simple structure. This shrine opened on October 19, 1904, and in 1909, Brother André was released from his duties as doorman and assigned full-time as the caretaker of the Oratory of St. Joseph. The Oratory attracted large numbers of pilgrims, and plans were made to construct a large basilica. Brother André’s full-time ministry for the rest of his life was to receive the long lines of sick visitors who flocked to the Oratory to see him. He became known as the “Miracle Man of Montreal,” and thousands of miraculous healings were attributed to his intercession over the following decades. Brother André died on January 6, 1937 at the age of 91. During the week that his body lay in state outside of St. Joseph’s Oratory, an estimated one million people braved the bitter winter to pay their respects. The basilica was eventually completed and remains a major pilgrimage site, attracting over two million visitors a year. The side chapels are filled with the crutches of people healed through St. André’s prayers.

Brother André was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2010. Adapted from the Congregation of the Holy Cross website.

We thank Candy Sneeringer who has volunteered to take over scheduling the Offertory Procession! We need people to take up the gifts at Mass. Couples, friends, anyone can help or you can volunteer for a special Mass. For more information call Candy at 717-420-6395.

The generosity of the Sacred Heart parishioners is truly awe inspiring. Thank you to everyone who donated or helped in any way with gifts for our Angel Tree of Love. We gave over 225 pounds of toys, clothing, and other gifts to New Hope Ministries to help the needy in our community. We remembered and shared our love with over 20 elderly and shut-ins of our own Parish family. Two large families were gifted items they needed to make this a Christmas to remember. Many thanks were expressed by the Moms who came for pick up. And these thanks go directly out to all of you, along with a prayer that God will bless our Parish Community abundantly in 2018!

For the month of January we will be collecting pennies for the “Pennies for Life” program. Participants are asked to donate one penny for each year of their lives, in thanksgiving for the life God has given them. (Folding money and checks are accepted). A container behind the last pew in the Church for your donations. All proceeds benefit our local Tender Care Pregnancy Consultation Services.

Help is needed to clean the Church Thurs. Jan. 11th at 9:00a.m. Please bring a rag and bucket.

There will be a second collection next weekend Jan. 13th & 14th, “Aid to the Catholic Church in Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America & Africa.”

Direction for Our Times: All are welcome to come join our Parishioner Wendy McCall in Our Lady’s Chapel on Sat. Jan. 20th at 10:15a.m. to pray the rosary and read the monthly message from Jesus, as given to Anne, a lay Apostle. For more information, call Wendy at 717-476-6435. Check out the website: www.directionforourtimes.org.

Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Catholic Church of New Oxford will hold their monthly “All-You-Can-Eat” Turkey Dinner on Jan. 21st in the Parish Hall, located behind the Church, from 11:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. Questions regarding the dinner may be directed to the Parish Office at 717-624-4121. Ticket prices are: $9.00 for adults $4.00 for children (6-12) under age 6 – free.

Delone Catholic Music Association is holding its annual Spaghetti Dinner & Movie Night fundraiser on Sat. Jan. 27th from 4-6p.m. in the Delone Catholic Cafeteria. Tickets are $8/adult and $6/ages 4-10. Children 3 and younger eat free. Dinner includes spaghetti with your choice of marinara or meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. At 6:30p.m., a free family movie will be shown in the Old Gym. Popcorn, candy and drinks will be available for purchase. Movie will be chosen by a show of hands. Please bring blankets to sit on during the movie. For ticket info contact Carol Stiles at 717-968-4659 or email her at: stiles518@embarqmail.com.

Looking ahead: DCHS class ’66 is planning a 70th Birthday Celebration! It will be held Sat. Apr. 14th at Inn 94, New Oxford from 11:30 – 12:30p.m. Social hour 12:30 – 3:30p.m. Enjoy a meal and fellowship. Contact Pat (Breiner) Webb via email to: pawss348@hotmail.com or Julie (Houser) Hawbaker via phone at 717 632 0620.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Conewago Campus, 55 Basilica Dr. Hanover, will have a Kindergarten Open House this Sun. Jan. 7th from 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

The School is proud to present – “Murder at the Fletcher Point Country Club” the first Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre. The dinner will be held on Sat. Feb. 10th at the Annunciation B.V.M. Church Parish Hall, located at 316 North Street in McSherrystown. Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner by Shultz’s Catering. Cost is $25.00 per person. Limited reservations available! For more information, please visit our website: www.stickatoolschool.org You may be surprised by our cast of “suspects!”