

My Dear Parishioners,

There is a story about an elderly holy Hindu man who used to meditate every morning under a large tree on the banks of the Ganges River in northern India. The place he chose was near a site where people came to wash in the sacred river and cleanse themselves from sin. One morning after he had finished his meditation the man noticed a large scorpion floating helplessly on the strong current of the river. The scorpion became caught in a tree's long roots that extended into the river bed. The more it struggled to free itself, the more entangled it became in the twining roots. The man reached out to free the captive creature and, as soon as he touched it, the scorpion lifted its tail and stung him. But the man reached out again to try and free it.

A young man was passing by and saw what was happening. He shouted out: "Hey old man, what's wrong with you? You must be mad! Why bother risking your life to save such an ugly useless creature?" The elderly man turned to the young onlooker and in his pain asked: "Friend, because it is the nature of the scorpion to sting, why should I give up my own nature which is to save?"

The story of the elderly Hindu man and the scorpion raises a problem that all of us will face at one time or another: Do we take our cue for action from the treatment we receive from others or do we continue in the way of graciousness even when we get stung ourselves? Today's Scripture readings challenge us with some similar questions: How should we conduct ourselves when we are faced with **violence, hatred and hurt**? How do we achieve **holiness** in spite of our natural human tendency to seek **vengeance, retaliation and hold grudges**?

Our first reading is from the Book of Leviticus. This Book speaks of the centrality of the **Law** for the Israelites. Today's passage is part of a teaching known as the **Holiness Code**. This code is a beautiful instruction on one's responsibility to practice justice and love in social dealings. The **Holiness Code** offers as a constant reason for the laws it imposes- the imitation of God's unique holiness: "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God am holy." God is holy-totally set apart from and above

everything else-and God expects His people to be holy too. The theology of the code is that Israel is to distinguish herself by avoidance of anything which would sever her covenantal relationship with God.

Today's section of the **Holiness Code** deals with the concern and love demanded of fellow Israelites. The Israelites believed that violence should be answered by violence; **revenge** was the normal response to aggression. However the author of Leviticus presents the Israelites with a **new law**: bear **no hatred, take no revenge, and hold no grudge**. Bearing hatred against a man refers to one's attitude toward a person accused of a crime. Bearing hatred does not contribute to an impartial trial. If an Israelite does something wrong then his fellow Israelite should correct him. Not to correct is to condone the action. **Revenge** and **grudges** are not in keeping with the covenantal relationship with God. "To **love** one's neighbor as oneself" is the norm for such a covenantal relationship.

St. Paul in today's second reading presents the same call to **holiness**. Paul tells the Corinthians that they should forget their factions (Paul, Apollos, and Cephas) and selfish rivalries and pay attention to Jesus Christ-"because you are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you." Paul reminds the Christian community at Corinth that they must be one single entity. Those who foster factions or rivalries destroy what God has built. Such factions and rivalries actually attest to their lack of real **wisdom**. Instead of boasting about what faction or group they belong to, the Corinthians should boast that they follow Jesus Christ. It is ultimately their relationship with Jesus which makes authentic **wisdom** possible.

Today's Gospel (which is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount) is the most **radical** section of Jesus' sermon. It presents more applications to the basic principle that Jesus' disciple's **holiness** must exceed that of the Pharisees and scribes (those who taught the Mosaic **Law**.) Jesus' disciples had been schooled from birth that **revenge, restitution** and **grudges** were the proper response to the evil perpetuated by others. Jesus addresses these topics of **revenge, retaliation** and **grudges** and challenges His followers to **love their enemies and pray for their persecutors**.

In today's passage Jesus begins in an area that seems rooted in humankind's basic nature: **violence** and **revenge**. Jesus quotes the ancient **Law** of **Retaliation**- the "Lex Talionis" which fixed the boundaries of vengeance. The Law stated that: "Anyone who injures a neighbor shall receive the same in return, broken limb for broken limb, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. As the injury inflicted, so will be the injury suffered." (Leviticus 24:19f). Cruel though this may seem, the "Lex Talionis" advocated a proportionality of punishment for a crime. This was a giant humanitarian step upward from the unlimited and unregulated vengeance prior to it. Before when a member of one tribe injured a member of another the **entire** tribe of the injured person tried to wreck vengeance on that of the injurer. Often that vengeance went much beyond the injury: a life for a scratch. Before the "Lex Talionis" there were no limitations on the revenge the offended tribe could take against the family and the tribe of the offender. The "Lex Talionis" **limited** the retaliation to the penalty of the same injury. Therefore the Law of Talionis was merciful because it stopped whole families and tribes from being wiped out.

Jesus, however, revokes this Law of Talionis saying that His disciples **must not** be provoked into taking retaliation for the wrongs done against them. His disciples **must not** allow another person's hostility to be their cue for action. Their cue for response is taken from the nature of their discipleship, not from the wrong they have experienced. Jesus' law is that for such- and- such injury, we are to return such- and- such blessing. It is a giant step upward and forward. With Jesus' law a new world order has begun. Jesus states that His disciples are to offer no resistance to one who is evil. He then gives four examples of the Christian spirit in this matter. He states that His disciples are to meet the physical violence of someone who strikes them on the cheek by offering the other cheek. Against litigiousness Jesus advises His disciples to put generosity above legal rights. When forced into labor Jesus advises His disciples to go beyond the call of duty: "go the extra miles". And finally Jesus reminds His disciples that that real love involves generosity of the heart and the giving of alms.

Jesus confirms the ancient **Law** that "you should love your neighbor" but He rejects any interpretation of the Law that permits people to hate their enemy. The **Law** enjoined the Israelite to love their neighbor but a neighbor was understood as a fellow Israelite. Jesus however gives the word "neighbor" its universal meaning. In Jesus' concept "neighbor" is **everyone** created by God. Neither foreigner nor foe can be excluded. Jesus rejects the Israelite's understanding of "neighbor" and their limitation of love. In asking His disciples to love their enemies Jesus is lifting **all** limitations to love. For Jesus, "love for one's enemies" –those they don't like or who don't like them- isn't of the heart but of the will. Therefore to "love one's enemy" need not to be an emotional experience but rather it must be a decision to commit oneself to serve the best interests of others. Therefore no one is excluded from true Christian love-not even one who persecutes His disciple.

Jesus did not believe nor did He ever say that love transforms enemies into instant friends. Love did not solve all of Jesus' difficulties and problems with His "enemies" (the Pharisees and scribes). In the end Jesus was the one who reached out to free others and He was stung in the process. He was stung to death! However, Jesus stayed with His supreme value-love. That same love Jesus asks us to have for our "enemies". He asks us that no matter how much someone hurts us we should never let bitterness close our hearts to that person or seek anything but wellness for that person. Jesus asks us **not** to become people of vengeance and retaliation but rather we **should** become ministers of forgiveness and vehicles of healing. If we do so we will become **holy** as God is holy and we will become Jesus' true disciples. Have a blessed week.

Love & prayers,

Fr. John

### FRESH EXPRESSIONS.

Are Our Families the Problem or the Solution? **Join Bishop Gainer on March 16 & 17 at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg**, for a conference on evangelization and family life with an ecumenical group called "Fresh Expressions." Christian churches of all denominations will gather to rethink their approach to evangelization, and to help reach people on the periphery. Monsignor Renzo Bonetti of the Amore Project in Italy will challenge those attending to view the family as our greatest resource for spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. A host of other Catholic and Protestant thinkers, including Christopher West & Reverend Tory Baucum, will discuss how we can reimagine our ministry to families & youth while refreshing our own faith.

Call the Family Life office at 657-4804 or visit <http://freshexpressionsus.org/amorelaunch> for more info.

### FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK

This year the Feast of Saint Patrick falls on a Lenten Friday. Since Saint Patrick is the principal patron of our diocese, I hereby grant a dispensation from Friday abstinence to all Catholics who reside in the diocese and all who are present within the Diocese on **March 17**.



Those who take advantage of this dispensation are urged to substitute another suitable form of personal penance, possibly choosing another day within the Second Week of Lent as a Day of Lenten abstinence.

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer  
Bishop of Harrisburg

### MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 2 presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends.

**March 13** –Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg 7 PM

**March 14** –St. Joseph Parish York, 7 PM

No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 657-4804 ext. 304, or email: [tribunal@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org)



**40 Days for Life, Harrisburg** From March 1 through **April 9**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Hillcrest Women's Medical Center, 2709 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Kathy O'Donnell at [Harrisburg40Days@gmail.com](mailto:Harrisburg40Days@gmail.com)

### MEN OF THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

Please save the date of **April 1** for the Diocesan Men's Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg. Theme is: Fools for Christ: Men Called to Glorify God through His Catholic Church. Keynote Speaker is world-renowned Catholic author and speaker, Dr. Peter Kreeft from Boston. His keynote is *Seven Reasons Why Everyone Should be Catholic*. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer is Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass and will also be presenting two workshops on St. Thomas More as a Model for Conscience Formation. There are thirty+ workshop choices over three sessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and Benediction, more than 20 Priests available for Confession, plus good music, food, and fellowship. Last year we had 925 men who attended this event. This year we are hoping for 1,000 men. Registration materials are coming soon to your parish. Please join us, and invite a friend or three to come with you! Thank you!

### ENCOUNTER

**Encounter: A Retreat Experience Especially Designed for College Aged Young Adults and Recent Graduates** will be held Saturday, **March 25** from 9:30 am until 4 pm at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Lent is a perfect time to get away to refresh and renew ourselves while growing in relationship with our Lord and with other Young Adults. For more information contact your Catholic Campus Ministry/Newman Club or the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at: [oyyam@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:oyyam@hbgdiocese.org) or call 717-657-4804 ext. 327. [WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/youngchurch](http://WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/youngchurch)



**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Post Abortion Healing-** This is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many struggle with after abortion. Because of the emotional numbness and secrecy that often surrounds an abortion experience, conflicting emotions both during and after the event may remain unresolved. These buried feelings can surface later and may be symptoms of post abortion trauma. Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. The weekend is a lot of work but yields a fruitful harvest for all who are willing to labor there. Please accept this gift of healing as only our Lord can offer. Come and let the healing begin: **April 21 – 23**. Please Contact Becky at [Undeateadccourage@gmail.com](mailto:Undeateadccourage@gmail.com)  
All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential

**2017 DAILY LENTEN  
DEVOTIONS BOOK**



The Redemptorists have published a Daily Lenten Devotions Book for 2017 in English and Spanish. If you would like a copy, please see the display in the Church Narthex. Suggested donation for the book is two dollars. Thank you.  
Fr. John

**OMPH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**



Youth Ministry is happy to announce our plans to take 10 youth from this parish to Steubenville Youth Conference in July.

This 3 day weekend of Spirit-filled worship is life changing and such a priceless blessing each year. Unfortunately, the total trip cost per youth is NOT priceless. It runs around \$308 per youth. We humbly ask you to please consider supporting our youth with prayers and monetary gift at the **February 25- 26<sup>th</sup>** weekend. The youth will be at all Masses in the narthex to gratefully accept any contribution you can give. Thanks and God bless you for your sacrifice.  
Denise Ives 989-8900.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, February 20**  
7:00 †Helen & James Kierkarski  
9:00 †Deceased members of the Kierkarski

**Tuesday, February 21, St. Peter Damien, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
7:00 †Reginald Magloire  
9:00 †Zeiler Family

**Wednesday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**  
7:00 †Poor Souls  
9:00 †Maria Camerino

**Thursday, February 23, St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**  
7:00 †Zeiler Family  
9:00 †Poor Souls

**Friday, February 12**  
7:00 †Joseph Windish  
9:00 Intentions in the Prayer Box

**Saturday, February 25**  
9:00 †Francis Shatzer  
5:00 †Mary Brooks

**Sunday, February 15**  
7:30 For the Parishioners  
9:00 †William Lawson  
11:00 †Luit Liebl

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

We will be publishing the names of your dear loved ones who are seriously ill or injured. We will keep them in the bulletin for one month. After the period of one month their names will be removed. For example, names announced in the bulletin the third week of the month will be removed the third week of the following month. If at that time prayers are still needed, please feel free to contact the parish office, and we will be more than happy to re-publish your loved one's name.

February 5: Margie Willwerth, Anthony Tassa, John Griffis, Jean Givler Abigail Lowe-Critchfield, Anna B., Karen & Frank Wank

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

Date	Amount	Needed	Difference
2-12-16	\$	\$14,326.00	(\$)
YTD	Amount	YTD Needed	Difference
2-12-16	\$	\$.00	(\$)

**YEARLINGS**

Join us on **March 14**, at **Gus's Keystone Diner** at 11:30 Call Gloria for reservations 738-9098.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

No one falls outside the scope of God's loving intentions. What God wants for you here on earth is what he also wants for your aggravating neighbor. It's also what he wants for history's worst tyrants—that they "be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect".

Here's another surprise: your enemy can help you move closer toward that goal of perfection. Notice that Jesus' command to be perfect appears right after he explains how to treat the people who hate us: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you". So if you want to be perfect, you begin by loving your enemies. Pray that you grow in the love of God and neighbor.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**



You may have the Sanctuary Lamp burn for a sick or deceased loved one for a donation of \$5 to defray the cost of the candles. This week the candle burns for Joseph McGowan .

**DAILY MASS**



In the event of bad weather during the week, **if school is cancelled, know that Mass also is cancelled.**

If school is delayed, then we will only have a 9 o'clock Mass, but please use your judgment whether or not to attempt to attend.

**LEGION OF MARY NEWS**



I am yours, my Queen, my Mother, and all that I have is yours. Legion of Mary members, come renew your fealty to Blessed Mother. Saturday, March 25, at 2 PM at St. Anthony's Parish 503 E.

Orange St. Lancaster. Fr. Deo will speak. Reception to follow. Need a ride? Call Mary Leffler at 484-706-0627

**STEWARDSHIP BOOK DISPLAY**

Check out all the new selections! All new booklets, including Lenten devotions and St. Therese the Little Flower, as well as books by Peter Kreeft. As Valentine's Day approaches, take time to ponder what true love is like. Spend a little time getting to know the One who loves you best – our Lord & Savior. Check out the new CD's about the Book of Revelation or Divine Mercy. And pick up something for your valentine as well! Thank you for your generous donations to our display. Andrea Ostrowski



**RESPECT LIFE  
HEALING IS POSSIBLE**

It is estimated that 43% of women of childbearing age in the US have had an abortion. Consider what that means and you see that the issue of healing is huge. That's an immense number of hurting women, wounded and often silent. No woman chooses abortion as a good, but often feels she has **no other** choice. Often she is forced or coerced by those closest to her. She is surrounded by lies and only realizes afterward to her horror the immensity of what she has done. The mothers are victims and deserve to know that forgiveness and healing is possible.

God will forgive and longs to forgive women and men trapped by guilt, shame and remorse. There are a number of excellent resources especially for women and men hurt by abortion. After [abortion.org](http://abortion.org) has lots of information for hope and healing.

Share these resources with the women around you and pray for healing.

[www.afterabortion.org](http://www.afterabortion.org),

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org),

[www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com),

[www.sistersoflife.org/hope-and-healing-after-abortion](http://www.sistersoflife.org/hope-and-healing-after-abortion)

Andrea Ostrowski



**SAVE THE DATE**

Calling all OMPH alumni! Join us **on Saturday, September 16**. All classes welcome to celebrate the schools **60th year!** For more info- find us on Facebook under OMPH reunion. Thank you! Lauren DePaul Caramenico.



**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, **February 25<sup>th</sup>**, from **3:00 to 7:00 PM**. Cost for the dinner is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Children 3 and under are free. All tickets will be available at the door. Contact Matt Aufer at 572-1160 with any questions.



Religious Education Corner:



**Thank You To Everyone Who Purchased A Basket  
Or Baked Goods From Our Valentine's Sale!**

**Thank You Four Supporting OMPH's**

**Religious Education Program!**

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**Our RE Class Schedule For The Remainder Of  
February And Beginning Of March Is As Follows:**

**HAVE A HEART**

Have a Heart and Help OMPH School! Throughout the month of February, the OMPH School Giving Tree will be in the church narthex. This tree is adorned with hearts, representing classroom educational aids, materials, and wish list items from each classroom at OMPH School. If you would like to share your love with OMPH School, please: ♥ Select a heart from the tree ♥ Write a check payable to OMPH School for the amount indicated ♥ Place the tag you selected and your check in an envelope ♥ Turn in your donations at the OMPH school office. Thank you for your support of OMPH School and Catholic education!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
Cold weather getting you down! **Our Mother of Perpetual Help School** is hosting its **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament** on **Wednesday, May 10**, at Honeybrook Golf Club, 1422 Cambridge Road, Honey Brook, Pennsylvania. The cost for the Tournament is \$90 and includes greens fee, cart, range balls, contests, prizes, Thank You gift, light breakfast, lunch, beverages and the **satisfaction of knowing that you helped OMPH School** while having fun!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

The Faculty of OMPH extends congratulations to the graduates of OMPH School and members of OMPH Parish who were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement at LCHS. We are very proud of our students who received honors for the second quarter of the 2016-2017 academic year.

**Distinguished Honors:** Anthony Andrews, Georgia Blodgett, Morgan Caramenico, Meghan Flynn, Jillian Gentile, Devon Gerhard, Maria Guevara, Rachel Houser, Mathias Hummer, Johann Imperial, Rachel Loretan, Siobhan McShea, Anthony Quagliata, Sheridan Schreyer, Riley Smith, Miles Titzer, David Vazquez, Camille Zapata and Christian Zapata.

**Honor Roll:** Kevin Draeger, Taylor Geiss and Angeline Rann.

OMPH School Development Department is excited to announce that we are having a Mister Car Wash Fundraiser! OMPH School receives 50% profit from every

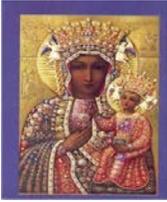
**Mister**



pass we sell so please spread the word to friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers. The funds raised from this event will go toward purchasing additional iPads. The student who sells the most passes wins two **Ride All Day Passes** to Knoebels! Passes never expire and are valid nationwide. Washes may be upgraded (see location for a details.) Passes may be purchased in the school office through March 15.

**OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA**

Tour of National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa with Catholic Daughters of the Americas.



On **Saturday, May 20**, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, is hosting a trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The trip costs \$50 per person and includes transportation on a charter bus, continental breakfast on the bus, a donation to the site, Mass at the shrine, lunch, and a snack on the bus home. We will leave at 9:15 am and return about 6:30 p.m. **Monies will be due by April 28.** The bus will leave from the parking lot of Valentino's Restaurant at 132 Rider Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603. If you are interested in going or have questions, please call 203-3441 and ask for Rita.

Rita Smith-Wade-El, Ph.D., Professor, P. O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551-0302 Phone: 871-7277, Fax: 871-2480, [rsmithwade-el@millersville.edu](mailto:rsmithwade-el@millersville.edu), [www.millersville.edu](http://www.millersville.edu)

**BAKE SALE**



On **February 25th**, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus is holding a **Bake Sale** at the Spaghetti Dinner. We hope with the money raised to "adopt a family" at Easter, as we did last year. Any baked goods that you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated. **This year we are really in need of cookies, brownies, fruit pies, and cakes.** For us to accept your donation we would need a list of the ingredients used, due to food allergies. Items may be dropped off in front of the Father Jackson Center(gym) on Saturday 2/25 any time after 10 am or call **Rita Pfautz** [733-9247](tel:733-9247) to make arrangements if you are unable to get there, you may also call me with any questions. **Thank You.**

**OMPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION for 2017-18**  
WE ARE ENROLLING! Registration is now open to all parish families for Preschool through Grade 8 for the 2017-2018 school year. The Preschool program, for children who are 3 and 4 years old by September 1st, provides developmentally appropriate activities in a Catholic environment and offers an after-care program. Our full day Kindergarten program, for children who are 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>, provides daily Religion class along with skill development in Language Arts and Math

and special classes in computer, library, physical education, art, and music. Students in grades 1 through 8 experience an education noted for academic excellence in an environment which reinforces our Catholic identity. An on-site after school program is also available.

Come see why so many families choose OMPH Catholic School for their children! Personal tours can be scheduled by calling the Development Office at 717-738-2414. Financial aid is available to qualifying families through FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment. **The deadline to apply for financial aid is April 1<sup>st</sup>!**

To learn more about our school, please **visit our website** at [www.omph.org](http://www.omph.org) or call the school office at 738-2414 for further information. **Find us on Facebook** at OMPH Ephrata!

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTS**



Our **FIRST EVER** Designer Bag Bingo!!!! Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. Doors will open at 12 noon \$20 per ticket includes 20 BINGO games! Win Designer Bags – Michael Kors, COACH, Kate Spade, Thirty-One and MORE! Food/Drink will be available for purchase! **Tickets will be for sale after all masses in April,** but for more information contact, Kerry Pepper at [Kbpepper99@gmail.com](mailto:Kbpepper99@gmail.com) 721-6766.

**OMPH COMMUNITY MEALS**

OMPH will be hosting our first Community Meal of 2017. We are once again looking for volunteers to help. Our Community Meal Program provides free, freshly prepared and nutritious meals, to hungry residents of the Ephrata area. **This meal will be held on March 16, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 167 E. Main Street, Ephrata, PA.**

There is no special expertise required. Volunteer will have varied duties from helping to set up the dining area, serving meals to our guests and of course cleaning up after the meal. Our meal program serves anywhere from 120 to 180 people so we usually need around 25 volunteers. Without our volunteers it would be difficult if not impossible to accomplish our mission. Whether you have helped in the past or this is your first time we would love to have you join us for this worthwhile and rewarding experience.

For those individuals who are unable to volunteer some of their time but still want to help out, monetary

donations are always welcome for the “*OMPH Community Meals*“. If you are interested in volunteering or want more information please email Tara Montgomery at [jazzcat9@ptd.net](mailto:jazzcat9@ptd.net) or contact Pat or Georgia Hogan at 738-0825.

St. James Catholic Church in Lititz, PA is having its **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-life Prayer Breakfast** on Sunday,



**March 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us for 9AM Mass and the Prayer Breakfast immediately following at

10:15 in the St. James Hall. The Sisters of Life from New York City, NY will be our guest speakers. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast, uplifting music by the St. James Folk Group, and a Pro-life presentation from the Sisters. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit A Woman’s Concern, Family of Restoration Ministries (formally known as House of His Creation), Northstar Initiative, and the Sisters of Life. For reservations, please contact Kara Garman at [kpro-life@ptd.net](mailto:kpro-life@ptd.net) or 575-7072.