

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Most of us do not like change. It is as Al Gore put it in his book titled, *An Inconvenient Truth*. We don't like global warming and the impending changes that will threaten us. Some call it a hoax and don't believe it will ever happen. Despite our nation pulling out of the Paris Agreement, most nations of the world are doing what they can to slow rising sea levels and temperatures. Change is coming.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus is the change that is coming and the townsfolk of Nazareth didn't like it. Imagine Jesus, the son of Joseph the carpenter, making the outrageous claim that He is the fulfillment of our sacred scriptures. Do you believe it?

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, Paul Connors, Fred Maskerines, Dorothy Parsick, Frederick Hossler, Carol Heacock, Brian Eckley, Viola Dizenzo, Dorothy Elison, Beth Resnick.*

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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, February 4 – 9:00 a.m.**

**BERTHA BULLOCK**

**Tuesday – February 5 – 9:00 a.m.**

**GEORGE POST** (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

**Wednesday – February 6 – 9:00 a.m.**

**ALBERT & REGINA SCHMIDT**

**Thursday – February 7 – 9:00 a.m.**

**PAULINE GALLO**

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

**Friday, February 8 – 9:00 a.m.**

**FRANK HOCK**

**Saturday, February 9 – 5:00 p.m.**

**M/M WILLIAM BERCHER** (Kathleen Williams)

**Sunday, February 10 – 8:15 a.m.**

**VERONICA SCHMITT** (William Schmitt Family)

**Sunday, February 10 – 10:30 a.m.**

**JOHN B. LIEBERMAN IV**

(Barbara Sciarrone Kasper)

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**Tuesday – February 5**

**at York Terrace Nursing Home**

**CLARABELLE SCHOCK** (Staff & Residents)

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**January 26/27: \$5,509.36**

**Catholic Relief Services: \$1,029.00**

*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** - For the Most Abandoned Soul in Purgatory

**St. Joseph** IMO Annette Lieberman

by Jim & Ellen Ryan

**Tabernacle** For Chloe & Joseph

by Neil & Frances Manus

**Sanctuary**

1.For Zary & Baky by Neil & Frances Manus

2.For Neil & Frances by Neil & Frances Manus

3&4. For Chloe & Joseph by Neil & Frances Manus

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

## SCHEDULE

### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**5 p.m. – Saturday – February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Christine Disabella

**Euch.Min.:** Hermine & Dan Murphy

**Servers:** Mark Disabella, Riley Doyle, Kaitlin Painter

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

**8:15 a.m. – Sunday – February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Carol Lasco

**Euch.Min:** Joyce Gerace, John Corbacio

**Servers:** Ryan & Emma Seiger, Luke Schane

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

**10:30 a.m. – Sunday – February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Evielyn Hower

**Euch.Min.:** Mary Modesto, Frank Murphy

**Servers:** Bethany, Trinity, Izabella Reedy

**Cantor:** Marianne Wollyung

## ATTENTION

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **March & April** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call or email the Rectory by Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What prophets among us are not accepted today?

## Next Week's Readings

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (February 9/10)

**Reading I:** Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11



## 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.

## 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.

## CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSORS

Our 8th graders are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please consider supporting this important decision by praying for our candidates. Our parish will be doubly blessed!



## STEWARDSHIP LIBRARY

**Stewardship Displays are located at the church exits.** There are many items available including CD's, Rosaries, Self-help and Informational Booklets, etc. **New Items include:** Music (lower door); Divine Mercy (main church), in addition to other great CD's or books.

## NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL

**DESIGNER PURSE BINGO** sponsored by Nativity Green and Gold on **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Cost \$25.00; Doors open 11:30; Bingo at 1 p.m. Also a BYOB if interested. Questions, call Diane at 570-294-0551.



## 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."*

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

### **February**

- 5 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
7 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
10 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.  
12 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
13 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.  
14 RCIA – 7 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 – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
21 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
24 Confirmation Retreat – 9 a.m. – St. Ambrose  
26 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
28 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.

### **March**

- 3 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.  
5 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
6 Ash Wednesday – Masses 9 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.  
7 RCIA – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
8 Lenten Dinner – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.  
10 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.  
10 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.  
11 Parish Council – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
12 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
13 St. John's Beneficial Society – 8 p.m. – F.R.  
13 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Chapel  
14 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
15 Lenten Dinners – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.  
16/17 Blood Pressure Screenings – after Masses  
17 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.  
19 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
20 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Chapel  
20 Catholic Women's Union – 7:30 p.m. – L.H.  
21 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
22 Lenten Dinners – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.  
24 Last Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.  
24/25/26 Parish Mission – 7 to 8:15 – L.H.  
27 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – chapel  
28 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
29 Lenten Dinners – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.  
31 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.

\*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall

\*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

\*\* R.B. – Russell Building

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## **FAMILY MATTERS**

**Violence in the Media.** We ask the Lord to direct the parents of our parish to be proactive in guiding their children to see that violence and harshness in the media is not Jesus' way of peace and love.

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

**DIocese of Allentown  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

## **POSITION AVAILABLE ....**

### **MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST**

Full-time immediate opening ... A Bachelor's degree and minimum of three years' experience in marketing, communications, fund-raising or public relations is preferred. As part of the Advancement Team, you will assist the Director of Advancement with all components of an integrated, annual fundraising and marketing campaign, including fund development, social media, digital and print communications, special events, grant writing and research, database management, stewardship, marketing and administrative tasks. The position requires collaboration with agency staff, committee members and volunteers. The 37.5 hours per week may include work outside normal business hours. Some business travel required. Candidate must be willing to work within Catholic moral and social teachings. EOE M/F/D/V.

Please send cover letter and résumé to Julie Scheck at the address below or email [CCAD@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:CCAD@allentowndiocese.org)

**Julie Scheck**

**Advancement Director**

**Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown**

**900 S. Woodward St.**

**Allentown, Pa. 18103**

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## **FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE**

Junior and senior accounting students from DeSales University will provide tax preparation assistance free of charge to senior citizens and those with lower incomes beginning **now through Friday, March 29**. The program is part of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Students are required to pass a test given by the IRS, in order to receive certification to participate in the program. This marks the eighteenth consecutive year that DeSales students have participated in the program. Since it was first offered, DeSales students have completed more than 4,600 tax returns for more than 2,100 Lehigh Valley taxpayers.

To schedule a VITA appointment, please call (610) 282-1100, ext. 1868. Please bring all printed tax information and all documents pertaining to federal, state and local taxes with you to your appointment.

The program is sponsored by the IRS and supervised by Dr. Christopher R. Coccozza, division head of DeSales University's Division of Business and professor of business. Coccozza has served as VITA coordinator at DeSales since the program was initiated at DeSales in 2001. Coccozza holds a bachelor's in accounting and law degree from Fordham University and a master's of law from New York University.

## HEALING OUR CHURCH

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, 31, April 7  
4:30 to 6 p.m. in Longinus Hall

Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. *Healing Our Church* is a program from RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called the parish-based small-group discussions “an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on scripture, on the abuse crisis, and on our path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith.” There is no charge for this program. Please call the rectory to sign up. A sign-up sheet will be available in the back of church as well.

### DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**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.

**COMMISSION FOR MEN** Spiritual Training: Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving – The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men’s Lenten morning of reflection on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown. Refreshments will be offered beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Presentations by the Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert and Rev. Bernard Ezaki will begin in the Cathedral at 9:15 a.m., ending by 11:30 a.m.. The Sacrament of Confession will be offered as well. To register for this free offering visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality).

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** - Valentine’s Day is coming! Do you have a “heart” for romance? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend provides a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one you’ve decided to spend your life with! More info call 1-732-904-9636 or [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

### NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**ART EXHIBITION** – Escape the winter doldrums by viewing art from local artists! “*Light in the Darkness*” Art Exhibition will have a variety of artwork in a range of mediums by regional artists on display in at the Pottsville Free Public Library, from **February 7<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>**. A special section will have artwork that is reactive to black light, available to view 6-8 pm Thursday and Monday. Some of the artwork will be available to purchase from the artists.

Interested artists should contact the Pottsville Free Public Library at 570-622-8880 x11, or by email at [potref@pottsvillelibrary.org](mailto:potref@pottsvillelibrary.org) by February 4<sup>th</sup>.

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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