

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Psalm 4, proclaimed this Sunday, assures us and all who will listen that God hears our prayer: "The Lord will hear me when I call upon Him." It offers images of peaceful sleep and security within the care of God, simply by having God's face shine upon us.

In the midst of their struggles and doubts, the disciples simply had to see the Lord's face and hear his words of peace. He asked them: "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself."

Do we call out? Do we see? Do we recognize God's peace when we see it? When we do, the Risen Lord invites us to live as witnesses to the world.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – April 16 – 9:00 a.m.

WILLIAM KETNER

(Mary Ann Schweikert & Josephine Gallagher)

Tuesday, April 17 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES LORENZ (John & Annette Lieberman)

Wednesday, April 18 – 9:00 a.m.

IMELDA SMULLEY

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Thursday, April 19 – 9:00 a.m.

MARGARET GLUNZ (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Friday, April 20 – 9:00 a.m.

CAROLINE MACHULSKY (Joe Field)

Saturday, April 21 – 5:00 p.m.

DOROTHY A. ROSENBERGER

(Paul Rosenberger)

Sunday, April 22 – 8:15 a.m.

JOHN & FLORENCE BENTZ (Joanne Hepler)

Sunday, April 22 – 10:30 a.m.

DR. DAVID HARVEY (Mary Beth Harvey & Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Michael Pinder by Fred & Hilda Maley

St. Joseph - IMO Marcy Pinder by Fred & Hilda Maley

Tabernacle - IMOMindy Pinder by Fred & Hilda Maley

Sanctuary

1. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Family

2. IMO Clementine Gottschall by Fred & Hilda Maley

3. IMO Emma Gottschall by Fred & Hilda Maley

4. IMO Frances Murton by Susan Cook

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intentions

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 7/8: \$ 5,001.78; Dues: \$1,345.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SCHEDULE

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5 p.m. – Saturday – April 21st

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Bill Schweikert, Bobbi Murray

Servers: Vincent & Michael Prestileo, Brooke Siket

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – April 22th

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb

Servers: Ryan & Dylan Schreffler, Maggie Brennan

Cantor: Eileen Forney

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – April 22th

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Carol Lasco, Dominic Chiplonia

Servers: Aliyah & Nathan Peckman, Victoria Wagner

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.

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,

John Morgalis.

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.

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

.... will take place ...

Sunday, April 22nd at 6 p.m. in church.

All candidates and sponsors (or proxy)
are required to attend.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend we kickoff the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA). I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important diocesan fundraising initiative. The Bishop's Annual Appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians, Catholic schools and support for our centers for special learning. I encourage you to join me in making your gift to the BAA and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at FaithHopeChharityGives.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-431-4443. With gratitude,

Father Dave

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Whom do you see witnessing to Christ?

Next Week's Readings

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (April 21/22)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

We need adorers for the following hours:

Monday 10 p.m.; Tuesday 8 p.m.

Wednesday 11 a.m.; Thursday 4 a.m. & 8 p.m.

Friday 12 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.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY GUILD

The **Family Guild** is a small organization which sponsors activities for the elementary school students of the parish.

If you would like to become more involved within the parish and be a positive influence in



the spiritual lives of our parish youth, consider joining the **Family Guild**. We always welcome a new face among us.

If interested please call the Rectory 622-5470 or just come to our next meeting which is scheduled for ...

Wednesday, April 18th

6:30 p.m. – Rectory Fellowship Room

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION MEETING

**Wednesday, April 18th – 7 p.m. –
Longinus Hall**

Featuring: "Spring Fling Auction"

Call **Joan Deiter** for more info **570-622-1381**.



Reminder: Membership dues (\$5.00) for 2018 is due --- make check payable to St. John's CWU and drop in the collection basket or mail to **Rosann Sitkus, 2150 Woodglen Road, Pottsville 17901**.

CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

Friday – April 27th – 4 to 7 p.m.

**Saturday – April 28th 8 a.m. to 12 noon
at the Russell Building**



Don't miss it !!! If you like yard sales this is the place to be. Various items including ... knick-knacks, dishes, vases, kitchen items, appliances, jewelry, holiday decorations, framed prints, special Vintage Section and much, much more, plus foods are available for purchase. Something for everyone!! Join us!! (Questions... call the Rectory 622-5470.)

DESSERTS/BAKED GOODS NEEDED ...

If you would like to donate a dessert item for our **Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale**, please drop off at the times listed above or call the rectory 622-5470. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Mid-Summer Festival

This year's dates ...

Friday, July 20th & Saturday, July 21st

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Mark your calendars!

LENTEN DINNER THANK YOU

Despite our very best efforts, we invariably misspell, misplace or omit the name of an important person ... YOU! We apologize if we have done this.

Those we missed: Sue Eckley, Rik Jochems, Ed & Joanne Leffler, Reene Reddington, Mim Tirjan.

DISTRACTED DRIVING

Please join our 8th grade CCD class for a presentation on distracted driving. Our students and adults will find this very informative. The presentation will take place in Longinus Hall **after 8:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 15th**. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Tax Day is coming! Waiting for that "BIG REFUND"? Try a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND for a marriage refund that will outlast any check! For info call 732-904-9636 or www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - on **Saturday, May 5th**, 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. Information/Registration, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/womens-conference. Questions call 610-289-8900 x 2021 or e-mail AFF@allentowndiocese.org Hope to see you there!

THE BLESSED MOTHER presented by Sr. Emily Vincent, IHM on **Wednesday, May 16th** from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Hall (Annunciation BVM Hall), 9 S. Broad Mt. Ave., Frackville. Free of Charge --- bring a friend. For questions contact the Office of Adult Formation at adultformation@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS presented by Nativity BVM High School Drama Club on **Friday, April 20th at 7 p.m.**; **Saturday, April 21st at 7 p.m.**; **Sunday, April 22nd at 2 p.m.** at the high school. Tickets can be purchased at the door ... Adults \$10.00; Students \$7.00. For more info please call 570-622-8110.

CHINESE AUCTION: sponsored by the Green & Gold Club on **Sunday, May 6th**; Doors open 11 a.m.; Auction begins 2 p.m. Shop & Drop on Saturday, May 5th from 4 to 8 p.m. For more information, please call Diane at 570-294-0551.

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

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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

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.

CHINESE AUCTION: sponsored by St. Clare of Assisi Parish in St. Clair on **Sunday, May 6th**; Doors open 9 a.m. ; Auction begins 2 p.m. Baskets, Prizes, Food & Baked Goods, Fun for All ages. Come join us !!!

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.

BERMUDA CRUISE: Join St. Ambrose Travelers on a cruise to Bermuda from June 10-17, 2018. Motor coach transportation included, leaving from Sch. Haven to NYC to embark on the Norwegian Escape. Six Masses on board, ultimate beverage package, dining package, prepaid gratuities, onboard credit and more! Contact Jeff at 570-391-4239 for more information.
