

## ***Backstage Notes and proper protocols for Wednesday evening:***

- Two Essentials of any American celebration are fine music and good food. On Wednesday we will have plenty of both. Three kinds of music: listening, singing, and dancing. First, be seated inside our beautiful hundred year old church building well before 5:30 PM at which time the well rehearsed Brass Choir and the Cantate Domine SingerS will begin the Prelude - really beautiful "listening" music. Then during the Mass those two musical ensembles will augment the congregation's singing (singing Music) of the Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. After the Mass and during the food and drink accompanying our *meet and greet* of Bishop Mark *under the tent*, the celebrating crowd will dance (certainly in their heads and maybe even on their feet) to the piano stylings of Altoona's own rising star, Anthony Cornet. Tony's last gig was Carnegie Hall in New York City. Just graduated from Temple University and heading for Duquesne U. the local virtuoso brings a *classical touch* to modern pop music.
- Concerning food ... I've been asked: are you having a full meal, or are you having a desert extravaganza, or are you having a late night snack kind of thing? I answer, Yes, to all three questions. Like one of our famous competitors says: "Have it your way!" Or ... come on over and just look around. Just mingle until you get your chance with the Bishop. Some people will be sitting at tables, some will be table hopping carrying their food around on very substantial paper plates, and others will simply be too busy gabbing to get anything to eat.
- No reception line? Once the Recession [opposite of Procession] starts it will keep going until the Clergy and Ministers go inside the house to divest. The congregation is invited to proceed to the tent. In a matter of seconds, Bishop Mark will be in the tent saying the Blessing of the Food.

Some of us are old enough to remember when it was proper to simultaneously take the bishop's hand and kiss his ring while genuflecting and saying "blah, blah, blah, your Excellency." Then you would wait for him to give some sign that it was O.K. for you to stand. It was expedient for you to let him do all the talking, answering in very short phrases or sentences frequently punctuated with the single phrase, "yes your Excellency." Well, we've evolved (some will argue we've devolved) to the point where there is almost no formality and very few formalities. Today, when meeting and greeting a bishop it is perfectly acceptable to simply shake his hand saying just about anything that comes to mind. The only title used is "Bishop." The degree of formality is determined by whether you use his first name or last.. Our Bishop seems to be very comfortable with a "yes or no, Bishop." and the first name, Mark. We haven't reached the point where it's O.K. to talk with your mouth full, yet.



**Bishop Mark**

# Questions & Answers About the Year of Faith

## 1. What is the Year of Faith?

At certain times in the history of the Church, popes have called upon the faithful to dedicate themselves to deepening their understanding of a particular aspect of the faith. In 1967, Pope Paul VI announced a Year of Faith commemorating the 19th centenary of the martyrdom of Sts. Peter and Paul. The 1967 Year of Faith called upon the Church to recall the supreme act of witness by these two saints so that their martyrdom might inspire the present day Church to collectively and individually make a sincere profession of faith.

The upcoming Year of Faith declared by Pope Benedict XVI is a "summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world" (Porta fidei 6). In other words, the Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The pope has described this conversion as opening the "door of faith" (see Acts 14:27). The "door of faith" is opened at one's baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.

## 2. Why is the Year of Faith this year?

With his Apostolic Letter of October 11, 2011, Porta fidei, Pope Benedict XVI declared that the Year of Faith will begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 24, 2013. October 11, the first day of the Year of Faith, is the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) and also the twentieth anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. During the Year of Faith, Catholics are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the catechism so that they may deepen their knowledge of the faith.

## 3. The Year of Faith begins in October 2012 with a Synod on New Evangelization. What is a synod?

A synod of bishops is a gathering of bishops, selected from different areas of the world, who meet with the pope to discuss questions pertaining to the activity of the Church in the world. This meeting of bishops helps to foster a closer unity between the bishops and the pope, and provides counsel to the pope. Pope Benedict XVI has situated the Synod on the New Evangelization (October 7-28) at the beginning of the Year of Faith (October 11).

## 4. How are Year of Faith and New Evangelization linked?

The New Evangelization is a call to each Catholic to deepen his or her own faith, have confidence in the Gospel, and possess a willingness to share the Gospel. The New Evangelization is first and foremost a personal encounter with Jesus Christ; it is an invitation to deepen one's relationship with Christ. It is also a call to each person to share his or her faith with others. The Year of Faith, just like the New Evangelization, calls Catholics to conversion in order to deepen their relationship with Christ and to share it with others.

## 5. How does the Year of Faith affect the average Catholic?

Every baptized Catholic is called through baptism to be a disciple of Christ and proclaim the Gospel. The Year of Faith is an opportunity for each and every Catholic to renew their baptismal call by living out the everyday moments of their lives with faith, hope and love. This everyday witness is necessary for proclaiming the Gospel to family, friends, neighbors and society. In order to witness to the Gospel, Catholics must be strengthened through celebrating weekly Sunday Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**Mon. 08/13** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**  
*Feast* Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs  
 8:00 AM Mass Frances Buck, *Cathy Madden*

**Tues. 08/14** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**  
*Feast* Saint Maximillian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr  
 8:00 AM Mass Fr. Anthony J. Pollack, *John Kessler*  
**6:00 PM Mass** Denise Keagy, *Pat and Linda Nagle*

**Wed. 08/15** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**  
*Feast* Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 8:00 AM Mass Louie Mangiacarne, Ann, *Wife Myra and Children*  
**6:00 PM Mass** Chris and Kelly Keagy, W. Ann., *Carol Smith*

**Thur. 08/16** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**  
*Feast* Saint Stephen of Hungary  
 8:00 AM Mass Sally College, *Chilldren*

**Fri. 08/17** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**  
*Feast* Weekday  
 8:00 AM Mass Carl T. Mincin, B/day Ann, *Anna Miller, Daughter*

**Sat. 08/18** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**  
*Feast* Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 4:30 PM Mass Louis Mangiacarne, *M/M Charles Hennigan*

**Sun. 08/19** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**  
*Feast* Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 9:00 AM Mass Joe and Patty Pufka, W. Ann., *Joe, Patty and Family*  
 11:00 AM Mass Liv/Dec Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish

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**Happy Birthday:**

08/17 JoAnn Kyper  
 08/19 Shawn Conrad  
 Alexis Kasun  
 Linda Potopa

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

08/15 Chris and Kelly Keagy  
 08/16 Joe and Bebe Milliron  
 08/19 John and Linda Potopa  
 08/20 Freddie and Danielle Sisto

*Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary Daily  
 At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately from 8:30am to 7:00pm*

**MONEY MATTERS**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (August 5, 2012)**

217 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,566.00 of which \$ 157.00 accounted for non-env. contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	202	# Used	93	# Unused	109
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Our May 20% Fundraiser at Jethro's netted \$71.15. Check received Aug. 2.