

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

There were disciples who followed Jesus but later left him; those disciples are mentioned in this Sunday's gospel. Perhaps our life journey has been similar. Initially, we may have been enthusiastic about Jesus. Then, we have lately grown complacent.

On March 14, 1986, if you had invested \$10,000 into Microsoft stock, it would be worth more than \$6,192,264 today. That's a \$619 return for every dollar invested.

Peter and the other "early investor" disciples who followed Jesus have surely reaped untold treasures where the Lord has gone to prepare a place for them. Meanwhile, the market is still open for those who want to invest in Jesus, the Holy One of God.

Yours in Christ,

*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 27 – 9:00 a.m.

CATHERINE SABADISH

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Tuesday, August 28 – 9:00 a.m.

HOWARD FERNSLER (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Wednesday – August 29 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNA KURTEK (Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

Thursday, August 30 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPHINE KOCHOL, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

(Patricia Mitnitsky)

Friday, August 31 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS MCANDREW (M/M Anthony Carroll)

Saturday, September 1 – 5:00 p.m.

KATHY NORKUS (Ed & Joan Deiter)

Sunday, September 2 – 8:15 a.m.

ELLEN SCHLITZER (M/M George Yannicone)

Sunday, September 2 – 10:30 a.m.

JOHN B. LIEBERMAN IV

(Paul & Bernadette Gombola)

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which of Jesus' sayings do you find hard?

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### Next Week's Readings

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (September 1/2)

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Reading II: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 18/19: \$ 4,105.78

Assumption: \$ 1,146.00

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

## CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM

All Candles

St. Joseph

IMO Anthony Hoffman

Tabernacle

requested

Sanctuary

by

Guardian Angels

Mary Ann Holley

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### SCHEDULE

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – September 1<sup>st</sup>

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Bob Wollyung, Molly Zwiebel

Servers: Dylan Bohorad, Luke Garvey,  
Caroline Hobbs

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Reader: Jeff Naffin

Euch.Min.: Nicholas Quinn, Carol Lasco

Servers: Kelly & Lauren Goodman, Gabriella Quinn

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Reader: Jennifer Daubert

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Joyce Gerace

Servers: Justine, Grace, Leah Scheidel

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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### 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, Peggy Ebling, Carl Wiest, Florence Yeager.*

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### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I – Samantha Johnson & Christian Gardner

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### 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!

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## MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

This year's net profit ... \$ 16,363.75

Once again, a special "Thank You"  
to all who made the Festival a huge success!

**CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER**  
**“FAMILY HOLY HOUR”**

On **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** beginning after the 10:30 Mass, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a ‘Family Holy Hour’ held here at St. John the Baptist Parish. This is one of the twelve monthly holy hours throughout Schuylkill and Carbon counties since last November.

It is a good time to take a break from the business of everyday life and allow ourselves to be filled with God’s grace, to come before the Blessed Sacrament and to adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist and to thank him, to offer our petitions to him, and to make reparation for our sins and the sins of the whole world. This is a great opportunity to make ourselves and our families fully present to God so that we are better able to hear his voice and respond to him.

The Holy Hour will conclude at 1 p.m. with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us!

**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 **Sunday's 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.*

**PARISH COUNCIL**

St. John's Parish Council will meet .....

**Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.**

There are two ways that any parishioner may raise a question or concern or make recommendations.

1. Parishioners may approach any Parish Council Member listed below and ask that a question, concern, etc. be brought up at the meeting.
2. Parishioners may write their concerns, etc. and put it (them) in the suggestion box provided in the rear of the church. These may be signed or unsigned. They will then be brought up at the Council meeting.

**Elected Members**

Bob Bechtel  
John Consugar  
Paul Datte  
Joseph Gerchak  
Heidi Gorski \*\*  
Christy Joy  
Alicia Kleman  
Eric Lieberman \*\*  
Kevin McNamara  
Al Norkus  
Patty O'Neill  
Josette Peckman  
John Pfluger \*\*  
John Powers  
Nick Quinn  
Melissa Scheetz \*\*  
Martin Smith \*\*

**Appointed Members**

Lucilla Kochol  
Patty O'Neill  
Connor McNamara  
Joe Rehnert

**Ex-Officio**

Ed Brahler  
Deacon Larry Lonergan  
Deacon Luis R. Visot  
Father Dave Loeper

\*\*denotes new members

**Please Note – No Voting:** The Parish Council voting process was adjusted this year as the amount of accepted nominations met the need of the open positions.

**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.

## 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 Parents** .....

**CCD Begins**

**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

**in School Building.**

## **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\***

## **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.**

## **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.

## **2018 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Mark your Calendars ....

**Saturday & Sunday, November 10 & 11**

***(Preview weekend – November 3 & 4)***

An organization meeting to plan this year's Christmas Bazaar will take place

**Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
at the Russell Building. All are welcome!

## **=====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** - Before summer ends, decide on a get-away for just the 2 of you. Take time to re-charge your relationship on a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend. For more information, call 732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

**NATIONWIDE NOVENA** Each Friday, August 3–September 28, answer the U.S. bishops’ call to education, fasting, and prayer for the legal protection of human life. Join at [www.usccb.org/pray](http://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 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

at Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, 18<sup>th</sup> and Turner Sts. in Allentown. Please wear your uniforms. Reception to follow in the Parish Activities Center  
RSVP: [rwbmass@gmail.com](mailto:rwbmass@gmail.com)

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS  
**25% OFF\***  
**SHOPPING PASS**  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

- Bring your shopping pass to Boscov’s on **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** to receive **25%** off on most purchases.
- Deposit registration form on your Pass in the ballot box to win prizes.
- Receive free food and fellowship.
- Shopping Passes are good towards LAY-A-WAY Purchases too, so great for early Christmas shopping!

**PASSES ... \$5.00 each ... are available at the Rectory Office during the week.**

**PRE-SALE** for St. John’s will also be available at Boscov’s on the following dates:

**September 1, 6, 8, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28**

**October 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 15**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.**

(Thursdays & Fridays & Monday --10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Saturdays -- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***