

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Some shepherds in biblical times kept their sheep in the safety of a common sheepfold at night. While the starry night sky wheeled above, the flocks would mingle together in the pen. In the morning, when shepherds returned to take their flocks back out onto the hillsides for a day of grazing, the sheep were all mixed up. When the animals heard the familiar voice of their shepherd, they recognized it. As he called them out, his own flock would emerge from the group and his sheep would follow the sound of his voice.

Jesus used this practical gospel story this Sunday to teach us to listen for his familiar voice so that when he calls us out we may be able to follow him.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

NO MASS

Thursday, May 16 – 9:00 a.m.

**RAPHAEL MURPHY** (Family)

Friday, May 17 – 9:00 a.m.

**JOAN VISINTIN** (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Saturday, May 18 – 5:00 p.m.

**DECEASED OF BOWERS FAMILY** (Joan Bowers)

Sunday, May 19 – 8:15 a.m.

**VERONICA B. SCHMITT** (Shawn Schmitt)

Sunday, May 19 – 10:30 a.m.

**CATHERINE BORTZEL**

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### SCHEDULE

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5 p.m. – Saturday – May 18<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Frank Murphy

**Euch.Min.:** Mary Jean Morgalis, Nicholas Quinn,  
(Dr. Visot)

**Servers:** Noah Lecher, Dylan Bohorad

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – May 19<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Michelle Ambrose

**Euch.Min.:** Paul & Debbie Herb, (Larry Lonergan)

**Servers:** Ethan & Ryan Grabowski, Kaitlin Painter

**Cantor:** Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – May 19<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Janet Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Phil Markovich, Charlie Miller,  
(Larry Lonergan)

**Servers:** Anna, Livia, Emma Lieberman

**Cantor:** Ensemble

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## CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - IMO Mary Rinaldo by Vita Valenti & Family

**St. Joseph** - Ordained & Religious by Anonymous

**Tabernacle** – Most Abandoned Soul in Purgatory

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO Matilda Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

2. IMO Catherine Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

3&4. Living & Deceased Mothers of St. John's Parish

**Guardian Angels**

1. IMO Philomena Carroll by Family

2. IMO Ursula Klassen by Family

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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:** Tom Jefferson, Florence Yeager,

Dorothy Parsick, Rachel Kujat, Paul Burns.

**Deceased:** Father Frederick Sattler.

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### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have 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 \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at [FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org).

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does it mean to you that  
Jesus is the Good Shepherd?

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### 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)**

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### FAMILY MATTERS

**Mother's Day – those suffering the loss of parents.**

It's hard to lose a mom – no matter what the age it's especially hard on Mother's Day. We thank God for our mothers and grandmothers and the direction they gave us over the years. We ask our Blessed Mother to give us peace over this loss in our life.

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

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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

## DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

We need adorers for the following hours:

Wednesday 10 p.m.

Thursday 4 a.m.

Friday 12 a.m. & 6 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.

**Call or text Alece for information 570-449-7678.**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our parish warmly welcomed *Tighe Nicodemus Friend* who was baptized at the Easter Vigil.



We also welcomed the following who were received into the Church through a Profession of Faith and received First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil:

**Kristy Friend & Robert Giba Jr.**

Congratulations also to **Hope Scheidel** who received First Communion at the Easter Vigil.

***Congratulations to you and your families!***

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 4/5: \$ 4,824.95, Easter: \$ 11,274.42

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate our boys and girls who received Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We also congratulate their families and teachers who brought them to this point in their lives.

*Kyleigh Batory*

*Blake Batory*

*Peyten Evans*

*Elly Forney*

*Megan Goodman*

*Brinley Herring*



*Stella Mongrain*

*Spencer Prestileo*

*Chase Shappell*

*Jordan Szeliga*

*Landon Trout*

## THANK YOU --- CCD Program

We wish to express our gratitude to the following parishioners for committing to the academic year 2018/2019 for our Religious Education Program as Catechists and volunteers, and those who volunteered for our Children's Liturgy Program and Pre-School Programs each Sunday.

### CCD Program

*Sarah DeArment*

*Darren DeArment*

*Dr. Robert DeColli*

*Camden Deibert - Aide*

*Bob Hahner*

*Lucilla Kochol*

*Josette Peckman*

*Lori Reedy*

*Beth Smith*

*Rick Smith*

*Farrah Benart-Office*

### Pre-School

*Melissa LeBlanc*

### Children's Liturgy

*Lucilla Kochol*

## 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.**

## THE BEATITUDES FOR MOTHERS

Blessed are mothers ... who did without for us, they will be rewarded.

Blessed are mothers ... who lost sleep when we were sick they will find rest.

Blessed are mothers ... who taught us how to pray, they will share God's kingdom.

Blessed are mothers ... who comforted us, they shall be comforted.

Blessed are mothers ... who taught us right from wrong, they will know justice.

Blessed are mothers ... who showed us the Christian life by example, they will live forever.

Blessed are mothers ... who shared with us the meaning of peace, they shall know peace.

Blessed are mothers ... who taught us the importance of loving God and each other, they shall see God.

*May God bless all Mothers  
and those who take the place of Mothers  
on this, their special day.*

## WHY DO CATHOLICS PRAY THE ROSARY?



The Rosary is a simple prayer adapted from the complex set of prayers of medieval monks. It's a powerful prayer because in it, we ask Mary – whose prayers are never refused – to pray for us. In addition, through the mysteries of the Rosary, we meditate on the life of Jesus, which always bears fruit. For example, the fruit of the mystery of the Annunciation is humility. Praying the Rosary opens us to graces that help us be more Christ-like.

## 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.

## 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.**



## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS - 2019

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. They are eligible to be nominated for a second three-year term.

**John Consugar --- Christy Joy  
Patty O'Neill --- Nick Quinn**

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

<u>Term expires 2020</u>	<u>Term expires 2021</u>
Joseph Gerchak	Heidi Gorski
Alicia Kleman	Eric Lieberman
Al Norkus	John Pfluger
Josette Peckman	Melissa Scheetz
John Powers	Martin Smith

**President:** Paul Datte

**1st Vice-President:** Robert Bechtel

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** Kevin McNamara

## NOMINATION BALLOT

**I Nominate:**

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the Rectory  
or Collection Basket  
by Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

## 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!

Our next meeting is **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 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

June 2019

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



Look around your home for any items you wish to contribute to our next Curiosity Shop. You'd be surprised what you might find – Here are some suggestions ...

Christmas Items	Garden Flags	Toys / Games
Puzzles	Vintage Items	Jewelry
Knick Knacks	Purses	Tablecloths
Kitchen Items	Candles	CD's, DVD's
Small Appliances	Craft Books	Religious Items
Fall Decorations	Bakeware	
Thanksgiving Decorations		

### CLEAN ITEMS ONLY

NO PLASTIC

NO EASTER/ SPRING ITEMS

NO VHS TAPES

NO GLASSES OR CUPS

NO TELEVISIONS --- NO BEDDING

NO COMPUTERS, MONITORS, KEYBOARDS

NO BOOKS --- NO VASES --- NO CLOTHING

NO LARGE FURNITURE

NO STUFFED ANIMAL TOYS

NO LARGE CHRISTMAS TREES

### ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</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**

### ST. JOHN'S "OVER 50" CLUB



St. John's "Over 50" Club will be meeting again on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS



Get your blood pressure checked in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend, May 18/19.

## POTTSVILLE HOMELESS SHELTER

### "SERVANTS TO ALL"

We are asking for donations of food for our local homeless shelter. Items can be dropped off at church inside the lower 10<sup>th</sup> Street door during the months of May & June.

#### Suggestions are as follows:

- \*Items not condensed (ready to eat)
- \*Ready to eat **Canned Goods** with pop tops (easy open)
- \*Individual canned **Pasta**
- \*Individual canned **Meats**
- \*Individual canned **Spam**
- \*Individual **Cold Cereals**
- \*Individually wrapped bags of **Cookies, Chips, Pretzels**
- \*Individual packs of **Crackers**
- \*Individual packets of **Peanut Butter**
- \*Packets of **Tuna**
- \*Individual packets of **Vegetables (Libby)**
- \*Individual packets of **Fruit**
- \*Individual packets of **Apple Sauce**
- \***Protein and Granola Bars**
- \***Bottled Water**
- \***Juice Boxes**
- \***Milk Boxes**
- \***NO CHOCOLATE**

Your support is GREATLY appreciated!

Thank you all for all that you are doing for God's children. Without you, this work of God could not happen. You are truly His instruments. His blessings are so great that He can never be outdone in generosity.

### DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** — HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Husbands remind your wife today that she is still #1 in your life! Give her the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more info call 732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org)

**OFFICE FOR VOCATIONS** The Office for Vocations Promotion is conducting its *Seventh Annual Quo Vadis Vocation Camp and Fifth Annual Fiat Days Vocation Camp, from Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 18* on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpage at [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org).

**Early registration is \$60 before June 14. After June 14, the registration fee is \$85. Registration deadline is June 28. No registrations after the deadline will be accepted, and there are no walk-ins.**

## MEMORIALS

**In Memory of:**

DOROTHY ELISON

**Donated by:**

Air Products Activities Committee  
Anonymous  
Mary Bound Family  
Joel & Sally Brensinger  
Michael & Gloria Burda  
Donald & Mary Ann Burns  
Joseph & Ann Burns  
DHH Lengel Staff  
Ronald & Theresa Elison  
Thomas & Lucinda Elison  
John & Joyce Gerace  
Bill & Kathy Gianfagna  
Michael & Kathy Kerick  
Lucilla Kochol  
Frances Lorenz  
Sharon Modesto  
David & Verna Petrozino  
John, Barb, Megan Powers  
Tiffany Reedy  
Sean & Deborah Reilly  
Eleanor Schaeffer  
Austin & Dennille Schuler  
Jeffrey & Jodi Sweet  
Charles & Barbara Wagner  
Joe & Barbara Wollyung



**In Memory of:**

GEORGE POST

**Donated by:**

Anthony & Mary Jane DiCello  
John B. Lieberman III Family  
Ann Marie Lynn  
Joseph & Mary Ann Post  
Robert & Irene Post Family

## MEMORIALS

**In Memory of:**

JOHN 'BABE' HELLER

**Donated by:**

Thomas & Michele Caldwell  
Philip W. Fisher  
John & Joyce Gerace  
Joan Marie Grapsy  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Guers  
Carl Heller  
Grace King  
Tony & Lucilla Kochol  
John & Pat Kutch  
John B. Lieberman III Family  
Jack & Annette Lisowski  
Frances Lorenz  
John & Sharon Modesto  
Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Modesto  
Robert & Marcia Morris  
Chuck Rinaldo & Family  
Mary Lou Roeder  
Bob & Linda Stock  
Peggy Stoppi  
Jeffrey & Jodi Sweet  
Joe & Barbara Wollyung  
Woznisky Family



**In Memory of :**

JOANNE HEPLER

Ryan Conville

John & Pat Kutch

**In Memory of:**

ERNEST ZAMBO

**Donated by:**

Tony & Anne Gaburick  
David & Mary Gauntlett  
Jim & Lori Morrow  
Mary Anne Sninski

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### **FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...**

**If you drink red wine, a few simple steps can help you avoid "wine teeth" or "merlot mouth."** The purple pigments in red wine can stain teeth with the help of acid in the wine (which promotes erosion of tooth enamel so teeth become more porous to the pigment) and tannins (which help the pigments latch on). It may sound counterintuitive but, to avoid staining, brush *before* drinking the wine, not right after. Brushing before gets rid of the film of developing plaque on teeth to which the wine pigments could otherwise stick. Don't brush for at least 30 minutes after drinking, since brushing can cause temporary etching in tooth enamel that has been softened by the wine's acidity, and this could boost the ability of the stain to soak in. Instead, rinse your mouth with water after drinking wine to help remove the staining particles. Eating while you drink helps stop staining by acting as a barrier to the acids and by promoting saliva flow.

### **CEMETERY REGULATIONS**

- **Please note ... all Christmas Wreaths & Decorations must be removed as soon as possible**
- All decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day and 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 receptacles at Cemetery.