

CLUSTER PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish Cluster of St. Ann, St. Boniface, and St. Lawrence strives to merge our strengths and our individual gifts with each other fostering a stronger vision of the Catholic Christian faith in our area. We welcome people and families and incorporate them into our faith community. We teach the Word and celebrate the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, with joy. We share the Good News of Jesus Christ, supporting each other in our common needs and reaching out to the community in love and service.

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

September 13 – 19

MONDAY

SL 7:00am Health and Blessings for
Kathy Klemash
by Dolly Eiswerth

TUESDAY

SL 7:00am Mary and Peter McGovern
by Edward and Minnie Weiss

WEDNESDAY

SL 7:00am Donald and Marguerite Seiler
by estate

THURSDAY

SB 8:00am Betty April & Marion Wileman
by Bonnie and Larry

FRIDAY

SB 8:00am Charles Grieco
by Nellie Grieco

SATURDAY

SB 1:00pm Bowen – Gehret Wedding
SB 4:00pm Ann Marie King
by John and Pat Troisi

SL 5:30pm Albert Walko
by the Gayda family

SUNDAY

SB 9:00am Mary Lou Beiter
by Denis and Connie Hamm

SL 10:30am In honor of Dan & Judy
Campion's Wedding
Anniversary

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Offering – Weekend of September 4/5

St. Boniface

Sunday Envelopes	\$7,224.30
All Other Envelope	<u>1,314.00</u>
Total	\$8,848.30

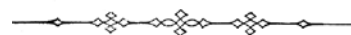
St. Lawrence

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,513.60
All Other Envelopes	<u>403.00</u>
Total	\$3,916.60



Don't Forget! The St.
Lawrence Picnic is this
Sunday, September 12th
from 12 – 3pm

*Congratulations to the St. Mary's Class
of 1960 who are celebrating their 50th
Class Reunion this weekend.*



CARNIVAL CLEAN UP

Don't forget - the Carnival isn't officially over until everything is cleaned up! Please come out today at 11am and help with the clean up efforts!



Assignments For September 18/19

ALTAR SERVERS

- SB** 4:00pm – A. & J. Wright
SL 5:30pm – J. Anthony, R. Keller
SB 9:00am – J. Deck, A. Lax, B. Pompeo
SL 10:30am – I. Bower, P. West

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- SB** 4:00pm – C. Edkin, S. Wert, S. Grieco, T. Matlock
SL 5:30pm – E. Baldys, J. Fetzer, M. Lechniak
SB 9:00am – G. Deck, J. Van Dine, M. Pautz, M. Troisi
J. Dincher, R. Dincher, R. DePasquale
SL 10:30am – E. Baldys, J. Dinsmore, J. Griggs

COMMENTATORS / LECTORS

- SB** 4:00pm – W. Thomke / M. Kane
SL 5:30pm – A. Twist
SB 9:00am – D. Hamm / J. Felix
SL 10:30am – B. Loner

Family Promise

Family Promise of Lycoming County, our community's response for homeless families, is currently providing services for 3 families of 11 people. Our congregation will be hosting from October 10th to the 17th. Volunteers will be needed to provide meals and hospitality throughout the week and set up and clean up before and after. For new volunteers wanting to be involved in this service with direct contact with our homeless families, there is a volunteer training on September 22nd at St. Joseph the Worker, Mater Dolorosa Parish Hall at 6pm. Fund raising for this program is ongoing and in need of your support. This Sunday, September 12th at 1st United Methodist Church on Market Street, from 2 – 4pm, there will be a Premier Designs Jewelry Open House with proceeds of the sales going to Family Promise. On October 16th there will be a Silent Auction at Penn College, with preview from 6 – 7pm and the auction beginning at 7pm. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Each church involved in the Family Promise program is asked to provide items for the auction. They can be either merchandise or services. A theme basket is suggested. If you would like to help out in anyway, please contact Margy Foran at 971-6525 or email at foranhouse@comcast.net.

RCIA beginning this Monday, September 13th for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church, the first meeting of the RCIA group for 2010-2011 will be held on Monday, September 13th at 7pm in the Rectory. Even if you want more information, come and inquire. If you have any questions, please call Brian Haas, RCIA Coordinator at 329-0306.

Catholic Social Services

Catholic Social Services will continue to serve Lycoming, Tioga, Sullivan and Bradford Counties. Bernie Makos, LCSW will be available and accepts most insurance for family, individual, and marital counseling, anger management, anxiety, and geriatric issues. To schedule an appointment, please call 570-662-7788 and for adoption (foreign and domestic) and foster care services, call 1-800-465-0578.

St. Boniface / St. Lawrence Religious Formation / Education News



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It is time to register your child 5 years of age in the Parish Religious Education Program, please pick up a Registration form from the Parish Office. Instructor for St. Boniface is Mrs. Jessica Beckman and for St.

Lawrence is Mrs. Janetta Dudek. There will not be a Pre-Kindergarten program at either parish. If you have questions, please call 322-3278 or email ACTSOFFAITH@yahoo.com.

PREP REGISTRATION – I will be sending by mail to each family registered in the Parish Religious Education Program last year Kindergarten through 7th grade: 1. a copy of the old registration form, 2. a new PREP Registration form and 3. A family handbook, which will include a PREP Calendar.

SIXTH GRADE INSTRUCTOR – Do we have a parent from the 6th grade St. Lawrence PREP that will be willing to share your faith with this beautiful group of children? Please say yes to this invitation to support your parish religious education / formation program. The material and support is already in place. My phone number is 322-3278 or email ACTSOFFAITH@yahoo.com.

7th & 8th GRADE PREP WILL BE OFFERED at both St. Boniface and St. Lawrence Parish. It is most beneficial to those that celebrated Confirmation last year to understand that Confirmation is not an end, but a beginning on your journey as a Catholic Christian. By offering a continuation of PREP classes to you, I hope you will stay excited about your religion and more actively participate in Sunday Mass and the life of the Church. The material used will be from Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Faith Formation Program. This material is fresh and new every year. The instructor at St. Boniface is Mr. Greg Deck and at St. Lawrence is Mrs. Nancy Bashista.

ST. BONIFACE CLASSROOM AIDE – is needed for Kindergarten. This person will teach the class from January to May when the Catechist will be taking maternity leave. Call me, Dianne Fisher 322-3278 or email me at ACTSOFFAITH@yahoo.com.

CATETCHIST COURSES ARE AVAILABLE – 101
Introduction to Sacred Scripture at SJNRA H.S. September 6th – November 8th, Mondays 3-6pm. Rev. David Bechtel. (\$65.00 Audit) **Dynamics of Youth Ministry** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Mater Dolorosa Hall, September 16th, Thursday 6:30-9:00pm. (\$20.00) **Basic Skills** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Montoursville September 12th and September 25th, Saturdays 9am-3:30pm Deacon Joseph Roinick (\$25.00) I have applications if you are interested in attending any of these classes.

SCRIPTURE (BIBLE) STUDY 2010-11

I am happy to announce that we will begin our Scripture Study on Wednesday, September 15th at 7pm at St. Lawrence Hall. There will be another class on Thursday, September 16th at 10am in the St. Boniface RAC. It is the same class taught at two different times. The subject matter for this year's class is the Gospel of St. Matthew. There are copies of the Bible available or you may bring your own. The class format is about 45 minutes of presentation and then some time left for any questions. We always try to keep our class time to one hour. I like to call it Bible Study for Busy People. It is open to all students from freshman year in high school. It is also recommended for those coming into the church or for those preparing for Baptism. It is also very valuable for the adult person who wants to deepen their spiritual life. I look forward to this year's study and hope to see you.



The St. Boniface Children's Choir will hold its first rehearsal on Thursday, September 16th at 6pm in the music room of the church.

Children ages 8 to 13 are welcome. Please contact Deb Deck at 220-8298 or Deborah-lax@excite.com with any questions. All interested singers are welcome!

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

The St. Boniface / St. Lawrence Choir will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, September 15, from 7:30-9pm at St. Boniface Church. The Choir sings at the 4pm Saturday Mass at St. Boniface and, once a month, at the 5:30pm Saturday Mass at St. Lawrence. New members are most welcome...and that invitation is extended to College students, too. Come to a rehearsal and sing when you can. Our goals are to praise God, make beautiful music, and enjoy each other. Please join us. For more information, contact Dr. Boerckel at boerckel@lycoming.edu or 546-9312.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Karen Dudek, Elaine Felix, Tom Fronk, Marie Gatsche, Dan Gerber, Kathy Grenoble, Barbara Hannasch, Nicholas Jacopetti, Connie Marie Kebler, Edythe Maggs, Charles Mertes, Irene Miller, Thomas Miller, Margaret Miosi, Helen Munro, Dean Palmer, Dennis Peck, Dorothy Roeckel, Josephine Ruch, Irene Stout.

September 12, 2010

PASTOR'S CORNER

FORGIVENESS

The fifteenth chapter of Luke reveals the "lost parables" of the Lucan Jesus. They are called "lost" because only Luke has them. They are not mentioned by the earlier Gospels of Matthew and Mark. They cannot be found in John who does not use any of the parable material. We are happy they were found and offered to us as very descriptive models of the forgiveness that God offers us. Needless to say this forgiveness cannot be locked in our own hearts and kept there. This forgiveness is by its very nature meant to flow in and flow out. "Forgive us as we forgive" are the words of the Lord's Prayer and they accurately teach the forgiveness Jesus wants us to have and give.

To say that forgiveness is hard to do is an understatement. People will remark that they can forgive but they cannot forget. No, you cannot forget, nor are you meant to. The nitwit who put forgiving and forgetting together as an equal piece of the act of forgiving was dead wrong. We do not have a forget button that is at our service. The wrongs done to us and the harm we have suffered at the hands of others and the harm we have done and the suffering we have caused others is not insignificant and forgettable. It is serious and pain inducing. The very power of forgiveness is found in that despite our deeds that cause real pain and suffering for others we can be accepted and restored and loved and healed by God and by others who refuse to identify us with our sins.

Love,
Msgr. McGough

The Greater Williamsport Notre Dame Club will hold a banquet at Haywoods On The Water Thursday, Sept. 30th at 6:30pm to commemorate its 15th anniversary. The guest speaker will be Notre Dame graduate Haley Scott DeMaria, author of the inspirational book “What Though the Odds” which details her life, survival and “miraculous” recovery following a tragic bus accident in which she was paralyzed and two of her swim team members were killed. Learning not only to walk but with support of the Notre Dame community to swim competitively for the Fightin’ Irish led to her conversion to Catholicism. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6.50 for children 12 and under. For reservations telephone Judy Wagner, 433-3751 or Mike Dorman, 323-5522.

LA FESTA

The Sons Lodge 2786 is holding their 8th Annual Italian Festival Friday, September 17th from 6 – 10pm, Saturday, September 18th from 12 – 10pm, and Sunday, September 19th from 12 – 8pm at Historic Bowman Field. Italian food and cookies, games and prizes, basket raffle, amusement rides, live music and dancers.

GIANT A+ SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM

St. John Neumann Regional Academy is once again participating in the Giant A+ Rewards Program. Through this program we can earn cash on all purchases made with Giant Bonus Cards from October through March. To sign up please email your Bonus Card number to development@sjnra.org or call Kathy Bahr at 323-9953, ext. 205. There is no cost to you. Each time to use your Bonus Card, SJNRA receives 1% of your total purchase. It's easy and it's a great way to support Catholic Education. Thank you for your continued support.

Divine Providence Hospital AutumnFest

It's time for the Divine Providence Hospital's **Annual AutumnFest, Sunday, September 19th**. 7 – 11am breakfast in the hospital cafeteria, 9 – 3 Granny's Attic in the hospital auditorium, 11am amusements and food stands open outside. Fun for the whole family, children's rides and games, bingo, Grammy's Attic, gift shop sales, craft vendors, antique cars, free blood pressure screenings, bone densitometry and massages are just \$5.00. Come and enjoy Ethnic foods and live entertainment. AutumnFest proceeds benefit the Cancer Treatment Center.