the decorating of the Church for Christmas and Easter, helps with the litter "pick-up" around the Church and volunteers with the annual cookie sale and parish picnics. At Lancaster Catholic High School, he is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society, involved in the Entrepreneur Program, Environmental Club and participates in CYO basketball.

After his graduation from high school, Ben plans to attend a 4-year college to major in Landscape Design/Build and eventually work side-by-side with his dad at Collister Lawn Care & Maintenance.

## Lancaster Catholic Honor Roll Students

**Congratulations to the following students who earned Honor Roll Status  
for the first quarter**

### **Distinguished Honors**

Benjamin Collister  
Marian Joseph  
Carrigan Legenstein  
Kaitlyn Yost

### **Honor Roll**

Severiano Flores  
Hailey Legenstein



# LHOP/SoWe Office Established in Religious Education Building

(submitted by Dick Hecker)

(photos by Denise Ziegler)



As part of the Wells Fargo Regional Foundation revitalization plan for the southwest neighborhood it was highly recommended that LHOP and its neighborhood organization, SoWe, establish an office in the SoWe area.

As a result, LHOP signed a five year lease with St. Joseph Church to rent both office and meeting space in the Religious Education building. New signage has been installed directing people to the new LHOP/SoWe office.



The new office space will allow LHOP/SoWe staff to operate day-to-day in the southwest neighborhood to help implement the revitalization plan.

## Volunteers Prepare the Newsletter for Mailing

(photos by Donna D'Agostino)

Thanks to our crew of dedicated volunteers who work to fold and label the nearly 800 copies of the parish newsletter to parishioners who receive their copy by mail.



If you currently receive your copy in the mail but would prefer to have it sent by email, please notify Mary Ellen ([mgardner@stjosephslanc.com](mailto:mgardner@stjosephslanc.com)) and she will add your name to the email list. The newsletter is also posted on the parish website [www.stjosephslanc.com](http://www.stjosephslanc.com) under the Parish Life tab (scroll down to Publications)

**Parish Family Update**  
**September 18, 2017 - December 1, 2017**

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

Conor Michael Green, son of Ryan Green & Sara Lyden  
Patrick Hallock III, son of Patrick Hallock II & Laura Martin

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

Matthew Harris & Hannah Wurster  
Zachary Veilleux & Marian West

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

Helen Anderson  
Jeanne Eichelberger  
Betty Hain  
Muriel Kennett  
Rose Lehman  
Charles Murse, Sr.  
Richard Thompson

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

Kay Duffy, on the loss of her sister Linda Kurtz  
Kitty Guinter on the loss of her sister, Kathleen Milley  
Therese Mueller on the loss of her mother, Carol Baird  
Rose Waid on the loss of her mother, Marion Cramer

**Please also remember in prayer**

Joseph Buczynski III  
Rita Geib  
James McManus, Jr.

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

Mr. Judsen R. Brill  
Miss Olivia S. McMechen

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

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Canty  
Ms. Michelle Conrad  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Drago  
Miss Courtney Fox  
Tony Koenig

**Memorial Opportunities  
to Remember a Loved One, Honor a Friend,  
or Give yourself a gift this Christmas  
through our Carl Barckhoff Organ Program**

(submitted by Pat LeFever)



**A Memorial is an Expression of Love and Thanksgiving**

Our 1891 Carl Barckhoff organ is one of only a few extant examples of this magnificent instrument. In 2005 we restored our organ to allow for another 100 years of beautiful musical service. We are offering everyone an opportunity to participate in various naming opportunities to provide special recognition for family member(s), friends, or you.

In honor of everyone who wishes to contribute, they will have their name or the individual they designate entered into the Memorial and Gift Book which is displayed in the vestibule of our church. It will be annotated in the Memorial and Gift Book that you sponsored a pipe. Each pipe can be sponsored at \$250.00 each. We will also prepare a certificate for you (see sample at the stand by the donor wall in the vestibule of the church). You may wish to sponsor the Swell box (a chamber containing organ pipes, with shutters that can be opened or shut to regulate the volume) for \$15,000; the organ Pedals for \$15,000 or a rank of pipes (pipe organ pipes are provided in sets called ranks, each of which has a common timbre and volume throughout the keyboard compass) for \$5,000 per rank for family, friends, or yourself and have their name or designated name annotated on the plaque in the vestibule of our church.

Currently, there are a number of pipes, as well as 19 Ranks remaining to be sponsored, as well as the Swell and Pedal.

If you wish to have one (or more) of your family members, friends or yourself memorialized, please see the brochures and envelopes in the vestibule by the memorial stand at the rear of the church. Contributions received for this Organ Memorial Program will be used for future expenses for our historic organ as well as other parish maintenance projects.

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

# Thank You Letters

CATHOLIC  WORKER  
HOUSE OF LANCASTER

November 15, 2017

Dear Father Wolfe,

We very much appreciate your recent donation on May 16th of \$650.00 to the Catholic Worker House of Lancaster. We want to assure you that your donation will be put to good use in serving those in need in the Lancaster community.

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

Sincerely,  
Joseph Dougherty,  
Director

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On behalf of the Catholic Worker House of Lancaster, I'd like to thank those who donated warm winter clothing, to be given away to the less fortunate of Lancaster City. Our clothing give away was held on Saturday, November 11th. It was a huge success, as we helped over 300 people find coats, clothing, hats, gloves, etc. to get them through the winter months. You're generosity is very much appreciated!

Tara Hauber  
Catholic Worker House of Lancaster



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## THE ASSUMPTIONISTS AUGUSTINIANS OF THE ASSUMPTION

September 12, 2017

Dear Rev. Wolfe,

On behalf of all Assumptionists I would like to thank you for hosting one of our missionaries at your parish as part of the Missionary Cooperative Program. Please convey our gratitude to your parishioners for their generosity and hospitality.

Please be assured that we will keep you and the members of your Parish Community in our prayers, knowing how much you have helped us in our missionary efforts.

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Ann McCue  
Mission Representative  
Augustinians of the Assumption



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

(submitted by Matt Stewart)



The Boy and Cub Scouts started their inside programs with the start of school. Our meetings are held indoors in the Scout Room which is above the Monsignor Smith Social Hall. Boy Scouts meet Monday night, and Cub Scouts meet Tuesday night. For more information contact Matt Stewart, 717-587-8409.

The Boy Scout year begins with a Court of Honor, where we award the advancements earned by the scouts over the summer, as well as present our yearly calendar, and fund raisers. Kyle Mucha is shown being presented his First Class rank by his mother.



Camping is always part of the program as it is the only way to really demonstrate outdoor skills. For October we camped at the County Park and invited parents to join us for dinner since it was nearby. The boys cooked the food for their families. In November we camped at Climbers Run Nature Center. While there the boys helped in some conservation work clearing invasive plants. We also had the boys cook on fire, not stoves for the weekend. The leaders did the same, but as seen in the picture the leaders ate pretty good,

steak, mushrooms, baked potatoes, and asparagus, all cooked on coals.



This year we have several scouts working toward their Eagle badge. One of the requirements is to plan and lead a project for the benefit of the community. Hank Farrell is refurbishing the garden plots at Hamilton Elementary School while Dylan Yarborough is constructing a stage platform for the preschool program at CAP, Community Action Partnership.



The Boys and Cubs participated this year in the Scouting for Food drive which is held in November. You may have received one of the door hangers promoting the event. This year we collected about 500 pounds of food, and dropped it off at the Bethel AME food bank.