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Jesus said
to his disciples:
“I have come to
set the earth on fire,
and how I wish
it were already
blazing!”

Luke 12:49

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APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Aug. 20 - 4:00 PM - Cassandra Crevecoeur, Amelia Partner
Sun. Aug. 21 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Nicholas Rasmussen
Sun. Aug. 21 - 10:00 AM - Dalton Davis, Nate Rudolph

LECTORS:

Sat. Aug. 20 - 4:00 PM - David Petrak, Mary Petrak
Sun. Aug. 21 - 8:00 AM - Francene Boland, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Aug. 21 - 10:00 AM - Bob Olson, Jim Campbell

EUCCHARISTIC MIINISTERS:

Sat. Aug. 20 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Jenna Jenkins
Sun. Aug. 21 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Aug. 21 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Ginger Cooney,
Debbie Smith, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Aug. 20 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Coleen Langguth,
John Lloyd, Betsy Lloyd
Sun. Aug. 21 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Darlene Scarpaci,
Larry Van Sichel, Paula Van Sichel
Sun. Aug. 21 - 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Dolores Capriotti,
Lou Ann Clark, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Aug. 20 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Aug. 21 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Aug. 21 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

September 30 through October 8 - Parish Directory
Photo Sessions in Bailey Hall
October 22 - Love Feast

MOMENT OF MERCY

Pope Francis on Mercy – *We ask the Lord for the grace of fidelity, and the first step on this path towards fidelity is to admit you are a sinner. If you do not feel sinful, you have begun badly. We ask for grace so that our hearts do not harden - that they are open to God's mercy - and we ask for the grace of faithfulness.*



A Few Words from the Pastor:

Feast of the Assumption – Monday the Church Universal celebrates the glorious feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven. This is OUR feast as well, for as Mary now shares in Christ's resurrection, so is that promise given to us! Our Masses Monday will be at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM. There is no obligation this year, though all are encouraged to celebrate this great feast!

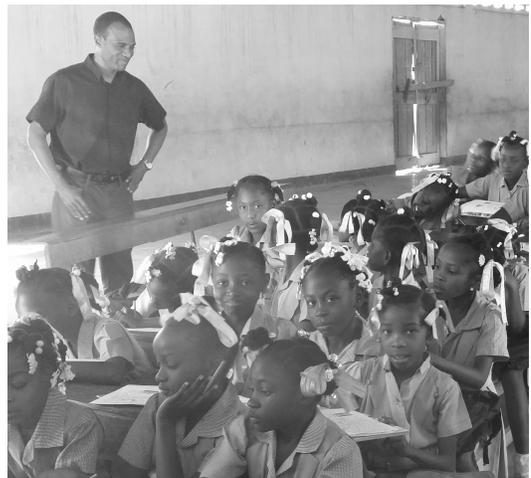
What is Recreation? This word means many things to many people. It's what we do on vacation: hiking, swimming, beaching, traveling! But in looking at the word itself, it can tell us its real meaning and purpose: **re-creation**. We are to be re-created, made new, refreshed. Since only God can create, so only God can "re-create" us. As we take vacation time this summer, it is important to allow God to "re-create" us, to make us new, so that we and our families might live healthier and happier lives!

Trip to Longwood Gardens – Because we simply did not get enough folks for a bus trip, we will try to reschedule this for the fall. You may also want to mark your calendars for the diocesan pilgrimage to the National Shrine, which will be on Saturday, November 12.

St. Bernard of Clairveaux – On Saturday, August 20th, the church honors this abbot and doctor of the Church. He was a great reformer of monastic life, and the founder of the Cistercian Order of monks. He established many monasteries throughout Europe in the 12th Century, and is honored especially by the Trappists, who live the rule of life which he wrote. Our parish in Hastings, PA is named after him, and is staffed by the Benedictines, who see Bernard as one of the great reformers of their order.

Stop By Our New Office – Our new parish office is now located in the former PreK room on the lower level of the church. Stop by for a visit to our business manager/secretary, Mary Ann Mirobelli and our music director/pastoral associate, Debbie Johnson! There is a doorbell that alerts them of your arrival, and you will be "buzzed in," as you were in our previous office.

Our Second Gift for Desks! – We are most grateful to two donors who have provided funds for the purchase of desks for our first through fourth grade children in Haiti. Not only will this gift provide desks, but will provide employment for the craftsmen of the town who will be building them. A classroom of even larger desks for the 5th and 6th graders will be \$3,000. Ninety chairs are needed for the PreK and Kindergarten children @ \$2,250, and 9 tables for \$1,710. For the teachers, we need 10 desks and 10 chairs at the cost of \$1,670. The Lord will never be outdone in generosity and any gift of any amount will be most helpful! The price per desk is \$95, for those who wish to be part of this important project.



Liturgical Reflection...

Jesus says that he came to set the earth on fire and establish division. Not for the sake of division, but to bring about the peace that comes only by living the way of God. Baptism has introduced us to this life described by the Lord. The Gospel is a challenge to walk where Christ walked. He was met with criticism, slander, and disdain. And he would not back down. He came to announce the kingdom of God. This powerhouse of love and mercy will find his body nailed to the cross. The crucifixion is the ultimate act of mercy. May Christ give us the strength and grace to follow and be ready to pay the price for such great mercy.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please register your children today.

The start of the school year is quickly approaching. PLEASE get your registration forms in asap. The forms can be found in the gathering space in church or email Mary Haenig at mshaenig@gmail.com

I am still in need of an 8th grade catechist. Please consider helping. We give you all the tools and support you need. Please consider giving of your time and talent. The classroom size is small and the kids are great! Contact Mary Haenig at mshaenig@gmail.com or 317-5578



Religious Education at St. John's is looking for donations to purchase a large flat screen smart TV. This will enable us to use "technology" through videos, YouTube and

PowerPoint to enhance the teaching of our faith to the youth of our parish. If you are interested in making a donation, please email Mary Haenig(mshaenig@gmail.com) or call Mary Ann at the church office 814-942-5503.



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Do you ever see other parishioners out and about and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member of the parish and wished you could put a face with the name? Are you new to

the parish and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Don't worry. Help is on the way! This fall we will be compiling a new Parish Directory that will contain color portraits of all our families, some candid pictures of our activities and updated addresses and phone numbers. Each family photographed will receive a free 8X10 portrait and a new Church Directory. Next weekend we will begin scheduling appointments for the photography sessions that will be held September 30 through October 8. We are hoping that all members of our parish family will participate in the production of this new directory... And for more detailed information on members of our parish, *Our Parish Family* will return to the bulletin soon. If you're willing to be included in this weekly feature, designed to help us learn more about our St. John's family, contact Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net.

St. John's Prayer List

It is a Spiritual work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at gabby.reeder@gmail.com to add their name to the prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

- Millie Bilski • JoAnne Gerardine**
- Judy Hurm • Brian Kopp • Joel Myers**
- Ron Peschock • Bob & Mary Rajnish**
- Olga Romerowicz • Madison Shura**
- Patty Teufel**

For all students, parents, teachers and administrators during the new 2016-2017 school year

For an end to violence and unrest in our country

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

- John (Jack) Nagle (father of Barb Nagle)**
- Cecelia Wilson**

May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

DIVINE MERCY 101

Divine Mercy is the urgent message of hope for our world. Jesus even told Saint Maria Faustina: "Mankind will not have peace until It turns with trust to My Mercy." The Rock Committee announces the return of Deacon Gene Neral during this Jubilee Year of Mercy with a NEW presentation of "Divine Mercy 101". Please join us on August 23rd from 7 to 9 PM at Most Holy Trinity Church in Huntington. Refreshments will be provided and all are welcome. For more information, call 814-599-0292.



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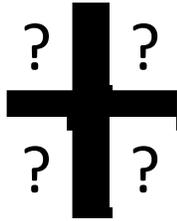
The St. John Bowling league will start Friday, September 9 and meet every two weeks. We are still at Holiday Bowl and would welcome new members. Start time is 6:15 for practice and 6:30 to bowl. A signup sheet will be in the kiosk in the gathering space.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27;
Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

Have questions about the Catholic Faith?

If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Our parish will soon begin a series of sessions to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. These gatherings also are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. Sessions will begin in early September. Please call Mark Krepich if you have questions or would like further information at **932-2223** or email at **mark.krepich@gmail.com**



A Basket Bingo to support St. Leonard's Personal Care Home charity care fund will be held on Saturday, September 24 from 1:00 -3:30 pm at St. Catherine Church Hall in Duncansville. Beautiful themed baskets for 20 bingo prizes and silent auction. Lunch available for purchase Beginning at noon. For more information or tickets (\$25), please call 695-9581 during business hours. Thank you for your support.

YEAR OF MERCY SUMMER ROAD TRIPS! What better way to spend a summer afternoon than as a "pilgrim" visiting three churches celebrating their 200th Anniversary founded by our own saint-in-progress, Servant of God, Reverend Demetrius Gallitzin. Plan to take a Sunday drive to Holy Name, Ebensburg, St. Patrick, Newry, and St. Thomas the Apostle, Bedford, the designated sites for the Holy Doors of the Jubilee of Mercy. Prayer times have been scheduled at all three churches on August 14 and August 28. Prayers will be led in half hour intervals from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, beginning at 1:30 PM. You may even want to include a visit to St. Michael of the Archangel Basilica, Loretto the site of the tomb of Father Gallitzin to top off your day! An added bonus is an opportunity to grow spiritually and gain a Plenary Indulgence of the Church during this special time.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday August 14th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

10:00AM-Mass for *Jeff Sefchok* requested by Greg Sweeney & Family

Monday August 15th – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

6:30PM-Mass for *Carol & Rosa Risoldi* requested by Bob & Mary Ann Cole

Tuesday August 16th - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Harry Jones* requested by Fran & Walt Egelanian

Wednesday August 17th - Weekday

5:00PM-Confessions

6:00PM-Mass for *John Despot* requested by Tom & Pat Foor

Thursday August 18th - Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Eleanore Trimarco* requested by James & Nettie Culley

Friday August 19th - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Special Intention of Mary & Ray King*

Saturday August 20th – Vigil of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *Joseph & Marion Langguth* requested by the Langguth Family

Sunday August 21st - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

10:00AM-Mass for *Connie Stoltz* requested by the Stoltz family

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