

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

It is likely that Jesus sat near the Arc of the Covenant in the synagogue at Nazareth. He looked out at the familiar faces from his hometown. They had always known him as the son of Joseph, the carpenter. As the tour was carried back to the arc they chanted the Eighteen Blessings. The Chazzan handed Jesus the scroll from Isaiah. After reading it, Jesus said: "Today the scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

More than 2,000 years later, this gospel still challenges us. We might ask, "Is Jesus really that fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy?" Do we really claim him as the Lord of our lives? Some of his hometown people tried to kill him for his claim. Will we defend him today?

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 Drenzo, Dorothy Elison.*

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 28 – 9:00 a.m.

CAROLINE DARHUN (Stacey & Mark Pastula)

Tuesday – January 29 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPHINE CAVANAUGH (Rick Cavanaugh)

Wednesday – January 30 – 9:00 a.m.

VERNA & FRANCIS SAUERS

Thursday – January 31 – 9:00 a.m.

LAWRENCE MORATA (Herb Tamburelli)

Friday, February 1 – 9:00 a.m.

DECEASED OF BOHR FAMILY

Saturday, February 2 – 5:00 p.m.

JOSEPHINE KOCHOL (Shirley Hasenauer)

Sunday, February 3 – 8:15 a.m.

FRED MONTAG (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Sunday, February 3 – 10:30 a.m.

DOROTHY RYAN & MARY LOUISE

HORNBERGER (Crystal Pugh)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 19/20: \$ 2,022.10

Improvements & Repairs: \$ 639.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 1:3

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 John J. Carroll Sr. by Family

St. Joseph IMO R.J. Post by Bob & Irene Post

Tabernacle IMO Alice Moran by Anonymous

Sanctuary

1. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

2. For Mary Miller by Katelynn & Jon Miller

3. For James Hampford by Katelynn & Jon Miller

4. For Kay Inger by Katelynn & Jon Miller

Guardian Angels

1. For Mary Miller by Katelynn & Jon Miller

2. IMO M/M Charles Tamburelli by Herb Tamburelli

SCHEDULE

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – February 2nd

Reader: Patty O’Neill

Euch.Min.: Mary Jean Morgalis, Robert Wollyung

Servers: Luke Garvey, Connor McNamara, Josh Steffan

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – February 3rd

Reader: Bob Bechtel

Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla, Dave Smith

Servers: Ryan & Dylan Schreffler, Sophia Palmieri

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – February 3rd

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic, Dominic Chiplonia

Servers: Maggie & Rhyan Brennan, Evelyn Datte

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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.

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD**

February 2nd

Forty days after the birth of a child, the people of Israel presented the newborn to the Temple. The gospels say that the parents of Jesus obeyed this law. Forty days after our celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Church remembers His Presentation in the Temple.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Feast of St. Blaise

A general Blessing of Throats will be done after all Masses next weekend –

February 2/3



... 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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What freedom does Jesus offer you today?

Next Week’s Readings

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (February 2/3)

Reading I: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

MEN’S GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Men’s Gospel Reflection Group meeting will take place on **Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room.** This group is open to any men interested in reflecting on how the Gospel impacts their lives. All are welcome! Please call Michael Scheidel 739-1808 or Bill Gianfagna 573-0105 with any questions.

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.

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!



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:

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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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

January

- 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. – L.H.
- 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.
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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

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."

**DIocese OF ALLENTOWN
CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**DIoCESAN NEWS & EVENTS
Healing Our Church Discussion Groups
Coming in Lent**

POSITION AVAILABLE

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Full-time immediate opening ... A Bachelor's degree and minimum of three years' experience in marketing, communications, fund-raising or public relations is preferred. As part of the Advancement Team, you will assist the Director of Advancement with all components of an integrated, annual fundraising and marketing campaign, including fund development, social media, digital and print communications, special events, grant writing and research, database management, stewardship, marketing and administrative tasks. The position requires collaboration with agency staff, committee members and volunteers. The 37.5 hours per week may include work outside normal business hours. Some business travel required. Candidate must be willing to work within Catholic moral and social teachings. EOE M/F/D/V.

Please send cover letter and résumé to Julie Scheck at the address below or email CCAD@allentowndioocese.org

Julie Scheck

Advancement Director

**Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown
900 S. Woodward St.
Allentown, Pa. 18103**

FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Junior and senior accounting students from DeSales University will provide tax preparation assistance free of charge to senior citizens and those with lower incomes beginning **now through Friday, March 29**. The program is part of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Students are required to pass a test given by the IRS, in order to receive certification to participate in the program. This marks the eighteenth consecutive year that DeSales students have participated in the program. Since it was first offered, DeSales students have completed more than 4,600 tax returns for more than 2,100 Lehigh Valley taxpayers.

To schedule a VITA appointment, please can call (610) 282-1100, ext. 1868. Please bring all printed tax information and all documents pertaining to federal, state and local taxes with you to your appointment.

The program is sponsored by the IRS and supervised by Dr. Christopher R. Coccozza, division head of DeSales University's Division of Business and professor of business. Coccozza has served as VITA coordinator at DeSales since the program was initiated at DeSales in 2001. Coccozza holds a bachelor's in accounting and law degree from Fordham University and a master's of law from New York University.

Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. *Healing Our Church* is a program from RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called the parish-based small-group discussions "an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on scripture, on the abuse crisis, and on our path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith." Discussions will take place during the six weeks of Lent. Watch for more information, including how to sign up, soon.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

– Valentine Quiz:

Valentine's Day is just a few weeks away. Do you remember what you gave each other last year? A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend would be the perfect gift for married couples in love. The effects will last longer than anything you can buy. 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@allentowndioocese.org

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

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

*May grace and peace be yours in abundance
through knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

2 Peter 1:2

WELCOME VISITORS

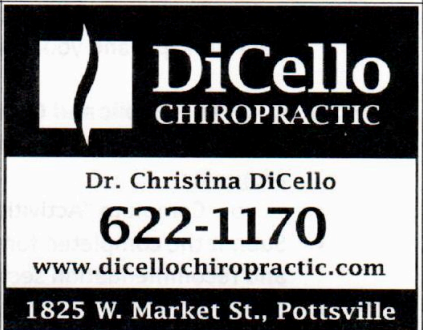
Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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.

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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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER ... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Monday, December 28th at 5 p.m.** followed by Veneration of the first-class relic of St. Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics and of all who are sick at Our Lady's Chapel in St. Patrick's.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... If you or someone you care for has cognitive problems, take precautions to prevent falls. People with moderate cognitive impairment or dementia are twice as likely to fall as their cognitively healthy same-age counterparts, and they are more likely to end up in a long-term care facility in the aftermath, according to a recent paper in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. Cognitive problems increase the risk of walking impairment and instability in many ways. General strategies to enhance mobility and prevent falls include reviewing medications to make sure they do not further impair cognition and reaction time, undertaking strength and balance training; correcting vision and hearing problems; and "fall-proofing" the home to remove hazards to walking. Of course, cognitively impaired people may be less responsive to some of these interventions because of limitations in learning and following recommendations.

FAMILY MATTERS

Elderly Family. The elderly are integral members of our parish family. We ask God to keep them in His protective care as they live out their "golden years" with His grace.

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

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.

2018 CONTRIBUTION RECORD

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

DO REMEMBER ...

Do remember your parish in your last will and testament ... an act of thanksgiving for all God's gifts to you. Future generations will be the beneficiaries of your kindness, even as we have benefited from our generous ancestors.