

APPALACHIAN EXPERIENCE ~ June 13-20, 2015

Aaron Hluch, Bill Bash, Bill Curtin, Chris Rector, Dan & Seán Fejes, Ezra Bard, Hannah Mann, Mike Shilling, Nathan Bell, and Vince Festa made up the 11 participants. This year St. Joe's volunteers had two main jobs and multiple small ones. One of the groups' jobs consisted of both "gooping" roofs and sealing decks for a few participating families. A white substance was able to be painted in a few layers on top roofs to seal them from water leakage. The cost is much lower than replacing the roof and it still does a really good job. On a few of these same sites participants sealed decks and porches with the Appalachian Experience's classic honey gold stain. The dirtiest job was probably the renovation of a house's back room and plumbing system. The group



Visiting 4th World Movement - pictured left to right: Bill Bash, Nathan Bell, Aaron Hluch, Séan Fejes, Chris Rector, Hannah Mann, Ezra Bard, 4th World vol., Mike Shilling, 4th World vol.



Vince Festa with homeowner

at that house had to completely rebuild the room's floor, refortify that room's back wall, place protective paneling on the lower side of the back of the house, and fix the leaky, backed-up plumbing. At these sites, volunteers were either taking preventative measures or ensuring the homes' longevity and durability. The last job was actually many jobs. The group started with repairing a bathroom then once that was done moved to the gutters of another house. After that the group moved to a porch to stain it. Lastly, they washed a porch and then started to stain it, but it started to rain so that pretty much concluded the week.



Program worker, Leann Bailey, Sean Fejes, Bill Curtin & Chris Rector stain deck



Hannah Mann, Ezra Bard, Nathan Bell, program worker Debbie Mullins with Dan Fejes

Throughout the week there were a number of activities in the evenings so that the group could get the full experience of the Appalachian area in and around Clintwood, Virginia. The group talked with a coal miner, went to Breaks Interstate Park, drove to Birch Knob at the top of a mountain, went to Fourth World Movement, a non-profit organization, and much more. The experience was a huge part of the trip and the group learned a lot. The group had a good time this year and will enjoy this trip for years to come.

For more information about next year's experience, June 18-25, 2016, please contact Dan & Seán Fejes (330-274-2481 or kazimoto@ohio.net). Look for complete details including history, fundraising efforts, links, photos, and more on our parish website (look for Appalachian Experience under the Ministries & Organizations tab).

BLESSING OF PETS

Saturday, October 3
10:00 a.m. in the Pavilion

Bring your pets for this special blessing in honor of our patron saint of animals.



POPE FRANCIS' NEW ENCYCLICAL

On Pentecost, 2015, Pope Francis issued his encyclical letter on Earth, our common home. In his opening paragraphs the Pope cites St. Francis of Assisi who called the earth our Sister. "Praised be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us..." The Pope writes, "This sister now cries out to us..." In six chapters the Pope explains the predicament of our Earth: what is happening, how we got there, and what must be done. We'd like to form a **study group** to read, reflect, and act upon this important teaching from our Holy Father. Please contact the Parish Office by October 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) if you are interested in participating.

