

FROM THE PASTOR



HAPPY EASTER! - On this 22nd day of Easter 2017 (44% of the way through the fifty day Easter Season), I pray that the grace of our freshly renewed Baptismal Promises may sink more deeply into our hearts and souls and flow out more clearly in our words and works.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Each year on the 4th Sunday of Easter we are presented with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd as we listen to portions of the tenth chapter of the Gospel According to John.

VOCATIONS – And so it's easy to see why we locate our annual celebration of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** today. While each baptized person has a vocation, today our Church focuses on vocations to serve the Church and the world by way of the **Sacrament of Holy Orders**.

HOLY ORDERS, HOLY ORDER – The Sacrament of Holy Orders (Bishops; Priests; Deacons) is described in the *Catechism* as a “sacrament in the service of communion.” I like to think of this as a vocation in the service of fostering order (a/k/a “shepherding”)—specifically the type of order that facilitates communion, community, and mission **in and as one Body** of Christ incarnate in St. Ann Parish. It is good that many of our members are involved in various activities that help people. It is even better when, in addition to acting as individuals, we see ourselves acting as members of the one Body of Christ. This is why is it such a big deal (i.e. “grave matter”) to gather regularly (i.e., weekly) at the same time (i.e., on the Lord's Day) in the same space (i.e., around the Altar) and while on our knees pray words such as these: ***“Grant that we who are nourished by the body and blood of your Son may be filled with his Holy***

Spirit and become one body, one spirit in Christ” (from Eucharistic Prayer #3).

SPEAKING OF VOCATIONS - We have just received word that **Mark Szewczak**, a member of our parish, has been called to the Order of Deacon by Archbishop Chaput. Having completed six years of preparation, Mark and his seminary classmates will be ordained in the Cathedral on Saturday June 10. We have requested that Deacon Mark be assigned to serve in our parish; however, deacon assignments are made by the Archbishop as he considers the needs of the entire Archdiocese. Congratulations, Mark, to you, to your wife Nancy and to all your family!



“GIVING HOPE TO ALL” - is the theme of the **2017 Catholic Charities Appeal**. This annual appeal is our main corporate effort as the Body of Christ in the five counties of the Archdiocese to serve hundreds of thousands of our neighbors in need of material and social assistance. For more visit <http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org>.



A/C FOR ST. ANN CHURCH – We have settled on a bid of \$41,000 to add air conditioning to St. Ann Church and the price for upgrading the electrical service to the building will be about \$10,000. The parish has earmarked \$25,000 toward this project, and we are looking for additional donations of \$26,000 to cover the cost of these two improvements. If you are able to donate to these projects please make checks payable to St. Ann Church and write CHURCH AC in the memo line. If we exceed our goal, additional funds received will be put toward much needed improvements to St. Ann Church hall. Thank you!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – We would like to congratulate our students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend. This is an important step in their faith journey, one where Jesus comes to nourish them with his Body and Blood. Let us pray for them and their families that Jesus will bless them on this special day.

Saturday, May 6 5:00 PM Mass- Addisyn Feldmann, Rilee Feldmann, Grace Godlewski, Charles Latrechiano, Claire Riley

Sunday, May 7, 9:30 AM Spanish Mass - Yaretzi Ventura-Gobea

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Sunday, May 7, 11:30 AM Mass - Chloe Anspach, Leah Bernat, Caroline Green, Lucy Kuranda, Riley Majcher, Margaret McCoy, Mackenzie Steager

NEED A RIDE - HOPE volunteers drive people in need to appointments or on essential errands, Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Schedule a ride 4 days in advance.

May 1 - 15: Ted Galeone at 610-935-9294
May 16 - 31: Howard Gordon at 215-316-1982

Necesita un "RIDE" - Nuestro Ministerio HOPE tiene voluntarios disponibles para llevarlo a citas esenciales de lunes a viernes, de 7 AM a 4 PM. Para coordinar esta actividad por favor llame a Rosa Padilla al 484-302-6056 con 4 días de anticipación.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

- Sun:** Acts 2:14a,36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
- Mon:** Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
- Tues:** Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
- Wed:** Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
- Thu:** Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
- Fri:** Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
- Sat:** Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
- Next**
- Sun:** Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



AID FOR FRIENDS
 FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you can assist by creating single-serving meals with leftovers for the homebound in our community, you can pick up empty trays and supplies and meals can be dropped off at 602 S. Main St.

Sunday 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
and 5:30 - 7:00 PM

For more information call Kate at 610-933-3814 or katecommiskey@msn.com.



Table Fellowship for the WEEK OF MAY 7
St. Peter's Church
 121 Church St.

Lunch - Monday - Friday
 Noon to 1:00 PM

Monday (May 8)
 Dinner 5:00 - 6:00 PM Pantry 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Saturday (May 13)
 Dinner 5:00 PM



SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS for **Mother's Day, May 14** are available in Church, Chapel and Sacred Heart Church. These spiritual bouquets will be placed on the altar for Masses on Mother's Day weekend.



PARISH GROUP LEADERS

It's that time again to begin planning for the 2017-2018 calendar. Please submit your calendar and request for space to Ginny in the Parish Office by **May 24**. You can email ginnyn@comcast.net or drop off at the Parish Office.

THE WEEK OF MAY 7, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Mass in Chapel
 9:30 AM Mass in Chapel
 9:30 AM Spanish Mass in Church
 11:30 AM Mass in Chapel
 6:00 PM Mass in Chapel

Special Collection – The Catholic Home Missions Appeal is taking place this weekend. Please be as generous as your means allow in this annual effort. For more information search “Catholic Home Missions” at <http://www.usccb.org>.

9:30 AM - Sunday School (Pre-School)
 9:30 AM - Children’s Liturgy (602)
 9:30 AM - Women’s Guild Mass (Chapel)
 and Communion Breakfast

Pre-Mothers Day Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus today from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at St. Michael’s Parish Center, 203 Jacob St., Mont Clare. \$10 Adults/\$6 Children Ages 4-13.

10:35 AM - PREP K-6 (School)
 12:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass (Church) and Social (Church Hall)
 7:00 PM - Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Church Hall)

MONDAY

8:00 Mass in Church

7:00 PM - Pastoral Council Meeting (Parish Office)
 7:30 PM - Legion of Mary (Church Hall 2)

St. Joseph Fair Spring City this Tuesday to Saturday. Come join us in Spring City for a fantastic carnival experience from SwikaS Amusements. They will have rides for young and old, a Silent Auction, bake sale, food trailer, daily raffle drawing, children’s games and fireworks.

TUESDAY
St. Athanasius

8:00 AM Mass in Church

8:30 AM - Confessions (Church)
 9:30 AM - HFS Mass (Chapel) Fr. Hutter
 6:20 PM - PREP K-6 (Church, School)
 7:00 PM - RCIA (Parish Office)
 7:00 PM - Scripture Study (Church Hall)

WEDNESDAY

St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka’i

8:00 AM Mass in Church

8:30 AM - Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
 12:30 PM - Walking with Purpose (Church Hall)
 7:00 PM - Charismatic Prayer (Church Hall 2)
 7:30 PM - ESL Classes (Church Hall, 1, 3 & 4)

7:30 - 9:00 PM - Catholic Young Adults - . A Four Part Harmony at Ss Peter and Paul Parish. We continue our discussion of St. Thomas Aquinas who demonstrated that faith and reason are not at odds, nor are the soul and body. Come see what makes St. Thomas a Pivotal Player! Join us the 2nd Wednesday of each month as we learn about the men and women who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Mass in Church

8:30 AM - Church Cleaners (Church)
 5:45 PM - Bridges to Faith (Church Hall)
 5:45 PM - Youth Choir (Chapel)
 7:00 PM - ESL Classes (Church Hall 1, 2, 3 & 4)
 7:00 PM - Adult Choir (Chapel)
 7:00 PM - Scripture Study (Parish Office)

FRIDAY

Ss. Nereus & Achilleus/St. Pancras

SATURDAY

Fatima Centennial - This Saturday, May 13, 2017, will be the 100th anniversary of Mary’s initial apparition to the three children in Fatima, Portugal. Pope Francis will be in Fatima for this celebration and on this occasion he will canonize Francisco and Jacinta Marto, two of the three visionaries.

Parish Fatima Celebration - This Saturday we will celebrate **Mass in Church at 8:00 AM**, preceded by the rosary. Then at noon we will gather on the Parish Lawn for the rosary and hymns.

7:00 AM - Men’s Bible Study (Church Hall)
 9:00 AM - October 14, 2017 Confirmation Prep (Church Hall)
 3:45 PM - Confessions (Sacred Heart Church)

Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Easter
 5:00 PM Mass in Sacred Heart Church

UPCOMING EVENTS



MAY IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY - The Spanish Ministry and the Legion of Mary invite you to attend our May Rosary Garden events, each Saturday in May. We gather at Noon in the garden next to the Parish Office back steps, and pray the Angelus & the Holy Rosary to Our Lady. All languages are welcome. In addition

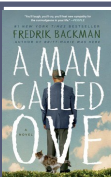
this year, from 11:00 AM we will teach how to make a Rosary. We invite everyone in the parish to participate, especially this year commemorating the 100th year of Our Lady of Fatima apparitions in Portugal. Weather permitting we will gather in the little garden; otherwise we will meet in St. Ann's Church.

MAYO ES EL MES DEL ROSARIO - El Ministerio Hispano y la Legión de María le invitan a asistir a nuestros eventos del mes del Rosario. Nos reuniremos cada sábado de mayo a las 12:00 PM en el jardín junto a la oficina de la parroquia a rezar el Ángelus y el Santo Rosario a nuestra Señora. Todos están bienvenidos y todos los idiomas! Además este año, desde las 11:00 am nos enseñarán cómo hacer un Rosario. Invitamos a todos en la parroquia a participar, especialmente este año que conmemoramos el centenario de las apariciones de nuestra Señora de Fátima. Si el tiempo lo permite, nos reuniremos en el jardín, si llueve nos reuniremos en la iglesia de Santa Ana.

MOTHER'S DAY – As our nation celebrates Mother's Day next Sunday, we will celebrate the crowning of our Blessed Mother statue within the 11:30 AM Mass.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL celebrates the Arts in all its forms. Our Second and Fourth Grades serenaded us with song during their Spring Concert, our Drama Club regaled us with our annual musical, *Annie, Jr.*, and now we present the visual arts. Come join us for our Art Showcase on May 23. Student art work will be on display in Griffin Hall from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. For more information or to schedule a tour call 610-933-7562 or email office@myholylfamilyschool.org.



Book Club – May Selection

***A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman**
A feel-good story, Fredrik Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others.

Book Club will meet on May 23 at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall, Room #1. To join the discussion, please contact Madelyn O'Hara at 610-639-0923 or stannadulted@gmail.com.

Join Our Golf Outing



Join us for the **HOLY FAMILY CYO GOLF OUTING** on **May 26** at Spring Hollow Golf Club, 3350 Schuylkill Road, Spring City. Golf starts at 1:00 PM. Registration and sponsorships can be purchased online at www.hfscyo.com. Benefits the sports programs for our parish children at Holy Family CYO.

MASS FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION

at St. Joseph Church, 3640 Schuylkill Road, Spring City on Saturday, June 3 at Noon. The celebrant will be Rev. Charles O'Hara, Pastor. Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

PREP REGISTRATION 2017-2018

March 26 – June 3

Information and forms now available
online and at the Parish Office



St. Ann Parish Vacation Bible School 2017

Jesse Tree Journey

June 26 – June 30

9:00 AM - Noon

Ages 4 ½ -11

Adult and youth volunteers (ages 12+) are needed to help in all areas. Contact Julie Prichett at youthstann@comcast.net or call 610-755-1077.

Child registration forms are now available on the parish website and at the Parish Office.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Want to share your faith with others? 9th thru 12th grade Catholic high school students are asked to volunteer as assistant teachers in St. Mary of the Assumption, Phoenixville summer religious education program (PREP). The program begins June 19 and ends June 30, Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to Noon. Assistant teachers help in class activities. They assist in teaching under the direction of the assigned teacher and supervise students during recreation and related activities. Participation meets service hour requirements for all Catholic High Schools. **Volunteers accepted for one or both weeks have fun, earn Service Hours and teach young people about Jesus.** For more information please contact Barbara Hritz at 610-489-4167 after 7:00 PM by May 15 or St. Mary's Parish Office: 610-933-2526.



Our **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be holding their 7th Annual **GOLF OUTING** at **The**

Kimberton Golf Club on Friday, June 16. All are invited to play. For reservations see our website at KofC1374.org.

PLAY AND READ - It will take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 AM to Noon at the school of the Sacred Heart - 2nd floor - for children of 3-5 years of age in preparation for kindergarten. It's free. If you need information, please contact Maria Galarza at 845-926-0565.

JUGAR Y LEER - Se realizara cada martes y jueves de 10:00 AM a 12:00 PM en la escuela del Sagrado Corazón - 2nd piso - para niños de 3-5 años de edad en preparación para kindergarten. Es Gratis y los interesados pueden contactar a María Galarza al 845-926-0565.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

St. Peter's Church is sponsoring a Summer Lunch Program for Children and we are **seeking Volunteers to staff this effort.**

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Meals prepared by the Great Valley School District
- Meals distributed at Barkley School and Sacred Heart School Cafeteria.
- Time Commitment: Weekdays 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

If you have interest in volunteering or would like to know more about the program, please contact Gary Russell at grussell-21@hotmail.com or 610-420-7224.

We will need your name and email address as you will be notified of a volunteer meeting in mid to late May.



Want to save some time and money while helping St Ann Parish in the process?

Consider using Direct Deposit for your weekly Sunday donation. St Ann's offers a Direct Debit program whereby your total monthly (Sunday) contribution is automatically deducted from your designated account on the 15th of each month. There is no fee to use this service. Sign up forms may be found on our chapel shelves or call the parish office for more info.

If you use the monthly direct debit program and you are uncomfortable as the collection basket passes you, feel free to place an empty envelope marked 'direct debit' into the basket.

Also, you may contact your Bank or Credit Union to use the Bill Payer service they offer. Many financial institutions offer this service for free.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Alicia Andrews, Gene Bernat, Chad Berish, Beth Booth, Carolyn Boring, Ashley Rose Bukay, Ed Cain, Eleanor and John Calvecchio, Leroy Campbell, Dave Cocci, Angeline Costello, John Daly, Joe Demyan, Michael DiArcangelo, Lida Dickinson, Lucille Dickson, Loan Doan, Tom Fedick, Dan Fennell, Daniel Flores, Sally Freed, Ryan Gerhold, Joe Gibson, Gordon Gladden, Jennifer Pacifico Golaszewski, Christine Greger, Jim Havrilla, Jean Hoffman, Joseph Hohenleitner, Angela Hogan, Ann Hovanec, Michael Hudak, Jeanette Jelus, Ann Johnson, Irene King, Jack Klenk, Patrick Koch, John Koch, Irene Layden, Denise Long, Ray Long, Claire Maestrale, Steve & Joanne Mardi, Marie Marosek, Thomas Mastrangelo, Heather McCann, John McKenzie, Michele Mellon, Ron Motzer, Tom Moyer, Karen Nesspor, Jacob Nichols, Georgene O'Donnell, Marcelo Opiela, Steve Pannella, Cindy Patton, Joan Pendergast, Abigail Pilcicki, Dianne Litishin Ponzio, Christine Radoiss, Katherine Raggazino, Jerry Ratchford, John Riegel, Kris Roberts, Kathryn Rocky, Pat Scott, Ken Shackleton, Keith Sheridan, Patrick Sheridan, Eustachia Shtohryn, Margaret Sim, James Smith, Renee Smith, Jennifer Spencer, Sr., Evelyn Spitz, Bob Stancavage, Marc Stevenson, Sherri Stover, Ethel Thomas, Glenn Thomas, Don Troncelliti, Helen Twargoski, Doris Valerio, Jeff Vance, Joe Vargo, Paul G. Weaver, Charles Wertz, Ann Wolff, Talan Wolstenholme, our homebound, parishioners in Nursing Homes, Hospitals & all serving in the Armed Forces.

	4/30/17 44th Sunday in Fiscal Year	Sunday Donations Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/16 - 4/30/17
Budget:	\$15,935	\$695,485
Offering:		
Envelopes	\$11,264	\$515,644
Loose	1,692	43,770
Online Giving	1,185	79,214
Mail	877	69,697
Total	\$15,018	\$708,325
Shortage	-\$917	
Overage		\$12,840
Easter and Flowers 2017		
Budget:	\$40,000	
Donations:	37,927	
Shortage	-\$2,073	

Thank you for your generosity!