

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the movie "An Officer and a Gentleman," Richard Gere portrays a Navy officer training candidate. In a scene, when he is close to breaking the record for negotiating the obstacle course, he goes back to help Casey, a female officer candidate who has been unable to climb the 12 foot wall. Sacrificing his own chance to set a record, he helped her climb the mandatory wall, thus assuring she would graduate as an Ensign. By helping her, he proved himself worthy - as leader and had truly become an officer and a gentleman.

Lincoln is credited as saying: "No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child." Jesus says: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant."

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – October 22 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES TAMBURELLI (Reene Reddington)

Tuesday, October 23 – 9:00 a.m.

AGNES REILLY (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Wednesday – October 24 – 9:00 a.m.

WILLIAM CONNORS (John, Cathy, Hannah Kostick)

Thursday, October 25 – 9:00 a.m.

PATTY EBLING (Charles & Mary Tamburelli)

Friday, October 26 – 9:00 a.m.

RUSSELL KOSTA (John & Joyce Gerace)

Saturday, October 27 – 5:00 p.m.

RJ Post, 15th Anniv.

(Bob, Irene, Sandi, Sheri, RJ III Post)

Sunday, October 28 – 8:15 a.m.

ANTHONY & ANNA KUSHMANIK

(Mary Jean & John Morgalis)

Sunday, October 28 – 10:30 a.m.

EDWARD SMITH (Charles Camut)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Dorothy A. Rosenberger
by Paul Rosenberger

St. Joseph – IMO Joseph Steficek by Larry Steficek

Tabernacle - IMO Rita Mae Switzler
by Stanley & Heidi Gorski & Sons

Sanctuary

1. IMO Pauline Zanis by Toni & Carl Wiest

2. IMO Dawn Wiest by Toni & Carl Wiest

3. IMO David Zanis by Toni & Carl Wiest

4. IMO James Jefferson by Toni & Carl Wiest

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Chief Joseph Lipsett by Rush Twp. Police Dept.

2. For the Most Abandoned Soul in Pugatery

SCHEDULE

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – October 27th

Reader: Robert Wollyung

Euch.Min.: Bill Gianfagna, Hermine Murphy,
(Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Noah & Helena Fredericks, Kaitlin Painter

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 28th

Reader: Bob Bechtel

Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Luke Schane, Julia Botto, Gabriella Quinn

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 28th

Reader: Evielyn Hower

Euch.Min.: Charlie Miller, Justina Majestic,
Mary Modesto

Servers: Anna, Livia, Emma Lieberman

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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, Bill Webber, Karen Modesto.



ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

Please drop your All Souls Day envelope in the collection as soon as possible so your intentions can be placed on the altar for All Souls Day. Additional envelopes for your intentions can be found at the church exits.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

The greatest tragedy would be to come to the end of our lives and realize "that the Lord was so near, and yet we were so far away." Our greatest regret will be that Jesus waited every day to see us, to grant us grace, and to pour out blessings upon us, and yet we have never gone to visit Him. ... Bishop Fulton Sheen

We need adorers for the following hours:

Thursday 4 a.m.;

Friday 12 a.m. & 6 a.m. & 10 a.m.;

Saturday 4 a.m. & 12 p.m.;

Sunday 12 a.m. & 4 a.m.

Whenever you are unable to cover your Holy Hour, for whatever reason, we are always able to get a sub.

Call or text Aleece for information 570-449-7678.

*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness
and the power and the glory and victory ...
1 Chr. 29:11*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What do you want most from Jesus today?

Next Week's Readings

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October 27/28)

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Reading II: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

QUESTIONS FOR THE BISHOP

As Bishop Alfred Schlert has been visiting parishes around the Diocese in the weeks following the release of the Grand Jury Report, many people have stayed to ask him questions. Now we're giving you the same opportunity, anyone with questions about the clergy sexual abuse issue is invited to e-mail them to abusequestions@allentowndiocese.org. The Diocese will edit questions for clarity, length and appropriateness. Please include your name and hometown. On the website, we will identify questioners by their first name and hometown, unless you want that information withheld. We will not reveal your e-mail address or last name.

MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2019 will open **Monday, October 22nd to Thursday, October 25th.**

Masses can be scheduled beginning at

10:00 a.m. in the Rectory Fellowship

Room on Monday, October 22nd.

Scheduling will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to the backlog of Masses we already have from the past year, each person will be able



to schedule **TWO MASSES ONLY** - additional

Mass requests may be sent to the Missions. The remaining dates will be used to schedule previously requested Masses as well as keep dates open for those who will be deceased in the year 2019.

PLEASE NOTE

The Mass Intention Book for 2019 will be open from **October 22nd to October 25th** - all Masses must be scheduled during this time. No scheduled Mass Intentions will be taken after **October 25th.**

Two Masses Only

GOD'S SUNFLOWER ... *As I watched a tall sunflower nodding toward the sun each hour, I turned to God and begged in prayer that in His light and love I'd share.*

... Sister Mary Gemma Brunke

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

October

- 20/21 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
- 21 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 22-25 2019 Mass Book opens
- 23 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 24 Family Guild Mtg. - 6:30 p.m. - F.R.
- 25 RCIA - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 28 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 28 Confirmation Class - 6:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 30 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.

November

- 1 All Saints Day - Masses 9 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- 2 All Souls Day - Mass 9 a.m.
- 3/4 Christmas Bazaar Preview after all Masses
- 4 Adult Faith Formation - 5:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 6 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 8 RCIA - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 10/11 Christmas Bazaar
- 13 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 14 St. John's Beneficial Society Mtg. - 8 p.m. - FR
- 14 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. - 7 p.m. L.H.
- 15 RCIA - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 17/18 Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses
- 18 Confirmation Class - 6:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 20 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day - Mass 9 a.m.
- 27 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 29 RCIA - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 30 First Penance Rehearsal - 7 p.m.

December

- 1 First Penance - 10 a.m.

** L.H. - Longinus Hall

** F.R. - Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. - Russell Building

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 13/14: \$ 4,051.20

Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,681.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection next weekend

October 27/28

will be taken up for the *Hurricane Relief Fund.*



FLOWER DONATIONS

If anyone wishes to memorialize flowers in the sanctuary for the weekend Masses for a living or deceased intention, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...

Saturday and Sunday, November 10 & 11

'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 3rd & 4th.

We are asking families to donate a **Theme Basket** with a suggested value of at least **\$25.00** in merchandise or gift certificates. If you would like to donate the items, we would be happy to put a basket together and wrap it for you. Be creative and come up with your own unique idea!

Homemade craft items are also very welcome.

So many families donated baskets last year --- it was wonderful to see the spirit of St. John's shine through.

Our **'Lottery Baskets & Frames'** are always a huge success. If you would like to donate **lottery tickets** (any amount), please drop tickets off at the rectory or place in the collection basket at Mass.

As always, **Monetary donations** are greatly appreciated. and helping hands at the Bazaar are always welcome. If you can help or you have questions, please call the **Rectory 622-5470 ext. 3**

Gift Cards / Certificates are especially needed.

In addition to our many various **THEME BASKETS**, there will be beautiful **CRAFTS**, many of which are handmade, **SPECIALS**, and of course, delicious **FOOD** and our famous homemade **BAKED GOODS**.

PICTURES WITH SANTA will be available as well.

This is a great way to get involved in a fun fundraiser for the parish and to meet other people. Join us !!!

Baskets should be dropped off before October 24th at the Russell Building on the following dates:

October 22, 24

6 to 7 p.m. ONLY (Time Change)

**Baskets / Items for baskets
CANNOT
be dropped off at the Rectory.**

WINE / CHEESE / SNACK BASKETS



If you would like to donate **Wine, Cheese, or Snacks** for our **Wine/Snack Baskets** for this year's Christmas Bazaar, please drop your donation off at the **Russell Building on the dates and times listed above.**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We wish to thank the following for their donations ...

BG's	Gift Card
Carolyn Bernatonis	Handmade Totes
Mary Bound	Kitchen Basket, Crafts
Mary Bound	Yuengling Tree
Mary Bound	Coke Cola Tree
BrokSel	Gift Card
Joan Bowers	Wine & Snack Bskt.
CCD Staff	Lottery Basket
Peggy Ebling	\$25.00 Boyer's - G.C.
Father Dave	Echo Dot
Father Dave	Soup&Beverage Basket
Empire Beauty School	Gift Card
Karla Garland	Merry Red Christmas
Joyce & John Gerace	\$50 Sponsor
Giant	Gift Card
Lori Gurlavage	Wine/Lottery Bskt.
Hadesty's	Electric Drill
Mary Beth Harvey	Original Painting/Cards
Heaven & Earth	Gift Card
Hughes Family	Fall/Wine, Lottery Bsk.
Sue & Ric Jochems	Lavendar Hill Farm Bsk
Lucilla Kochol	Christmas Basket, Crafts
Lieberman, Tamulonis, Hobbs	Estate Planning
Lieberman, Tamulonis, Hobbs	\$100 Sponsor
Eric Lieberman	\$50.00 Sponsor
Sharon & Larry Lonergan	\$100 Wine & Spirits
Frances Lorenz	\$25.00 Sponsor
Chris Maccarone	Patriotic Wreath
Majestic Theatre	Gift Card
Miller's Distribution	Snack Basket
Momma Millie's Bakery	2-Dozen Cupcakes
Moore's Shoes	Gift Card
Barbara Munster	Chocolate & Wine Bskt.
Barbara Munster	Handpainted Oil Bottles
Patty & John O'Neill	Dental Basket
Palermo's	Gift Card
Parishioners	Oven to Table Bskt.
Parishioners	Taco/Salsa Bskt.
Mary & Bob Porter	\$50.00 Sponsor
Pottsville Zone	Gift Card
Carole Quirin	Wreaths, Various Crafts
Carole & Ed Quirin	Lottery Tree
Mary Lou Roeder	Baby Bskt/Dishcloths
Cathy Satterwhite	Rum & Coke Bskt.
Natalie Setlock	Little Girl's Bskt.
Missy Scheetz	Christmas Blankets
Pat Scheetz	Kitchen Basket

Scheidel Family	Little Peace Farm Share
Serendipity	Christmas Bskt.
Linda & Martin Smith	\$25 Ruby Tuesday
Linda & Martin Smith	\$25 Giant
Subway (Minersville)	Gift Card

We wish to thank the following for their donations ...

Jackie Szeliga	31 Bskt.
Janet Thomas	Afghan
Visot's	Wine Basket
Weis	Gift Card
Joanne Wood	Lego Bskt.
Joe & Barbara Wollyung	\$50.00 Sponsor
Ellen & J.Robert Zane	\$50.00 Sponsor

PECANS - PECANS

St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be selling Pecans again this year at the Christmas Bazaar.

\$12.00 lb – Mammoth Halves

For more information, please contact Fran Lorenz 544-2837.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY GUILD



The **Family Guild** is a small organization which sponsors activities for the elementary school students of the parish.

Through our fundraising efforts we sponsor two spiritual based programs throughout the year. The programs are the Lent Event and the Advent-ure.

The **Family Guild** also strives to make the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation a little more special for our children by purchasing gifts and providing flowers for these joyous occasions.

If you would like to become more involved within the parish and be a positive influence in the spiritual lives of our parish youth, consider joining the **Family Guild**. We always welcome a new face among us.

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

Wednesday, October 24th

6:30 p.m. – Rectory Fellowship Room

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Assumption BVM School is looking for your help in collecting "Box Tops." Many of the products you already have in your home, has a BOX TOP on it. All you need to do is clip them out and place them in the drop-off box in the rear of the church. With each box top collected our school earns cash to update needed materials. We are no longer collecting "Campbell Soup" labels.

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! Our parish is collecting food items now for Thanksgiving Baskets

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Cranberries
Broth	Spaghettio's
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Instant Potatoes
Hot Chocolate	Ravioli
Beef Stew	Gravy
Soups	Cake Mixes
Icing	Baked Beans
Canned Vegetables	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Canned Fruit	Macaroni & Cheese
Apple Sauce	Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce	Jelly



Needed Items of the Month: Stuffing Mix & Gravy

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the bottom 10th St. side entrance of church.

Gift cards to purchase turkeys will be gladly accepted. Thank you.

PLEASE -- NO OUTDATED ITEMS

CHOIR PRACTICE

Let us glorify God with our song. Consider joining our choir to add depth and richness to our parish praise of God. We are in need of both male and female voices. Bring only your desire to sing and enjoy the liturgy from another perspective. We rehearse each



Tuesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Longinus Hall and have just started rehearsals again. No auditions, all are welcome and **NEEDED!**

Contact **Dave Derbes** Choir Director **622-8804** or email daderbes@yahoo.com or the **Rectory 622-5470** for more information.

FAMILY MATTERS

Children of Divorce – who live in two households. Sometimes they call it joint or shared custody. Whatever it really is, for most children, parents and families it is very challenging. We pray for all families that are experiencing this constant change in family structure. We ask parents to put aside their personal differences and place their children's needs first.

You pray for my family and I'll pray for yours.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED Eligibility ... male or female, 4th grade (in Fall) to 12th grade ... if interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – “The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve,” Jesus exclaims in today’s gospel! You can learn ways to serve your spouse through loving actions when you attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. For more info, call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

DIOCESAN MEN’S CONFERENCE –Spiritual **Combat: Armed with the Spirit** – This year’s Diocesan Men’s Conference will be held on **Saturday, November 3**, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at DeSales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a Vigil Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. General Admission is \$40 and the High School/College rate is \$15. For more info or to register visit www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference. Questions can be directed to mensconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2028.

CATHOLIC WEB OF FAITH www.pacatholic.org

This week visit the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference website supporting government respect and promotion of the dignity and rights of all. Review the Issues of Concern.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BREAKFAST BUFFET sponsored by St. Nicholas Holy Name Society on **Sunday, October 28th** from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Nicholas Hall, Rte. 901, Primrose. Adults: \$9.00; children under 12-Free

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Babies are having fewer ear infections in the U.S., according to a study from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, recently in *Pediatrics*. Researchers followed 367 babies during their first year and found that 46% had at least one ear infection (acute otitis media). Studies from the 1980s and 1990s found the rate to be 60%. The researchers attributed the improvement to increased breastfeeding, routine infant vaccinations against pneumococcal infection and influenza, and reduced exposure to secondhand smoke. By reducing the risk of respiratory infections in children, these factors help reduce bacterial complications, including ear infections.

OUT OF COURTESY TO OTHERS

You are reminded to silence cell phones and refrain from **texting** when attending Mass.
Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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“OVER 50” CLUB



St. John’s “Over 50” Club will be meeting again on **Tuesday, October 23rd**. We welcome and encourage new members ... anyone interested in joining our little socials ... just stop by Longinus Hall on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m...we play bingo, board games, cards, etc. and light refreshments are always available. For more information please call the rectory 622-5470.

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS AROUND THE WORLD

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.”
