

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

All during the Easter season we have heard assurances of Jesus' continued presence among us. This Sunday's gospel continues that pattern. After commissioning the doubting disciples, Jesus says, "I am with you always." If Jesus were speaking to us today He might say, "I've got your back" or "You can count on me." It's the very essence of covenant fidelity that describes our God. It is our task to make sure that it also describes us as faith communities.

Who in our town, city or neighborhood needs to hear from us these assuring words: "We've got your back"?

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – May 28 – 9:00 a.m.

DECEASED OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY

Tuesday, May 29 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICIA HAHNER (M/M Brian Cholko)

Wednesday, May 30 – 9:00 a.m.

FLORENCE & EARL TROPP

Thursday, May 31 – 9 a.m.

ANNA KURTEK (Fran & Joan Machita)

Friday, June 1 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN & PHLOMENA CARROLL (Family)

Saturday, June 2 – 5:00 p.m.

M/M WILLIAM BERCHER (Kathleen Williams)

Sunday, June 3 – 8:15 a.m.

ANNA ORLOWSKY (Dot Ryan & Family)

Sunday, June 3 – 10:30 a.m.

ROBERT & CECELIA WEISS (Family)

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

What is your understanding of power?
Whom do you consider powerful?

Next Week's Readings

MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (June 2/3)

Reading I: Exodus 24:3-8

Reading II: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II – Michael Hummel & Tiffany Reedy

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO John & Philomena Carroll by Family

St. Joseph - IMO Freeman Ralston by Linda Ralston

Tabernacle – IMO Carl & Barbara Weiss

by Sandy Clauser

Sanctuary

1. IMO Carl & Barbara Weiss by Sandy Clauser

2. Deceased of Gillis Family by Debbie Matz

3. Gillis & Matz Family Members by Debbie Matz

4. IMO Peter Meseravage by Judy Meseravage

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Robert Zuppert Sr. by Carol Zuppert

2. IMO David Shom by Judy Whelski

SCHEDULE

MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

5 p.m. – Saturday – June 2nd

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Robert Wollyung, Dan & Hermine Murphy, Bill Schweikert

Servers: Kaitlin Painter, Lindsay & Luke Garvey

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – June 3rd

Reader: Dave Smith

Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb, Gerry Schwartz, John Corbacio

Servers: Samantha Heenan, Ryan & Dylan Schreffler

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – June 3rd

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Phil Markovich, Mary Modesto, Dominic Chiplonia, Janet Daubert

Servers: Grant Lapachinsky, Aidan Cassidy, Alisha Weiss

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 Monday, June 17th** 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, Angela Pfeil Hamm, Theresa Tuite, Bob Lynn, Anastasia Bulino, Margaret Curry, Joe Brahler. **Deceased:** Dominic DeFrank

*Let me happily wander homeward without trouble and fear. Protect me, protect the others, heavenly Father.
Amen.*

WE WELCOME OUR SEMINARIAN

We welcome to our parish a seminarian from the diocese, **Robert "Bobby" Rienzo**. Bobby arrived here at St. John's this past Tuesday and will be here until July 18th. He is a graduate of Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, and has completed his first year of Pre-Theology at St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. Bobby is from Macungie in the Allentown area and he and his family are members of St. Thomas More Parish in Allentown. His summer assignment here will be to help with various aspects of parish life. When you see Bobby, please give him a warm St. John's welcome. We are happy and honored to have Bobby with us!



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 visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

St. John's Total Goal: \$ 34,792.84

Amount Collected: \$ 7,530.00

Number of Donors: 70; Participation: 10.37%

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)

"Families are images of the ever-creative power and life of the Holy Trinity and the fruitfulness of the relationship between Christ and his Church."

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:

Term expires 2019

John Consugar

Christy Joy

Kevin McNamara

Patty O'Neill

Nick Quinn

Term expires 2020

Joseph Gerchak

Alicia Kleman

Al Norkus

Josette Peckman

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**

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.



Mid-Summer Festival

Friday, July 20th & Saturday, July 21st
5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Mark your calendars!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 30th – 7 p.m.
in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

New faces are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Please bring your suggestions. All are welcome!



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.

You can also drop them off at the rectory. As always, thank you very much for your support and help...



SPECIALS TABLE



Would you like to donate a basket for our Specials 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 18 or Thursday, July 19
Baskets CANNOT be dropped off at the rectory.

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

May

- 28 Mass at St. John's Cemetery – 9 a.m.
- 29 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 30 Mid-Summer Festival Mtg. – 7 p.m. – F.R.

June

- 5 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 11 Parish Council Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 12 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 13 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 16/17 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
- 19 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 20 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 26 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

"Where there is faith in My real presence, there will be adoration; and where there is adoration, there will also be an efficacious radiance of My presence..."

Words of Our Lord, IN SINU JESU

We need adorers for the following hours:

Monday 10 p.m.; Tuesday 9 & 10 a.m.

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

Please call Aleece 449-7678.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

RED WHITE & BLUE MASS All Police, Firefighters, First Responders, Legal Professionals, Health Care Workers, & their Families are invited to join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert as he celebrates the First

RED WHITE & BLUE MASS

Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm

at Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, 18th and Turner Sts. in Allentown. Please wear your uniforms.

Reception to follow in the Parish Activities Center

RSVP: rwbmass@gmail.com

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 19/20: \$ 4,306.00

Parish Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,302.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Weekend June 2/3 .. will be taken up for the **Potluck Stand** at this year's Mid-Summer Festival. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

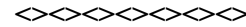
Monday, May 28th at 5 p.m. followed by Veneration of the first-class relic of St. Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics and of all who are sick at Our Lady's Chapel in St. Patrick's.

WILDWOOD ITALIAN STYLE - JERSEY SHORE: ... sponsored by St. Matthew's Travelers' Adventures from **September 24 to 27**. For more information please call Julie 544-5231 or Millie 628-5413.

POTTSVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

TEENS: Are you looking for summer job opportunities? Come to the Pottsville Free Public Library to learn about PA CareerLink's Youth Work Experience program with Tommie.

Ann McShaw, Youth CareerLink Specialist.
Tuesday, June 5th @ 6pm. Ages 14-18.



Summer Youth Programs
@ the Pottsville Free Public Library.

The summer programming session at the Pottsville Free Public Library **begins June 11**. There's Summer Quest for school-age kids. We also have story times for toddlers and preschoolers; Family Night, and Lunch at the Library for school age kids; and programs for young adults. Please call 570-622-8880 ext. 12 or visit www.pottsvillelibrary.org.

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.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

May 2017 - May 2018

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| Francis Bercher | Frederick Montag |
| Catherine Bowers | Kathleen Norkus |
| Kathryn Buehler | Dorothy Prokop |
| Dominic DeFrank | Verna Sauers |
| Elizabeth Ginther | Gerald Schoenauer |
| Elizabeth Gustitis | Lucille Spotts |
| Patricia Hahner | Cecelia Weiss |
| Josephine Kochol | Raydell Wychunas |
| John Lieberman IV | |

*A land which the Lord, thy God, careth for;
the eyes of the Lord, thy God, are always upon it,
from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.* ... Deuteronomy 11:12

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER: ... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on

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*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? Ps. 27:1*