

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

After John the Baptist immersed Jesus in the water of the Jordan River, the Son of God rose up, water trickled down his face, standing anointed as he lifted his eyes to the skies. A heavenly confirmation came when the voice of God came from the heavens: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

At our own baptism, God says the same to us. We are anointed with his holy oil, we are garbed in white, we are given a lighted candle to keep the flame of faith burning brightly in our lives.

This Sunday's gospel reminds us that this is a good day to check our candles and make sure they are still burning.

Yours in Christ,

*Father Dave*

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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, Tom Jefferson, Jean Hill, Esther Smith, Paul Connors, Fred Maskerines, Dorothy Parsick, Frederick Hossler, Carol Heacock, Brian Eckley.* **Deceased:** *George Post*

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### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

### Weekday Mass Schedule (in Chapel)

Monday thru Friday – 9:00 a.m.

### Cemetery Information

John Consugar 622-2389

George Smith 544-3294

### C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

### Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

### New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

**Bulletin Deadline** – Tuesday prior to publication

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, January 14 – 9:00 a.m.**

**MICHAEL WISCOUNT** (Joseph McGraw)

**Tuesday – January 15 – 9:00 a.m.**

**STEVE & DOROTHY PROKOP**

(Gene & Peggy Ebling)

**Wednesday – January 16 – 9:00 a.m.**

**JOSEPHINE CAVANAUGH**

(Ed & Mary Jane Hahner)

**Thursday – January 17 – 9:00 a.m.**

**HENRY UCKELE** (Pat & Missy Scheetz)

**Friday, January 18 – 9:00 a.m.**

**MARIAN TERRY** (Chuck & Nicki Feeney)

**Saturday, January 19 – 5:00 p.m.**

**ZACHARY ZAHARIS** (Saturday Night Choir)

**Sunday, January 20 – 8:15 a.m.**

**CECELIA HOCK** (Donna Kern & John Jefferson)

**Sunday, January 20 – 10:30 a.m.**

**DOROTHY BLUM** (Linda Economy)

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**Solemnity of Mary: \$ 2,247.00**

**January 5/6: \$ 5,066.00**

**Christmas: \$ 19,070.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday – 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

or by appointment

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

### Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass

Baptismal Preparation for Parents **MUST** precede the Baptism.

Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

### Outreach Program

Rectory 622-5470

### Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC

Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

### Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT

(610) 332-0442 ext. 2019

## CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - IMO Dorothy Prokop by Gene & Peggy Ebling

**St. Joseph** IMO Steve Prokop by Gene & Peggy Ebling

**Tabernacle** IMO Peggy Carl by Susan Cook

### Sanctuary

1. IMO Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Doyle by Family

2. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

3. IMO John E. Cook by Susan Cook

4. Special Intention

### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Andrew Cook by Susan Cook

2. IMO Frances Cook Murton by Susan Cook

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## SCHEDULE

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### 5 p.m. – Saturday – January 19<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Ray Petrilla

**Euch.Min.:** Gerry Schwartz, Joe Rehnert

**Servers:** Vincent & Michael Prestileo, Noah Lecher

**Cantor:** Mary Bound

#### 8:15 a.m. – Sunday – January 20<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Bill Gianfagna

**Euch.Min.:** Jeff Naffin, Bob Bechtel

**Servers:** Gabriella Quinn, Christopher Hobbs,

Caroline Gist

**Cantor:** Debbie Purcell

#### 10:30 a.m. – Sunday – January 20<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Janet Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Joyce Gerace, Phil Markovich

**Servers:** Lauren & Kelly Goodman, Isabelle Myers

**Cantor:** Marianne Wollyung

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## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

How do you “proclaim peace” in your life, as Jesus did?

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## Next Week’s Readings

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (January 19/20)

**Reading I:** Isaiah 62:1-5

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**Gospel:** John 2:1-11

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## **BAPTIZED IN CHRIST**

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Lilah Mae DeColli**, daughter of Robert A. DeColli III and Samantha (Stump) DeColli.



We also celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Henry Eric Markovich**, son of Eric and Kirsten (Fleming) Markovich.

They became new creations in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and are now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity.

## **DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION**

God, our Father, gave us His Son who remains with us on earth hidden in a small white host. In our Perpetual Adoration Chapel, Jesus is there night and day in that little white host which is enshrined in a Monstrance. Please consider one of our open Holy Hours or any holy hour. We desperately need committed adorers and/or subs!

### We need adorers for the following hours:

Monday 3 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.

Wednesday 10 p.m.; Thursday 4 a.m.

Friday 12 a.m. & 6 a.m., 3 p.m. & 6 p.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 Aleece for information 570-449-7678.**

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## **MEN’S GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP**

*Men's Gospel Reflection Group* meeting will take place on **Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room.** This group is open to any men interested in reflecting on how the Gospel impacts their lives. All are welcome! Please call Michael Scheidel 739-1808 or Bill Gianfagna 573-0105 with any questions.

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## **NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...**

**OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION** – will take place on **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** .... School tours, presentations and displays begin **1 p.m.** Members of the Nativity community will be available for questions. No pre-registration required. All are welcome! Please contact the school 622-8110 or [jldaubert@nativitybvm.net](mailto:jldaubert@nativitybvm.net) with any questions.

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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**FREE THROW SHOOTING CONTEST** – at Nativity BVM High School beginning at 4 p.m. on **Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**. Any child who has **NOT** participated in a Foul Throw Shooting Contest sponsored by Knights of Columbus during 2019 may enter. Entry forms can be obtained from any CYO coach and must be signed by parent or guardian. Contest is for Boys or Girls ages 9 to 14 years old. A Birth Certificate is also required for proof of age. An Awards Ceremony and Pizza Party will follow at the high school. Questions – contact either Tom Kurtek 617-1714 or Mike McFadden 622-3960.

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## **FAMILY MATTERS**

**Youth.** It might be hard for you to imagine ... but, the teens of our parish today are the future of our church. We pray this week that the Lord guide them during their years of change and growth.

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

# FAMILY GUILD GIFT CARD CALENDAR

The Family Guild will be sponsoring the Gift Card Calendar Raffle for March 2019. The members of the Guild would like to extend the opportunity to all parishioners to sponsor any type of Gift Card or make a monetary donation to purchase a gift card. If you are interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.



## Those who have donated to date:

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## 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.

## WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

- When you help someone, Jesus said you should what?  
(a) tell no one (b) tell everyone so people are impressed (c) make sure to get service hours (d) tell the person they owe you
- "Faith without works is what?"  
(a) invisible (b) boring (c) difficult (d) dead
- The prophets of the Old testament reminded the Israelites to especially take care of who?  
(a) teenagers (b) rich (c) poor (d) leaders
- Because of the separation of church and state, the government cannot promote an official \_\_\_\_\_ for all US citizens.  
(a) mascot (b) religion (c) fan club for Notre Dame (d) type of church music
- Jesus said: "All who take the sword will perish by \_\_\_\_\_".  
(a) accident (b) Samurai warrior (c) Roman soldiers (d) the sword
- Pope Francis said: "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."  
True / False
- The first \_\_\_\_\_ shared all their money and property to make sure everyone had enough.  
(a) millionaires (b) country music singers (c) English kings (d) Christians
- \_\_\_\_\_ means that we are part of one human family so we need to help one another.  
(a) Armageddon (b) School spirit (c) Solidarity (d) Peer pressure
- After Pope John XXIII died, What Pope was elected by the cardinals to lead the Church.  
(a) Paul VI (b) Francis (c) Benedict (d) John Paul
- By serving those in need, we are serving \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Pope Francis (b) Jesus (c) the Church (d) the American dream
- According to Catholic social teaching, people are more important than things.  
True / False
- What did St. Thomas Aquinas define as "willing the good for another?"  
(a) love (b) sportsmanship (c) wishful thinking (d) social justice
- What encyclical did Pope Paul VI famously wrote explaining the Catholic teaching on artificial birth control?  
(a) Be Fruitful and Multiple (b) the Song of Songs (c) Rerum Novarum (d) Humanae Vitae
- We contribute to God's creation of the universe by doing what?  
(a) singing (b) eating (c) dreaming (d) working
- Ignoring Catholic social doctrine is a mortal sin.  
True / False

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** – Are you worn out from the holidays? Why not give yourselves a get-away weekend! Meals prepared! Time away from it all! A **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend will offer you a chance to talk to and listen to that special someone who loves you. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

**NEW TEEN MINISTRY** *Schuylkill Catholic Young Church* is the new Schuylkill County regional youth ministry of the Diocese of Allentown. Teens are invited to participate in the upcoming “Alpha” series, which includes free dinner. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and meaning. Know a teen with questions about life? Invite them to Alpha. Please RSVP to Father Dave at the rectory 622-5470 or email [stjbparish@comcast.net](mailto:stjbparish@comcast.net). Alpha will be held on **Sundays 6 – 8 p.m. at the Frackville Youth Center, 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave, Frackville, from January 27 through March 24.**

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT** – An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion scheduled for **March 22-24, 2019**. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities flowing from the meditations you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Sr. Meg Cole – **1-866-3 RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-332-0442 Ext. 2019** or [projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org)

\* **Deadline for Registration is March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

For information about the retreat experience visit the national website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

### **CATHOLIC SCOUT ACTIVITY WEEKEND**

**SAVE THE DATE!** The 2019 Catholic Scout Activity Weekend will be held at Camp Trexler - Settlers **April 26 to 28**, - so mark your calendars!

We'd love to have you join us for a FUN-Filled weekend that includes all meals and a Saturday Vigil Mass!

You don't have to be working on a religious emblem to join us – all Catholic Scouts are welcome. Visit us at [www.adccos.org/bsr.htm](http://www.adccos.org/bsr.htm) for more info.

### **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS ...**

Get your blood pressure checked in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend, **January 19/20.**

### **2018 CONTRIBUTION RECORD**

You can request a copy of your 2018 Contribution Record by calling the rectory Monday thru Thursday ... 622-5470 ext 3.

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. It is preferable that this be done **before** your baby is born. Please call Father Dave to arrange for this important preparation.

**Baptisms are celebrated the First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass.**

### **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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## **BULLETIN BOOSTERS**

**December 2018**

IMO Carl Bartholomew	M/M James Loeper
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Fr. Don Henry	IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert
IMO M/M Herbert Henry	IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
Joanne Hepler	Marcie Schnerring
IMO Clare Houser	IMO Margaret Zelinsky
IMO Francis King	

Living & Deceased of St. John's CYO Program

**What is a Bulletin Booster??** Some of our newer parishioners have asked what it means to be a Bulletin Booster. We have a wonderful bulletin – it is timely and keeps us informed of what is going on within our parish family and its surroundings. Paper and supplies are needed on a weekly basis to continue this family tradition. So, if you'd like to donate toward the supplies. **\$1.00 and up ... you too can be a ... Bulletin Booster**

## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**COAT DRIVE** ... give the gift of warmth! Sponsored by St. Anne Guild of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 1115 Walnut St. at the Parish Center, Ashland **on Friday & Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m.** Women's, Men's, Children's Coats, Hats, Gloves, Scarves ... For more info please call 570-875-1521.

**RED DRESS – RED TIE EVENT** ... Celebrating Heart Health Month ... **Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** from 6:30 to 10 p.m. (snow date February 8<sup>th</sup>) ... at Hillcrest Hall in Minersville ... Cost \$50 per person in advance; \$60 at the door (Buffet dinner and beverages including beer, soda, coffee) ... entertainment by DJ Paul Zaharis ... Keynote Speaker ... Basket Auction. Proceeds benefit LVH – Schuylkill. For tickets please call either Mary Bardell 570-621-4242 or Joan Deiter 570-622-1381.

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## 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

### PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS

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

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

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**FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Adequate blood levels of vitamin D may help reduce the risk of colorectal cancer,** suggests a recent analysis in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*. Pooling data from 17 observational studies, an international team of researchers found the lowest risk of colorectal cancer in people with blood levels of vitamin D between 30 and 40 ng/dL, (75 to 100 nmol/L); beyond that, risk didn't continue to decline. The apparent benefit was stronger in women than in men. The researchers controlled for body weight, physical activity, and known risk factors for colorectal cancer. According to the Institute of Medicine (now called the National Academy of Medicine), blood levels above 20 ng/dL are sufficient for bone health, but many experts believe that 30 ng/dL or higher is a better goal for bone and general health. This was observational research and couldn't prove causality; several major clinical trials on vitamin D are underway

## ANSWER TO

## WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

- 1.(a)** “But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing ... and your Father who sees in secret will repay you” (Matthew 6:3-4).
  - 2. (d)** Faith should lead us to act like Jesus, who served others, sacrificed for others, and helped everyone he could.
  - 3. (c)** Catholic social teaching follows the prophetic insight that those who need the most help should be taken care of first.
  - 4. (b)** The first amendment of the U.S. Constitution states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ...”
  - 5. (d)** Jesus practiced nonviolence and called his disciples to do the same. St. Paul echoes this teaching in Romans 12:21: “Conquer evil with good.”
  - 6. False.** Pope Paul VI, who is to be canonized a saint, offered this wisdom in his encyclical *On Evangelization in the Modern World*.
  - 7. (d)** “There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need” (Acts 4:34-35).
  - 8. (c)** “Whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences, we are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world.”
  - 9. (a)** Pope Paul VI guided the Church through the final years of Vatican II.
  - 10. (b)** “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40).
  - 11. True.** “Every person is precious, people are more important than things, and the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person” (U.S. Bishops).
  - 12. (a)** Aquinas said that true love wants what is best for the other, even when it requires sacrifice from us. “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friend” (John 15:13).
  - 13. (d)** *Of Human Life (Humanae Vitae)* taught that nothing should artificially impede the conception of a new baby.
  - 14. (d)** “Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God’s creation” (U.S. Bishops).
  - 15. True.** However, a sin isn’t mortal unless it is a serious offense, and that you know it is a sin and you do it anyway. To selfishly ignore the needs of the poor and vulnerable when you can help is a mortal sin.
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