

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The cruise ship orchestra's drummer began a sustained drum roll as "Marvo, the world's greatest magician" solemnly declared: "I will now make Pietro the Parrot disappears right before your eyes." The drum beat got louder as the audience members for the evening show simultaneously held their breath. Marvo dramatically approached his parrot as it sat on its perch. With wide gestures, he picked up Pietro with both hands and slowly lowered the bird into a double-bottomed canister. When he put the lid on the canister the drum roll stopped. At that moment, there was a tremendous explosion and much to the fright of the audience, the ship immediately sank.

Floating now in the listless canister, Pietro spotted Marvo who was clinging to some boat's debris. The parrot called across the water: "Good going, Marvo, but how did you make the ship disappear?"

As we imagine the Transfiguration of Jesus, we might wonder why Peter, upon witnessing this amazing spectacle, didn't ask Jesus, "How did you do that?" Instead, Peter only declares, "It is good for us to be here," offering to erect tents for everyone. Jesus first prayed, then the "magic" happened; in the Transfiguration, we see the answer to our own prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 7 – 9:00 a.m.

PEGGY & EDDIE PETROVICH (Derbes Family)

Tuesday – August 8 – 9:00 a.m.

EDWARD LOEPER (Mr.&Mrs. James Loeper)

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

DANIEL SEIGER (Gene Pedriani)

Thursday – August 10 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNA ORLOWSKY (Runkle Family)

Friday – August 11 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY LEBLANC (John & Joyce Gerace)

Saturday, August 12 – 5 p.m.

SYLVIA & FRANCIS BERCHER (Family)

Sunday – August 13 – 8:15 a.m.

GEORGE & SADIE POST (George & Bob Post)

Sunday – August 13 – 10:30 a.m.

JULEANNE STEFFAN (Joe, Maureen, Joey Kurtek)

Next Week's Readings

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 12/13)

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Reading II: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Carol Kramer Tamburelli

by Herb Tamburelli Family

St. Joseph - In thanksgiving by Bob & Irene Post

Tabernacle - For Toni's Health by Carl & Toni Wiest

Sanctuary

1. For Dawn's Health by Carl & Toni Wiest

2. IMO Mr.&Mrs. Joseph Hudak by Becky Weiss

3. IMO Mr.&Mrs. Richard Weiss by Becky Weiss

4. IMO Mrs. Anna Melicharek by Becky Weiss

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Edward Kuperavage by Steve & Chris Zanis

2. In Thanksgiving by Mary & Bob Porter

SCHEDULE

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – August 12th

Reader: Carol Lasco

Euch.Min.: Hermine & Dan Murphy

Servers: Cooper Chiplonia, Caroline Gist, Alyssa Sheriff

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 13th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Michael Ambrose, John Corbacio

Servers: Ryan & Emma Seiger, Dylan Shea

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 13th

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace, Justina Majestic

Servers: Noah & Helena Fredericks, Dylan Bohorad

Cantor: Melody Newhard Kirk

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.

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, Jerry Schoenauer, Mary Zambo, Carol Heacock, Dorothy Blum, Beth Barnes, Toni Wiest, Carl Forster.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 29/30: \$ 5,011.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

**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

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR MEN

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).

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!

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: \$12,954.00
Number of Donors: 101
Participation: 14.96%

SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL



Sunday Pre-School will begin soon. Classes are held in Longinus Hall during 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday. All parish children ages 3 to 6 (and not yet in 1st grade) are eligible for this program. The children

are given an opportunity to interact with other children while learning about God through stories, music, activities and games. The children will also be provided with a small snack each week.

We would like to broaden and expand our program, so we need greeters, storytellers, musicians, as well as those who want to aid in these areas.

A **\$12.00 Registration Fee** to cover the costs of the lessons, supplies, and snacks is required for each child upon registration. *All children attending classes must be registered.* Any questions, please contact the Rectory 622-5470.

Please drop Registration Form and Fee in the collection basket or send to the rectory as soon as possible.



PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Allergies, please list _____

Father's Name _____

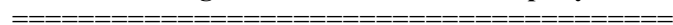
Mother's Maiden Name _____

Parent's Response: I can help in the following ways:

_____ Teacher _____ Aide _____ Greeter

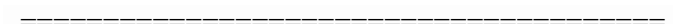
_____ Musician _____ Snacks _____ Storyteller

*** \$12.00 Registration Fee must accompany form***



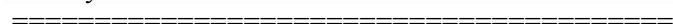
BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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.



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.



LITURGY of the WORD

The Children's Liturgy takes place at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in Longinus Hall. During this time, children in grades 1, 2, 3



listen to the Sunday Readings in words they understand and try to apply the words of Jesus to their own lives. They return to their families after the Prayer of the Faithful (Offertory) to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the entire community.

All children attending classes must be registered.

The Gospel **needs you** -- will you say yes? For more information, call the Rectory 622-5470.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name _____

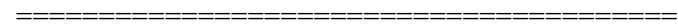
Age _____ Grade _____ Phone _____

Allergies, please list _____

Parents _____

*** \$10.00 Registration Fee must accompany form***

Please drop in the collection basket or send to the rectory as soon as possible.



CCD Registration

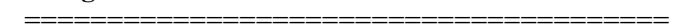
Please make sure your child is enrolled in a Religious Education Program.

\$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 the **CCD teachers** on Sundays from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

CEMETERY REORGANIZATION MEETING

Anyone interested in being part of this

Reorganized Cemetery Committee is welcome
to attend ...

Wednesday, August 16th at 7 p.m.

in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

All are welcome --- share your ideas, concerns!

MEMORIALS

In Memory of: EDWARD MONTAG

Donated by:

Tony & Anne Gaburick
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In Memory of: ELIZABETH

GUSTITIS

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Bill & Diane Haney
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ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

POSITION AVAILABLE ... Transition Coordinator

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc. is seeking a caring and motivated individual to coordinate and oversee its program for transition learning and assessment for students with special needs in simulated work settings and community based jobs. This is a part-time 29 hour/week position with the potential for full-time depending on the education and qualifications of the candidate. Applicant must be willing to transport students to various worksites using either their personal or school vehicle. Please come to the school (2075 West Norwegian Street, Pottsville) during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Monday through Thursday only) or email stjosephcenter@comcast.net to provide your résumé, or request an application.

No phone calls please.

POTTSVILLE HOMELESS SHELTER “SERVANTS TO ALL”

Thank you to everyone for the many donations of food items over the past several weeks. Donations will be accepted until the end of August.

Please Note: Bottled Water donations are always needed and greatly appreciated.

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.**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – “*This is my chosen Son, listen to Him,*” came God’s voice from the clouds. Just as Jesus was transfigured, your marriage will be changed by God in an amazing way when you attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

**Our Festival Wrap-Up Meeting
will take place**

Tuesday, August 15th – 7 p.m.

in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

All are welcome!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED Eligibility ... male or female, 4th grade (in Fall) to 12th grade ... if interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

*... If we love one another, God lives in us.
1 John 4:12*

BULLETIN BOOSTERS

August 2017

IMO Carl Bartholomew IMO M/M James Loeper
IMO Harold Bartholomew IMO Charles Lorenz

IMO Robert Berger
 IMO Edward Christ
 Fr. Don Henry
 IMO M/M Herbert Henry
 Joanne Hepler
 IMO Clare Houser
 IMO Sophia Kapsha
 IMO Francis King
 Millie Fredericks
 Living & Deceased of St. John's CYO Program

IMO Felix & Agnes Narog
 IMO Carol Nygren
 Dorothy Parsick
 IMO Jeanne Rehnert
 IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert
 IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
 Marcie Schnerring
 IMO Margaret Zelinsky

children – grades 2nd to 8th -- enrolled in a Catholic school or public school. Participants in public school must be registered for CCD in order to play CYO sports.

Coaches Needed for Volleyball & Basketball

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thank you for doing the small things, like feeding your neighbors, with great love. God bless.

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Canned Fruit
Broth	Macaroni & Cheese
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Hot Chocolate
Hot Cereal packages	Apple Sauce
Cereal – boxed	Vegetable - Canned
Beef Stew	Spaghetti
Soups	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Canned Gravy	Canned Sweet Potatoes

NEEDED Item of the Month ---- CANNED SOUP

PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS

Please Do Not donate any nutritional drinks (Ensure, etc.)

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the 10th Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

SUMMER FESTIVAL sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish, Minersville, on **Sunday, August 20th** at the South Cass Fire Company Picnic Grounds in Primrose from noon to 9 p.m. Entertainment, Homemade Foods, Games, Bingo, Basket Auction, plus much more. Please call the rectory for more information 544-2211.

WINE FESTIVAL sponsored by St. Ambrose Parish on **Saturday, September 23rd** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 302 Randel St. in Schuylkill Haven. Tickets \$25.00; Advance tickets \$20.00; Designated Drivers \$5.00 ... Fabulous Wineries, Delicious Food Vendors, Awesome Craft Vendors ... Call the Rectory for Tickets and information 570-385-1031.

2017 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Mark your Calendars

Saturday & Sunday, November 11 & 12.

(Preview weekend – November 4 & 5.)

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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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.”

CYO SPORTS - SIGN-UPS



Registration forms for all St. John's CYO sports are available at the Rectory during the week; please call 622-5470 ext. 3. The fee is \$40.00 per family. CYO sports are open to all

