



WALKING in HOPE MINISTRY

~ Support for Dementia Caregivers ~

Anyone with an interest is invited to join an ongoing conversation as to the needs of and support for present caregivers. Call Sister Marilyn to assure seating and handouts, (570) 788-1997, ext. 5. All are welcome ~

6:30 - 8:00 PM in the all-purpose room, Wed., May 11.



SPIRITUAL CINEMA: Transitioning into Our Second Half of Life - Part 3

THE ODYSSEY: The Further Journey sheds light on what we call today "the second half of life" journey. This DVD presentation and teaching by Fr. Richard Rohr calls us to explore our life and to grow from the experience. Using selected excerpts from Homer's classic narrative poem "The Odyssey", Fr. Rohr explores the spiritual genius of this Greek myth and its archetypal "journey" meaning that is as fresh to spiritual travelers today as it was 700 years B.C.E. This presentation is Tuesday, May 3, at 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the All-purpose Room. Call Sister Marilyn at (570) 788-1997, ext. 5, if planning to attend.

PARISH CHRISTMAS SHOW BUS TRIP

St. John Bosco Parish will sponsor a bus trip to the **AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE** in Lancaster (East Earl), PA for the 2016 Christmas Show: "Winter Wonderland". It is scheduled for **Friday, November 18**. The bus will leave our parking lot at 11:30 AM. A lunch will be served while traveling. The Christmas Show is scheduled for 3:00 PM with reserved seating. Dinner is at the popular Shady Maple Smorgasbord at 6:00 PM and the bus should arrive home by 9:30 PM. The cost of the trip is \$90; includes bus transportation, lunch en route, Christmas show and full dinner. Bus tip and gratuities are included. For reservations, contact Marie Guza at (570) 455-3874. 46 seats available. Call and make your deposit so you are not disappointed.

GOLF TOWELS

Looking for a small gift for a family member, fellow golf enthusiast or friend? Why not purchase a good quality golf towel (complete with hook) with the St. John Bosco logo. Navy with white and golf embroidery. 100% cotton for those warm days on the course. Only \$6. Available at the Parish Office. Guaranteed to improve your game!!! Office open daily, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. If those times don't fit your schedule, call (570) 788-1997, and we will reserve one for you that you can pick up on the weekend outside the office.

DIocese OF SCRANTON

VOCATIONS GOLF CLASSIC 2016

Monday, July 11, 2016

Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top, PA

11:00 AM Lunch; 12:00 PM Shotgun Start

Reception & Awards after Golf

Benefits Future Priests

Call (570) 207-2250 or

e-mail Development@dioceseofscranton.org

OFFERTORY PROCESSION AT WEEKEND MASS

The gifts of bread and wine are usually presented at weekend Mass. Any parishioner is invited and **encouraged** to participate in this simple ceremony. However, those who have a Mass intention scheduled for that particular Mass time and who desire to take up the gifts are **required to tell the youth Mass coordinator, who can usually be found in the sacristy, at least 10 minutes before Mass begins**. After that time, another parishioner(s) will be chosen. Often the youth sacristan does not know the Mass intention donor. You are asked to contact them. I ask our parishioners who are asked to take up the gifts to reply in an affirmative manner and to participate more fully in the liturgy which is "the work of the people".

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER

Beginning in 2016, during the summer months ONLY, there will be a slight change to our Sunday Mass schedule. From Memorial Day weekend, May 29-30 through Labor Day weekend, September 5, the last Mass will be celebrated at **11:00 AM** and NOT at 11:30 AM. The other weekend Masses will remain the same. Baptisms on Sundays will be at Noon or 12:15 during that time. Your understanding is deeply appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

The Knights of Columbus has announced the winners of their Lenten Coloring Contest. First and Second place winners are as follows. **1st Grade:** Macie Maylath, Landen Schattie; **2nd Grade:** Nora Moeslein, Melia Masias; **3rd Grade:** Kendall Wozniak, Ethan Kitzel; **4th Grade:** Madison Radzwich, Emily Babula. All winners received a 100-piece Art Kit and all participants received a ballpoint pen. Thank you to all students who participated.

LET'S GARDEN

The following workshops will be held at the Butler Township Community Center:

- May 4 - Everything you need to know about soils - Joe Tulanowski, Market Gardener and Board member
- May 10 - Herbs - John Schott - President, Fishing Creek Herb Guild
- May 17 - Organic Gardening - Ron Burger, Certified Horticulturist
- May 24 - Growing veggies in containers - Sandy Visintainer, Certified Horticulturist and Master Gardener

All workshops begin at 6:30 PM. \$5 Fee which goes to the Community Garden. Preregistration required. Contact Jo Robbins at (570) 578-4773 or e-mail ualjo1@yahoo.com.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES GALA

The Catholic Social Services Gala, honoring Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly on his recent retirement as Executive Director of Catholic Social Services, will be held Sunday, May 22. Mass is at 5:00 PM in St. Peter's Cathedral, and the Gala will be in the Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center, 310 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, at 6:30 PM. Tickets \$100. For more information call (570) 207-2250 or visit CSSGala.org.

BLESSING OF MAY CROWN

Gracious Father
With love and devotion
We honor Mary,
The Mother of God
And our Spiritual Mother.

We ask you to send your Blessing (+)
Upon this floral crown.

As we gaze upon it with faith
May we recognize Mary
As the Queen of Heaven and Earth
And strive to imitate her goodness.

May we walk in her likeness
And strive to be connected with Jesus
As she was in prayer.

May she continue to intercede for us
To her Son, Jesus, now and forever.

We ask this through Christ
Our Risen Lord.
Amen.

~ Fr. Ric Polmouner



FOSTER CARE MONTH BEING OBSERVED

The month of May is recognized as National Foster Care Month to focus public attention on the year-round needs of children and youth who are not living at home because of issues that may arise within their birth families, placing these children at risk. Nearly half of these children are over the age of 10. Foster parents are very special individuals whose genuine desire is to help children who are in need. Some of the children entering into placement may have certain physical or emotional problems that will benefit from love and patience. Foster homes are needed for children of all ages, sometimes for two or more children from the same family. With guidance and support from caring individuals, children and youth in foster care are capable of realizing their fullest potential. They are able to experience security, love and the ability to develop emotional stability. Fostering provides the link to permanency that all children and youth deserve. Catholic Social Services is participating in and sponsoring several events during May to recognize families who respond to this call and also to focus on the need for more families.

MATCHING EVENT, MAY 4

On Wednesday, May 4, a matching/awareness event will be held at **Catholic Social Services Family Center in Hazleton** from 5:30-7:30 PM. This is a collaborative effort with Diakon and the Pennsylvania Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network. Several agencies will be participating with display tables. Information will be available about fostering and potential waiting children seeking a permanent home. There will also be games and refreshments. For more information or to register for the event, call (570) 455-1521.

MOTHER'S DAY ADOPTION/FOSTER PARENT LITURGY, MAY 8

On Sunday, May 8, the annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin will be the principal celebrant. This liturgy honors all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers. Planning for the Mass is coordinated by Catholic Social Services, St. Joseph's Center in Scranton, and the Diocesan Office for Parish Life.

FOSTER CARE ORIENTATION, MAY 10

A Foster Care orientation will be held on Tuesday, May 10, at 4:30 PM at Catholic Social Services in Hazleton, 214 W. Walnut St. Information will be provided on the fostering process. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 1-800-465-0578.

COME AND 'SEA' DISCERNMENT WEEKEND, May 20 - 22, 2016, 5:00 PM on Friday until 2:00 PM on Sunday

"Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!" (Pope Francis)

Curious about religious life? Wondering if God is calling you to a vowed life of service? Asking what difference would this life choice make for me? Come and join other women and men, ages 21-45, who are exploring these questions. At Saint Mary by-the-sea Retreat House in Cape May Point, NJ, you will have the opportunity to walk with others who have similar feelings in their hearts. Vocation directors from the Delaware Valley will lead the group in prayer and guided reflection to help each person discern God's call...no stress or pressure, just God's grace and invitation and the sea. Offering for the weekend: \$60.00 per person (\$30.00 deposit) For more information: comeandsea2016@gmail.com

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER CAMPS

United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania (UNC) is leasing Camp St. Andrew from the Diocese of Scranton for the 2016 summer camping season. UNC will operate a Girls Traditional Camp and Girls and Boys Basketball Camps in July. To obtain a registration form, visit www.uncnepa.org or call UNC at (570) 346-0759.

QUO VADIS? "WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"

Quo Vadis Days 2016: June 26 - June 28, Misericordia University, Dallas, PA. Young men entering High School in September 2016 through graduating seniors in June. Contact Father Ric or Father Paul Fontanella at the Parish Office, (570) 788-1997.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

LIGHT THE FIRE - YOUTH RALLY: June 29, Misericordia University, Dallas, PA.

UP AND OVER: June 3 - 5, Camp Orchard Hill, \$120

I.S.L.I.: June 20-23, King's College, Wilkes-Barre. \$175 participant; \$185 trainee

GRADUATE DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Congregation of Holy Cross, Office of Vocations, will hold a Discernment Retreat geared toward college graduates, on May 20-22, at Moreau Seminary. Contact Office of Vocations at (574) 631-6385 or email vocation@holycrossusa.org for more information.