

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

If you were impressed by the fishing miracle in this Sunday's gospel, just press your finger to your wrist or your neck. There you can feel your pulse. Your heart, another miracle, beats 50 - 100 times a minute! What a reminder that God performs this miracle again and again. As you sleep, God is awake, triggering your next heartbeat, keeping you alive as your heart pumps blood through your body.

Peter and the other fishermen put out on the deep water. They were so blown away by the incredible catch that they abandoned their boats and immediately followed Jesus. Our own heartbeat and our fragile hold on life should inspire us to join the fishermen as well.

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, Beth Resnick.*

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, February 11 to Friday, February 15

NO MASSES

Saturday, February 16 – 5:00 p.m.

KATHY NORKUS (Chris Black)

Sunday, February 17 – 8:15 a.m.

NANCY & DONALD DOYNE (Don & Joanne Doyne)

Sunday, February 17 – 10:30 a.m.

GERALD SCHOENAUER (Dan & Hermine Murphy)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO M/M Robert Porter Sr.

by Mary & Bob Porter

St. Joseph IMO M/M Robert Becker Sr.

by Bob & Mary Porter

Tabernacle IMO Catherine Becker

by Bob & Mary Porter

Sanctuary

1. IMO Janet Doyne by Don & Joanne Doyne

2. IMO M/M Robert Becker Sr. by Bob & Mary Porter

3. IMO Catherine Becker by Bob & Mary Porter

4. Special Intention

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO George Klassen Jr. by Family

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 2/3: \$ 4,744.40; Dues: \$ 1,345.00

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

SCHEDULE

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – February 16th

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz, Sharon Snyder

Servers: Olivia Tokonitz, Andy & Brandon Smith

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – February 17th

Reader: Jennifer Daubert

Euch.Min.: George Forney, Nick Quinn

Servers: Josh Cooper, Aliyah & Nathan Peckman

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – February 17th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Dominic Chiplonia, Debbie Guers

Servers: Aidan Cassidy, Madison Ryan, Evielyn Hower

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 10th** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who inspires you to "leave everything"
and follow Jesus?

Next Week's Readings

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (February 16/17)

Reading I: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

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!



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.

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, 31, April 7

4:30 to 6 p.m. in Longinus Hall

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." There is no charge for this program. Please call the rectory to sign up. A sign-up sheet will be available in the back of church as well.

... SAVE THE DATE ...

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

MARCH 24, 25, 26 ... 7 TO 8:15 P.M.

More information to follow ...

DRAMATIC STATIONS

St. John's Dramatic Stations of the Cross recreates on stage and through song, the final days of the life of Jesus Christ.

We need men, women and children for the cast. There are many non-speaking parts for those who do not wish to assume a speaking role. People are also needed for the stage crew (props, lighting, sound, etc.) or to help distribute the costumes, etc. If you are a veteran of the Dramatic Stations Presentations, we are looking forward to your return and we ask that you please invite someone new to join you for this year's presentation. If you are new to the parish, we invite you to join us. In addition, it is a great way to meet new people. Many veterans tell us that their participation in the Dramatic Stations is a very meaningful and spiritual way for them to observe the Lenten Season. It is a wonderful family activity as well.

For further information or questions, please call
Dr. Robert DeColli at 640-1910
or the **Rectory 622-5470**.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Thursdays in Lent– 7 to 8:15 p.m.

HEALING OUR CHURCH

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

February

- 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 First Eucharist Parent Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
 21 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
 24 Confirmation Class – 9 a.m. – St. Ambrose
 26 Men’s Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
 28 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.

March

- 3 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.
 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 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.
 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
 13 Family Guild Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – F.R.
 14 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
 15 Lenten Dinners – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.
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 20 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Chapel
 20 Catholic Women’s Union – 7:30 p.m. – L.H.
 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 – 7 to 8:15 – L.H.
 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.
 31 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

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.

FAMILY GUILD GIFT CARD CALENDAR

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ST. JOHN’S CATHOLIC WOMEN’S UNION

*Women of all ages are invited to join
the Catholic Women’s Union.*

Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women’s Union by joining us on **Wednesday, February 20th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Spring Covered Dish Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed.



PLEASE NOTE: IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY, SELECT OPTION 2 FOR CANCELLATIONS.

ST. JOHN’S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY will meet on **Wednesday, January 13th at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

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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**

FAMILY MATTERS

Valentine's Day – the real meaning. Happy Valentine's Day! Calling all lovers – yes that's you and me. Skip the cards and chocolate. Valentine's Day is about extending our love to each and every person we meet. Share your love just as God freely gives His love to you and to me. Call your mom, neighbor, friend, etc. and let them know that you are thinking about them.

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

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO sponsored by Nativity Green and Gold on **Sunday, February 10th**. Cost \$25.00; Doors open 11:30; Bingo at 1 p.m. Also a BYOB if interested. Questions, call Diane at 570-294-0551.



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. Donations are accepted.

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 through March 24.**

COMMISSION FOR MEN **Spiritual Training:**

Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving – The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's Lenten morning of reflection on Saturday, **March 9th**, at the **Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena** in Allentown. Refreshments will be offered beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Presentations by the **Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert** and **Rev. Bernard Ezaki** will begin in the Cathedral at 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. Confessions will be offered as well. To register for this free offering visit www.allentowndioocese.org/cfm-spirituality.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT – An intimate

spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion scheduled for **March 22-24**. 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

CATHOLIC SCOUT ACTIVITY WEEKEND

The 2019 Catholic Scout Activity Weekend will be held at Camp Trexler - Settlers **April 26 to 28**. 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Today we celebrate

World Marriage Day honoring the lifelong commitment of husbands and wives to each other. Make your marriage a priority by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. More info call 1-732-904-9636 or www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

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 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.

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.

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.”

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Another reason to get the shingles (herpes zoster) shot: It may help you avoid the potentially increased cardiovascular risk after an outbreak. In a recent Korean study in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, researchers followed 23,000 people who had shingles and found they were 59% more likely to have a heart attack and 35% more likely to have a stroke than their matched shingles-free counterparts. The increase in risk was greatest the first year after the onset of shingles and decreased with time. That worked out to about one extra stroke or heart attack per year in 1,000 people – not many, but still a concern. Two studies in 2015 also linked shingles to a temporarily increased risk of stroke.

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS ...

Get your blood pressure checked in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend, **February 9/10.**
