

## FROM THE PASTOR



**HAPPY EASTER!** – As we reach the eighth day of our 50 day celebration of the Resurrection these words come to mind:

“We pray that the Church may constantly watch over the **unfolding** of the **mysteries** of human salvation” (from the Mass on St. Joseph’s Day, March 19).

“It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:12)

**THANK YOU** – to all those who contributed in so many ways to our beautiful and spirit-filled celebrations during the recent **Paschal Triduum** which is the source and summit of our parish’s annual life. I am very grateful to our clergy and religious, our staff, our liturgical ministers, and our many volunteers who co-operated with the Holy Spirit for the glory of God, the salvation of each of our souls, and the building up of the Body of Christ among us.

**THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER** – In the Book of Genesis we read that, after having worked for six days to bring everything into existence, the Creator completed the work of the creation with a day of rest. This completion of the **first creation** has been celebrated and continues to be celebrated each **seventh** day: **Saturday**, the Jewish Sabbath.

Early on, Christians saw Easter **Sunday** as the first day of the **New, Second Creation**, and so our celebration of the Sabbath has shifted to Sunday, the **eighth** day—marking the completion of what was and the transition to something new. We can see an echo of this in music where an octave is a complete set, with the octave (eighth) note marking both the completion of what was and the start of something new.

Almost every baptismal font I’ve ever seen has eight sides and many Catholic church buildings

(eg., St. Basil’s in Kimberthon) are octagonal. To have been baptized into Christ is to have begun “to live in **newness** of life” (Romans 6:4). To be in the Church is to have begun to live in the **new** Creation: “Whoever is in Christ is a **new** creation; the old things have passed away; behold, **new** things have come” (2 Corinthians 5:17).



**SO, WHAT’S NEW?** – The Mass readings this past week have offered almost all of the post-Resurrection encounters with the Lord found in the Gospels, leading up to today’s critical Gospel on the Octave Day itself—the **ONE Sunday each year when the Gospel reading is always the same.** Today we bring to completion the intense first phase of the Easter Season, or again, today we bring to completion the early morning of extended fifty-day celebration of Easter Day that will continue until the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday June 4. Catch the new and unprecedented event that is revealed in today’s Gospel! It is by living the Liturgy, year after year, that we continue to unpack and to learn what it means to “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). It is not so much that we interpret Mystery; rather, it is more that—especially through regular liturgical celebration—we **inhabit** Mystery. We **marinate** in Mystery. We become more deeply and wholly inserted into Christ and into his Pascal Process.

**DIVINE MERCY FEAST** - Nine days ago, on Good Friday, the entire Church began the Novena to the Divine Mercy, which culminates today when the image of Jesus as Divine Mercy is to be prominently honored in every Catholic Church as we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday.**



### **Schedule of Devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday**

- 1:00 PM Exposition of Most Blessed Sacrament
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Devotion (English & Spanish) and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament



**THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2017**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



**SUNDAY**  
*Second Sunday of Easter*  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

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  
 6:00 PM Mass in Chapel

9:30 AM - Sunday School (Pre-School)  
 9:30 AM - Children's Liturgy (602)  
 10:35 AM - PREP K-6 (School)  
 12:30 PM - Parish Registration (Parish Office)  
 7:00 PM - Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Church Hall)

**MONDAY**  
*St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

8:00 Mass in Church

7:30 PM - Legion of Mary (Church Hall 2)

**TUESDAY**  
*St. Mark*

8:00 AM Mass in Church

8:30 AM - Confessions (Church)  
 6:20 PM - PREP K-6 (Church, School)  
 7:00 PM - RCIA (Parish Office)

**WEDNESDAY**

8:00 AM Mass in Church

8:30 AM - Eucharistic Adoration (Church)  
 12:30 PM - Walking with Purpose (Church Hall)  
 1:15 & 7:00 PM - HFS Spring Concert (Chapel)  
 7:00 PM - Charismatic Prayer (Church Hall 2)  
 7:30 PM - ESL Classes (Church Hall, 1, 3 & 4)

**7:30 - 9:00 PM - Catholic Young Adults - Sacred Signs of the Church at. Ss Peter and Paul Parish.** From the Sign of the Cross to crucifixes and rosaries, the Church offers us a plethora of things, aka sacramentals, that remind us what the Catholic faith is all about and aid in strengthening our devotions. Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese, will guide us through these sacred signs and show us how these images, actions, and blessings are important channels of grace. Father will also be conducting scapular enrollment tonight. Learn more about this devotion at <http://www.sistersofcarmel.com/brown-scapular-information.php>.

**THURSDAY**

8:00 AM Mass in Church

8:30 AM - Church Cleaners (Church)  
 5:45 PM - Bridges to Faith (Church Hall)  
 5:45 PM - Youth Choir (Chapel)  
 7:00 PM - ESL Classes (Church Hall 1, 2, 3 & 4)  
 7:00 PM - Adult Choir (Chapel)  
 7:00 PM - Scripture Study (Parish Office)

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 28 & 29**  
 Holy Family School Drama Club Performance of  
 Annie, Jr.  
 7:00 PM Friday in Griffin Hall  
 2:00 & 7:00 PM Saturday in Griffin Hall

**FRIDAY**  
*St. Peter Chanel/St. Louis Mary de Montfort*

**SATURDAY**  
*St. Catherine of Siena*

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

*Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter*  
 5:00 PM Mass in Sacred Heart Church

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**

**Sun:** Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31  
**Mon:** Acts 4:223-31/Jn 3:1-8  
**Tues:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20  
**Wed:** Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21  
**Thu:** Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36  
**Fri:** Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15  
**Sat:** Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21  
**Next**  
**Sun:** Acts 2:14,22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



**Table Fellowship for the**  
**WEEK OF APRIL 23**  
**St. Peter's Church**  
**121 Church St.**

**Lunch - Monday - Friday**  
 Noon to 1:00 PM

**Monday (April 24)**  
 Dinner 5:00 - 6:00 PM Pantry 6:00 - 7:00 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

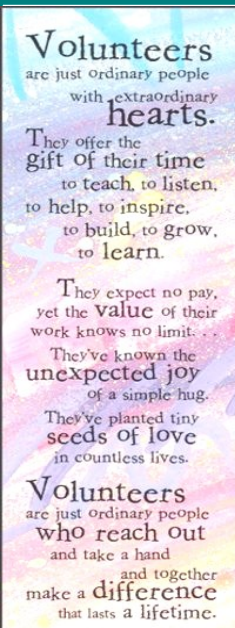


### SPRING MASS OF ANOINTING Monday, May 1, 4:00 PM in Griffin Hall followed by a light dinner & social.

The Church believes that the Anointing of the Sick is "especially intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness." The primary grace of this sacrament, then, is the strength, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties of serious illness and old age. Anointing unites the sick person to the passion of Christ and to the entire Church, giving meaning to the suffering that he or she endures.

If you will be attending please call the **Parish Office** at **610-933-3732** by **April 27**.

**HOPE Drivers will be available.**  
**Call the HOPE Captain to schedule a ride.**  
April 16 - 30: Joan Lyon at 610-933-4751.



You are very valuable to the life of our parish and to show our appreciation we invite you to our **Volunteer Appreciation Night on Saturday, May 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Griffin Hall.**

Everyone who participates in any parish group is invited to attend. We want to show our gratitude to all of you who join in parish life.

There will be an array of hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches, desserts and hot/cold beverages including wine and beer for you to enjoy.

Please set aside a few hours to join us in raising a glass to toast you—all our wonderful volunteers.

Child Care will be provided. Please list number of children and ages.

**Please call 610-933-3732 or email [stannphx@comcast.net](mailto:stannphx@comcast.net) by April 26.**

Fr. News & St. Ann Staff



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL** celebrates the Arts in all its forms! Our Second and Fourth Grades serenaded us with song during their Spring Concert, our Drama Club regaled us with our annual musical, *Annie, Jr.* and now we present the

visual arts! Come join us for our Art Showcase Tuesday, May 2. Student art work will be on display from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM. We are proud of the student talent here at HFS, and we applaud the efforts of our parents and faculty for encouraging participation in such creative endeavors! Holy Family School fosters learning inside and outside of the classroom! For more information or to schedule a tour, call us at 610-933-7562 or email us at [office@myholyschool.org](mailto:office@myholyschool.org).

**HEALING HEARTS GROUP** will meet in the Church Hall on May 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.



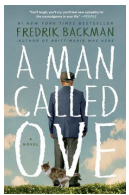
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** - Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The

annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 6 at the Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput, Presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Registration is required:** Call 215-587-0500 or visit [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org).

**PLAY AND READ** - It will take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 AM to Noon at the school of the Sacred Heart - 2nd floor - for children of 3-5 years of age in preparation for kindergarten. It's free. If you need information, please contact Maria Galarza at 845-926-0565.

**JUGAR Y LEER** - Se realizara cada martes y jueves de 10:00 AM a 12:00 PM en la escuela del Sagrado Corazón - 2nd piso - para niños de 3-5 años de edad en preparación para kindergarten. Es Gratis y los interesados pueden contactar a María Galarza al 845-926-0565.

**Book Club – May Selection**  
**A Man Called Ove by Fredrick Backman**



A feel-good story, Fredrik Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall, Room #1. To join the discussion, please contact Madelyn O'Hara at 610-639-0923 or stannadulter@gmail.com.



**PARISH GROUP LEADERS** - It's that time again to begin planning for the 2017-2018 calendar. Please submit your calendar and request for space to Ginny in the Parish Office by **May 24**. You can email [ginnyn@comcast.net](mailto:ginnyn@comcast.net) or drop off at the Parish Office.

**SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN**

St. Peter's Church is sponsoring a Summer Lunch Program for Children and we are **seeking Volunteers to Staff this Effort.**

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

- Meals prepared by the Great Valley School District
- Meals distributed at Barkley School and Sacred Heart School Cafeteria.
- Time Commitment: Weekdays 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

If you have interest in volunteering or would like to know more about the program, please contact Gary Russell at [grussell-21@hotmail.com](mailto:grussell-21@hotmail.com) or 610-420-7224.

We will need your name and email address as you will be notified of a volunteer meeting in mid to late May.

**THANK YOU!**

**91**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**BETTY KOCH**  
 turned 91 on **APRIL**

**Happy Birthday**  
**98**  
**MARY SCHAEFFER**  
 turns 98 on **MAY 4**



**PREP REGISTRATION 2017-2018**  
**March 26 – June 3**  
**DON'T DELAY!**  
 Information and forms now available online and at the Parish Office

**St. Ann Parish**  
**Vacation Bible School 2017**  
**Jesse Tree Journey**  
**June 26 – June 30**  
**9:00 AM - Noon**  
**Ages 4 ½ -11**



The Old Testament leads us to Jesus as we explore HIS family tree. Studying prophets and faithful men and women creates adventure and when we reach Jesus we learn how beautiful God's plan was from the very beginning of time!

Children meet His family through music and art, prayer, and game faith formation stations. Snacks, role plays and assemblies are enjoyed in this summer program, too.

Adult and youth volunteers (ages 12+) are needed to help in all areas. Contact Julie Prichett at [youthstann@comcast.net](mailto:youthstann@comcast.net) or call 610-755-1077.

Child registration forms are now available on the parish website and at the Parish Office.

	4/16/17 42nd Sunday in Fiscal Year	Sunday Donations Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/16 - 4/16/17
Budget:	\$15,935	\$663,615
Offering:		
Envelopes	\$9,301	\$492,429
Loose		41,105
Online Giving	1,610	76,419
Mail	2,162	67,648
Total	\$13,073	\$677,601
Overage	-\$2,862	\$13,986
Easter and Flowers 2017		
Budget:	\$40,000	
Offering:		
Envelopes	\$31,450	
Loose	2,911	
Total	\$34,361	
Shortage	-\$5,639	
Holy Thursday donations: \$4,305 to Operation Rice Bowl		
Good Friday donations: \$1,308 to the Holy Land		
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		