

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today's technology, clever camera angles, and a green screen background allow us to insert a lake beneath our feet and virtually walk on water. These effects are especially exciting in the recently released movie "The Shack".

Eyes popped when Las Vegas show magician Criss Angel walked across the surface of a swimming pool full of people. A Plexiglas plate under the surface of the pool was disproved by the swimmers. Perhaps he wore clear walking stilts. No, he kicked off a shoe and went barefoot. However he did it, it was a great illusion, but we still know that it is an illusion.

If you were one of the disciples, far off shore, hanging in the midst of a turbulent sea that dark night, you might have lost your faith. But your faith would have come racing back when you saw Jesus walking across the water. As he came closer to the boat, the seas subsided.

If you were Peter, and still couldn't believe your eyes, would you be able to step out of the boat and confidently plant your foot on the surface of the dark glassy sea? This gospel challenges us all to have faith and believe in what we do not see.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 14 – 9:00 a.m.

ELLEN TOBIN MANGO

(Mildred Ditzler & Blanche Hornberger)

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday – August 15

9 a.m. – CARL BARTHOLOMEW

(James & Alexander Cuomo)

5:15 p.m. – JOSEPH TUIE (Theresa & Sisters)

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Wednesday, August 16 -- 9:00 a.m.

JOHN URMANAVAGE (Pat Klassen)

Thursday – August 17 – 8:00 a.m. (TIME CHANGE)

EMILY LEINHEISER (Charles & Irene Grabusky)

Friday – August 18 – 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE HAHNER JR. (Ed Hahner)

Saturday, August 19 – 5 p.m.

MATTHEW & MARK NORKUS

(Al & Kathy Norkus)

Sunday – August 20 – 8:15 a.m.

ELLEN SCHLITZER (Mr. & Mrs. Dave Wartella)

Sunday – August 20 – 10:30 a.m.

BETTY GUSTITIS (Catholic Women's Union)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Joseph & Helen Kennedy

by Dylan & Gavin Gerace

St. Joseph - IMO Joseph & Helen Kennedy

by Dylan & Gavin Gerace

Tabernacle - IMO Bill Flynn by Marie Flynn

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Family

2,3,4. IMO Bill Flynn by Marie Flynn

Guardian Angels

1. IMO George Klassen Sr. by Family

2. IMO Maureen Kalymun by Bernadette Gombola

SCHEDULE

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY

9:00 a.m. – Tuesday – August 15th

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Bill Schweikert

Servers: Stanley & Alek Gorski, Ethan Grabowski

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

5:15 p.m. – Tuesday – August 15th

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: Robert Wollyung

Servers: Bethany & Trinity Reedy, Allegra Hossler

Cantor: Mary Bound

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – August 19th

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Janet Daubert, Carol Lasco, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Noah Lecher, Vincent Prestileo, Isabelle Myers

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 20th

Reader: Dave Smith

Euch.Min.: Paul Gombola, Bob Bechtel,

(Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Evan & Gavin Woodward, Julia Botto

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 20th

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Phil Markovich,

(Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Alexi & Julia Plachko, Madison Ryan

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.

... the Lord will give grace and glory ...
Ps. 84:11

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Name someone who is courageous.

When have you needed courage?

Next Week's Readings

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Reading I: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

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

Reading I: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Reading II: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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, Dorothy Blum, Beth Barnes, Toni Wiest, Carl Forster, Ray Dee, Doug Broughton.*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

... is a Holy Day of obligation

Mass Times -- Tuesday, August 15th

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

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 12 & 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.

SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL



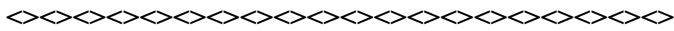
Sunday Pre-School will begin soon. Classes are held in Longinus Hall during 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday. All parish children ages 3 to 6 (and not yet in 1st grade) are eligible for this program. The children

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 _____

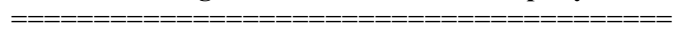
Mother's Maiden Name _____

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

_____ Teacher _____ Aide _____ Greeter

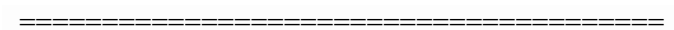
_____ Musician _____ Snacks _____ Storyteller

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



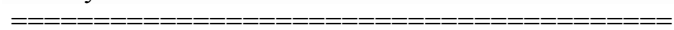
BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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 _____

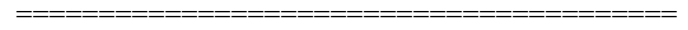
Age _____ Grade _____ Phone _____

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

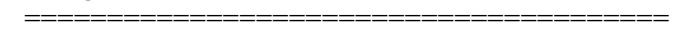
Please make sure your child is enrolled in a Religious Education Program.

\$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!

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We celebrated on August 6th the glorious baptism day of **Maelynn LeBlanc**, daughter of Marcel and Melissa (Glunz) LeBlanc. She became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and is now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity. We warmly welcome **Maelynn** into our parish family.



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

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.

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 16th 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 5/6: \$ 4,112.00; Dues: \$ 1,726.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

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 – “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid,” said Jesus as he came toward the disciples while walking on the sea. Your marriage can grow stronger by attending 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!

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

August

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| 14 | Adult Faith Formation Mtg. – 7 p.m. – F.R. |
| 15 | Holy Day of Obligation – Assumption
Masses 9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. |
| 15 | Festival Wrap-Up Meeting. – 7 p.m. – F.R. |
| 15 | Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m.– Rect. |

- 16 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 16 Cemetery Reorganizing Mtg. – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 22 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 29 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

September

- 5 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 10 CCD Begins
- 10 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 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. Mtg. – 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.
- 24 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 29 Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale – 4 - 7 p.m. – R.B.
- 30 Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale – 8 a.m.-12 .m. – R.B.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

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.”

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

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

Items Needed:

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| Stuffing Mix | Canned Fruit |
| Broth | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Coffee/Tea (instant) | Hot Chocolate |

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| 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 Co. Picnic Grounds, 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.

BLUE ARMY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE: Celebrate the Fatima Centennial in Asbury, New Jersey, on **Friday, October 13th**, sponsored by St. Matthew's Traveler's ... Cost \$25.00 ... For more info and reservations, please call Julie 570-544-5231 or Millie 570-628-5413.

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR: sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish on **Wednesday, November 29th**; Matinee at 11 a.m. Cost - Show & Bus \$107.00. For more info and reservations, call Julie 570-544-5231 or Millie 570-628-5413.

2017 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Mark your Calendars

Saturday & Sunday, November 11 & 12.

(Preview weekend – November 4 & 5.)