

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In May 1943, during a patrol mission, Lt. Louis Zamperini's B24 bomber crashed in the Pacific Ocean. Adrift for the next 47 days, he and two others survived on occasional rain water and raw fish. The book about his life, *Unbroken*, tells how God provides for all we need.

This Sunday's readings remind us that when Elijah was ready to give up and die, he was miraculously fed by God. The Jews, seemingly lost in the desert, found strength for their journey when they ate the manna that was sent down from heaven. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells the disciples and us that He is the Bread of Life.

We can be reassured that God will be the strength for our journey when we are helpless and hopeless.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 13 – 9:00 a.m.

ALESANDRO ALFONSI (Mike Semanchick)

Tuesday, August 14 – 9:00 a.m.

LESTOR MURTON

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday – August 15

9:00 a.m. – EDWARD SMITH (Charles Comut)

5:15 p.m. – HELEN KRUPA (Rita & Stiney Kruell)

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Thursday, August 16 – 9:00 a.m.

LISA ERF (Flynn Family)

Friday, August 17 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY O'NEILL (John, Cathy, Hannah Kostick)

Saturday, August 18 – 5:00 p.m.

LIVING & DECEASED OF GLUNZ FAMILY

(Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Sunday, August 19 – 8:15 a.m.

SADIE & GEORGE POST (George Post)

Sunday, August 19 – 10:30 a.m.

PETER MESERAVAGE (Chris Smith)

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: *Angela Pfeil Hamm, Theresa Tuite, Joe Brahler, Helen Hufnagle*



May He give to all of you a heart to worship Him and to do His will readily and generously... 2 Maccabees 1:3

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Living & Deceased of Schwartz Family
by Ed & Gerry Schwartz

St. Joseph - IMO Fred & Ed Montag
by Paul & Bernadette Gombola

Tabernacle - IMO George Klassen Sr. by Family
Sanctuary

1. IMO Dorothy A. Rosenberger by Paul Rosenberger
2. IMO Kathy Buehler by Paul & Bernadette Gombola

3. IMO Sr. Mary Anna Heffron IHM
by Paul & Bernadette Gombola

4. IMO Fleischhutt Family by Bob & Mary Porter

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Bill Flynn by Flynn Family

2. IMO Richard & Christopher Cielinski
by Bob & Mary Porter

SCHEDULE

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 a.m. – Wednesday – August 15th

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Bill Schweikert

Servers: Stanley, Aleksander Gorski, Allegra Hossler

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

5:15 p.m. – Wednesday – August 15th

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: Robert Wollyung

Servers: Bethany, Trinity, Isabella Reedy

Cantor: Mary Bound

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – August 18th

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Janet Daubert, Mary Jean Morgalis,
(Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Noah Lecher, Reese Ketner, Isabelle Myers

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 19th

Reader: Dave Smith

Euch.Min.: Carol Forster, Bob Bechtel, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Ryan & Dylan Schreffler, Julia Botto

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 19th

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Phil Markovich,
Charlie Miller

Servers: Alexi & Julia Plachko, Madison Ryan

Cantor: Ensemble

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 4/5: \$ 4,982.25

Parish Dues: \$1,166.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

... is a Holy Day of obligation

Mass Times -- Wednesday, August 15th

9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does Jesus sustain your life today?

Next Week's Readings

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 18/19)

Reading I: Proverbs 9:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

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!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED Eligibility ...

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

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.

ATTENTION - SCHEDULE

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 13th** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

FAMILY MATTERS

Young Adults. We pray for the young adults of our parish who are often overlooked. May they increase in their faith and may the Holy Spirit continue to provide guidance in life's journey.

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

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP ??

For September 2018 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 / 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.

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***

Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for You

"Embark on a journey that begins before time itself, when Mary was only an eternal thought in the Mind of God, and extends into her life in Scripture. Discover Our Mother throughout centuries of Church history, as she intervenes at pivotal periods, especially at her most famous apparitions, when she made roses bloom on a hillside in Mexico, when she made a miraculous spring of water rise from the ground in Lourdes, and when she made the sun dance at Fatima. See the maternal care she has given to humanity and the battle she has waged against the evil one, the one she has put in enmity for all time. After seeing how she pursues us in love, learn how to grow closer to Mary, Our Mother, by making devotion to her a part of our daily life."

Please come and join others as we share in this educational program planned by the Adult Faith Formation Committee and developed by the St. Benedict Publishers. The course is open to all members of the parish from high school age on up. We will meet on **Sundays beginning on September 16 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** The cost of the associated workbook is \$15. It's an **8 week program** but each presentation is independent of the others. We believe that once you experience the bond of like-minded sons and daughters of Mary, you will not want to miss a session. But if you do, for some reason, a streaming code is available for those that register.

A sign-up sheet can be found on the table at the back of the church.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful the heart that bled that took all my sins and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful...How beautiful is the body of Christ!

We need adorers for the following hours:

Tuesday 9 a.m.; Thursday 4 a.m. & 5 a.m.;

Friday 12 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.

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

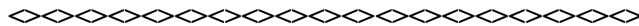
The Children's Liturgy takes place at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in Longinus Hall. During this time, children in grades 1, 2, 3 listen to the Sunday Readings in words they understand and try to apply the words of Jesus to their own lives.



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.

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 on **Wednesday, August 15th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** Meet the members and learn how you can



be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Spring Covered Dish Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed.

For more information call: Joan Deiter at 622-1381 or St. John's Rectory: 622-5470.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED Please consider hosting an international student for the school year. We are in need of host families for students who have already been accepted at Nativity BVM High School. Please contact Mrs. Holly Brutts, @ 570-628-2620 or 570-691-8816 or Mrs. Casey Turner @ 570-294-3547, our Educatius Coordinators or Eduardo Achach @ 570-691-8816. These coordinators can provide all of the necessary information including stipends that are available for host families. Thank you.

CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

Friday – August 24th – 4 to 7 p.m.

**Saturday – August 25th – 8 a.m. to 12 noon
at the Russell Building**



Don't miss it !!! If you like yard sales

....
this is the place to be. Various items including ... knick-knacks, dishes, kitchen items, jewelry, holiday decorations, framed prints, special Vintage Section and much, much more, plus foods are available for purchase. Something for everyone!! Join us!! (Questions... call the Rectory 622-5470 ext.3.)

DESSERTS/BAKED GOODS NEEDED ...

If you would like to donate a dessert item for our **Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale**, please drop off at the times listed above or call the rectory 622-5470 ext.3. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

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

**Monday, August 20th – 7 p.m.
in the Rectory Fellowship Room.
All are welcome!**

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY ... at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, 9 S. Broad Mt. Ave. in Frackville on **Thursday, August 16th from 7 to 8 p.m.** Presenter is Robert Voskuhl, Director of Spiritual Care at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Pottsville.

9TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING ... sponsored by St. Patrick Parish, Pottsville on **Saturday, September 15th** on the Mountain Course at Mountain Valley Golf Course in Barnesville. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Registration of \$75 includes greens and cart fees, luncheon, and on course refreshments. Students at high school or lower grade level fee is \$50. Prizes to winning teams of \$400, and \$160. Hole in One prizes and Putting contests also part of outing. For more information and reservations contact **Golf Outing Director, Dave Donlin at 570-573-1841, or by e-mail at dadmatd515p@comcast.net"**

2019 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Mark your Calendars

Saturday & Sunday, November 10 & 11.

(Preview weekend – November 3 & 4.)

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES If you live in Schuylkill County and have been impacted by recent flooding, Catholic Charities may be able to help. Call 570-628-0466.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Life rolls on ... jobs, kids, and activities keep you even busier during summer. Plan now for a break! Recharge your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. For more information, call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

NATIONWIDE NOVENA The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, **August 3–September 28**. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray/

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

MISSION OF FAITH FALL CONFERENCE to be held **September 19 & 20**. Join Bishop Schlert, and some great speakers like Jason Evert and Fr. Michael Gaitley, for a wonderful spiritual experience this fall. Enjoy the beautiful Star Barn Village. Mass, reconciliation, adoration to be celebrated each day. Men and women welcome. Visit www.stewardshipmission.org to register. You don't want to miss it!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS will be held **Sunday, September 23rd** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St., Allentown at 3:00 p.m. We cordially invite couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or fifty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register online at www.allentowndioocese.org/anniversarymass or refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form by email at MFLF@allentowndioocese.org. The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Natural Family Planning, 2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The registration deadline is September 13, 2018.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

August

- 14 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
15 Holy Day of Obligation – Feast of Assumption
20 Festival Wrap-Up Mtg. – 7 p.m. – F.R.
21 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
24/25 Yard Sale – R.B. (see bulletin for details)
26 Confirmation Parent Mtg. – 9:15 a.m. – L.H.
28 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

September

- 9 Fatima Holy Hour after 10:30 Mass – Church
9 CCD Begins
10 Parish Council Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
11 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
12 St. John's Beneficial Soc. Mtg. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
10 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
15/16 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
16 Adult Faith Formation – 4:30 p.m. – L.H.
16 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
18 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
19 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
23 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:30 p.m. – L.H.
25 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
30 Adult Faith Formation – 4:30 p.m. – L.H.
30 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

PART-TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION:

Seeking an individual to fill a part-time position of parish secretary at St. Richard's Church in Barnesville. Usual secretarial skills needed including some knowledge of working with computers. Ability to work efficiently and cordially with other people is required. Background checks and attendance at Protecting God's Children Program will also be required. Please submit resume to St. Richard Church, 799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, Pa 18214. Position opening at the beginning of August. No phone calls please.

PART-TIME JANITORIAL/SEXTON POSITION:

Seeking an individual to fill a part-time position of parish janitor/sexton at St. Richard's Church in Barnesville. Flexible hours available. Physical capability to perform sometimes heavy manual labor is necessary. Background checks and attendance at Protecting God's Children Program will be required. Please submit resume to St. Richard Church, 799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, Pa 18214. Position opening will be immediate. No phone calls please.

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
If you are visiting our beautiful church,
please know you are most welcome!
If you have questions or are interested in
joining our parish family, please call the
rectory 570-622-5470.

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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Don't assume that snacks and beverages that boast "matcha" in the name are healthful just because they contain this trendy ingredient. While matcha, a type of green tea made from the whole leaf, is rich in antioxidants and other potentially beneficial substances, it's increasingly being added to high-calorie, high-sugar, and high-fat foods. For instance, the grande (16 ounces) Matcha Lemonade at Starbucks has 7 teaspoons (27 grams) of sugar. Poky-brand matcha biscuit sticks contain 340 calories, 14 grams of fat (12 saturated), and 24 grams of sugar per 2.5 ounce container. Matcha cookies and ice cream typically have at least as many calories and as much fat as those with other flavors. There is even matcha KitKat candy. If you want the flavor and potential health benefits of matcha without nutrition pitfalls, stick with the tea itself, which is made by whisking the green powder in hot water --- or add matcha powder to a healthy fruit or yogurt smoothie.