

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In past years, the California evening skies were illuminated by an unearthly great light. Viewers may have wondered if it was the second coming. The sun painted the clouds silver and gold and could be seen from San Francisco to Mexico. The light was caused by a rocket launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base near Santa Barbara.

Seeing the unearthly vision of the Resurrected Christ must have been terrifying for the fishermen in the gospel this weekend. It challenged their faith just as it does ours. One day each of us, perhaps at death, will see an unearthly light in our skies. When that day comes, remember Jesus' closing words in the gospel: "Follow Me."

Yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, May 6 – 9:00 a.m.**

THOMAS & EVA FRANCIS (Francis Family)

**Tuesday, May 7 – 8:00 a.m. (Time Change)**

PETER MESERAVAGE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv. (Bill Hahner)

**Wednesday, May 8 – 9:00 a.m.**

BERTHA BULLOCK

**Thursday, May 9 – 9:00 a.m.**

HAZEL PAUL (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

**Friday, May 10 – 9:00 a.m.**

DOROTHY PROKOP (Mary Frantz)

**Saturday, May 11 – 5:00 p.m.**

LIV. & DEC. MOTHERS OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH

**Sunday, May 12 – 8:15 a.m.**

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**Sunday, May 12 – 10:30 a.m.**

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### SCHEDULE

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**5 p.m. – Saturday – May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Carol Lasco

**Euch.Min.:** Dominic Chiplonia, Robert Wollyung

**Servers:** Brooke, Logan, Joseph Palko

**Cantor:** Mary Bound

**8:15 a.m. – Sunday – May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Bob Bechtel

**Euch.Min.:** Paul & Debbie Herb

**Servers:** Ryan & Dylan Schreffler, Sophia Palmieri

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

**10:30 a.m. – Sunday – May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Evielyn Hower

**Euch.Min.:** Justina Majestic, John Ventura

**Servers:** Aidan Cassidy, Riley Doyle, Macie Rushannon

**Cantor:** Marianne Wollyung

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

At what times in your life do you feel  
Jesus' presence most clearly?

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - IMO Theresa & Zoie Holley  
by Mary Ann Holley

**St. Joseph** - IMO Theresa & Zoie Holley  
by Mary Ann Holley

**Tabernacle** - IMO Theresa & Zoie Holley  
by Mary Ann Holley

#### Sanctuary

1. IMO Leo A. Leinheiser by Family

2. IMO Mary Hahner by Hahner Family

3&4. IMO Theresa & Zoie Holley by Mary Ann Holley

#### Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

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### 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:** Theresa Tuite, Joe Brahler, Tom Jefferson, Jean Hill, Paul Connors, Fred Maskerines, Dorothy Parsick, Frederick Hossler, Toni Wiest, Paul Burns, Florence Yeager, Rachel Kujat.

**Deceased:** Joanne Hepler, Father Frederick Sattler.

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### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we kickoff the **2019 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 and Deacons, 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 [FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org) or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

With gratitude,

**Father Dave**

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**April 27/28: \$ 3,607.25**

**Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,588.25**

**Easter: \$ 10,639.42**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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## THE AMAZING PARISH PROGRAM

At the beginning of this year, St. John the Baptist Parish was asked by the diocese to pilot a program called "*The Amazing Parish*". It is a program that focuses on the building up of a parish under the leadership of not only the Pastor, but with the help of a small leadership team of parishioners chosen by the Pastor from very strict criteria given by the program. It in no way diminishes the various committees, Parish Council, or any programs of the parish, but is there for the enhancement and enrichment of them.

Myself and four parishioners will be attending a training conference, May 13 to 15, in Ohio. This program is being funded by the diocese. Please pray for me and the four team members as we embark on this exciting program to improve and enhance the life of St. John's Parish Family. More information will be forthcoming in later bulletins.

Father Dave

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## 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**

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## My Prayer Request

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**Please place in box on side of Confessional.**

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*Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior. For You I wait all the long day, because of Your goodness, Lord. Psalm 25:5*

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the girls and boys of St. John's Parish Family who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> by Bishop Alfred Schlert.

*Maya Rose Golden*

*Livia Katherine Hable*

*Chloe Cecilia Heintz*

*Avarey Stella Herring*

*Aliyah Michael Peckman*

*Trinity Mary Reedy*

*Mickaellya Mary Schatz*

*Leah Eulalia Scheidel*

*Emma Cecilia Wollyung*

*Madison Elizabeth Wright*

*William Stanley Burke*

*Luke Pascal Garvey*

*Stanley Anthony Gorski*

*Joshua John Steffan*

*Blakely John Whalen*

*Caleb Matthew Whalen*



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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to one of our parish high school seniors, **Connor McNamara**, who received the Bishop's Catholic Scholar Award for Nativity BVM High School. Connor is an alumnus of Assumption BVM School. He is a parish altar server, Sacristan, and a Parish Council member. At Nativity, Connor is a varsity letterman on the football team, as well as a member in the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Interact Club, and Student Ambassadors, among many others. Connor plans to attend Misericordia University in the Fall for their accelerated Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

Also, congratulations to three of our eighth grade students who received scholarships from the diocese to attend Nativity BVM High School in the Fall ...

**Stanley Gorski, Joshua Steffan, Blakeley Whalen**

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## FAMILY GUILD SCHOLARSHIP



The Family Guild of St. John's is awarding two scholarships to be awarded in the amount of **\$250.00** for any **eighth grade student** wishing to attend **Nativity BVM High School** in September 2019 and any

high

school graduate pursuing higher education. Criteria for Scholarship eligibility:

1. Participating member of St. John the Baptist
2. Must be applying to attend Nativity in September 2019 or applying to a school of higher learning
3. Student must submit the application form along with the completed essay to the Rectory by **May 20, 2019.**
4. Essays will be judged by a panel of parish members not affiliated with the Family Guild so as to insure impartiality.
5. Essay topic: "**What has St. John's meant to me**"

Scholarship applications can be picked up at the Rectory by calling 622-5470. **Deadline is May 20, 2019.**

## THANK YOU DEPT.

Additional Lenten Dinner Thank You to ...

*James Blake, Joanne Leffler,  
Mary Synnott, Mim Tirjan*

*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.*

**ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY** will meet on  
**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory  
Fellowship Room.

### DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

We need adorers for the following hours:

Monday 3 p.m.;  
Wednesday 10 p.m.;  
Thursday 4 a.m.;  
Friday 12 a.m. & 6 a.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 Alece for information 570-449-7678.**



### PRAY THE ROSARY

Recite the rosary daily during the month  
of May, which is dedicated to the  
Blessed Mother. There is no prayer more  
pleasing to Our Lady and more  
efficacious in asking for her  
intercession.

### DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

— Don't let the Spring  
showers dampen your relationship! Watch your love  
bloom on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.  
For more info call 732-904-9636 or  
visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org)

#### FINANCIAL & ESTATE PLANNING FOR WOMEN

When you think about the life you want and deserve for  
your family, does it seem overwhelming to create a  
financial plan that takes all of your future expenses into  
account? Are you feeling unprepared to make important  
financial decisions? Then please join us **May 16<sup>th</sup>** at  
DeSales University Center from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for a  
complementary information presentation in which our  
panel of female financial and estate planning experts  
may have answers you need to make smart decisions  
about your financial future. Small plates and sweets will  
be served. **Please RSVP by May 9<sup>th</sup>** to Ginny Downey  
at (610) 871-5200 ext. 2244 or  
[gdowney@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:gdowney@allentowndiocese.org)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### May

- 5 Last CCD Class
- 5 May Procession
- 5 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.
- 7 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 8 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 14 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 15 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 6 p.m. – L.H.
- 18/19 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
- 21 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 27 Memorial Day Mass in Cemetery – 9 a.m.
- 28 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 30 Ascension Thursday – Masses 9 am & 5 pm

\*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall

\*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

\*\* R.B. – Russell Building

### 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 for our **Annual Spring  
Covered Dish** gathering on  
**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** in  
Longinus Hall. Meet the members and  
learn how you can be part of this unique  
organization.

**For more information / RSVP ... please call Sharon  
Miller 622-0516 or St. John's Rectory: 622-5470.**



## Mid-Summer Festival

This year's dates ...

**Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Mark your calendars!

### THE RECTORY KITCHEN IS GETTING A FACELIFT!!!

The old cabinets are available for sale to anyone who  
might want to put them in a basement or garage for  
storage, etc. Please call or email the rectory for more  
details.

**570-622-5470 or email: [stjbparish@comcast.net](mailto:stjbparish@comcast.net)**



### FLOWER DONATIONS

If anyone wishes to memorialize flowers  
in the sanctuary for the weekend Masses  
a living or deceased intention, please call the  
Rectory 622-5470.