

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this time of increased nationalism, erecting barriers, and labeling others as threats or enemies, this Solemnity of the Epiphany calls us to a powerful counter-message. Our field of vision and inclusion must be much larger than that of the status-quo. It must have been shocking to learn that God's love extended not only to the Gentiles, but to the whole world. It may be equally shocking to realize that our boundaries are also too narrow. This feast is an Epiphany about God's will for Christ's impact and ours on the world.

Yours in Christ,

*Father Dave*

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### 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:** *Mary Connell, Jerry Schoenauer, Dorothy Blum, Carl Forster, Dorothy Prokop, Beth Resnick, Doug Broughton, Mackenzie Miller, Fred Montag, Viola Direnzo, Wayne Herring, Fred Maskerines.*

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*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ... Matthew 2:10-11*

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### 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 8 – 9:00 a.m.**

**EDWIN CAPELLO**

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

**Tuesday, January 9 – 9:00 a.m.**

**BERTHA BULLOCK**

**Wednesday, January 10 – 9:00 a.m.**

**DECEASED OF BUTZ FAMILY** (Larry & Ann Butz)

**Thursday, January 11 – 9:00 a.m.**

**CAROLINE & VINCENT SMITH** (Helen Hufnagle)

**Friday, January 12 – 9:00 a.m.**

**GEORGE HAHNER JR.** (Scott Hahner)

**Saturday, January 13 – 5 p.m.**

**VERNA MACCARONE** (Paul & JoAnna Buber)

**Sunday – January 14 – 8:15 a.m.**

**MARGARET GLUNZ** (David Petrozino)

**Sunday – January 14 – 10:30 a.m.**

**ANNA KURTEK** (Bill & Bernie Lecher)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** -

All Candles

**St. Joseph**

In Memory of

**Tabernacle**

Anthony Hoffman

**Sanctuary**

Requested by

**Guardian Angels**

Mary Ann Holley

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**December 30/31: \$ 3,881.56**

**Solemnity of Mary: \$ 1,319.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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### 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

Confidential Phone (800) 791-9209

### Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

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

(610) 332-0442 ext. 19

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The Magi followed a star to find Jesus.

Who or what leads you to Jesus today?

**Next Week's Readings**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (January 13/14)

**Reading I:** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

**Gospel:** John 1:35-42

**SCHEDULE**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5:00 p.m. – Saturday – January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Bill Gianfagna

**Euch.Min.:** Dan & Hermine Murphy

**Servers:** Ryan & Ethan Grabowski, Alyssa Sheriff

**Cantor:** Mary Bound

**8:15 a.m. – Sunday – January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Michelle Ambrose

**Euch.Min.:** Dave Smith, Mike Ambrose

**Servers:** Logan, Joseph, Brooke Palko

**Cantor:** Debbie Purcell

**10:30 a.m. – Sunday – January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Carol Lasco

**Euch.Min.:** John Ventura, Mary Modesto

**Servers:** Lauren & Kelly Goodman, Rileigh McPhillips

**Cantor:** Melody Newhard Kirk

**SIGN OF PEACE SUSPENSION**

In light of the heightened cases of influenza/pneumonia being reported in our five-county area and the change in the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Influenza Status from "sporadic" to "widespread," Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert directs that the Exchange of the Sign of Peace and the Reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice be suspended **beginning with the Vigil and Sunday Masses on the weekend of January 6/7, 2018.** This suspension will be in effect until further notice is given when the incidence of influenza/pneumonia subsides in our region.



**NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...**

**POSITION AVAILABLE** ... accepting applications for a **Head Track & Field Coach**. Head Coaching experience preferred for Track & Field. Interested candidates should send résumé, certifications and all clearances to:

**Nativity BVM High School**

**Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal**

**One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901**

[lsabol@nativitybvm.net](mailto:lsabol@nativitybvm.net)

**ATTENTION / ATTENTION  
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

We are in desperate need of someone to oversee and coordinate our Lenten Dinners. We are fortunate to have a wonderful Food Committee who will help in all areas. Our Lenten dinners have always been a huge success in the past and we want to continue providing the parish and community with the delicious dinners during the Lenten season.

**If interested, please call Father Dave  
no later than January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

If there is no response, we have no choice but to cancel the Lenten Dinners.

**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**

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**Please place in box on side of Confessional.**

**ST. JOSEPH CENTER ... POSITION**

**AVAILABLE** ... St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is seeking a full-time **Secretary/Office Manager**. This is a year-round position including benefits. Applicant must have strong interpersonal skills, proficiency in word processing, spreadsheet and database software and organizational skills. Must be sensitive to individuals with disabilities. Minimum of Associate degree or comparable experience required. Please email [altssjc@ptd.net](mailto:altssjc@ptd.net) or come to the school (2075 W. Norwegian St., Pottsville to provide your résumé and request an application.

**LENTEN DINNERS**

(Donations of \$10.00 or more for a Memorial Poinsettia)

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**FAMILY GUILD  
GIFT CARD CALENDAR**

The Family Guild will be sponsoring the Gift Card Calendar Raffle for March 2018. 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  
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**DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS**

**MARCH FOR LIFE** – Join us for this annual bus trip to Washington, D.C. on **Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. Depart from St. Ambrose at 6 a.m.; Depart from Washington DC at 5 p.m. Cost \$50. To register call Dana Seisler 484-645-5613 or Heather Smalley 570-573-3262. Donations will be accepted. Please visit the diocesan website at [www.allentowndiocese.org/pro-life-and-social-concerns](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/pro-life-and-social-concerns) to see an additional list of parishes who are running buses. Parish locations will be added as they are made known. If you are not able to attend the March for Life, please consider attending a prayer event in your area. Thank you! -- The Office of Pro-Life Activities and Social Concerns.

**ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY** will meet on **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

**NEIGHBORING EVENTS**

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE** Scheduled for **April 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>** to Krk Island, Croatia and Medjugorje, BosniaHerzegovina, the sight of the reported apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to six visionaries since June, 1981. Total cost is \$2999. Deposit of \$500 required with full payment due by February 1, 2018. For more information and itinerary, contact Susan Fletcher at: 570-875-8936 or [susan.marie.fletcher@gmail.com](mailto:susan.marie.fletcher@gmail.com).

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