

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the overture to the 1970 rock opera, "Jesus Christ Superstar," we hear Judas questioning: "Why'd you choose such a backward time in such a strange land?"

During Epiphany this year we celebrate the discovery of the "Superstar" and the coming of the Magi from distant lands. They are bearing gifts for Jesus.

Today, we offer our own gifts to our Superstar Creator. Directions are found in Matthew's dusty 2000 year-old-gospel which invites us to return to that time and that strange land. There, we can rediscover the star of purpose in our lives. Can we resolve to follow Jesus? Can we make the gift as workers in the kingdom of God?

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

PRAY FOR OUR SICK / DECEASED

We remember in prayer those who are ill. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

Sick: *Angela Pfeil Hamm, Theresa Tuite, Joe Brahler, Tom Jefferson, Jean Hill, Esther Smith, Paul Connors, Fred Maskerines, Dorothy Parsick, Frederick Hossler, Carol Heacock, Paul Filiac.*

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule (in Chapel)

Monday thru Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Cemetery Information

John Consugar 622-2389

George Smith 544-3294

C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

Bulletin Deadline – Tuesday prior to publication

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 7 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY LOU MCGINLEY (Paul & Donna Connors)

Tuesday – January 8 – 9:00 a.m.

DENNIS KEEFER (Charles & Mary Tamburelli)

Wednesday – January 9 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHLEEN FINN (living intention) (Joseph McGraw)

Thursday – January 10 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICIA KELLY (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Friday, January 11 – 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE HAHNER JR. (Ed & Bill Hahner)

Saturday, January 12 – 5:00 p.m.

DOROTHY BLUM (Joey Kurtek)

Sunday, January 13 – 8:15 a.m.

THOMAS RYAN (John Loeper)

Sunday, January 13 – 10:30 a.m.

JOHN J. MINCHHOFF FAMILY (Margaret Pauly)

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Tuesday – December 8

at York Terrace Nursing Home

CLARABELLE SCHOCK (Staff & Residents)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 29/30: \$ 3,811.88

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday – 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass

Baptismal Preparation for Parents **MUST** precede the Baptism.

Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

Outreach Program

Rectory 622-5470

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT

(610) 332-0442 ext. 2019

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Anthony Hoffman by Mary Ann Holley
St. Joseph IMO Anthony Hoffman by Mary Ann Holley
Tabernacle IMO Anthony Hoffman
by Mary Ann Holley
Sanctuary
1. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family
2,3,4. IMO Anthony Hoffman by Mary Ann Holley
Guardian Angels
1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

SCHEDULE

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

5 p.m. – Saturday – January 12th

Reader: Robert Wollyung
Euch.Min.: Dan & Hermine Murphy
Servers: Ryan & Ethan Grabowski, Alyssa Sheriff
Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – January 13th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose
Euch.Min.: Bill Gianfagna, Michael Ambrose
Servers: Logan, Joseph, Brooke Palko
Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – January 13th

Reader: Carol Lasco
Euch.Min.: Charlie Miller, Mary Modesto
Servers: Anna, Emma, Livia Lieberman
Cantor: Dave Derbes

PRAYER GROUP

Our Prayer Group meets on the second Sunday of each month after the 10:30 Mass in the Chapel. Please consider joining us as we lift up those in need of prayer. It will take only a few minutes of your time.

Prayer request can be placed in the box on side of confessional. Thanks and God bless!
For more information or questions, please contact one of the following:

Bob Hahner 570-640-4448
John Corbacio 570-640-5038

My Prayer Request

Please place in box on side of Confessional.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What “signs” in your life have led you to Jesus?

Next Week’s Readings

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (January 12/13)
Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Reading II: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**FAMILY GUILD
GIFT CARD CALENDAR**

The Family Guild will be sponsoring the Gift Card Calendar Raffle for March 2019. The members of the Guild would like to extend the opportunity to all parishioners to sponsor any type of Gift Card or make a monetary donation to purchase a gift card.



If you are interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

Those who have donated to date:

- Beehive**
- Crimson House**
- Daubert Family**
- DiCello Chiropractic Care**
- Brian & Sue Eckley**
- Friends of St. John’s**
- Guzick Family**
- Headquarters Styling Salon**
- Hidden River Credit Union**
- Kochol Family**
- Lieberman, Tamulonis & Hobbs**
- Charles Miller Family**
- Victor E. Muncy Inc.**
- Nativity BVM High School**
- Bob & Mary Porter**
- Quality Discount Heating Oil & Propane**
- Noble ‘Bud’ & Jule Quandel**
- Rosenberger Plumbing & Heating Inc.**
- Schlitz Allen Pugh Funeral Home**
- Dr. Michael Smink**
- Martin & Linda Smith**
- St. Clair Auto Supply**
- Z & M Painting & Papering**

ST. JOHN’S FAMILY GUILD

If interested in joining the Family Guild, please call the Rectory 622-5470 or just come to our next meeting which is scheduled for ...

Monday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m.
in the Rectory Fellowship Room

... A NOTE OF THANKS ...

A big and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all the organizations and people who do so much to keep our parish alive and kicking. The following list is but a sample of what takes place in an organized way at St. John's. However, there are also a number of people who do the quiet, behind the scenes work. To all of them, our sincere thanks! We truly apologize if we missed any group.

Let us continue to grow in all ways and keep the spirit of St. John's Parish alive for all to see and hear. May God continue to bless us.

Father Dave

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| Adult Faith Formation | Decorating Committee |
| Altar Servers | Dramatic Stations |
| Bakers | Family Guild |
| Building Committee | Finance Committee |
| Bulk Mailing Crew | Food Service |
| Cantors | Giving Tree Helpers |
| Catholic Women's Union | Hospitality Ministers |
| CCD Program | Liturgy Committee |
| Cemetery Committee | Mid-Summer Festival |
| Children's Liturgy | Organists |
| Choir | OutReach Program |
| Choir Director | Over 50 Club |
| Christmas Bazaar | Parish Council |
| Collection Counters | Parish Staff |
| Christmas Pageant | Readers |
| Collection Posters | Sunday Pre-School |
| Curiosity Shop/Yard Sales | Vacation Bible School |
| CYO Program | Youth Group |
| Eucharistic Ministers | |

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

NEW TEEN MINISTRY *Schuylkill Catholic Young Church* is the new Schuylkill County regional youth ministry of the Diocese of Allentown. Teens are invited to participate in the upcoming "Alpha" series, which includes free dinner. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and meaning. Know a teen with questions about life? Invite them to Alpha. Please RSVP to Father Dave at the rectory 622-5470 or email stjbparish@comcast.net. Alpha will be held on **Sundays 6 – 8 p.m. at the Frackville Youth Center, 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave, Frackville, from January 27 through March 24.**

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION – will take place on **Sunday, January 13th** School tours, presentations and displays begin **1 p.m.** Members of the Nativity community will be available for questions. No pre-registration required. All are welcome! Please contact the school 622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

... A NOTE OF THANKS ...

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES

Our Christmas Liturgies were so enhanced with the talents of the following people. Thank you for sharing these talents with us ...

Instrumentalists ... *Dave Derbes, Bobby DiCello, Chrissy Hardock DiCello, Patrick McMullen, Marianne Wollyung*

Choir Members

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| <i>Katie Blackwell</i> | <i>Barbara Powers</i> |
| <i>Mary Bound</i> | <i>Ed Scheetz</i> |
| <i>Fred Brahler</i> | <i>Pat Scheetz</i> |
| <i>Deborah Chitwood</i> | <i>Sue Scheetz</i> |
| <i>Janet Daubert</i> | <i>Bernice Sockwell</i> |
| <i>Barbara Fox</i> | <i>Bob Wollyung</i> |
| <i>Lucilla Kochol</i> | <i>Marianne Wollyung</i> |
| | <i>Kate Zagar</i> |

Cantors

Chrissy Hardock DiCello, Debbie Purcell, Tina Seiger

Organists

Dave Derbes, Patrick McMullen

Ensemble

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| <i>Doug Broughton</i> | <i>Isabelle Myers</i> |
| <i>Dave Derbes</i> | <i>Jason Prestileo</i> |
| <i>Bobby DiCello</i> | <i>Jill Prestileo</i> |
| <i>Chrissy Hardock DiCello</i> | <i>Dave Steffan</i> |
| <i>Bill Gianfagna</i> | <i>Jordan Szeliga</i> |
| <i>Bob Hahner</i> | <i>Julie Szeliga</i> |
| | <i>Marianne Wollyung</i> |

CHURCH DECORATING

Our thanks to the following for decorating the church so beautifully for our celebration of Christmas.

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| <i>Mary Bound</i> | <i>Palko Family</i> |
| <i>Ed Brahler</i> | <i>Mike Rizzardi</i> |
| <i>Heidi & Stanley Gorski</i> | <i>Scheidel Family</i> |
| <i>Paul Herb</i> | <i>Barb Schoenauer</i> |
| <i>Lucilla Kochol</i> | <i>Elijah & Steve Weicikosky</i> |

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER ... sponsored by St. Patrick's Church on **Sunday, January 6th** from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center, 319 Mahantongo St. ... Eat in or Take out; Adults \$8; Children \$3.50

Wednesday, January 9th at 8 p.m. in the Rectory
Fellowship Room.

*I pray that God will guide me one day at a time
in the new year. I pray that for each day,
God will supply the wisdom
and the strength that I need. Amen.*
