

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Teachers, parents, bosses, and others have been accused of being “partial” at one time or another. “It’s not fair!”-- also expresses this frustration. Most of us have probably said or at least thought these words on occasion.

It would be quite a complement to be accused of being impartial. That is exactly what the reading from Acts does today: “God shows no partiality.” Luke could have said that God is partial to everyone and everything. The letter and the gospel of John root this attitude in God’s love for us.

Do we believe it? Everyone? Even me? My exasperating neighbor? The person on death row?

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – May 7 – 9:00 a.m.

THOMAS & EVA FRANCIS (Francis Family)

Tuesday, May 8 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS & MARY BURNS

Wednesday, May 9 – 9:00 a.m.

BILL ELISON (Ron & Pat Lombel)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 a.m. – Thursday – May 10

ALESANDRO ALFONSI (Joseph Pilo)

5:15 p.m. – Thursday – May 10

PETER MESERAVAGE (Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

Friday, May 11 – 9:00 a.m.

EUGENIA MACALUSO (Jan Macaluso)

Saturday, May 12 – 5:00 p.m.

LIVING&DECEASED MOTHERS OF ST.JOHN’S

Sunday, May 13 – 8:15 a.m.

LIVING&DECEASED MOTHERS OF ST.JOHN’S

Sunday, May 13 – 10:30 a.m.

LIVING&DECEASED MOTHERS OF ST.JOHN’S

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Tuesday – May 8

at York Terrace Nursing Home

REBA PENN (Staff & Residents)

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, Dominick DeFrank*

Deceased: *Patricia Hahner*

*When cares increase within me,
Your comfort gives me joy..... Psalm 94:19*

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Jane Mooney by Julian & Nora Chiplonia

St. Joseph – IMO Julian J. Chiplonia
by Julian & Nora Chiplonia

Tabernacle – IMO Francis N. Mooney
by Julian & Nora Chiplonia

Sanctuary

1. IMO Bastina & David Nicastro
by Julian & Nora Chiplonia

2. IMO Cathy Troup & Christine Chiplonia
by Julian & Nora Chiplonia

3. IMO Leo Leinheiser by Family

4. Special Intention by Grace King

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Raymond Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

SCHEDULE

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 a.m. – Thursday – May 10th

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace, Bill Schweikert

Servers: Stanley & Aleksander Gorski, Riley Doyle

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

5:15 p.m. – Thursday – May 10th

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla

Servers: Bethany, Trinity, Izabella Reedy

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7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

5 p.m. – Saturday – May 12th

Reader: Patty O’Neill

Euch.Min.: Hermine & Dan Murphy

Servers: Connor, Bennett, Lukas McNamara

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – May 13th

Reader: Jen Daubert

Euch.Min.: George Forney, Brian Forney

Servers: Ty, Jackson, Hayden Daubert

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – May 13th

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Dominic Chiplonia, Phil Markovich

Servers: Grace, Justice, Leah Scheidel

Cantor: Dave Derbes

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For what would you lay down your life?

Next Week’s Readings

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 12/13)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Reading II: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11b-19

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the girls and boys of St. John's Parish Family who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 25th by Bishop Alfred Schlert.

Laila Josephine Alvarez	Jayce Joseph Adamick
Mia Celine Bowers	Quinn John Bosack
Riley Julia Cassidy	Hayden Stephen Daubert
Helena Anastasia Fredericks	Grant Sebastian Lapachinsky
Alyssa Marie Gauntlett	Bennett Sebastian McNamara
Haley Abigail Gauntlett	Benjamin Francis Piccioni
Caroline Jane Gist	Joseph Michael Palko
Jillian Sophia Guzick	Richard Luke Prezelski
Camryn Katherine Hauptly	Evan Joseph Woodward
Kaitlin Laura Painter	
Julie Madeleine Plachko	
Taleah Gianna Ruben	
Brooke Teresa Siket	
Alyssa Michael Sheriff	
Taylor Anne Welsh	



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.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$300 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS - 2018

It is now time to nominate new members to the council to fill the places of those whose term has expired. The term of office is three (3) years with the possibility of a second consecutive term

Any parishioner who is at least 21 years old is eligible for nomination. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Please put nominations in the collection or mail your nomination to the rectory. When nominating, please don't choose just the most popular people, but choose people who will work for the parish.

We wish to thank the following members who will be completing a three-year term on the Parish Council. Some are, however, eligible to be nominated for a second three-year term.

Nora Chiplonia (not eligible)
Janet Daubert
Dr. Robert DeColli (not eligible)
Paul Filiac

The following should **NOT** be nominated as they are presently serving or finishing their term:

<u>Term expires 2019</u>	<u>Term expires 2020</u>
John Consugar	Joseph Gerchak
Christy Joy	Alicia Kleman
Kevin McNamara	Al Norkus
Patty O'Neill	Josette Peckman
Nick Quinn	John Powers

President: Paul Datte
1st Vice-President: Robert Bechtel
2nd Vice-President: Kevin McNamara

NOMINATION BALLOT

I Nominate:

- (a) _____
- (b) _____

**Please return to the Rectory
or Collection Basket
by Thursday, May 31st**

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.



Mid-Summer Festival

This year's dates ...

Friday, July 20th & Saturday, July 21st

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Mark your calendars!

Our next meeting is Monday, May 7th at 7 p.m.
in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

New faces are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
Please bring your suggestions. All are welcome!

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 16th 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 Joan Deiter 622-1381 or St. John's Rectory: 622-5470.

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 2018 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 2018 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 21, 2018.
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 21, 2018.

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.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale. Thank you also to all those who purchased items, donated baked goods, or volunteered to work at the sale. We are very grateful for all your support. Also, thank you to **Carl & Toni Wiest** for donating the cake that was chanced off ...

(Winner of the Cake was Susan Hahner)

Volunteers

Chris Black	Bernie Lecher
Mary Bound	Charlene Leshner
Ann Burns	Carole Quirin
Janet Daubert	Reene Reddington
Ann Marie DeFrank	Pat Scheetz
Millie Fredericks	Lucy Scheidel
Pat Klassen	Barbara Schoenauer
Lucilla Kochol	Theresa Skrobak
Jan Kurtek	Peggy Stoppi
Maureen Kurtek	Toni & Carl Wiest
Carol Lasco	Barbara Wollyung



Baked Goods

Chris Black	Maria McMurtrie
Mary Bound	Carole Quirin
Millie Fredericks	Pat Scheetz
Bernie Lecher	Lucy Scheidel
Charlene Leshner	Barbara Schoenauer

Profits --- \$ 963.10

CCD REGISTRATION

DEADLINE - June 30th

Now is the time to register your child for next year's CCD class. **There are reduced rates until June 30th.** If you have not received a form in the mail, please call the rectory or pick one up in church. The forms are at the entrances of the Church. The longer form is for new students and new first graders. The shorter form is for students who are presently attending class.

Registration Fee: \$50.00 First Child

(after June 30th - \$60.00)

All Other Children: \$45.00 per Child

(after June 30th - \$55.00)

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.

CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

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 15th** 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 8th** to Ginny Downey (610) 871-5200 ext. 2244 or gdowney@allentowndiocese.org

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 ...

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.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Mathematics Teacher – Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, Mathematics Education or related field is required. Mathematics certification preferred.

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

FAMILY MATTERS

Interfaith Marriages. About fifty percent of all engaged Catholics marry someone of another faith. We ask you Lord to provide a special grace to sustain these marriages as they practice their religious traditions. Bless their children so that they may truly see you present to them in their faith lives.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

May

- 6 May Procession after 8:15 a.m. Mass
- 7 Mid-Summer Festival Mtg. – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 8 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 9 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 10 Ascension Thursday – Masses 9 am & 5:15 pm
- 15 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 16 Catholic Women's Union – 6 p.m. – L.H.
- 19/20 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
- 22 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 28 Mass at St. John's Cemetery – 9 a.m.
- 29 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

"If souls understood what treasures of love are freely given to those who approach Me in the Sacrament of My love, My churches would be filled day and night, and unable to contain the multitudes drawn to them."

Words of Our Lord from *In Sinu Jesus*

We need adorers for the following hours:

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

Wednesday 11 a.m.; Thursday 4 a.m. & 5 a.m.

Friday 12 a.m., 6 a.m., 4 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.

Please call Aleece 449-7678.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

CHINESE AUCTION & VENDOR SHOW: March of Dimes-Mother's Day Weekend Chinese Auction & Vendor Show will be held on **Saturday, May 12th** from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at Pine View Acres, Pottsville. Over 15 vendors on site. Shop & Drop or Stay & Play. Snacks and beverages available. A great opportunity to buy a present for Mom or to treat yourself! For more information, contact Melissa Clarke at 570-527-9634

SPAGHETTI DINNER: at St. Charles Borromeo Parish on **Sunday, May 19th** from 3 to 7 p.m. at 1115 Walnut St., Ashland. Tickets \$9.00; Children under 8 free ... eat in or take outs available. For tickets and more information, please call the parish office at 875-1521. All proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus Sarto Council #13222 Projects.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 28/29: \$ 4,210.42; Easter: \$ 11,816.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

WELCOME VISITORS

**Thank you for worshipping with us today.
If you are visiting our beautiful church,
please know you are most welcome!
If you have questions or are interested in**

ST. JOHN'S "OVER 50" CLUB

St. John's "Over 50" Club will be meeting again on **Tuesday, May 8th**.

We welcome and encourage new members ... anyone interested in joining our little socials ... just stop by

Longinus Hall on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m...we play bingo, board games, cards, etc. and light refreshments are always available. For more information please call the rectory 622-5470.

ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY will meet on **Wednesday, May 9th at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...

Don't take effervescent antacids like Alka-Seltzer, Bromo Seltzer, or their generics more than occasionally. Many people don't realize that these contain aspirin, which can cause potentially dangerous stomach bleeding. The FDA recently questioned the rationale for such drugs and warned again about their risks, noting that they have been linked to a small number of serious bleeds requiring hospitalization and at least one death. The risk of gastric bleeding is greatest if you are over 60; have had a stomach ulcer or bleeding problems; take other pain relievers (NSAIDs), anticoagulants, or steroids; or have three or more alcoholic drinks a day. What's more, these drugs contain sodium bicarbonate, so they are very high in sodium. If you have heartburn, you're better off with a simple antacid – certainly not aspirin. If you have an occasional headache, try an OTC pain reliever. If these occur frequently, consult your doctor.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ...

Volunteers are needed to help at the Pottsville Soup Kitchen at the 504 Building on Mahantongo St.

St. John's Group volunteers once a month. If you are interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.