

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Many dogs bury their treasured bones so that they can enjoy them later. Humans do the same thing only their treasure is money. There must be plenty of coffee cans full of cash still buried in the back yards of rich old guys who didn't trust the banks. Who knows how many buried treasures lie undiscovered under the beaches of the Caribbean.

There is the legend of Superstition Mountain near Apache Junction, Arizona, in the United States. Legend has it that there is a hidden gold mine up there. The Superstition Mountains are a tourist attraction and each year thousands try to find the mine.

This Sunday's gospel parable is a very clever buried treasure story. The discoverer buried the treasure in a field and then sold everything he had to buy that field. Jesus, of course, is using this story to remind us of the treasure of his Kingdom and how we need to sell everything we have in order to possess it.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 31 – 9:00 a.m.

BETTY KETNER

(Mary Ann Schweikert & Josephine Gallagher)

Tuesday – August 1 – 9:00 a.m.

ALEX & MARIAN KRISTON (Ronald Kriston Family)

Wednesday, August 2 -- 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS BERCHER (John & Joyce Gerace)

Thursday – August 3 – 9:00 a.m.

FRED FANELLI SR. (Michael & Mary Lou Prock)

Friday – August 4 – 9 a.m.

FRANCIS SAUERS (Verna Sauers)

Saturday, August 5 – 5 p.m.

SCOTT BOWERS (Scott Williams)

Sunday – August 6 – 8:15 a.m.

MARGARET PFLUGER (Ed & Mary Hauck)

Sunday – August 6 – 10:30 a.m.

BARBARA & CARL WEISS (Weiss Family)

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Tuesday – August 1

at York Terrace Nursing Home

GRACE STOFFERGEN (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: *Fred & Magdalene Maskerines, Mary Connell, Caitlin McGarry, Jerry Schoenauer, Mary Zambo, Carol Heacock, Paul Burns, Dorothy Blum, Peter Darhun, Beth Barnes.*

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Special Intention by Chris Black

St. Joseph - For Carl's Health by Carl & Toni Wiest

Tabernacle - Living & Deceased of

St. John's Catholic Women's Union

Sanctuary - All Sanctuary Candles ...

IMO Francis Sauers by Verna Sauers

Guardian Angels

1. Special Intention by Chris Black

2. IMO Christina (Tina) Selinko Searle by Family

SCHEDULE

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – August 5th

Reader: Christine Disabella

Euch.Min.: Paul & Mary Ann Filiaci

Servers: Josh Cooper, Mark Disabella, Riley Doyle

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 6th

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Donna Connors, George Forney

Servers: Logan, Joseph, Brooke Palko

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 6th

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Charlie Miller, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Joshua Steffan, Kyra Sophy, Evelyn Datte

Cantor: Dave Derbes

ATTENTION

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

Next Week's Readings

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD(August 5/6)

Reading I: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Reading II: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John's Rectory, 622-5470, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions!

Bishop-Elect Schlert's Ordination/Installation Information

In celebration of the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Alfred Schlert as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, the Diocese will be having two liturgical services:

1. Solemn Vespers at which the Bishop-elect will make a Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena in Allentown (1825 Turner Street, Allentown, PA. 18104). This event is open to the public. As the Allentown Fair will be occurring, all parking will be at St. Thomas More Church (1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown, PA. 18105). Continuous shuttles will be running beginning at 5:00 PM. Light refreshments in the Parish Activity Center will follow and everyone will have a chance to greet the Bishop-Elect.

2. The Mass of Ordination will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena on **Thursday, August 31 at 2:00 p.m.** Because of space limitations at the Cathedral, attendance at this event is by **invitation only**. The Ordination/Installation will be broadcast live on Service Electric and Blue Ridge Cable TV locally. Efforts are underway to have it broadcast nationally as well. It will also be live streamed on the Diocesan Facebook page www.Facebook.com/DioceseofAllentown

As Christian men we are called to live out the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is especially hard to do it alone and to keep our lives in balance. We invite all men in the parish to come and give this program a try. The format is a Gospel Reflection, a reading of the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, afterwards a brief moment of reflection, spontaneous discussion of how that reading impacts each of us at that moment and in our lives today. **This is NOT a Bible study group** ... the Holy Spirit will be the teacher! We will also pray for your intentions at the end of each session.

When: Tuesdays --- 7 to 8 p.m.

Subject: the impact of the Gospel reading for each man's heart, mind and life expressed in his own words.

Preparation: bring a copy of the Gospel Reflection Sheet from website ... Stewardshipmission.org

For any question or more information, please contact Bill Gianfagna (573-0105) or Luis R. Visot (622-8798).

CCD Registration

Please make sure your child is enrolled in a Religious Education Program.

\$60.00 – First Child

\$55.00 – additional Child

Please register ASAP

Registration forms are available at the rectory during the week or at the church exits on weekends.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP ??

For September 2017 we need help with

Pre-School & Children's Liturgy

A Mom to help out on Sunday's during the first half of 10:30 Mass.

CCD Teachers / Substitutes

1st and 2nd Grade Teachers needed.

CCD Aides

If interested please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or call 622-5470.

I am interested in:

- _____ helping with the **Pre-School / Children's Liturgy** on Sunday's during the first half of the 10:30 Mass.
- _____ teaching during **Sunday's CCD** from 9 to 10:15 a.m.
- _____ helping out the **CCD** teachers on Sundays from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Open Hours with Jesus

"Consider your allotted hour of adoration as an hour of paradise ... Sweetly keep alive the desire for it in your heart. Tell yourself: in four hours, in two hours, in one hour, I will go to our Lord's audience of grace and love; he invited me, he awaits me, he desires me."

... St. Peter Julian Eymard

We need adorers for the following hours:

Tuesday 4 a.m.

Saturday 1 & 9 p.m.

Sunday 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 Albert 573-0036 or Aleece 449-7678.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

Total Goal: \$ 35,309.04

Amount Collected: \$12,174.00

Number of Donors: 101

Participation: 14.96%

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 22/23: \$ 5,230.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR MEN

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

PUGH FAMILY BEAN SOUP

The Pugh Family and all their descendants would like to extend amazing thanks and gratitude to all our patrons and soup lovers ... from this year and many years before!

This special year marked 50 years for our family tradition and we are still going strong thanks to St. John the Baptist Parish Family, friends and neighbors! Generations of people enjoying our bean soup, coming back year after year, simply amazes and humbles us! We are extremely blessed and love to hear time after time "Best Bean Soup around!!" We thank each and every



one of you so much!!

Acknowledgements and History

Mary Pugh Adams & Family
Doris Pugh Prozzillo & Family
Carol Pugh Vinskie & Family
William L. Pugh & Family
Hilda Pugh Maley & Family
Richard Pugh & Family
Vicki Pugh Pinder & Family

The original recipe and stand was created by William H. Pugh, husband of Mary D. Pugh. As the years went on, their children carried on the tradition and now the third generation of Pugh's have stepped forward to do the same.

The men of the family cut up the ham, prep and clean the pots, soak the beans, prepare the soup, maintain the fire, and most importantly, hold the coveted secret recipe!

The ladies of the family cut up all the veggies, organize the counter area, serve patrons, pack orders to go, account for all the quart orders, and tallying our bean soup totals.

All of us take turns helping, donating time and money. Some of us are regulars that you see every year and others step in and help at a moment's notice when the regulars can't. There are many that help behind the scenes as well. We work together as a family and bring new meaning to "all hands on deck!"

And so from our family to yours --- **THANK YOU!**

And here's to 50 more blessed years!

CURIOSITY SHOP/ Yard Sale

September 2017

... 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	Jewelry	Toys / Games
Serving Dishes	Purses	Puzzles
Knick Knacks	Candles	Tablecloths
Kitchen Items	Doilies	Candy Dishes
Framed Paintings		CD's, DVD's

CLEAN ITEMS ONLY

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
NO EASTER / SPRING ITEMS

ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE

Saturday, August 5th ----- 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

Mid-Summer Festival

Thank You to *Maureen & Dave Derbes* for donating many various prizes for our game wheels.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

KEVIN BRENNAN MEMORIAL CARNIVAL

to be held Friday, August 4th and Saturday, August 5th at the school grounds. Live entertainment each night; Homemade Foods; Bake Sale; Yard Sale; Games for Kids; Chinese Auction and much more!



**UNFORTUNATELY THE
 FAMILY FUN DAY AT
 KNOEBELS AMUSEMENT PARK
 HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS
 YEAR.**

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.

Suggestions are as follows:

- *Ready to eat **Canned Goods** with pop tops (easy open)
- *Items not condensed (ready to eat)
- *Individually wrapped bags of **Cookies, Chips, Pretzels**
- *Individual packs of **Crackers**
- *Individual small jars of **Peanut Butter**
- *Individual packets of **Peanut Butter**
- ***Protein and Granola Bars**
- ***Bottled Water**
- ***Juice 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

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? **Retrouvaille** may be the **LIFELINE** that you need! It is *not* just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The **next program** begins the weekend of **August 11-13** at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For more information or to register for one of our weekends, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

will be held on **Sunday, September 17th** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St., Allentown, at 3:00 p.m. We cordially invite couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register online at <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass> or refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form through email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org or by calling 610-289-8900 ext. 2028. The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Natural Family Planning, 2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The **deadline for registration is September 8, 2017.**

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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...

Using a sit-stand desk burns only a few extra calories an hour, according to a small study in *Occupational Medicine*. Researchers had 18 people do standardized deskwork while standing, sitting, or alternating between sitting and standing every half hour. Standing for an hour burned, on average, 8 extra calories compared to sitting (for a 165-pound person), while dividing the hour between sitting and standing burned 6 extra calories. Thus, alternating between sitting and standing every half hour over an eight-hour workday would burn about 48 extra calories.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER ... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Monday, July 30th 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.

PARISH FESTIVAL, sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker on **Friday, Saturday, Sunday ... August 4,5,6** at St. Ann's Picnic Grove, 49 N. Line St. in Frackville. Homemade ethnic foods, Entertainment, Themed Basket Auction, Raffle Drawing, etc. Polka Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish on Sunday, August 6th at 11:30 a.m.