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This Friday, 21 September at Noon.

is the absolute deadline for a chance to purchase your tickets to this amazing opportunity to see **MERCY ME**.

This is the group from which the movie "I Can Only Imagine" is based off of. Tickets are only \$25

However, if we get 10 or more, then ticket price will drop. Lillian Isaac will take care of the tickets but we need you to please drop off your money to the church office (or give to her directly) BY Monday, 24 September.

Checks can be written to Lillian, as she will be making initial payment with her money.

Mercy Me

11 November 2018

7 PM

Freedom Hall

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FATHER TIM O'TOOLE

Father Tim O'Toole will move to Oregon in mid-October. We thank him for his wonderful generous service to St. Mary's for many years. He will celebrate the 8:30 AM Mass on Tuesday, October 2. We will have a reception after Mass to show our gratitude to Father Tim. All are welcome.



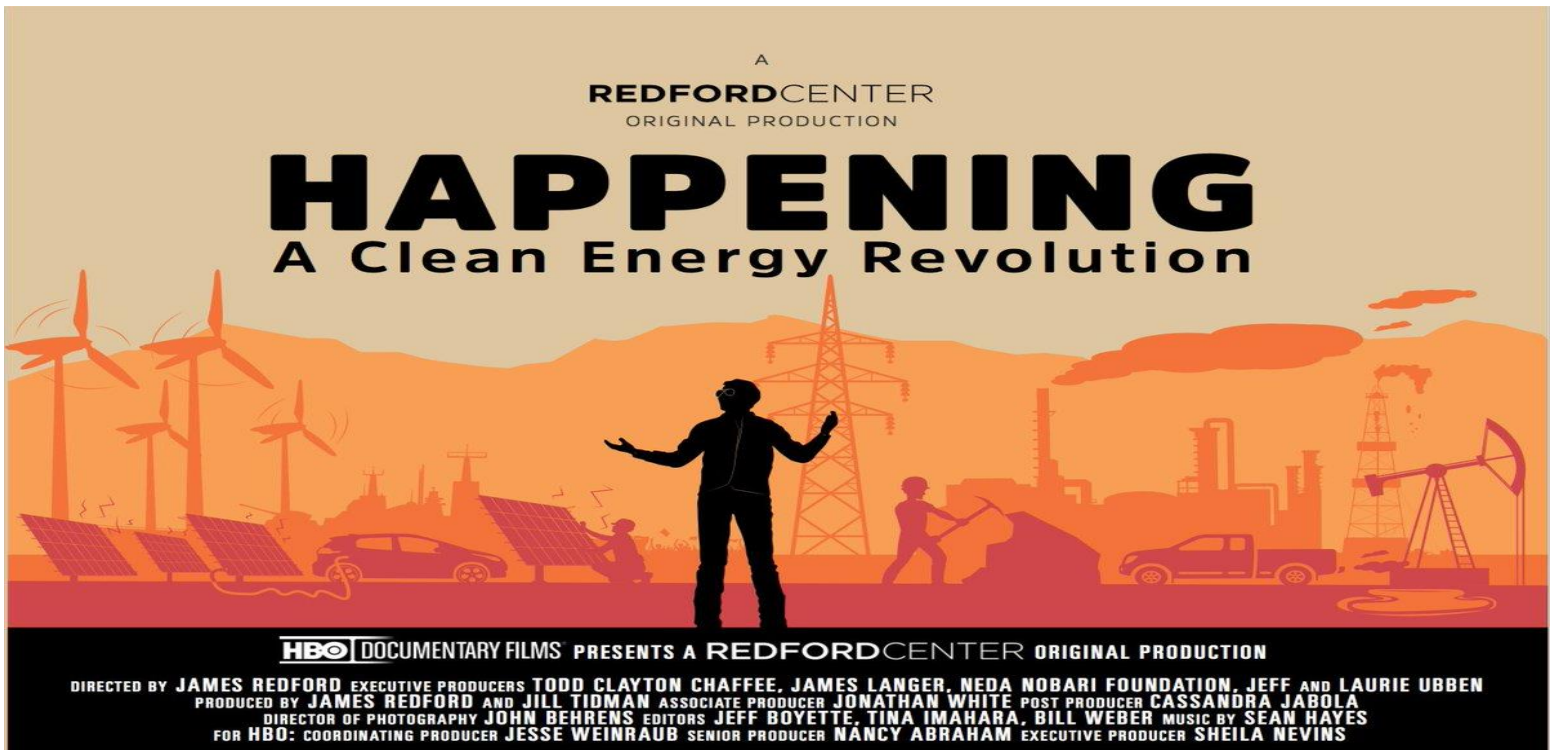
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MOVIE IN ETSU

On Wednesday October 3rd at 5:30 PM the ETSU Department of Sustainability and Citizens' Climate Lobby of Northeast Tennessee will host a screening of "**Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution**" in the Brown Hall Auditorium. There will be a meet and greet with light snacks at 5:30 PM before the movie with a moderated discussion panel immediately following.

Brown Hall is on the ETSU campus directly East of the Mini-dome. No permit is needed to park anywhere on campus after 4:00 PM and the new parking garage will also be open for parking.

"Filmmaker James Redford embarks on a colorful personal journey into the dawn of the clean energy era as it creates jobs, turns profits, and makes communities stronger and healthier across the US. Unlikely entrepreneurs in communities from Georgetown, TX to Buffalo, NY reveal pioneering clean energy solutions while James' discovery of how clean energy works, and what it means at a personal level, becomes the audiences' discovery too. Reaching well beyond a great story of technology and innovation, "Happening" explores issues of human resilience, social justice, embracing the future, and finding hope for our survival." For more information, contact Laura Ballantyne (JPIC) at lauraba267@gmail.com.



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CALLING ALL PETS

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of
animals, merchants and ecology,
there will be a Parish Pet Blessing,
Saturday, October 6, 10:00 a.m.

Bring all your family members with fins, feathers, and fur
(along with scales, etc.!)!!

All are welcome.



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CONFESSIONS

**ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, CONFESSIONS
WILL BEGIN AT 6:15 PM.**



FAMILY PROMISE



Family Promise is a ministry where area churches give shelter to homeless families in transition. If you are able to make meals, host families during the evening or host families who stay overnight in our partner church of Wesley Methodist, please contact

Father Pete in the parish office or email him Fr.pete.iorio@stmarysjc.org. Our week is September 23-29.

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About our Saint of the Day



Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions' Story

The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital.

Andrew's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45.

Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She

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and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. After Columba complained about the indignity, no more women were subjected to it. The two were beheaded. Peter

Ryou, a boy of 13, had his flesh so badly torn that he could pull off pieces and throw them at the judges. He was killed by strangulation. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.