

Mom's House Appeal

Kim and Dayna Wambaugh are requesting your help once again in collecting items or monetary donations for Mom's House. These young ladies are doing this service project for the Connections III Course: Self and Vocation through Mount Aloysius college. Lists and Collection Bins will be in the back of the church. Please bring gifts no later than July 29. Any questions please contact Kim or Dayna at 733-4609. Any help would greatly be appreciated. Save the date for Jul 30 as there will be a brief social following mass to present items to Moms House. No late turn ins will be accepted! Thank You.

The Sisters of the Carmelite Community of the Word are requesting your help in collecting gifts for their ministry to Haiti. This year's collection is for school supplies and personal items. Lists and collection boxes are in the back of the Church. Please bring your gifts by August 28. Any questions, please contact Joan McGreevey at 839-4731.

BINGO WORKERS – July 20^h


Floor Workers

Eric Lauer Mary Grace Imgrund
Mandy Lauer Oscar Speicher

Kitchen Crew

Terry Metivier
Fae Montreal
Anita Hankinson

Bingo starts at 6:30 pm. We play regular games, specials, quickies, bonus number, jackpot & bonanza. The kitchen also has delicious refreshments available.

 Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2016 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 11 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 18 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Punch and cookies will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday Aug. 23.

July 4, 2016 Horseshoe Tournament Winners

- 1st place – Tom Malec and John Diehl
- 2nd place – Kevin & Mike Dietz
- 3rd place – Anna & Jonathan Rapsky
- 4th place – Dale & Cole Suhrie

free We are discarding of the old 8' tables used in the hall. Anyone wanting a table can pick one up at the playground. This is on a first come first served basis.

Notes from Fr. Rich

- **Answers to a few questions on the end of July transfer:** As all of you know by now, I will be moving the last week of July in order to become the pastor of St. Thomas Church in Bedford on July 30th. I will also remain as the pastor here at St. John's for the foreseeable future until the Bishop finds a replacement for me here – pray the Lord provides a good one, hopefully before winter. The one major change will be that I will no longer say the weekend Masses here. The Benedictine fathers from St. Vincent in Latrobe will be covering those Masses. The Mass schedule will remain the same with Saturday evening at 6 and then Sunday at 8 and 10:30. Confessions will still be at 5 on Saturday and on Sunday after the 10:30 Mass. Deacon Thom will remain here to assist at the Masses and to keep me posted on things in that regard. Deacon Thom will also run CCD for me when it starts back up in mid-September. Finally I will be doing a weekday Mass here in the chapel on Tuesday evenings at 7, and will try to at least write an abbreviated column for the bulletin here when I am at St. Thomas. Please pray the transition goes smoothly and if you need anything after July 30th, please call me at St. Thomas Church in Bedford.
- **4th of July picnic:** We are still getting bills in from the 4th of July picnic. We will give you the final numbers on the profit after all that is completed.
- **Requirements to be a godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation:** Sometimes people ask me what the basic Church requirements are in this regard: **1.** Have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation oneself. **2.** Are an active practicing Catholic meaning you come to Sunday and Holy Day Mass and receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession regularly, and use your Church envelopes - even if you can't give anything – since that is the only way we priests know you are going to Mass regularly (*this will be especially important once I get moved to St. Thomas since that is the only way I will be able to verify that you are coming to Mass since I won't be here on the weekends, but as the Pastor I am the only one who can sign the paper*). **3.** And if married are in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. **4.** Are living a moral life in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church. **5.** If one is not a member of this parish, one must get a letter from one's local Catholic pastor stating all of the above, i.e., that you are an adult Catholic in good standing with the Church and qualified to be a godparent for a Baptism or sponsor for a Confirmation of another person.
- **Lending Library:** For the summer months please go to our library in the Church basement and check out a good book or audio tape or CD to help you grow in your understanding of the Catholic faith and spiritual life. I am adding some items in anticipation of my move. Check it out and make good use of this great resource.
- **Mass times when traveling:** When traveling and vacationing this summer, please check out: www.masstimes.org to find the closest Catholic Church to where you are, so you can attend Mass when out of town. Or call 1-800-Mass-Times for information
- **Divine Mercy Reflections:** On the importance of silence to grow closer to God: *Silence is so powerful a language that it reaches the throne of the living God. Silence is His language, though secret, yet living and powerful* (Diary of Divine Mercy, par. 888). Have a blessed week.☺