

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

There were no limos waiting for Pope Francis during his U.S. visit in 2015. Instead, the Pope chose to ride in a humble, black Fiat. Although he seemed a bit crowded, crammed into the back seat of the car, his humility touched the crowds who cheered his arrival.

In fulfillment of Zachariah's prophecy, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a borrowed colt. People hailed him as King who comes in the name of the Lord. Although many hoped he would overthrow the Roman occupation, Jesus did not come as a King riding on a mighty war horse. Instead, he sat on a small colt. The welcoming throngs paved the way with their cloaks and palms and filled the air with their cheers of greeting.

May I invite you to make **Holy Week** the time of spiritual renewal as we begin today on **Palm or Passion Sunday**. On **Holy Thursday** at 7 p.m. we celebrate with joy Jesus' institution of the Eucharist, our sacrifice and sacrament. On **Good Friday** at 3 p.m. we recall the Passion and Death of Jesus and the veneration of the Cross. On **Good Friday** evening we will have the Dramatic Stations of the Cross. On Saturday the **Easter Vigil** will be held at 8 p.m. in the evening which is the only Mass for that day. The Vigil is the first celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. Christ as our Light.

Please make a special effort to attend each of these Holy Week liturgies. They offer us great spiritual riches. It would be a shame to miss out on the special graces of these days.

Yours in Christ,

*Father Dave*

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### NO CANDLE INTENTIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

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### CHURCH DECORATING

We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Good Friday evening after Dramatic Stations approximately 8:45 p.m.**  
Extra hands are always needed and appreciated.

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### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be conferred  
at St. John's -- 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How will you make preparations for the Triduum?

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### MASS INTENTIONS - Holy Week

Monday – March 26 – 9:00 a.m.

**CHARLES & MATILDA SCHAEFFER**  
(Eleanor Schaeffer)

Tuesday, March 27 – 9:00 a.m.

**WALTER SCHNECK**  
(Staff & Resident of York Terrace)

Wednesday, March 28 – 8:00 a.m. – (TIME CHANGE)

**CLAIR & MARGARET FRY** (Ann Marie Ludlow)

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### Holy Thursday – March 29

7:00 p.m. Mass – Parishioners of St. John's  
10:00 p.m. Night Prayer (Chapel)

### Good Friday – March 30

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy – Communion

### Holy Saturday – March 31

12 Noon Blessing of Food Baskets  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass & Service

### Easter Sunday – April 1

8:15 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's  
Easter Sunday – April 1  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's

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### WASHING OF FEET

The ritual of "Washing of the Feet" is a powerful symbol of our identity as a servant people. It is a visual extension of the homily. This action so profound, yet simple and ordinary, serves to remind us all of the immense love of God for us visible in Christ Jesus.

If any parishioner would like to participate in the "Washing of the Feet" on Holy Thursday (you can remain in your pew and Father Dave will do the washing there). Please call the **Rectory 622-5470** or sign up in the back of church.



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### OPERATION RICE BOWL

**Encounter Our Neighbors.** We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives?  
**Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.**

... I was exceedingly glad when some of the friends came and testified to your faithfulness to the truth

3 John 1:2

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## SCHEDULE – HOLY WEEK

### 7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday – March 29<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Mary Ann Schweikert

**Euch.Min.:** Robert Wollyung, Bill Schweikert,  
Dan & Hermine Murphy

**Servers:** Leah, Grace, Justice Scheidel, Olivia Tokonitz

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

### 3:00 p.m. – Good Friday – March 30<sup>th</sup>

**Readers:** Tyler Cooper, Lucilla Kochol, Paul Gombola

**Euch.Min.:** Joe Rehnert

**Servers:** Aiden Cassidy, Evelyn Datte

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

### 8:00 p.m. – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Readers:** Ian Hower, Carol Lasco, Bill Gianfagna,  
Tyler Cooper

**Euch.Min.:** Molly Zwiebel, Dominic Chiplonia

**Servers:** Ryan & Emma Seiger, Josh Cooper,  
Raleigh McPhillips

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

### 8:15 a.m. – Easter Sunday – April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Reader:** Jenn Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Jeff Naffin, George & Brian Forney,  
Bob Bechtel, Ray Petrilla

**Servers:** Ty, Hayden, Jackson Daubert,  
Samantha Heenan

**Cantor:** Debbie Purcell

### 10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday – April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Reader:** Mary Matulevich

**Euch.Min.:** Debbie Guers, Sharon Snyder,  
John Ventura, Mary Modesto, Gerry Schwartz

**Servers:** Alexi & Julia Plachko, Madison Ryan,  
Dylan Bohorad

**Cantor:** Melody Newhard Kirk

## **ATTENTION**

All **Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers** ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **May & June** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call or email the Rectory by Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

## **BLESSED PALM**

The Blessed Palm is known as a sacramental. We should not receive the Palm out of human respect with the rest of the faithful and then forget it or cast it away. The Blessed Palm in Catholic homes is a symbol of our Christian Faith. Let the Palm which you carry home from church on Palm Sunday become a constant reminder of the days ahead when your faith may be put to a test.



## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday, March 25 ..... 7:45 to 8:00 a.m.  
10:00 to 10:15 a.m.  
Monday, March 26 ..... 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 27 ..... 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### **PALM SUNDAY**

#### **Mass Times**

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Dramatic Stations of the Cross -- 7:30 p.m.

### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday & Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. - Chapel

Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – Chapel

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8 to 10 p.m. - Chapel

Night Prayer – 10 p.m. - Chapel

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Morning Prayer – 9 a.m. in Chapel

Liturgy & Holy Communion – 3 p.m.

Dramatic Stations of the Cross – 7:30 p.m.

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

Solemn Blessing of Food Baskets – 12 noon - Chapel

Easter Vigil Mass – 8 p.m.

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Masses: 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

## **PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

***Please Be Generous!***

# FAMILY GUILD GIFT CARD CALENDAR

## SPONSORS

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Heaven & Earth Salon	Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot
Tony & Lucilla Kochol	Joanne Wood/Jackie Szeliga
	Z&M Painting & Papering
Zimmerman, Lieberman, Tamulonis, Hobbs Law Offices	

## Winners:

March 14: Golden Family  
 March 15: Scheidel Family  
 March 16: Sue Smith  
 March 17: Derbes Family  
 March 18: Ava Orłowski  
 March 19: Bob Muldowney

## 50 / 50 CHANCES

Fridays during Lent  
 the Catholic Women's Union  
 will sell 50/50 Chances at the Lenten Dinners.  
 Drawings will take place at 7 p.m. each week.

**Winner: March 16th -- Bob Orłowski**

## DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Words of Our Lord...*In Sinu Jesu* "Never miss an opportunity to greet Me, to adore Me, to remain with Me, even if only for a moment, in the Sacrament of My love. In eternity you will see the inestimable value of every moment spent in My Eucharistic presence."

**We need adorers for the following hours:**

**Monday 10 p.m.; Wednesday 11 a.m.**

**Thursday 4 a.m. & 8 p.m. ; Friday 12 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.

*Please call Aleece 449-7678.*

## FAMILY MATTERS

**Parents Parenting Their Parents.** Do you feel like a sandwich? Are you parenting teens or young adults and your own parents? We ask God's blessing, patience and stamina as you continue to be a parent and support your own parents in their journey today.

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

## CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

April 2018

... *Watch future bulletins for dates and times ...*

Spring Cleaning ??? Look around your home for any items you wish to contribute to this year's Curiosity Shop to be held at the Russell Building. You'd be surprised what you might find –

Here are some suggestions ...

Christmas Items	Doillies	Toys / Games
Serving Dishes	Jewelry	Puzzles
Knick Knacks	Purses	Tablecloths
Kitchen Items	Candles	Candy Dishes
Framed Paintings	CD's, DVD's	Vintage Items
Material	Craft Items	
Seasonal Decorations.		

## CLEAN ITEMS ONLY

NO TELEVISIONS

NO COMPUTERS, MONITORS, KEYBOARDS

NO BOOKS

NO LARGE FURNITURE

NO STUFFED ANIMAL TOYS

NO CLOTHING

NO BEDDING

NO LARGE CHRISTMAS TREES

## ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

8 a.m. to 12 noon

Items can be dropped off at  
 St. John's Russell Building

**NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED  
 BEFORE OR AFTER THIS DATE.**

**Do Not Leave Articles at the  
 Door or in the Parking Lot**

## 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)

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**March 17/18: \$ 4,524.06; Imp.&Rep.: \$1,547.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

## 2017 CONTRIBUTION RECORD

You can request a copy of your 2017 Contribution Record by calling the rectory ... 622-5470 ext 3.



## **CEMETERY REGULATIONS**

The following are guidelines established by St. John's Cemetery Committee:

- Shrubs are not permitted on cemetery grounds except those authorized by cemetery authorities.
- Flowers or plants may be planted in the ground, but must remain within 12 inches of base of memorial.
- All artificial decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Christmas.
- All decorations except those flowers or plants planted in the ground, must be removed by **July 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden.
- All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in receptacle in Cemetery.

### **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We appreciate advertisers who support St. John's by advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize their business and let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin.

#### **Rosenberger Plumbing & Heating, Inc.**

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**LOST & FOUND:** An item of jewelry (necklace) was found on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. If anyone lost this item please call the rectory 622-5470 ext. 3 with a description.

## **DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS**

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

– Palm Sunday reminds you to love your spouse as unselfishly as Christ loves us. Learn ways to deepen your couple love on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.. For info call 732-904-9636 or [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

### **RETROUVAILLE**

– Is your marriage going down the right road ... or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way?

**Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. The next program will be held at the Family Life Center in Malvern on **April 13 to 15**. For more information or to register, visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries kept strictly confidential.

### **DIOCESAN MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**

– Early Bird Registration is now open for the Diocesan Marriage Conference on **Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>** at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sinking Spring. Sign up soon for the discount! Child Care is available. Visit the website [www.togetherinholiness.org](http://www.togetherinholiness.org) to learn more. For any questions call 610-289-8900 ext 2028.

### **DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

– Calling All Women .... Wives, Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Singles, Aunts, Religious - on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, at DeSales University, Center Valley, from 8:30 a.m. ending with a Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert. Adults \$40, High School Students \$10, College Students and Vowed/Consecrated Religious \$15. The day will include a youth session and a Spanish track. The theme "**Hearts Afire – Be Who God Made You To Be**" will feature presentations by Rev. Msgr. Andrew Baker and nationally known speakers Kelly Wahlquist, Colleen Carroll Campbell, Sr. Faustina Maria Pia S.V., and Lucia Baez Luzondo (Spanish Track). Includes Continental breakfast, lunch, Confession, Adoration and Exhibitors. Information/Registration, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/womens-conference](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/womens-conference). Questions call 610-289-8900 x 2021 or e-mail [AFF@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:AFF@allentowndiocese.org) Hope to see you there!

### **MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL**

**JULY 20 + 21, 2018**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR !**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### March

- 25 Confessions – 7:45 to 8 a.m./10 to 10:15 a.m.  
26 Confessions – 5 to 5:30 p.m.  
27 Confessions – 7 to 8 p.m.  
29 Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 p.m.  
29 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 8-10 pm -Chapel  
30 Morning Prayer – 9 a.m. – Chapel  
30 Good Friday Liturgy – 3 p.m.  
30 Dramatic Stations of the Cross – 7:30 p.m.  
31 Blessing of Food Baskets – 12 Noon – Chapel  
31 Easter Vigil Mass – 8 p.m.

### April

- 1 Easter Masses – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
3 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
10 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
11 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.  
14/15 Blood Pressure Screenings – L.H. – after Masses  
17 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
18 Catholic Women's Union – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
18 Family Guild Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – F.R.  
24 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
25 Confirmation – 4:30 p.m. – at St. John's  
\*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall  
\*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room  
\*\* R.B. – Russell Building

## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER** ... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** ... sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Eat in or Take out... Adults \$8; Children \$3.50

**OLDIES DANCE** ... sponsored by St. Mary's Church, 94 Walnut Rd., Hamburg, on Saturday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. Doors & kitchen open 5:15 p.m. Tickets \$10 pre-purchase; \$12 at the door. For more info call 610-562-7657 ext. 0.

**HALUPKI & HALUSKI SALE** ... sponsored by St. Michael's Ukrainian Church, 300 W. Oak St., Shenandoah on **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Taking orders until April 10. Halupki \$2.00 each; Haluski \$6.00 quart (Pre-Orders only) Pick-up from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Call Theresa at 570-467-3894, leave message including phone number or email [tmk@ptd.net](mailto:tmk@ptd.net).

## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**YARD SALE** ... sponsored by St. Ambrose Men's Club on **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 7 a.m. to 12 noon (no early birds) at the Parish Center. One of the biggest yard sales in the county. This sale gets bigger and better every year, so you won't want to miss it. Food and drinks available for purchase.

**BUS TRIP** ... to Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown from **May 14 to 18**, sponsored by St. Matthew's Travelers ... \$649 per person ... For more information and reservations call Julie 544-5231 or Millie 628-5413.

**FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Your parents may have been right to warn you to wash your hands after handling money:** Banknotes harbor many types of bacteria, according to a new study in the journal *Frontiers in Microbiology*, which analyzed banknotes collected in 15 hospitals and metro stations around Hong Kong. It found that the currency was surprisingly good at absorbing a wide range of living bacteria, including some that are known pathogens. In an interview with the journal, the lead researcher called for public service ads advising people to wash their hands after handling money, and for banks to routinely disinfect banknotes – at least until we become a truly cashless society.

## BULLETIN BOOSTERS

### March 2018

IMO Carl Bartholomew	M/M James Loeper
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IMO M/M Herbert Henry	IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert
Joanne Hepler	IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
IMO Clare Houser	Marcie Schnerring
IMO Francis King	IMO Margaret Zelinsky

Living & Deceased of St. John's CYO Program

**What is a Bulletin Booster??** Some of our newer parishioners have asked what it means to be a Bulletin Booster. We have a wonderful bulletin – it is timely and keeps us informed of what is going on within our parish family and its surroundings. Paper and supplies are needed on a weekly basis to continue this family tradition. So, if you'd like to donate toward the supplies. **\$1.00 and up** ... you too can be a ... **Bulletin Booster**

*Persevere in prayer, and watch in it with thanksgiving.*

... Col. 4:2