



# HISTORIC ST. MARY'S

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## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer

*A Church Nestled Among the People*

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[www.stmaryslancaster.org](http://www.stmaryslancaster.org)  
[www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org)

### Office Hours

Monday through Friday  
9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

### Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday 12:05 pm  
Saturday 5:30 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 am  
Confessions—Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm

### Religious Education Office

392.2578 x1005 — Classes held on Sunday after the 8:30 am Mass.

### Resurrection Catholic School

392.3083

### Lancaster Catholic High School

509.0315

### Prayer Line

459.3360

### Parish Advocate for People with Disabilities

Yvonne Devosa, 560.0674

### Library

Open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily and between Masses on Sunday.

### Nursery

Available during 11:00 am Mass on Sunday.

### Marriage Preparation

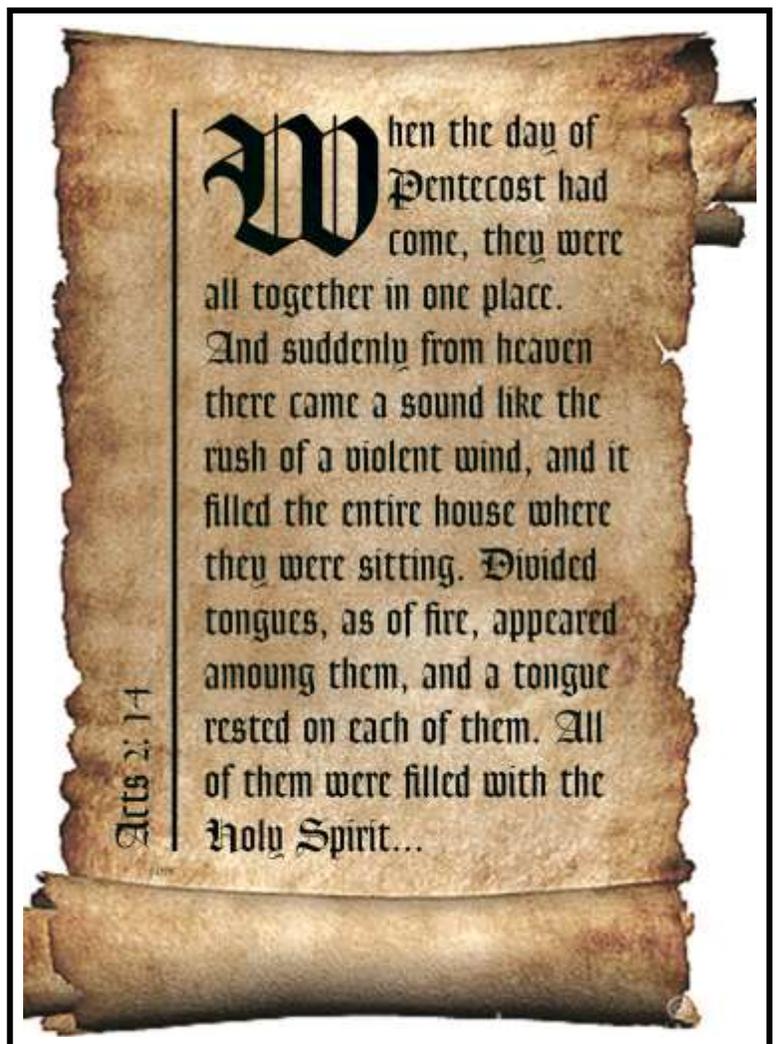
A minimum of nine months is required for marriage preparation. Go to [www.stmaryslancaster.org/weddings](http://www.stmaryslancaster.org/weddings) or call the parish office.

### Baptism

Second and fourth Sundays; parish membership and baptism class mandatory. Contact the parish office.

### Parish Mission

*We, the family of St. Mary's, are a community nourished and sustained by the Body and Blood of Christ and impelled by the Word of God to go forth and evangelize.*



## Pentecost Sunday

**June 4, 2017**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy Pentecost! Today we celebrate the birth of the Church and the continuing mission of Christ in and through His Mystical Body, you the Church! Happy Birthday!

Obviously, to be a part of God's ongoing mission takes humility, a humility that can be contrasted to the pride of humanity before the Tower of Babel. But I'm getting ahead of myself. One of the interesting details in the account of Pentecost, recorded in the Book of Acts, is the gift of tongues given to the apostles. What is the gift of tongues? One can certainly look to Paul's first letter to the Corinthians for his teaching on tongues, but here it is very clear that the gift of tongues for the apostles on Pentecost is that they are speaking different languages. Men from every nation were in Jerusalem and "each one heard them speaking in his own language." This alone is miraculous. However, there is clearly a deeper mystery taking place here.

All Jews were very familiar with the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11. Up until then, the whole earth spoke the same language. United by one language, they decided, in their pride, that they would "make a name for themselves by building a tower reaching to the heavens." As the story goes, God confuses their speech to humble them so that they would not support one another in their pride. As a result, they were scattered all over the earth.

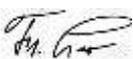
So, on Pentecost, with the humility of the apostles, we have an undoing of the sin of Babel and the reversal of the effects of the Tower of Babel! Yes, the world would be united! But not through human effort, pride or power, but rather through the power of the Holy Spirit and through the Church humbly united to its Head, Jesus Christ. As St. Augustine said in his 271<sup>st</sup> sermon when speaking of the Tower of Babel, "The humble piety of believers brought all these diverse languages into the unity of the Church. What discord had scattered, love was to gather together!"

In other words, from the moment of her birth, the Church has been universal or catholic! No longer is the covenant to be with Israel alone, but now, all are called to be part of the family and part of the ongoing mission. Truly, with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the prayer of today's psalmist is answered, "Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" In union with Him, now it's our turn!

**Catechism Question of the Week: True or False? *The divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire.*** (see CCC 249-256)

With family, friends and those you meet, please discuss the following **Question of the Week: *John's Gospel this coming weekend is clear about those who do not believe in the name of the only Son of God; how does this motivate me?***

In Christ's Peace,



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, June 3:**

5:30 pm John Conroy (*John & Ann Humer*)

**Sunday, June 4 (Pentecost Sunday):**

8:30 am Parishioners and Friends (*Fr. Leo*)

11:00 am Fr. Leo—26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination (*Connie & Lee Goodman*)

**Monday, June 5:**

10:00 am **Lancaster Care & Rehab**

12:05 pm Theresa English - Living (*Eltz Family*)

**Tuesday, June 6:**

10:15 am **WV Meadow Ridge**

12:05 pm In memory of the sailors who lost their lives on the USS Liberty June 8, 1967 - 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (*Tom Young*)

**Wednesday, June 7:**

10:00 **WV Glen:** Mary & Louis Sestito (*Jean Peterson*)

12:05 pm Betty Ile (*Harry Ile*)



**Thursday, June 8:**

12:05 pm Deceased Members of the Domenick & Jennie Martel Family (*Martell Family*)

**Friday, June 9:**

12:05 pm Charles W. Blankenmeyer (*Joan Wike*)

**Saturday, June 10:**

5:30 pm Parishioners and Friends (*Fr. Leo*)

**Sunday, June 11 (The Most Holy Trinity):**

8:30 am Richard Townsend (*Mike & Janice Frank*)

11:00 am Dr. Anthony & Mrs. Charlene Mastropietro (*Frick Family*)

**Important Dates**

CAF (cafeteria) • CC (convent chapel) • CH (church) • CON (convent)  
 DR (rectory dining room) • G (gym) • K (Kolbe Room) • L (library)  
 MR (music room) • S (school) • SAC (sacristy) • SY (school yard)  
 YM (youth ministry rooms)

**June—**

- 4 Adoration (CH) - between the Masses
- 4 Adult Education Meeting (K) - 9:30 am
- 4 YM Diocesan Safe Environment Lesson (CC) - 9:30 am
- 4 Choir Rehearsal (MR) - 10:00 am
- 4 YM CHWC Pre-Trip Meeting (CC) - 12:00 pm
- 6 Juggling Club (G) - 7:00 pm
- 7 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting (DR) - 10:00 am
- 8 Men's Gospel Reflection Group (K) - 6:00 am
- 9 Development & Preservation Meeting (DR) - 6:30 am
- 9 Community Meal (CAF) - 5:30 pm
- 9 Padre Pio Prayer Group (CH) - 7:00 pm
- 10 Confessions (CH) - 4:00 pm
- 10 Milestone Anniversary Mass (CH) - 5:30 pm
- 10 Milestone Anniversary Reception (DR) - 6:30 pm
- 11 Baptisms (CH) - 12:15 pm



**Stewardship  
Tithing: God's Plan for Giving**



**Tithing weekend of May 28, 2017:**  
\$10,161.88

**Online giving: May 22-28, 2017:**  
\$3,940.00

**From Fr. Leo.** *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."* —1 Corinthians 12:7

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, you must open your heart and let Him in! Open your heart and be grateful for all the gifts God has given you. Regardless of your circumstance, God has given us all blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God. Generously sharing our gifts keeps us more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

**From the Pews.** Every once in a while I think that my life would be easier, my vacations better, if I stopped tithing. Thankfully, by the grace of God, my next thought is, "Am I nuts? Why would I stop returning just 10% of the many, many gifts He has given me? Why would I stop delighting Him?!"

**Opportunities for non-St. Mary's portion of tithe.**

- Pentecost Collection to fund education of future priests and care of sick priests (the envelope was sent from the diocese) - June 4
- Catholic Communication Campaign—June 11

**Notes from organizations who received money from St. Mary's Tithe the Tithe.**

- It was a wonderful honor as always to receive your tithing check, but when I saw the amount and your note I was very excited. Your assistance will go a long way in helping us to meet our needs beyond our humble budget. Recently the Bureau of Indian Affairs shut down the grants program, which provided a small cash allowance that many depend on to help defray the rising cost of utilities. . . . Thank God for compassionate and generous friends like you! —Angie Stover, Sacred Heart Church, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation SD
- I am inspired that you have chosen to reach far beyond the bounds of your own community to care for perfect strangers in such great need. On behalf of all those touched by your compassion, I offer my deepest gratitude and wish you an abundance of blessings and joys. —Sean L. Callahan, President & CEO, Catholic Relief Services

*To read the complete letters from individuals and organizations who have been helped by Tithe the Tithe, please see the bulletin board in the church vestibule.*

**From the Rectory Office**



**Wedding Banns.**

James Spanos and Samantha Langone, July 8, 2017

**QUARTERLY FOOD  
COLLECTION:**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

**Help our parish's efforts to reach out to our neighbors.**

**Suggestions for non-perishable items:**

- Canned: soup, vegetables, fruits, beans, potatoes, pasta dinners
- Breakfast items (cereal, granola, pancake mix, etc.)
- Tomato sauce or canned tomatoes, rice (2 lb. bag)
- Dry beans, canned meats and fish, cooking oil, salt, dried pasta (box), peanut butter
- Fresh potatoes (5 lb. bag)
- Canned milk, sugar, coffee
- Toilet paper, tissues



*Please place items in containers in church vestibule.*

**Mass Intentions Needed.**

Two years ago we had more Mass intentions than we could schedule here at St. Mary's. This year we are in need of Mass intentions! Masses are scheduled up to 51 weeks from the current date on a first-come, first-served basis. Intentions may be requested to recommend the soul of a deceased person but may also be for the personal intentions of the living. Please contact the rectory office if you would like to schedule a Mass to be offered.



**Personal Care Donations Needed.**

On the third Friday of each month, St. Mary's distributes toiletries and personal care items to guests at our community meal who have difficulty providing these for themselves. Donations of toilet tissue, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant and feminine hygiene products are needed and would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please contact Lora Cronk at 631.871.6339. Thank you!

**Legacy Project  
Capital Campaign  
Total Pledged: \$3,142,570**



Total paid through 5/25/17: \$2,522,901

**Advertiser of the Week:**

**Jay A. Eshleman,  
Electrical Contractor**

Our thanks to Jay Eshleman and all our sponsors for advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize them and thank them for advertising. It is because of them that our bulletin is possible.

**Liturgy**

Contact Don Peris  
333.1947 or DPeris@verizon.net

**SERRA Altar Server Awards.**

Altar servers from Historic St. Mary's are honored for their faithful service to Jesus Christ at His holy altar. For 5 years of service, a certificate is being presented to Alison Smith, Lauren Morrisette, Owen Burrowes, Isabella Hayes, Coleby Lopatic, and Mayciann Lopatic. For 8 years of service, a medal is being presented to Matthew Fijalkowski and Joey Setlock.

Your humility always inspires those who see you serve at Mass—it fills their hearts with hope to see such a wonderful display of dedicated service. Thank you for being an altar server and God bless you.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**June 11: The Most Holy Trinity**  
Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9  
Daniel 3:52-55  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
John 3:16-18

**Pro-Life**

Contact Anne Marie DiCarlo  
584.6590 or  
missam65@yahoo.com

**Spiritual Adoption: Month 8.**

Thank you for praying for me. I am eight months old now. I've got long fingernails and I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to meet my mom and dad. Because of your prayers, I only have one more month to wait, then I can be born!



**"Teach your children that abortion is wrong or the world will teach them that it's right."**

—Tina Mahar

**Vocations**

Contact Fr. Brian Wayne  
657.4804 x 282 or  
FrBWayne@hbgdiocese.org

**Attention all Catholic young men and women ages 15-25. Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you!**



**Quo Vadis Days**

(Discernment Retreat for Young Men)  
**When?** June 25-28  
**Where?** Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

**Fiat Days**

(Discernment Retreat for Young Women)  
**When?** July 5-7  
**Where?** Mount St. Mary's Seminary.



**Activities for both Quo Vadis Days and Fiat Days include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, sports, games, great food, talks and more.**

There is a \$50 registration fee for both retreats; all other expenses funded by the Diocese of Harrisburg. Brochures can be found in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule of the church.

**"There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit."**

Is the Lord inviting you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Leo in the rectory or Fr. Brian Wayne at 657.4804 or [frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org).



**Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis**

**June 2017—**

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.



**Knights of Columbus #867**

Contact Chuck Yost  
394.5064 or visit  
[www.knightsofcolumbus867.com](http://www.knightsofcolumbus867.com)

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification, Thursday, June 15,** Columbia Council. Candidates arrive at 7:00 pm at Columbia Home.
- **Council Meeting and Election of Officers, Wednesday, June 21,** at 7:30 pm.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification, Sunday June 25,** at 1:00 pm. To be held at our Lancaster Columbus Association Home. Call Brian Smith at 669.3913 to register ahead of time.
- **Annual Picnic, July 8.** Save the date.
- **Friday Night Specials—June 9:** Lasagna, \$8.95; **June 16:** New York strip steak and shrimp, baked potato, \$18.95.  
With the increase of popularity in our Friday night specials, we recommend parties of six or more people make reservations.
- **Banquet Room Rental.** Our newly renovated banquet room has one of the lowest rental rates in the area. Call Paul Kephart, 490.4085, for more information.
- **Bingo every Monday and Thursday at 6:30 pm.** Multiple jackpots!
- **Interested in becoming a new member?** Call Chuck Yost at 394.5064 or Brian Smith at 669.3913.



**Family Life**

Contact Joe Clupp  
332.7728 or [joe@stmaryslancaster.org](mailto:joe@stmaryslancaster.org)

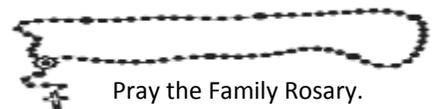
**Milestone Anniversary Mass.**

St. Mary's will hold our Annual Marriage Celebration Mass on **Saturday, June 10,** at the 5:30 pm Mass. All couples are invited to join and renew their vows as we celebrate milestone anniversaries. All are invited for light refreshments after Mass.



**Natural Family Planning.**

For more information on the Creighton Model Fertility Care System, contact Laurie Weitzel, 669.8404, or visit [www.fertilitycare.org](http://www.fertilitycare.org) or [www.creightonmodel.com](http://www.creightonmodel.com).



Pray the Family Rosary.

**Religious Education**

Contact Alan Schwartz  
392.2578 x1005 or alan@stmaryslancaster.org

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Sunday, September 10**, is the first day of class for the 2017-2018 year! Registration is still going on for any families who have not done so. You can go to our parish website and follow the prompts under the "Religious Education" tab.



**Resurrection Catholic School**

- The eighth grade graduation ceremony takes place on **Tuesday, June 6**, 7:00 pm, at St. Anthony of Padua Church with a reception following in the school cafeteria. We wish our graduates all the success possible in high school and beyond.
- Our school Mass is Wednesday this week, the last day of school, **June 7**, 10:00 am, at St. Anthony of Padua Church. Enjoy the summer everyone, and be safe.
- We would like to thank all those who helped us to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. We had a lot of fun starting with our opening day, and then our Mass by Bishop Gainer, dedication of the Don Nicklaus Hallway and skylight mural by Steve Wilson, our Reunion Blast and special "25" activities for students on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- We are hosting one last 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event – an online raffle. Items include official NFL autographed Eagles footballs and a large cooler filled with goodies, two Richard Ressel stoneware bowls, RCS engraved golf club, a Steve Wilson print. Spending even \$5 will help us. Please let others know about this. Take a chance at <https://www.accelevents.com/events/resurrectioncatholicsschool> or purchase tickets at the school or call 392.3083.
- We also send a sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who donated to our annual appeal, which is ongoing.

**Lancaster Catholic High School**

**Employment Opportunities:**

- The Lancaster Catholic High School community is in search of a new bus driver(s) for the OMPH area. The paid position has a specialized morning and afternoon run from the Ephrata area to LCHS for the 2017-18 school year. If you are interested, please contact Fr. John McLaughlin at OMPH parish at 733.9641 or Terry Klugh at LCHS at 509.0315.
- Lancaster Catholic High School seeks a 10-month per year, full-time school nurse. Minimum qualification is an LPN credential, along with appropriate clearances. Preferred qualifications include higher level nursing credentials and experience in an educational/high school setting. Interested applicants should forward cover letter, resume, certifications and list of references to Mrs. Cecile Carr, ccarr@lchsyes.org, by **June 15**.

**Souled Out Catholic Youth Ministry**

Contact Cathy Eisenbeil  
209.1626 or cathy@stmaryslancaster.org

- **Diocesan Safe Environment Lesson.** All high schoolers from the parish that are active in youth-related ministries are required to take the Diocesan Safe Environment Lesson. This lesson will be offered to teens in grades 9-12 on **June 4** after the 8:30 am Mass in the convent chapel. Please contact Cathy for more information, to receive the parent letter or to sign up your son/daughter.
- **We need more teens! Maker Fun Factory VBS.** Teens in grades 7-12 are needed to help out during VBS which will be held at St. Leo's Church from 8:15 am-12:00 pm **June 26-30**. Clean-up will take place from 8:15 am-2:00 pm on the last day. Please plan in advance to attend the teen training that will be held on **June 24** from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. There is no cost for teen volunteers. To complete the youth online volunteer form, please visit the following link: <https://vbspro.events/p/saintmaryslancaster>.
- **Quo Vadis Days & Fiat Days.** Please see the information in the Vocations section of this bulletin. If you would like to attend, please contact Cathy.
- **Works of Mercy (WOM) Week—July 23-28.** We are in great need of volunteer drivers, meal prep helpers, and chaperones 21+ with YPP clearances to supervise our youth at each project. Please contact Louie at [rsoper001@gmail.com](mailto:rsoper001@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer or for more information. To find the online registration form, go to <https://goo.gl/hTh0nH> or scan the QR code to the right. Teen registrations will not be completed until payments are submitted in full.



**Maker Fun Factory**

*We can't wait to see you at VBS!*

**June 26-30**  
9:00 am — 12:00 pm  
St. Leo the Great Church

Register online at:  
[vbspro.events/p/saintmaryslancaster](https://vbspro.events/p/saintmaryslancaster)

**Adult Education**

**Men's Gospel Reflection Group.**

**Thursday mornings** at 6:00 am in the Kolbe Room. All men are invited. Contact Joe Clupp at [joe@stmaryslancaster.org](mailto:joe@stmaryslancaster.org) or 332.7728 for more information.

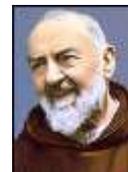


**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP**

Join us the **second Friday of each month at 7:00 pm in the church.**

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, June 9.**

For more information, contact Patrick McSherry at [pmm@redrose.net](mailto:pmm@redrose.net).



**Advocacy for People with Disabilities**

Contact Yvonne Devosa  
560.0674 or [yvond@yahoo.com](mailto:yvond@yahoo.com)

**Be a Voice for the Voiceless!**

The Human Life Action Center makes it easy to advocate for good federal laws that defend life and liberty. Get federal legislative action alerts right to your email inbox by going to [HumanLifeAction.org](http://HumanLifeAction.org) and clicking on the "Join Us" button on the home page. It's that easy! We will alert you when action is needed to contact Congress to advocate for pro-life policy in federal law. We make it easy for you by matching you with your elected officials and preparing email messages that you can personalize and send.

Human Life Action P.O. Box 34116  
Washington, D.C. 20043 | 202-393-0703

[HumanLifeAction.org](http://HumanLifeAction.org)

Twitter: @HumanLifeAction

**Camp Kirchenwald.**

- **Volunteers Needed.** The Diocesan Summer Camp for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities is seeking volunteers willing to assist at its residential camp, **August 13-18**. The camp takes place at Camp Kirchenwald in Lebanon County and serves the needs of approximately 40 adults each year. Anyone 16+ is welcome to volunteer for F/T or P/T duties; there is a particular need for male volunteers, 18 or older, who are able to spend the night. All volunteers are required to complete the diocesan clearance process and attend a brief training session prior to helping at camp. A deadline of **June 30** for expressing volunteer interest is requested in order to facilitate planning efforts.
- **Sponsor a Camper.** The Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking donations to defray the cost for campers. A full week of camp costs \$575, but donations in any amount will be welcomed. They can be sent to the Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Harrisburg. For more information on volunteering or sponsoring a camper, please contact Larry Kiley at 657.4804 x322 or [lkiley@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:lkiley@hbgdiocese.org).

**In & Around the Diocese**

- **Mental Health Workshop.** Dr. Lesley Huff, PsyD from Samaritan Counseling Center will present this workshop on **June 7**, 6:30-8:00 pm at the social hall at St. John Neumann Church. Contact Eleanor Nuffort at [enuffort@sjnlancaster.org](mailto:enuffort@sjnlancaster.org) for more information.
- **Position Available.** St. Joseph Church is seeking a P/T (minimum of 10 hours/week) Pastoral Visitor to visit homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc. Submit resume to [leetrish@aol.com](mailto:leetrish@aol.com) by **June 8**.
- **Adoration for Children.** St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel has children's adoration every Tuesday from 4:00-5:00 pm and every Thursday from 1:00-2:00 pm during the Summer. **Begins June 13 and concludes August 24 (except for August 4).**
- **Summer Faith Journey.** St. Leo the Great Church is sponsoring "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players" with Bishop Robert Baron. Each DVD session will be held on Wednesday evenings after the 7:00 pm Mass. **June 21**-St. Francis of Assisi; **June 28**-St. Thomas Aquinas, **July 12**-St. Catherine of Siena and **July 19**-Michelangelo. For more information, contact the parish office at 394.1742.

**Catholic Kayaking!**

There are four more kayaking dates on the calendar for June. All skill levels invited. Please contact Tina Skubon to sign up, [tina@stmaryslancaster.org](mailto:tina@stmaryslancaster.org) or 392.2578.



- **June 15** at 2:00 pm - Pequea
- **June 21** at 2:00 pm - Susquehanna River at Lock 15
- **June 26** at 3:00 pm - Susquehanna River at Pequea
- **June 29** at 7:00 am - Octorara

**Question of the Week.**

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John 3:16-18



**Catechism Question of the Week. (see CCC 249-256)**

True or False?

The divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire.

From St. Mary's Archives

 From "St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, Pa. 1785-1877" by Edgar A. Musser: "Father Keenan, from the beginning of his pastorate, was earnestly interested in the cause of education in Lancaster. Although the bill which established the Free (Public) School System in Pennsylvania was not passed until 1834, an earlier plan known as the Lancasterian System had been tried out since 1822. This system took its name, not from the city, but from Joseph Lancaster, an Englishman who lived here and was a member of the Society of Friends. He promoted the idea by opening a school for poor children in a room in his father's house. ...In the beginning the citizens of Lancaster depended mostly on religious schools for the education of their children. The Lutheran and Reformed congregations usually had schools connected with their churches, but the Catholics had none, and many of the Catholic children attended schools conducted by other denominations. There were private schools for the well-to-do who could afford the extra cost of a completely competent instructor. ...A meeting was held in the morning of June 2, 1838 by the directors of the Lancasterian System, at which time they decided to adopt the requirements of the new law pertaining to common schools, and the Lancasterian System passed out of existence. Father Keenan was a member of the old body of 13 directors, to which 12 new directors chosen in a town meeting were added. The roster of the School Board included the names of many men well known in the community. The most prominent lawyers and physicians gave distinction to the meetings, and the "Cloth" was well represented in Bishop Samuel Bowman of St. James Episcopal Church, Dr. John C Baker of Trinity Lutheran Church, and Father Bernard Keenan of St. Mary's Church. ...Father Keenan's service on the school board covered a period of about twenty years. His resignation, in 1856, is attributable, at least in part, to the politico-religious ferment of that period. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin & Marshall College from 1852 to 1856. James Buchanan was at that time president of the Board of Trustees." *(To be continued)*



**ARE YOU PLANNING A VACATION THIS SUMMER?**

- ◆ Check out Catholic churches and Mass times for your destination at [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org).



- ◆ Incorporate daily prayer in your family's vacation schedule.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ST. MARY'S CHURCH...**

- ◆ Bring your Sunday offering envelope to Mass or mail it to the rectory either before or after your trip or...
- ◆ Try using online giving to contribute your offertory. Go to [www.stmaryslancaster.org](http://www.stmaryslancaster.org) and click on the "online giving" link. It's quick and easy! Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.