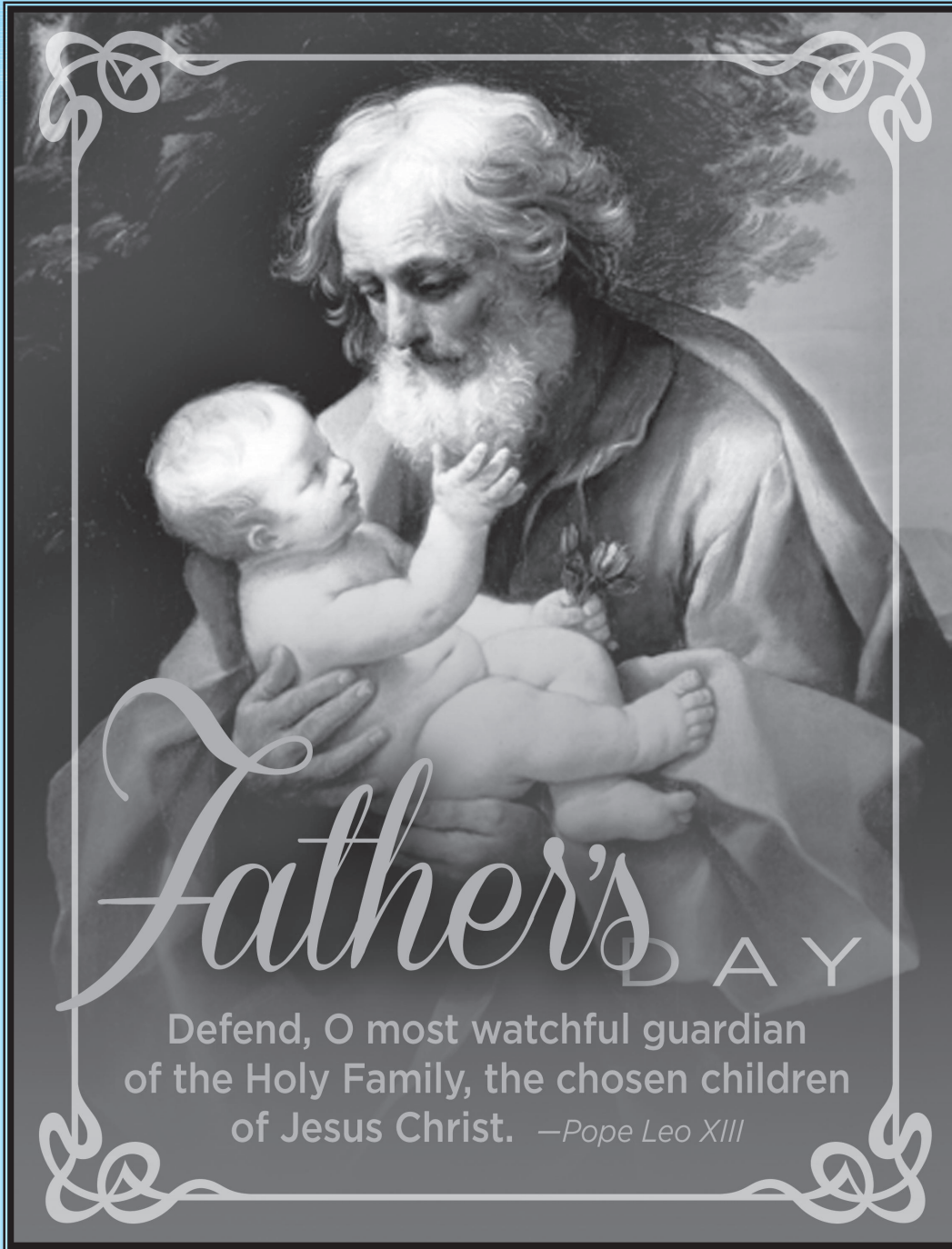


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MASSES
ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION
Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:45 a.m.
Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.
NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL
Saturday 5:45 p.m., Holy Days 7:00 p.m.

JUNE 18, 2017


MASS
INTENTIONS
 JUNE 18, 2017

St. Mary of the Assumption

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

4:00 p.m. Kitty Herzig - Anniversary Remembrance
Req. by John & Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

8:45 a.m. Dennis Anderson
Req. by Alyssa & Kaitlyn

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

8:00 a.m. Bonnie Fachini - Healing Mass
Req. by Albina, Bob, Bobby, Jari, Enzo,
& Georgia

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. Walter Zarek
Req. by Edie Zarek

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017

8:00 a.m. The Parishioners of the St. Mary of the
Assumption Parish Community

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

8:00 a.m. Steven Brown
Req. by Diane & Deacon Bob Hitter

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

8:00 a.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

4:00 p.m. Angie & Chuck Poulton
Req. by Lisa & Tracy Rice and Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

8:45 a.m. William Carlow
Req. by His Daughter, Debbie

North American Martyrs Chapel

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

5:45 p.m. Neils (Nick) Kristensen III
Birthday Remembrance
Req. by The Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

5:45 p.m. Bill DiLego - 4th Anniversary
Req. by Regina & Lori DiLego

GIFTS ARE GIVEN FOR THE PARISHIONERS
OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH
AND NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL

NEWS AND UPDATES

NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Effective Sunday, September 10, 2017 there will be new Mass times on Sundays at St. Mary's Church.

Beginning that weekend, two Masses will be held on Sundays, one at 8:30 a.m. and the second at 11:00 a.m. Please note, all previously scheduled Mass Intentions for the 8:45 a.m. Mass will be honored at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We are looking forward to the renewal of our later Sunday Mass time! Religious Education classes for Kindergarten through 9th grade will be held on Sundays from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. between Masses. Registration for those classes will begin soon. Feel free to contact the office with any questions.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Registration for the "Maker Fun Factory" Vacation Bible Camp has opened! The camp, which will run from Monday, July 24th through Friday, July 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, will feature various activities with a hands on creative focus centered on religion. The program is open to children from 5-10 years old. The cost is \$25 for the week and will include a snack each day. A minimum of 10 children need to enroll in order to run the program. The deadline for registration is Monday, July 3rd. Please contact the office with questions or to offer help with the program.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

This fall, we will begin our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program at St. Mary's. This program is for adults who have not received the Sacrament of Baptism, Holy Communion, or Confirmation and for Confirmed Catholics who wish to learn more about their faith. Classes will be held beginning in mid-September on Wednesday evenings. More specific details will be available later this summer. Registration and information forms will be available soon. In the meantime, please contact the office at 413-743-2110 or Deacon Bob Hitter at 413-743-5423. You may also email deaconbob@stmaryscheshire.com.

HELP WANTED

We are in need of volunteers for the following positions:
4th Grade Religious Education Instructor

Please contact Deacon Bob if you or someone you know is interested.
Volunteer Coordinator - contact Michelle in the office

We are in need of someone to assist with the coordination of volunteers for our ministries. The position requires someone who is tech savvy, has access to a home computer or tablet, and can easily navigate an online database. The majority of the work can be done from home.

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PARISH EVENTS & DATES ALL EVENTS ARE AT ST. MARY'S UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

"Chalice of Salvation" Taping to Air on Community TV

MONDAY, JULY 24TH - FRIDAY, JULY 28TH

Maker Fun Factory - Vacation Bible Camp - Tentative

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH

Parish Tag Sale & Greeting Card Shop - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

Parish Picnic - 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. (following 11:00 a.m. Mass)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Youth Mass, Religious Education Begins, New Mass Times

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Healing Mass - 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

Anniversary Mass - 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST OR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

Special Fall Festival Event - Tentative

NEWS

PARISH PROJECTS UPDATE

Here is an update about the projects which are being funded by our second collection this weekend and each third weekend of the month. Please place your donation in an envelope labeled with the project for which you are donating. For larger donations, please contact the office to make arrangements. We will also gladly accept donations of time to assist with the work. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our mission as we continue to strengthen our parish. There are so many exciting and wonderful things happening here and we are so very blessed to have your help and support! Please continue to support us with your prayers as we work to provide a bright future for our parish. God Bless.

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS WINDOWS

We are so thrilled to announce that we have received a gift of \$11,000 from an anonymous donor to be used toward the repair of the windows at North American Martyrs Chapel. Our parish is so very blessed. There are still some funds needed in order to complete the project, so the second collection this weekend will still be for both this project and the parish hall project. We thank the Lord for Blessing us abundantly.

PARISH HALL

Initial work has begun on our parish hall project. The overall goals of the project are focused on improving functionality and aesthetics. Work will be done to update the décor, improve acoustics to reduce the echo, bring the emergency lighting and exit signage up to code, and to add a welcome desk. We will be adding signage to improve traffic flow, and work to replace the original, rusting folding chairs with **padded, more comfortable chairs**. St. Joseph's High School will be donating twelve round banquet tables. These tables will provide a more friendly and conversational atmosphere for gatherings.

OUR GIVING

WEEKEND OF JUNE 10TH & 11TH

Regular Collection	\$3170.22	Peter's Pence	\$45.00
Fuel	\$212.00	Father's Day	\$150.00
Mission Co-Op	\$25.00	Hikers	\$124.53

SUMMER SOLSTICE CONCERT

The Hilltown Choral Society will present a Summer Solstice Concert featuring the Berkshire Hillsmen in the St. Mary's main church on Wednesday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$8/adults and \$5/children and seniors. *Attendees are kindly asked to not wear fragrance.*

FROM DEACON BOB . . .

Heartfelt thanks and prayers for all the prayers, cards, remembrances, and good wishes on my 30th Diaconal Anniversary. God bless you all!

PARISH PICNIC PLANNING

This past week we held a preliminary meeting for our annual Parish Picnic which will take place on Sunday, August 20th from 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. Last year, numerous beautiful baskets were donated by our parishioners. This year we are hoping for twenty baskets altogether, so please call or email the parish office if you are interested donating. We can help supply you with ideas if needed. Our committee is also in need of extra people to help set up, work at, and clean up on the day of the event. You may contact the office to volunteer your time. Many thanks for the donations and help you are able to give. *Please note: you must contact the office no later than July 6th with any ideas you'd like to implement for the event. Only pre-approved ideas will be included.

BAZAAR PLANNING ALREADY!

We may be just settling into summer, but it's time again to begin work on Christmas Crafts for our Annual Parish Bazaar! Workshops will be held Monday evenings in the rectory basement from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. starting July 10th and on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. starting July 11th. Come join us, we've got the supplies we just need your hands. No experience necessary. All are welcome! Please call Chris Galisa with questions 743-1657.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus extend their sincere gratitude to the parishioners and people of our parish who helped contribute to make their pancake breakfast on June 4th such an enormous success. May God Bless all who contributed to this benefit breakfast for our seminarians.