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MOMENT OF MERCY

Pope Francis on Mercy – from the closing Mass at World Youth Day: *How truly hard it is to welcome Jesus, how hard it is to accept a “God who is rich in mercy”. People will try to block you, to make you think that God is distant, rigid and insensitive, good to the good and bad to the bad. Instead, our heavenly Father “makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good”. He demands of us real courage: the courage to be more powerful than evil by loving everyone, even our enemies. People may laugh at you because you believe in the gentle and unassuming power of mercy. But do not be afraid.*



AUGUST 7, 2016
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Aug. 13 - 4:00 PM - David Auerbeck, Alexandria Auerbeck
Sun. Aug. 14 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Aug. 14 - 10:00 AM - Caitlin Conigy, Tyler Conigy

LECTORS:

Sat. Aug. 13 - 4:00 PM - Mark Sloan, David Langguth
Sun. Aug. 14 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Ronan Adams
Sun. Aug. 14 - 10:00 AM - Paul Dennis, Richard Karcher

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Aug. 13 - 4:00 PM - Kathleen Heller, John Lloyd
Sun. Aug. 14 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Aug. 14 - 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom,
Donna Moyer, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Aug. 13 - 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Christine Stachmus,
Denny Stachmus, Wally Wargo
Sun. Aug. 14 - 8:00 AM - Gloria Banks, Ray Kennedy, Ed Stoltz,
Charlie Moore
Sun. Aug. 14 - 10:00 AM - Barb Aubrey, Marilyn Bevan,
Wendy Campbell, Lou Ann Clark

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Aug. 13 - 4:00 PM - Kathleen Heller
Sun. Aug. 14 - 8:00 AM - Ron & Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Aug. 14 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

To the right is a picture of students of St. Peter & Paul School in Haiti, working at their current desks.

Below are pictures of the new desks for the teachers (bottom left) and students (bottom right).





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A Few Words from the Pastor:

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!

Our First Gift for Desks! – We are most grateful to an anonymous donor for the generous gift of \$2,700 for the purchase of desks for our first and second grade children in Haiti. Not only will this gift provide desks, but it will provide employment for the craftsmen of the town who will be building them. For those who would like to assist in this important project, we are looking first for donors who might wish to purchase the remaining classrooms: The 3rd and 4th grade classroom needs 30 desks, at the cost of \$2,850. A classroom of even larger desks for the 5th and 6th graders will be \$3,000. Ninety chairs are needed for the youngest 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!

A Time of Transition – As difficult as it was to have our parish school closed, we are confident that the newly formed Holy Trinity School will continue to provide for the children of our parish and city an excellent Catholic Education. We are also grateful that St. Patrick's has been able to continue its educational ministry, providing a PreK-8 model. With children from this parish in both schools, we extend our prayers and support for the new school year, which begins soon and very soon! Virtually all of our teachers were able to find employment in these schools, so our children will find some familiar faces when they arrive!

Second Sunday Food Collection – Don't forget that next week is the second Sunday of the month, and we all know what that means!!! Thanks for your generosity!

When the Saints Come Marching In! The church celebrates a trio of saints this week, whose lives, in so many ways, are examples for us to follow. Monday, it is St. Dominic, a 13th century priest who founded the "Order of Preachers," known as the Dominicans. We have no Dominicans serving in our diocese, but throughout the world they have as their primary mission the teaching and preaching of the Gospel. My own advanced studies in preaching were done at the Aquinas Institute, a Dominican graduate school of theology in St. Louis. Wednesday we celebrate the martyrdom of the deacon Lawrence, whose life in the 2nd century was marked by the joyful acceptance of the torture which he underwent because of his love for Christ. Finally, on Thursday we celebrate St. Clare of Assisi, the friend and companion of St. Francis. She founded a community of women who lived the spirit of St. Francis, and are known today as the Poor Clares.

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.

A Visit to Longwood Gardens – It has been quite a while since our last trip to Longwood Gardens, a trip which everyone enjoyed! Thus, we are planning to go again this summer, on Friday, August 19th. The bus leaves our parking lot at 7 AM, with a stop along the way for a light brunch and we will be returning by 11PM. The cost is \$75.00 per person. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space, or you may call our parish office (942-5503) to make reservations.

August Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Sports

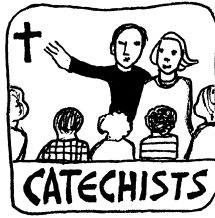
That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Living The Gospel

That Christians may live the gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

If you have a love for Jesus and sharing your faith with the children of our parish, please give me a call. I am looking for catechists for 7th & 8th grade. We have really good new books and resources that provide all you need. You can teach alone or have a friend and co-teach. Bringing our faith to the children (our future) is truly a priceless ministry. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like more information. I look forward to hearing from you. Mary Haenig 814-317-5578 or mshaenig@gmail.com



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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\(mshaenig@gmail.com\)](mailto:Mary Haenig(mshaenig@gmail.com)) or call MaryAnn at the church office 814-942-5503.

SECOND SUNDAY: Our next collection of funds & non-perishable food for the Salvation Army is next Sunday, August 14. Please be generous and not of the mind that "If you're unwilling to work, you may not eat". For, of the 23 million households currently receiving SNAP, three fourths include children, the disabled or elderly who cannot work.



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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. Photography sessions will be scheduled soon and the pictures will be taken from September 30 through October 8. We are hoping that all members of our parish family will participate in the production of this new directory.

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.

BOOK CLUB: Our next 2 meetings to discuss the second half of the book, *Jesus* by James Martin will be *Wednesday, August 10 and Wednesday, August 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the rectory porch.* Please feel free to join us even if you haven't already.

Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

We are beginning a new journey in faith as we share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask any perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to all persons who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from other faith traditions. If you have any questions or want further information please call Mark Krepich at **932-2223** or email at mark.krepich@gmail.com.



Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for July 31, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 4,304.00
Loose:	\$ 922.00
Children's:	\$ 3.00
Parish Development	\$ 2.00
Catholic Register	\$ 94.00
Total:	\$ 5,325.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,480.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,805.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 -- 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday August 7th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by
Dave & Judy Kimmen

Monday August 8th - St. Dominic, Priest

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Frank Zitzlsperger* requested by
Barb Bundy

Tuesday August 9th - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Eleanore Trimarco* requested by
Kevin Roesch

Wednesday August 10th -St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

5:00PM-Confessions

6:00PM-Mass for *Viola Brooks* requested by
Barb Bundy

Thursday August 11th -St. Clare, Virgin

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Alan Bealt* requested by
Mary Haenig

Friday August 12th - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by
Clarence Becker

Saturday August 13th - Vigil of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *Mary C. (Maggie) (Reimer) Hollen*
requested by Bill & Colleen Lumadue

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

LOVE FEAST: Our parish will again participate in a Love Feast on Saturday, **October 22, 2016**. The committee will meet to begin planning on **Tuesday, August 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the church.** Please continue to keep in your prayers John & Judy Hurm, original Love Feast committee members/workers who had always coordinated kitchen activities. Judy suffered a severe stroke.

Flea Market/Bake Sale: The St. Therese Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will hold its annual Flea Market/Bake Sale at Fr. Kelley Hall (5th St. & 25th Ave.) Friday and Saturday August 12 & 13 from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Donations can be dropped off Thursday Aug. 9 from 3:00pm – 6:30 pm. No clothing, furniture or large appliances.

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 from noon. For more information or tickets (\$25), please call 695-9581 during business hours. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations! Longtime members of our parish, Ed and Eva Coho will be married for 60 years on August 11, 2016. Please join their children in celebrating this milestone by sending a card to the following address:

Ed & Eva Coho
382 Raible Drive
Duncansville, PA 16635