

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

A CT scan lets doctors to look into the body where a problem may be lurking, so treatment may be offered. In performing our own spiritual CT scan, we are our own doctor; no one else can do it. We ask ourselves a crucial question: "Do I truly believe?" Then, we must tell the real truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. If there are little cancers of doubt or uncertainty, we have our own diagnosis and we need to work ahead to do it.

This Sunday's gospel gives the greatest reassurance that everything is going to be all right. The believer need have no fear of death because when it comes, we simply follow Jesus to the Father. Jesus says, "*Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.*"

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 27 – 9:00 a.m. @ Cemetery

DECEASED OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY

Tuesday, May 28 – 9:00 a.m.

EDNA FRIE (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Wednesday, May 29 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY NORKUS (Verna Sauers)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 a.m. – Thursday – May 30

FLORENCE & EARL TROPP

5:15 p.m. – Thursday – May 30

JOHN HELLER (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Friday, May 31 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPHINE KOCHOL (Pat Klassen)

Saturday, June 1 – 5:00 p.m.

MALIA FAMILY (Ann Butz)

Sunday, June 2 – 8:15 a.m.

JOSEPHINE & FRANK BROZANA

(Don & Joanne Doyne)

Sunday, June 2 – 10:30 a.m.

CECELIA & ROBERT WEISS

(Pat & Phil Markovich)

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th will take place in St. John's Cemetery, 20th & Mahantongo Sts. at **9 a.m.** If inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel.



PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who are the people who have helped you believe?

Whom do you help?

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Barbara & Carl Weiss by Sandy Clauser

St. Joseph - For Prayers answered

by M/M Stan Viduszynski

Tabernacle – For Prayers answered

by M/M Stan Viduszynski

Sanctuary

1. Living & Deceased of St. John's

Catholic Women's Union

2. IMO Joseph M. Wollyung by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

3. IMO Barbara & Carl Weiss by Sandy Clauser

4. For Prayers answered by M/M Stan Viduszynski

Guardian Angels

1&2. For Prayers answered by M/M Stan Viduszynski

SCHEDULE

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 a.m. – Thursday – May 30th

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace

Servers: Stanley & Aleksander Gorski,

Macie Rushannon

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

5:15 p.m. – Thursday – May 30th

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla

Servers: Bethany, Trinity, Izabella Reedy

Cantor: Mary Bound

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5 p.m. – Saturday – June 1st

Reader: Patty O'Neill

Euch.Min.: Hermine & Dan Murphy

Servers: Finley, Bennett, Lukas McNamara

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – June 2nd

Reader: Jen Daubert

Euch.Min.: George Forney, John Corbacio

Servers: Jackson & Hayden Daubert,

Samantha Heenan

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – June 2nd

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Dominic Chiplonia, Phil Markovich

Servers: Jude, Justice, Leah Scheidel

Cantor: Dave Derbes

ATTENTION

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **July & August** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call or email the Rectory by Friday, June 14th** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

THE AMAZING PARISH

Our bishop has asked St John's Parish to be part of a fantastic, nationwide Catholic program called the "Amazing Parish" (see amazingparish.org).

The goal is to help each parish become the best it can be and fulfill the mission of the church, by getting others to know Jesus and discover His great love for us!

Over the past six years the Amazing Parish, a non-profit Catholic management company, has helped over 1,300 parishes become 'amazing parishes', by getting lay people more involved in the short and long term decisions on how to run the parish and most effectively use its resources.

Each parish must form a **Parish Leadership Team** (PLT) to work with the Pastor. Father Dave has asked **Josette Peckman, Evelyn DeJesus, Bill Gianfagna and Bob Hahner** to volunteer for this leadership team. The diocese funded a 2 ½ day Amazing Parish Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, which took place May 13 to 15.

What will the PLT be doing for the next three months?

The team will meet weekly with Father Dave with three tasks in mind:

Pray together for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for each other.

Work hard at building the team in a healthy and effective way so they can best serve all of the members of St John's Parish Family and support our Pastor.

Practice living a life of active discipleship so we can personally share Jesus with others.

During the next four months, Father Dave and the Parish Leadership Team, will receive direct phone calls, video support and coaching from an experienced member of the national Amazing Parish Staff. The Amazing Parish Staff has an in-depth experience working with parishes from all over the country and with parishes both large and small.

They will guide us to determine what St. John's unique contribution is to the overall mission of the church, St. John's parishioners, and the community of Pottsville. It will also strategize how to better carry out that contribution. Our goal is ultimately for St. John's to become an even more vibrant, growing and evangelizing parish family.

Please pray for the Parish Leadership Team and feel free to speak to Father and any of the team members to learn more about the process.

The Parish Leadership Team

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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Ascension of the Lord

The Mass schedule for the Holy Day is as follows:

Thursday, May 30th -- 9:00 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.

PENTECOST SUNDAY – June 2nd

This great feast marks the birth of the Christian Church by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. **Red** is the liturgical color for this day and it is encouraged that the faithful wear **red** to Church that day. **Red** is symbolic of the love of the Holy Spirit and recalls the tongues of flame by which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

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 Aleece for information 570-449-7678.

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: Rita Troutman, Margaret Nabholz.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

**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:

Term expires 2020 **Term expires 2021**

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
2nd Vice-President: Kevin McNamara

NOMINATION BALLOT

I Nominate:

(a) _____

(b) _____

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 18/19: \$ 3,851.50

Parish Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,349.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

Total Goal: \$ 31,744.76

Amount Collected: \$ 2,470

Number of Donors: 19

Mid-Summer Festival

This year's dates ...

Friday, July 19th & Saturday, July 20th

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Mark your calendars!

More details to follow in upcoming bulletins

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POT LUCK STAND



Attention Parishioners !!! Once again we are asking for your help in making this year's Pot Luck Stand a success. You have been very generous in the past and we are very grateful for your donations. Please save all those unwanted items that you received for Birthdays, Christmas, etc. They will make great prizes for our Pot Luck Stand.

NEW & UNUSED ITEMS ONLY.

Items will be accepted beginning in June. Drop off dates and times will be in next week's bulletin.

ITEMS CANNOT BE DROPPED OFF AT RECTORY

As always, thank you very much for your support and help...

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Special's Table

Would you like to donate a basket for our Special's Table at the Festival?



We are asking for **15 Baskets.**

A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church suggestions are listed. Basket minimum value should be approximately **\$30 - \$50.** **Gift Certificates** are always accepted and greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Basket should be completed and wrapped.
Baskets can be dropped off at the Russell Building
Wednesday, July 17th or Thursday, July 18th.
Baskets CANNOT be dropped off at the rectory.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

GOLF COACH OPENING

Must have previous golf experience (professional or informal), familiarity with the rules of the USGA, and flexible schedule. Interested candidates should send résumé, certifications and all clearances to:



Nativity BVM High School

Attn: Josh Muldowney

One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901

CURIOSITY SHOP/ Yard Sale

June 21 & 22

... *Watch future bulletins for times each day ...*



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 1st ----- 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

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We appreciate advertisers who support St. John's by advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize their business and let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin.

HAUPTLY ELECTRIC - PLUMBING - CARPENTRY

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/Furnaces / General Home Repair

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Pray FOR OUR TROOPS

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chr. 7:14 NIV)



Please join us in our prayers for the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and other countries who are now in harm's way in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other parts of the world. We thank them and their families for their sacrifices.

We are grateful for the ultimate price of freedom paid by those fallen. We pray for strength and courage for the POWS and Missing in Action and those held hostage.

We pray for the protection and safety of selfless relief workers and missionaries who help those in need.

We pray for the protection of children and innocent civilians.

We pray for our nation and our leaders.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers those who during the past year have completed their pilgrimage of faith on earth.

May 2018 - May 2019

Mary Alfonsi
Dorothy Elison
Dominic DeFrank
John Heller
Joanne Hepler
Cecelia Hock
Helen Krupa
Annette Lieberman
Dolores Lynn

Patrick Murphy
Margaret Nabholz
Robert Norkus
Richard Oswald
George Post
Richard Pugh
Theresa Mary Rinaldo
Charles Tamburelli
Kay Troutman
Candida Webber

FAMILY MATTERS

Honoring Veterans. In our families, over the years many have served in the military. Too many have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country's freedom. Today we give thanks to God for all those families who have had loved ones die for the cause of freedom. We salute also our veterans and thank them for their service.

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

Observe good faith and justice toward all nations.

Cultivate peace and harmony with all.

.... George Washington

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

May

- 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 & 5:15 pm.

June

- 1 Yard Sale Drop Off – 8 a.m. to noon – R.B.
4 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
10 Parish Council – 7 p.m. – L.H.
11 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
12 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
15/16 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
18 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
19 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
25 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – u p.m. – F.R.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

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 10th 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

— Happy Memorial Day!
Create special memories for your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

VOCATION HOLY HOUR

— Bishop Schlert invites families from the Diocese of Allentown to join him for a *Vocation Holy Hour* in prayer for the transitional Deacons to be Ordained to the Priesthood: Rev. Mr. Giuseppe C. Esposito, Rev. Mr. John C. Maria, Rev. Mr. Zachary R. Wehr and Diocesan Act of Consecration to the Blessed Mother; **7 p.m. – May 31st** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1025 W. Turner St., Allentown. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER

... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Monday, May 27th at 5 p.m.** followed by Veneration of the first-class relic of St. Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics and of all who are sick at Our Lady's Chapel in St. Patrick's.

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

sponsored by St. Mary's Church in Ringtown on **Saturday, June 8th**. Registration 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; \$20 per team; please call 570-985-7311. **BLOCK PARTY ... Friday, June 7th from 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, June 8th from 12 to 10 p.m.** Homemade Food, Beer, Basket Auction, Child Games, Bounce House, Great Bands ... Friday – New Individuals; Saturday – Another Side.

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. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.”
