



ST•JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

“What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you, so that you may share life with us.” 1 John 1:3

September 10, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

CLERGY

Reverend Timothy F. O’Sullivan

Pastor

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Weekend Assistants

Reverend Patrick Brady

Reverend Raju Pilla

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Deacon Robert P. Gellentien

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9 AM - 5 PM

No office hours Saturday & Sunday,
except by appointment

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PREP-RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS

Sunday 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM

Monday 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism preparation should begin before the child is born. All expecting parents and parents of newborn children are asked to enroll themselves in our parish Baptism Preparation Program. Baptism preparation is our Pre-Jordan class (2nd Monday in March, June, September and December at 7:00 PM in the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room). Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Please contact the Parish office for more information



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

Weekdays Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Holy Days Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM

(Also see Church bulletin)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made with the priest
at least 6 months before the wedding.

Attendance at Pre-Marital Classes required.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Fridays: 3:00 PM in the Chapel

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays: after 8:00 AM Mass until 6:50 PM

BLUE ARMY DEVOTION

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM in the Chapel

VISITATION CHAPEL OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

Spend time in prayer and reflection
from 6:00 AM till 8:00 PM

Monday through Saturday

PARISH STAFF

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RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The R.C.I.A. is a process of welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. It also welcomes baptized Catholics who have not received Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation. For information contact the Parish Office at sjeoffices@stjohnpa.org.

LECTIO DIVINA

Thursdays: after 8:00 AM Mass
in the Chapel

On the web at www.stjohnpa.org



Dear Friends,

A time-honored tradition in the Church (*but not known by all Catholics*) is the tradition of dedicating each month to a particular devotion of our faith. I suspect that most Catholics know that the month of May is dedicated to Mary; some Catholics would know that the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; many Catholics would know that the month of November is dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory; but, I suspect that the other monthly devotions are not as well known by the faithful. **September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary**, since the feast of Our Lady (or Our Mother) of Sorrows is celebrated each year on September 15th. (*We sometimes refer to Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows, or Our Mother of Sorrows and even as 'Mater Dolorosa' – Latin for 'Mother of Sorrows' - different titles for the same devotion.*)

The Church has celebrated this feast since the 11th century; however, for a period of time the feast was referred to as 'Our Mother of Compassion'. (*The word 'compassion' comes from the Latin and it literally means 'to suffer with'.*) For a time this feast was actually celebrated on the Friday before Palm Sunday – linking it with the observance of Good Friday a week later. In 1913, Pope Pius X moved the 'Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary' from the Season of Lent to September 15th, when he assigned it to the day after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which is celebrated each September 14th. Today the feast is simply known as 'Our Lady of Sorrows'.

The 'Seven Sorrows' of Mary actually commemorates seven different events in the life of Our Lord and His Mother that focus on her intense suffering and grief during difficult and distressing moments in their lives; these events were foreshadowed as Jesus was presented in the Temple as an infant and the Prophet Simeon said to Mary, **"This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed – and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare."** (Luke 2:34-35) Simeon, of course, was not speaking of a 'literal' sword piercing our Lady's heart, but rather a 'sword' of sorrow that any mother would experience seeing her son experience pain.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary include: **The Prophecy of Simeon**, as he tells our Lady that a 'sword' shall pierce her heart; **The Flight of the Holy Family into Egypt**, as Mary and Joseph, directed by an angel of the Lord, flee in haste from Bethlehem to escape from Herod who was searching to kill the new-born Jesus (Matthew 2:13); **The child Jesus lost in the Temple**, as Mary and Joseph search for three days to find Jesus who remained in the Temple after the caravan they were traveling with left the city (Luke 2:43-45); **Mary meeting Jesus on the roadside as He carried His Cross to Calvary**; **Mary standing at the foot of the Cross**, watching as her Son was crucified and hangs on the Cross for three hours (John 19:25); **Mary embracing the dead body of Our Lord as He was taken down from the Cross** (Matthew 27: 57-59); and, **Mary accompanying Our Lord's body to His burial place** (John 19:40-42).

The Second Vatican Council in its document on the Church entitled '*Lumen Gentium*' wrote, "...*(Mary) stood in keeping with the divine plan, suffering grievously with her only-begotten Son. There she united herself, with a maternal heart, to His sacrifice, and lovingly consented to the immolation {supreme sacrifice} of this Victim which she herself had brought forth*" (*paragraph 58 of Lumen Gentium*).

Focusing on the compassion of our Blessed Mother, our beloved and late Holy Father, Saint John Paul, reminded us, **"Mary Most Holy goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the many physical and moral sorrows which afflict and torment humanity. She knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary: 'And thy soul, too, a sword shall pierce.'**

Mary is our Spiritual Mother, and the mother always understands her children and consoles them in their troubles. Then, she has that specific mission to love us, received from Jesus on the Cross, to love us only and always, so as to save us! Mary consoles us above all by pointing out the Crucified One and Paradise to us!"

And so, as we honor our Lady of Sorrows, especially in this month dedicated to her Seven Sorrows, we honor Mary as the faithful disciple of her Son and exemplar for all the faithful. .

Through the intercession of Saint John the Evangelist, may we be living examples of the gospel that he has handed onto us!

Fr. O'Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH**Sunday, September 10**

PREP begins, 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM

Monday, September 11

PREP, 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM

Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Tuesday, September 12

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 PM to 6:50 PM

Benediction, 6:50 PM to 7:00 PM

Blue Army Holy Hour, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, September 13

Rosary at Manor Care, 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM

Shared Meals Meeting, 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM

Seton Society Meeting, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Christmas Bazaar Meeting, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Thursday, September 14

CRS in Action (ESL Class), 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Friday, September 15

Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Rosary, 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 16

Miraculous Medal Novena, immediately following Mass

Bethlehem Christians, immediately following 5:30 Mass

Confessions, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

HELP WANTED

Saint John's is looking for someone to cook and do light housekeeping, grocery shopping and laundry at our Rectory, Monday through Thursday. If you know anyone interested in this (day and evening hours), please have them call Leona at the Parish Office.

**SECOND COLLECTION
FOR HURRICANE HARVEY**

On September 16th and 17th, the USCCB has asked that we take up an emergency collection to help address the humanitarian and Church needs caused by Hurricane Harvey to those living in Texas and Louisiana. Donations will be forwarded to Catholic Charities USA, the agency which addresses emergency needs in this country. Please be as generous as possible!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate

Casey Tallman and Ryan DeMuth

who were united in the

Sacrament of Marriage in our Church

on Saturday, September 2, 2017.

May God continue to bless them all the days of their married life!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Sunday, September 10****Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM Rev. Vito J. Carbone, requested by our Parishioners

9:30 AM Jack DiGiovanna, requested by the Gerace Family

11:30 AM For All the Members of our Parish

Monday, September 11: Monday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM James E. Groome., requested by Janet Groome

Tuesday, September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 AM Our Priests, requested by the 31 Club

Wednesday, September 13, St. John Chrysostom

8:00 AM Helen Coppens, requested by Robert and Celeste Amadio

Thursday, September 14, The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

8:00 AM Francis X. Foley, requested by Alice Samsel-Foley

Friday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 AM Jack Young, requested by the Knights of Columbus #7515

Saturday, September 16: Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

8:00 AM Margaret Mary Higgins, requested by Jim and Donna Higgins

5:30 PM Maria Piascik, requested by Richard and Elizabeth Piascik

Sunday, September 17**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM For All the Members of our Parish

9:30 AM Kevin McCormick, requested by the McCormick Family

11:30 AM For the Seton Society, requested by Tom Brunner

God Bless Our Service Members

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all service men and women, along with their family members, when so many are far from home throughout the world. We are forever grateful for all the sacrifices that they and their families have made.



Parishioners: Lt. Timothy Abbracciamento (son of John and Ana Abbracciamento)

Non-Parishioners: Capt. Joseph Alexander
Second Lieutenant Steven Biggs,
Majors Ann and Dave Driscoll
Lt. Commander Matthew Piasecki
(nephew of Alan and Linda Marquis)

To those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, we always remember in our prayers these brave soldiers:

Parishioner: SFC William J. Maher, III
(son of William and Adeline Maher)

Non-Parishioners: PFC Nathaniel DeTemple and
PFC Christopher Warren Lotter

Next Sunday's Readings – September 17, 2017

Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading, reflecting and praying the readings with family and friends.

Reading 1

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Reading 2

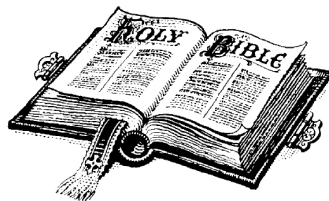
Romans 14:7-9

Alleluia

John 13:34

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35



ADMINISTRATION

Fourth Sunday in August 2017

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 13,564

Number of Envelopes 376

Fourth Sunday in August 2016

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 13,146

Number of Envelopes 298

YTD Collection

(July 1, 2017 – August 27, 2017) \$113,250

Average Number of Envelopes 381

Thank you for your continued generosity!

VISITING THE SICK

If a family member is sick, in the hospital, at home or in a Nursing Home, and they would like a short visit by one of our members, please call the Parish Office at **215-295-4102**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Robert Amadio, Merriam B. (friend of Kristen Yost), Nancy Baradziej, Michael Barkovich (son of Michael and Diana Barkovich), Tom Biester, John Camerlengo, (brother of Carmine Camerlengo), Kathy Camerlengo (niece of Carmine Camerlengo), Richard Cash, Claudia (4 yrs. old - granddaughter of Karen and William DiBraccio), Edward, Patricia Funk, Pauline Garceau (mother of Kathryn DeMorro), Peter Garceau (brother of Kathryn DeMorro), Gerri, Ann M., Annette Macecevic (wife of Joe Macecevic), L. Mahoney, Jeannie Niedermeyer (sister-in-law of Gerri Niedermeyer), Derrick and Marty Warren, Joseph Wasiakowski (husband of Shirley Wasiakowski), and all residents of Manor Care and Arden Court.

Our prayer list for the Sick is currently being updated. We will gladly keep anyone who is sick and in need of our prayers on the list for four weeks; after four weeks, if they would still benefit from additional prayers from our parishioners, call Maureen at Ext. 111 or email her at adminasst@stjohnpa.org to notify her of your request. Please give their name, your name and their relationship to you. Thank you!

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Adoration Society: *Maria DiDonato, Cynthia Mariotti*

Adult Faith Formation: *Debbie Brzezynski, 267.918.8834*

Aid for Friends: *Mary Africa, 215.428.9581*

Altar Servers: *Reverend Timothy O'Sullivan, 215.295.4102*

Community Food Dr.: *Cathy & Joe McLean, 267.833.3177*

Blessed Counters: *Reverend Timothy O'Sullivan, 215.295.4102*

CYO Athletic Directors: *Mike & Mary McGill, 215.337.8282*

Disability Advocate: *Kathy Ross, 215.736.8017*

Extraordinary Ministers Holy Communion:

Reverend Timothy O'Sullivan, 215.295.4102

Faith in Action/Staying Put in Bucks County:

Susan Cridge, 215.295.5726

Funeral Liturgy Assistance: *Kathy Ross, 215.736.8017*

Hospitality/Bakery Basket: *Ann Damron, 215.736.3527*

Knights of Columbus #7515: *Grand Knight,*

Joseph Retallick, 267.997.1087

Lectors: *Nicholas Spadea, 267.797.0214*

Men's Faith Share: *Vince Bodnar, 215.321.5155*

Pastoral Council: *Magda Manetas, 215.295.2512*

Prayer Network: *Lisa Petrino, 215.295.6468*

Respect Life: *Ed Barry, 215.295.4335*

Seton Society: *Tom Brunner, 215.734.3031*

Social Concerns Committee: *Diane Coyle, 215.493.8472*

Ushers/Greeters: *Jim Karkosak, 215.493.3463*

Women of the Word Prayer Group: *215.295.4102*

Youth Minister: *Meghan Horn, 215.295.4102*



McCAFFREY'S

Help Your Church! Non-Cash Fundraiser

Please continue to save your McCaffrey's grocery receipts and deposit them in our marked box located in the vestibule of the Church. For all

receipts collected, Saint John's,

in turn will receive 1% back from McCaffrey's.

Thank you!

Monthly Food Collection

The regular monthly collection of food for those in need in our Lower Bucks community will be taken up at all Masses next weekend here at St. Johns. As usual, a small team of parish volunteers will drop it off at Mary's Cupboard, the local Archdiocesan distribution center down on the Levittown Parkway. The August collection, by the way, came to 469 pounds. Many thanks!

PREP HAPPENINGS

Barbara Ann Nuzzolo, Director of Religious Education

SEE MORE ABOUT PREP ON THE WEBSITE:

<http://www.stjohnpa.org/PREP> or call 215-295-9239

PREP classes begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017 or Monday, September 11, 2017.

The Religious Education of each child is important and I invite all those who have not registered to do so as soon as possible. Please come into the office at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the session. Attendance must be consistent and began with the first class.

After you have registered, someone in the PREP office will direct the child to the table that he or she will gather. The teacher will greet the students and then there is prayer with all the PREP family in the cafeteria. The children will go to their classrooms and the parents of students in Grades 1-2-3 must go up to the classroom at dismissal and gather their child. Students in Grades 4-12 will be dismissed from the cafeteria to the parents. The sessions are: SUNDAY 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM and MONDAY 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM.

I am looking forward to another great year and am excited to welcome all the students to our PREP program. Invite all to come and talk to me about PREP, the Parish Religious Education Program, at St. John the Evangelist Parish.



REST IN PEACE

In your kindness, please pray for

the happy repose of the soul of

William J. Purcell,

brother of Winnie McGovern

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Church!

Our warmest welcome to all who are visiting us for today's Liturgy. If you are not officially registered in the parish and would like to become a parishioner, please fill out this form and place this form to note any address/phone/email change also.

_____ **New Parishioner** _____ **Address Change**

FAMILY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ Email: _____

Youth Ministry Announcements

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

Youth Minister: Meghan Horn

<http://www.stjohpa.org/youth-ministry> or 215-295-4102

Youth Ministry Room

I am happy to announce that Youth Ministry is creating a Teen Center in the "Old Church" in the School building and making it our new home! For those of you that aren't familiar with this space, it is on the bottom floor of the school, on the other side of the cafeteria. We will be using this space for our High School YDISCIPLINE meetings, youth group gatherings, retreat team planning, and a comfy place for fellowship! That being said I need your help! If anyone has any gently used couches, tables, gaming tables (foosball, ping pong, air hockey, etc), games, or any other furniture you think could be used, and would be willing to donate it to our Youth Ministry program, please contact Meghan Horn at youthministries@stjohnpa.org. Thank you in advance!

Pretzel Sales

The next pretzel sale fundraiser will be held at the Family Fun Fest on September 23rd, and after all Masses on Sunday, September 24th.

Family Fun Fest- SAVE THE DATE

Family Fun Fest this year is being held on Saturday, September 23rd, immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass. Call your neighbors, gather your family, bring a picnic dinner and come out for the upcoming Family Fun Fest to meet new families, meet our various coordinators for youth programs, play games, win prizes, and have a ton of fun! To RSVP, email youthministries@stjohpa.org. More information to come. We look forward to seeing you!

Junior CYO Retreat Team

Anyone in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade interested in becoming a part of the Jr. CYO Retreat Team should contact Meghan at youthministries@stjohnpa.org. Meetings will begin on September 17th, from 1-3pm.

Abbey Fest

AbbeyFest welcomes back Matt Maher to AbbeyFest 2017 on September 16 at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA. For anyone who would like to attend, please purchase a ticket and then email Meghan Horn so transportation can be coordinated.

Junior and High School CYO Registration

Anyone who would like to register for Jr. CYO (6th, 7th, & 8th grade) or High School CYO (YDISCIPLINE) for the upcoming school year, please contact Meghan.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES: ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS ROOM

September 6, 2017 - Day of Service Planning Meeting, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 September 13, 2017 - Shared Meal Planning Meeting, 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM
 September 13, 2017 - Christmas Bazaar Meeting, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
 September 17, 2017 - Feed My Flock Sandwich Making, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
 September 22, 2017 - Shared Meal - 6:00 PM in the School Cafeteria
 September 24, 2017 - Sewing/Knitting/Crocheting Meeting, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

FUTURE EVENTS:

November 15, 2017 - Day of Service, 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM (Service project ideas can be sent to: socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org)

December 9, 2017 - Christmas Bazaar and Lunch with Santa, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

DONATIONS: (leave in St. Gianna room)

Prison Ministry – black rosaries for prison ministry; other colors for our guests at the Shared Meal

Refugees Centers - office supplies; copy paper

Backpack Center – Pancake mix and syrup

Day of Service - Cake mixes and frostings - all flavors

Soldiers' Ministry - used cell phones or chargers

Underprivileged Children - slightly used toys, books, puzzles, dolls. If you need items picked up call Gini Campbell (215-369-3527)

Homeless & Those in Need – personal care products (shampoo, soap, etc.) - all sizes

E-Mail: If you are on our contact list for the Shared Meal and your email has changed, please send your new address to socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org. New contacts are also welcome!

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16

PASTORAL CARE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Families of Children with Disabilities Support Group will present “Transition to Adulthood: A Discussion for Parents on Transitional Services. Queen of the Universe, 2443 Trenton Road, Levittown, PA 19056 will host this open forum on 9/26/17 from 7:00-8:30pm. Call Rob Segal, 215-781-5083 for more information.

Catholic Bishops Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments for Persons with Disabilities may be found by going to <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/policies/guidelines-sacraments-persons-with-disabilities.cfm>

“Through the Sacrament of Baptism the faithful are incorporated into Christ and into His Church. The Church, made present in the local community, has an important role to play in the Baptism of all of its members. Before and after the the celebration of the sacrament, the baptized have the right to the love and help of the community. Because it is the sacrament of universal salvation, Baptism is to be made available to all who freely ask for it. Disability is never a reason for deferring Baptism. Infants or persons who lack the use of reason are to be baptized provided at least one parent or guardian consents to it. All baptized are rightly called the children of God.”

*“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”
 Saint Catherine of Sienna*

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE

We have added listening devices for the comfort of those with hearing challenges. If you are in need of a hearing device so that you may fully experience the Mass and other events held in our church, please feel free to use these aids.

How It Works:

Please alert one of the ushers who will go with you to the sacristy, sign out one of the devices, and leave your keys in the container slot so you will remember to return the system. Keep the earbuds as your own, but remember to bring them to Mass with you, each time you join us. This device should act as a personal speaker in your ear. Please make us aware of any feedback. kathyross19@gmail.com.



Knighly News



Knights of Columbus

Golf Outing

Monday, September 25, 2017

The Knights of Columbus Councils of St. John the Evangelist and St. Ignatius will be holding their joint annual Charity Golf Outing on Monday, September 25, 2017, at the Northampton Valley Country Club in Richboro, PA. Sponsor registration, Golfer registration and donation forms are located on the board at the Knights of Columbus table at the entrance of the church. Please consider supporting this event this year. This is a major event used to fund the many charitable activities supported by the Knights of Columbus.

Save the Date!

**Best Ever Christmas Bazaar and Lunch with Santa
 Saturday, December 9, 2017**

Save the date for the Best Ever Christmas Bazaar and Lunch with Santa! There will be crafters, vendors, a build-a-basket gift tables, a Secret Santa Shop for children, a silent auction, a raffle, and much more. Lunch with Santa will cost \$5.00. Other food/lunch items will be on sale as well. Proceeds will benefit the Interfaith Food Alliance of Morrisville, St. John's Social Concerns Committee Efforts, and other area non-profits. Interested crafters, vendors, or non-profits wishing to rent a table should contact Michele Beres at 215-378-9365 or mmyb63@comcast.net. One lunch voucher will be given to anyone who rents a space. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Diane Coyle at 215-493-8472 or socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org.

Catholic Relief Services in Action

The CRS in Action Committee is planning a Helping Hands Meal Packing event on the Parish Day of Service on November 5. We need to raise an additional \$3000 to support our goal of packing 10,000 meals in under two hours. We will also need 100 able volunteers to pack the meals. This is a fun and intergenerational activity that supports CRS's mission to feed the poorest in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Committee Chair Lois Heist traveled to Burkina Faso in see how the meals are distributed and consumed in Burkina. Consult the Parish website/CRS in Action page to see photos of the warehouse where they are collected for distribution, and pictures of meals actually being put to good use in a orphanage, and elsewhere. If you are interested in helping with the international projects of the Catholic Church by becoming a member of the CRS in Action Committee, or if you are willing to contribute to the Helping Hands Meal Packing Event, contact Lois Heist at crsinaction@gmail.com.