

FROM THE PASTOR

“JESUS THROW’D EVERYTHING OFF BALANCE” - are the words of a character in a story by Flannery O’Connor. I think of this story in light of today’s Gospel in which the “good and gentle Jesus” appears as anything other than gentle (and perhaps even less than perfectly “good”) when he says that “I have come to set the world on fire”. He then states that he has a baptism that he has yet to undergo (his death) and the anguish he feels until it is accomplished. He goes on to say that he has come not to establish peace on the earth but division.

“BAPTISM BY FIRE” - Is an expression we use when someone leaves the world of ideas and enters into a real life situation, with real live others with different wants, desires needs and values. This baptism by fire can generate not only heat but also light in that our unconscious and underlying assumptions are surfaced, introduce themselves to us, and challenge us to allow our assumptions to be tested and refined in the crucible of criticism, opposition, an at times hate filled words or even violent actions.

ASSUMPTIONS - I find our annual celebration of the **Assumption of Mary** (tomorrow, August 15) a fitting time to examine my own assumptions in light of Mary’s assumptions about what is of value and important and lasting. See the item “Assumption Assumptions” at the Pastor’s Portion of our Homepage for a reflection on this theme.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE - If today (August 14) were not a Sunday, we would be celebrating the Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe who died a martyr’s death on this date in 1941 in Auschwitz. The witness of the martyrs challenges any assumption that to follow Christ is to be exempt from the Cross.



God to “set him on fire”.

WORDS of MERCY – In light of this Sunday’s Gospel with Jesus saying that he has come to light a fire on the earth, I recommend from the *Magnificat Year of Mercy Companion* the offering for Saturday (August 20) in which St. Augustine speaks of his inner “agony” and asks



WORKS of MERCY

There are a number of local services and agencies with whom our parish collaborates for the good of our Community, and this week I am highlighting **St. Mary’s Franciscan Shelter** which provides temporary housing for homeless families in Chester County. For more info visit st.marysfs.org or phone 610-933-3097.

PARISH PICNIC - Mark your calendars and plan to attend our Parish Picnic on **Sunday September 18** on our Parish Lawn from 12:30 to 3:00 PM. More details to follow....



NO 6:00 PM MASS IN AUGUST - Please make a note that our 6:00 PM Sunday Mass will be “on vacation” during August. This Mass will resume on Sunday September 11.

NEIGHBORLINESS - Our neighbors, BB&T Bank at 4th Avenues and Main Street, have informed us that some of their customers have reported problems on Sunday mornings as they couldn’t find parking to use the ATM and found cars blocking the drive thru lanes. Thanks for adjusting to comply with this request so that we can continue to be good neighbors.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

The **gym floor** in **Griffin Hall** has been repaired and refinished for \$12,895. Work progresses in Sacred Heart Church Hall to replace the floor in the Blue Room, upgrade the bathrooms, and install a sprinkler system in both rooms. We will keep you informed as the work progresses. Thank you for your financial support to our parish that is enabling us to maintain our properties.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY – THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY



Jesus was a person of action who showed mercy and compassion in concrete ways. Jesus fed the hungry, sheltered those in need, visited the sick and buried the dead. Jesus took time and paid close attention to recognize the basic needs of the persons He encountered. He challenges us to do the same. The Catechism teaches that “human misery elicited the compassion of Christ the Savior. Hence, those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church” (2448).

The Corporal Works of Mercy are a roadmap for each of us to share in Jesus’ ministry. As St. Teresa of Avila reminds us: “Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.” Actions such as feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and burying the dead are all actions that extend God’s compassion and mercy.

The scriptural basis for the works of mercy are laid out in Matthew 25 when Jesus reminds us that when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick and imprisoned, we are doing it for HIM. The works of mercy are not optional but rather essential to living the Christian life of holiness and goodness. We are not only to receive the mercy of God but to use it by being merciful to others through our actions. –Anne Ayella, Diocesan Director, Catholic Relief Services

How to Live It: Discern the ways that God is calling to more deeply integrate the corporal works of mercy in your life. Here are all seven: Feed the hungry; Give drink to the thirsty; Clothe the naked; Shelter the homeless; Visit the sick; Visit the imprisoned; Bury the dead. To learn about practical ways to live the works of mercy, visit archphila.org/mercy/works.

Quote from Catholic Tradition: “Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His Mercy from us?” - St. Vincent de Paul “There is a terrible hunger for love. We all experience that in our lives - the pain, the loneliness. We must have the courage to recognize it. The poor you may have right in your own family. Find them. Love them.” -Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

To continue reflecting on this theme, consider one of these resources! 1. Recommended Book for the Month: What to Do When Jesus Is Hungry?, Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR; 2. Lighthouse Catholic Media CD: Encountering the Poor: Biblical Roots for Catholic Social Teaching by Dr. Tim Gray; 3. Movie: Mother Teresa, (On the FORMED website) In an acclaimed film portrayal, Olivia Hussey illuminates the life story of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love and salvation to the poorest of the poor. Her faith and good works transcended hardships and ultimately earned her international acclaim, including the Nobel Peace prize. The many small miracles, great charity and humble triumphs of Mother Teresa will inspire you in this poignant tale of a modern-day saint. A perfect example of the Corporal Works of Mercy in this Jubilee Year of Mercy



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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 information.

	8/7/16 6th Sunday in Fiscal Year	Sunday Donations Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/16 - 8/7/16
Budget:	\$15,500	\$93,000
Offering:		
Envelopes	25,070	80,703
Loose	686	5,268
Online Giving	1,876	9,276
Mail	462	7,261
Total	\$28,094	\$102,508
Overage	\$12,594	\$9,508
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		

**THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2016
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SUNDAY

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Guest Preacher - This weekend **Fr. Honest S. Munishi, C.S.Sp.** will preach at each of our Masses to promote the **2016 Mission Cooperative Appeal Collection**. We will take up this collection next weekend to help our brothers and sisters in the **Diocese of Zanzibar, Tanzania**. Each registered household should have received in the mail an envelope for this annual collection. If you need an envelope for this effort please take a **Yellow "Emergency Relief" envelope** from one of our worship sites.

Baptisms - Within the 9:30 AM Spanish Mass today, we will welcome Briana Solano, Natalia Solano, Camila Solano and Helena Solano into the Church and our parish community through the sacrament of Baptism.

MONDAY



This Monday the Global Church will celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. In the USA, when August 15 falls on a Monday, the obligation to participate in Mass does not apply. That said, we hope you will be able to join with us for

Mass this Monday in Chapel at 9:00 AM.

Happy Feast Day to our neighbors Fr. Hutter and the people of **St. Mary of the Assumption Parish** as they celebrate their parish feast day this Monday.

12:00 PM - Prayer Shawl (Church Hall 1)
7:30 PM - Legion of Mary (Church Hall 2)

TUESDAY

St. Stephen of Hungary

8:00 AM Mass in Church

8:30 AM - Confessions (Church)

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Mass in Church

7:00 PM - Charismatic Prayer (Church Hall 2)
7:30 PM - ESL Classes (Church Hall, 1, 3 & 4)

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Mass in Church

8:30 AM - Church Cleaners (Church)

FRIDAY

St. John Eudes

SATURDAY

St. Bernard - A lot of us have heard something about a work of literature called *The Divine Comedy*, by Dante Alighieri, and that this spiritual roadmap is divided into three parts: 1) The Inferno; 2) Purgatory; and 3) Paradise. In each stage the pilgrim has a guide, and in the final stage just before union with God the guide is **St. Bernard of Clairvaux** (d. 1153) whose feast we will celebrate this Saturday (8/20). St. Bernard is noted for his devotion to the Blessed Mother and so it seems fitting that his memorial fall within the octave of Mary that links the feasts of her Assumption (Aug. 15) and her Queenship (Aug. 22). The prayer titled *The Memorare* has been attributed to Bernard.

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study (Church Hall)
3:45 PM - Confessions (Sacred Heart Church)

Vigil of Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Mass in Sacred Heart Church

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Sun: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2,8-19/Lk 12:32-48
Mon: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56
Tues: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wed: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thu: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Fri: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Sat: Ez 43:1-7b/Mt 23:1-12
Next
Sun: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7,11-13/Lk 13:22-30



Table Fellowship for the
WEEK OF AUGUST 14
ST. PETER'S CHURCH,
121 Church St.

Lunch - Monday - Friday
Noon to 1:00 PM

Monday August 15
Dinner 5:00 - 6:00 PM Pantry 6:00 - 7:00 PM


Saturday August 20
Dinner 5:00 PM


UPCOMING EVENTS




THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

SPECIAL COLLECTION – Next weekend we will take up the annual collection for the support of the **Catholic University of America**, located in Washington, D.C. Each year our national Catholic University provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our own archdiocese and several from our own parish. Please use the special Catholic University Collection envelope that was mailed to your home and please make any checks out to “St. Ann Parish.” For more information contact giving.cuatoday.com.

 *Parish Registration* will take place next Sunday after the 11:30 Mass in the Parish Office.

THURSDAY ESL INFORMATION NIGHT AND REGISTRATION will take place on Thursday, August 25 at 7:00 PM in St. Ann Church Hall.  English As a Second Language

BAPTISM – Within the 1:00 PM Group Baptism on Sunday, August 28, we will welcome Bowen Michael Bemis, Audrey Francis Butler, Keelen James Kieres and Benjamin Thomas Nestor into the Church and our parish community through the sacrament of Baptism.

 St. Ann's Book Club - August Selection ***THE SIXTH EXTINCTION: An Unnatural History***, by Elizabeth Kolbert, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, one of New York Times Book Review's 10 Best Books of the Year, and a national book critic's circle award finalist.


Book Club will meet in the Church Hall from 6:30 - 8:00 PM on August 30 for dinner & a discussion. Please contact Madelyn O'Hara at 610-639-0923 or stannadulted@gmail.com to register.


CASSEROLES FOR ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE - St. John's Hospice is located in Philadelphia and serves men who have no place to stay. The brothers provide them with a hot meal (the casserole), a bath and a bed. Pans and recipes for an easy-to-make casserole are available at the Parish Office. In order to be in compliance with Food Safety Regulations, put the date your casserole was prepared on the cover of each dish. Drop your frozen casserole off at the back porch of the Parish Office on **August 31 by 10:00 AM**.




 **CATECHISTS AND AIDES** are needed for PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) for the 2016-2017 year on Sundays in grades 5 & 6. We are looking for adults with a heart for sharing the Faith during our weekly PREP classes. Lesson plans are pre-written and easy to follow. Please contact PREP Director, Julie Prichett, with any questions or interest at youthstann@comcast.net or call 610-755-1077.

CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT – On **Saturday September 17** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in St. Ann Chapel, we will offer an Introduction to Centering Prayer. This Retreat Day is for anyone seeking a deeper relationship with God. Fr. Thomas Keating describes Centering Prayer as the keystone of a comprehensive commitment to the contemplative dimension of the Gospel, manifesting as a deepening union with Christ, and practical caring for others. This way of praying in silence opens our hearts and minds to consent to God's presence and action beyond words, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit. For more information take a brochure from our shelves, and/or visit www.contemplativeoutreach.org. The fee for this day is \$20/person. To register or for more details contact Madelyn O'Hara at stannadult@gmail.com or 610-639-0923.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will start on October 2 for three and four year olds every Sunday in the Pre-School during the 9:30 AM Mass. For more information and/or to register contact Madelyn O'Hara at 610-639-0923 or stannadulted@gmail.com. 

 **WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WWP)** is coming to St Ann Walking with Purpose® Parish in the Fall of 2016! We will meet in St Ann Church Hall on Wednesdays from 12:45-2:15 PM from October to April. Babysitting will be provided. Registration will take place outside of St Ann Chapel on September 11 after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses. Fee for registration is \$50.00. Questions please contact Joanne Hennessey at 610-935-0151 or joannehennesseywwp@gmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH BASKET RAFFLE on October 9 at Friendship Hook & Ladder, 269 Green St. Royersford. Doors open at Noon; raffle starts at 2:00 PM. Questions call Carmella Mungin at 610-948-7731, Emma Mungin at 610-948-2064 or ejm727@comcast.net. 

ALTAR SERVERS WANTED! - St. Ann's is looking for more boys and girls to be altar servers. Children of the Catholic faith are invited to offer ministry to the Parish by becoming altar servers for the weekend and Holy Day Masses for our Parish. Altar servers assist the priest and deacon before and during Mass. They carry the Processional Cross, hold the Sacramentary and ring the bells. The altar servers learn the Order of Mass, prayers, responses and postures. They are an integral part of the Celebration and help to set an example for how to worship.



If you are a 5th grader or older, and want to help St. Ann Parish by serving at the altar, please let your parents or guardian know.

Please address all inquiries to Sr. Patricia Marie Hingley, n/SSC at 484-614-9531 or pmhingley@comcast.net. Training will be provided after the 6:00 PM Masses beginning on September 25 for four consecutive Sunday evenings.

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? - Saint Ann Parish offers opportunities for people

seeking more information about the Catholic faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church; or, if you are already a baptized Christian, would like to become a Catholic; or, if you are already a baptized Catholic, would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring and we are ready to answer your questions. For more information contact Madelyn O'Hara at 610-639-0923 or stannadulter@gmail.com.

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.

August 1 - 15: Sally Freed at 610-933-7660

August 16 - 31: MaryAnn Fennell at 610-933-1058

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.



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

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

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Alicia Andrews, David Annable, Gioconda Annable, Gene Bernat, Chad Berish, Beth Booth, Ashley Rose Bukay, Ed Cain, Eleanor and John Calvecchio, Chuck Campbell, Leroy Campbell, Dave Cocci, Angeline Costello, John Daly, Joe Demyan, Michael DiArcangelo, Lida Dickinson, Lucille Dickson, Loan Doan, Barbara Ann Douglas, Graciela Drolet, Tom Fedick, Mark Fischer, Daniel Flores, Sally Freed, Anne Garvin, Ryan Gerhold, Joe Gibson, Gordon Gladden, Jennifer Pacifico Golaszewski, Christine Greger, Jean Hoffman, Joseph Hohenleitner, Angela Hogan, Michael J. Hudak, Jeanette Jelus, Leah John, Ann Johnson, Irene King, Patrick Koch, John Koch, Irene Layden, Denise Long, Ray Long, Claire Maestrale, Steve & Joanne Mardi, Marie Marosek, Thomas Mastrangelo, Heather McCann, John McKenzie, Ann Metscher, 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, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Rodenbaugh, Kathryn Rocky, Florence Schlosman, Pat Scott, Ken Shackleton, Eustachian Shtohryn, Margaret Sim, James Smith, Renee Smith, Jennifer Spencer, Sr., Eleanor Stecz, Marc Stevenson, Sherri Stover, Mary Lou Tate, Ethel Thomas, Glenn Thomas, Lisa Toscani, Don Troncelliti, Helen Twargoski, Doris Valerio, Jeff Vance, Joe Vargo, Paul G. Weaver, Charles Wertz, Talan Wolstenholme, our homebound, parishioners in Nursing Homes, Hospitals & all serving in the Armed Forces.