

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The film, "Won't you be my neighbor?" tells the story of Fred Rogers and his TV program. At the film's conclusion, Mr. Rogers shared the following at a college commencement, "When I was a boy my mother told me to always look for people who are helping. You always find somebody who will try to help." When he asked the graduates to think about that somebody for them, many sited their mother as that encouraging person.

In this Sunday's gospel, Mary encouraged her son Jesus to begin his public ministry at the wedding at Cana. Mary and Mr. Rogers may help us remember those who have cared about us beyond measure, encouraging us to be true to the best within us.

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, Paul Connors, Fred Maskerines, Dorothy Parsick, Frederick Hossler, Carol Heacock, Brian Eckley, Viola Direnzo*

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 21 – 9:00 a.m.

ELIZABETH SPOTTS

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Tuesday – January 22 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY LOU MURRAY (Mary Lou Roeder)

Wednesday – January 23 – 9:00 a.m.

IRENE BERNATHY (Zackus Family)

Thursday – January 24 – 9:00 a.m.

THOMAS QUIRK (Joan Marie Carroll & Family)

Friday, January 25 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES LORENZ (Pat Klassen)

Saturday, January 26 – 5:00 p.m.

DENNIS KEEFER (Saturday Night Choir)

Sunday, January 27 – 8:15 a.m.

JULIAN J. & CHRISTINE CHIPLONIA

(Julian D. Chiplonia)

Sunday, January 27 – 10:30 a.m.

PATRICK MASON

(Nativity High School Football Team & Coaching Staff)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 12/13: \$ 3,567.19

Dues: \$ 1,226.00

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 A. Martha Cook by Susan Cook
St. Joseph IMO Joseph W. Cook by Susan Cook
Tabernacle IMO Cathy Bowers by Joan Bowers
Sanctuary

1. IMO Chick Tamburelli by Herb Tamburelli
2. IMO Carol Tamburelli by Herb Tamburelli
3&4. Special Intention by Keith & Mary Jo Laslow
Guardian Angels
1&2. IMO Cathy Bowers by Joan Bowers

SCHEDULE

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – January 26th

Reader: Heidi Gorski

Euch.Min.: Robert Wollyung, Molly Zwiebel,
(Dr. Visot)

Servers: Stanley & Aleksander Gorski, Reese Ketner

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – January 27th

Reader: Jennifer Daubert

Euch.Min.: George Forney, Nick Quinn,
(Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Hayden & Jackson Daubert,
Samantha Heenan

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – January 27th

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Debbie Guers,
(Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Justice, Leah, Jude Scheidel

Cantor: Ensemble

ATTENTION

All **Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers** ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **March & April** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call or email the Rectory by Sunday, February 11th** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does your parish support
married couples' commitment?
How do you?

Next Week's Readings

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (January 26/27)

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

FOR GIVING THANKS TO GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE

*God our Creator, we give thanks to you,
Who alone have the power to impart the
breath of life as you form each of us
in our mother's womb;
Grant, we pray, that we, whom you have
made stewards of creation, may remain
faithful to this sacred trust and constant
in safeguarding the dignity of every
human life.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.*

FAMILY MATTERS

Being Pro-Life Daily. Every time we promote the dignity of a human being we are pro-life. God, grant us the courage to choose life in our words and our actions. May our families reflect the importance of promoting the goodness of life in the ordinariness of their daily activities.

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

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

God, our Father, gave us His Son who remains with us on earth hidden in a small white host. In our Perpetual Adoration Chapel, Jesus is there night and day in that little white host which is enshrined in a Monstrance. Please consider one of our open Holy Hours or any holy hour. We desperately need committed adorers and/or subs!

We need adorers for the following hours:

Monday 3 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.

Wednesday 10 p.m.; Thursday 4 a.m.

Friday 12 a.m. & 6 a.m., 3 p.m. & 6 p.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.

*For in God our hearts rejoice;
in Your holy name we trust.
... Psalm 33:21*

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
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Dr. Michael Smink
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Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot
Ralph & Joanne Wood
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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.

... A NOTE OF THANKS ...

Thank you to everyone
for your Cards, Gifts, and Goodies
during the Christmas Season.
Your kindness and thoughtfulness
is always appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSORS

Our 8th graders are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Tuesday, April 30th**. Please consider supporting this important decision by praying for our candidates. Our parish will be doubly blessed!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FREE THROW SHOOTING CONTEST

– at Nativity BVM High School beginning at 4 p.m. on **Sunday, January 27th**. Any child who has **NOT** participated in a Foul Throw Shooting Contest sponsored by Knights of Columbus during 2019 may enter. Entry forms can be obtained from any CYO coach and must be signed by parent or guardian. Contest is for Boys or Girls ages 9 to 14 years old. A Birth Certificate is also required for proof of age. An Awards Ceremony and Pizza Party will follow at the high school. Questions – contact either Tom Kurtek 617-1714 or Mike McFadden 622-3960.

STEWARDSHIP LIBRARY

Stewardship Displays are located at the church exits. There are many items available including CD's, Rosaries, Self-help and Informational Booklets, etc. **New Items include:** Music (lower door); Divine Mercy (main church), in addition to other great CD's or books.

2018 CONTRIBUTION RECORD

You can request a copy of your 2018 Contribution Record by calling the rectory Monday thru Thursday ... 622-5470 ext 3.

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.

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.”

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

January

- 22 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 24 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 29 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 30 Family Guild Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – F.R.
- 31 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.

February

- 2 Confirmation Retreat – 9 a.m. – St. Ambrose
- 5 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 7 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 10 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 12 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 13 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 14 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 16/17 Blood Pressure Screenings – after Masses
- 19 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 20 Catholic Women's Union – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 21 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 24 Confirmation Retreat – 9 a.m. – St. Ambrose
- 26 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 28 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.

March

- 5 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 6 Ash Wednesday – Masses 9 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- 7 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 8 Lenten Dinner – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.
- 10 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 11 Parish Council – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 12 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 13 St. John's Beneficial Society – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 13 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Chapel
- 14 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 15 Lenten Dinners – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.
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- 21 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 22 Lenten Dinners – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.
- 24 Last Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 24/25/26 Parish Mission
- 27 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – chapel
- 28 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 29 Lenten Dinners – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building



ARE YOU PLANNING A CHANGE ??

If you are making a change in ... *address, parish affiliation, e-mail, or phone number*, please call the Rector's Office. We strive to keep our records up to date.

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshiping with us today.
If you are visiting our beautiful church, please know you are most welcome!
If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish family, please call the rectory 570-622-5470.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Valentine’s Day is coming! Do you have a “heart” for romance? A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend provides a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one you’ve decided to spend your life with! For information call 1-732-904-9636 or www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

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.**

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT – An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion scheduled for **March 22-24, 2019**. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations you can experience God’s compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Sr. Meg Cole – **1-866-3 RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-332-0442 Ext. 2019** or projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org

*** Deadline for Registration is March 14th .**

For information about the retreat experience visit the national website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

CATHOLIC SCOUT ACTIVITY WEEKEND

SAVE THE DATE! The 2019 Catholic Scout Activity Weekend will be held at Camp Trexler - Settlers **April 26 to 28**, - so mark your calendars!

We’d love to have you join us for a FUN-Filled weekend that includes all meals and a Saturday Vigil Mass!

You don’t have to be working on a religious emblem to join us – all Catholic Scouts are welcome. Visit us at www.adccos.org/bsr.htm for more info.

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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

RED DRESS – RED TIE EVENT ... *For your heart – For your health – For your life ...* Celebrating Heart Health Month ... **Friday, February 1st** from 6:30 to 10 p.m. (snow date February 8th) ... at Hillcrest Hall in Minersville ... Cost \$50 per person in advance; \$60 at the door (Buffet dinner and beverages including beer, soda, coffee) ... entertainment by DJ Paul Zaharis ... Keynote Speaker ... Basket Auction – items donated by local businesses. Proceeds benefit LVH – Schuylkill. For tickets please call either Mary Bardell 570-621-4242 or Joan Deiter 570-622-1381.

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thank you for doing the small things, like feeding your neighbors, with great love. God bless.

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Canned Fruit
Broth	Macaroni & Cheese
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Hot Chocolate
Hot Cereal packages	Apple Sauce
Cereal – boxed	Vegetable - Canned
Beef Stew	Spaghetti
Soups	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Canned Gravy	Canned Sweet Potatoes

PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS

Please Do Not donate any nutritional drinks (Ensure, etc.)

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the 10th Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. It is preferable that this be done **before** your baby is born. Please call Father Dave to arrange for this important

preparation.

Baptisms are celebrated the First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass.

ROSARY REPAIR SERVICE

When it's time to clear out the accumulated clutter from cabinets, drawers and chests, you might find a partial rosary with a missing crucifix or several beads that you could not part with because of the sentimental value.

These partial rosaries can be repaired successfully and returned to wholeness with little or almost no cost. If you have no sentimental attachment, please consider donating these partial/incomplete rosaries to the Missions, both foreign and domestic.

Thus far, I have repaired and reconstituted several hundred rosaries and forwarded them to the foreign Missions. You can place the rosary to be repaired in an envelope with my name on the outside and place it in the collection basket. If you would like it repaired and returned, please put your name and phone number on the envelope.

Rosaries / New & Repair Service

For that special someone / occasion: Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Wedding, First Communion, Confirmation or any occasion.

Call Paul Gombola 622-4162

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... To avoid slipping on icy or otherwise slick streets, try adapting a new walking gait:

Bend slightly at the waist so that your center of gravity falls over your feet, and slowly take short, flat-footed steps – in effect, shuffling a little like a penguin. Keep your arms free for balance – you can even extend them out to the sides as your walk for more steadiness. Wear gloves so you are less inclined to put your hands in your pockets – that way your hands and forearms will be free to help break a fall, if necessary. And wear shoes that have good traction, not slippery soles. Be aware that you can't always see ice on streets or roads (what's call "black ice" or "clear ice"); rather, the surface may simply look wet or black.
