

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

References to being a witness fill the first reading on this Easter Sunday from the Acts of the Apostles. The disciples, those who followed Jesus and believed, the prophets, all witness to the works and saving power of Jesus Christ.

We, too, have a possible place with those witnesses. Is that a step we are willing to take?

The well-known line, "*The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone*," is part of this Sunday's responsorial psalm ... psalm 118. That phrase is used in the Christian scriptures to describe Jesus Christ and his rejection, death and resurrection. Are we ready to establish a solid anchor in God's reign by setting Christ as our cornerstone?

It is my prayer that this inspiring and hope-filled Solemnity of Easter and the Easter Season renew our dedication to live as witnesses to the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Confirmation will be conferred
at St. John's at 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25th, 2018

We pray and ask God to bless all these children, their parents and sponsors. May the gifts of the Spirit strengthen them as they live out their Christian lives. We as a parish family commit ourselves to praying for and supporting them on this journey.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – April 2 – 9:00 a.m.

JOAN KRYSTOPOLSKI

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Tuesday, April 3 – 9:00 a.m.

ALESANDRO ALFONSI (John & Flavia McGovern)

Wednesday, April 4 – 9:00 a.m.

EDWARD DEVANEY (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Thursday, April 5 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN & FLORENCE BENTZ

(Joanne & Sterling Hepler)

Friday, April 6 – 9:00 a.m.

MATTHEW HALSEY (M/M Joseph Halsey)

Saturday, April 7 – 5:00 p.m.

VERONICA B. SCHMITT (Schmitt Family)

Sunday, April 8 – 8:15 a.m.

DAVID ZANIS (Chris & Steve Zanis)

Sunday, April 8 – 10:30 a.m.

EDWARD C. STOCK (John & Susan Ventura)

SCHEDULE

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

5 p.m. – Saturday - April 7th

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Dan & Hermine Murphy

Servers: Noah & Helena Fredericks, Alyssa Sheriff

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – April 8th

Reader: Jeff Naffin

Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Gavin & Evan Woodward, Allegra Hossler

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – April 8th

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: Charlie Miller, Bobbi Murray

Servers: Isabelle Myers, Alisha Weiss, Evielyn Hower

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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 16th** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM

All Candles

St. Joseph

IMO Veronica B. Schmitt

Tabernacle

requested by

Sanctuary

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OPERATION RICE BOWL

Encounter the Risen Christ. We prayed, fasted and gave alms – and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to turn in your CRs Rice Bowl.

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: Paul Burns, Doug Broughton, Carolyn Leinheiser, Judy Piel.

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.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What "stones" block people's rising to new life?

Next Week's Readings

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (April 7/8)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6; **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

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

Please place in box on side of Confessional.

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

Easter. The Paschal mystery – Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again – reminds us that we are called to live a new life in Christ this Easter season. As a family we too can embrace the Paschal mystery – by dying and rising to new life in loving our neighbor – the ones we live with. Have a joy-filled Easter with your family! *You pray for my family and I'll pray for yours.*

DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Cast / Crew

Mike Ambrose
Jim Blackwell
Alexia Bonacci
Connie Brown
Sandy Clauser
Pat Crane
Sean Crane
Shane DaSilva
Adrian Datte
Evelyn Datte
Paul Datte
Robert DeColli
Rick Devaney
Kathy Gablick
Sherry Hepler
Debbie Herb
Kerry Herb
Paul Herb
Zach Herb
Margaret Higgins
Keirra Jones
Gloria Lisowski
John Lisowski



Kyle Lisowski
Dotty Kull
Joe Kurtek
Maureen Kurtek
Denise Logan
Cheyenne Murphy
John Murphy
Violet Murphy
Joseph Rittle
Marshall Roach
Danielle Rozetar
Hallie Rozetar
Melissa Rozetar
Bill Rutecky
Emma Seiger
Ryan Seiger
Rick Smith
Kyra Sophy
David Steffan
Jacqueline Steffan
Larry Steficek
John Vuksta
Logan Wiederhold
Father Dave

Jesus – portrayed by Mark Major

Narrators – Debbie Herb & Evelyn Datte

Script - George Smith

Co-Directors - Dr. Robert DeColli & Rick Smith

Choir Director/Organists –

Dave Derbes, Michael McMullen

Choir Members

Kate Blackwell
Mary Bound
Debbie Chitwood
Janet Daubert
Barbara Fox
Bob Hahner
Lucilla Kochol

Barbara Powers
Jason Prestileo
Butch Scheetz
Pat Scheetz
Sue Scheetz
Bernice Sockwell
Marianne Wollyung
Kathryn Zagar

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 24/25: \$ 5,437.32

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

FAMILY GUILD GIFT CARD CALENDAR

SPONSORS

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HeadQuarter's Styling Salon – Bobbi Murray	
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Tony & Lucilla Kochol	Joanne Wood/Jackie Szeliga
	Z&M Painting & Papering
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Winners:

March 20: Don & Joanne Doyne
March 21: B. Lecher
March 22: Gina Klein
March 23: Rachel Ryan
March 24: Robert Weinus
March 25: Jennifer Berger
March 26: Jennifer McDemus
March 27:

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

2017 CONTRIBUTION RECORD

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

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

CRAB CAKES: Frozen Crab Cakes from our Lenten Dinners are available for purchase ... \$5.00 each. Please call the rectory for details ... 622-5470.

When I consider the heavens, the works of Thy fingers; the moon and the stars which Thou hast founded; what is man that Thou art mindful of Him? Ps. 8:3-4

Mid-Summer Festival

This year's dates ...

Friday, July 20th & Saturday, July 21st
5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Mark your calendars!

Please join us for our organization meeting

Monday, April 9th – 7 p.m.

in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

New faces are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Please bring your suggestions. All are welcome!

CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

Friday – April 27th – 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturday – April 28th – 8 a.m. to 12 noon

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 7th

8 a.m. to 12 noon

Items can be dropped off at the Russell Building

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED

BEFORE OR AFTER THIS DATE.

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

50 / 50 CHANCES

Fridays during Lent the Catholic Women's Union sold 50/50 Chances at the Lenten Dinners.

Winner: March 23rd -- Dr. Wenders

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 1st**
- 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

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DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – **REJOICE! HE IS RISEN! HAPPY EASTER!** Resurrect the romance in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.. For info call 732-904-9636 or 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 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 14th** at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sinking Spring. Sign up soon for the discount! Child Care is available. Visit the website www.togetherinholiness.org to learn more. For any questions call 610-289-8900 ext 2028.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

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

BASKET AUCTION ... sponsored by Assumption BVM School on **Sunday, April 8th** at St. Clare of Assisi Church Hall, St. Clair. Doors open 10 a.m. and tickets pulled 2 p.m. Shop & Drop on Saturday, April 7th from 4 to 6 p.m. Great prizes, home cooked food and baked goods. Check us out on Facebook for more details.

OLDIES DANCE ... sponsored by St. Mary's Church, 94 Walnut Rd., Hamburg, on Saturday, **April 14th** 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.

YARD SALE ... sponsored by St. Ambrose Men's Club on **Saturday, April 22nd** 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.