

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The greatness of Jesus' preaching is that no one escapes. He has something for everyone. In his famous Sermon on the Mount, he preaches the Beatitudes. The first four address the plight of the poor, the hungry, the unhappy and the persecuted. To them he assures the Kingdom of Heaven as their reward.

But some listeners had money in their pockets, food in their bellies, happiness in their hearts, and even the bonus of respect and admiration from their community. To these, Jesus said: "*Woe to you.*" How easy for us to be complacent and satisfied when things are going well. Jesus reminds us that we are here to love one another, especially our enemies.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

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, Beth Resnick, Paul Burns.*

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 18 – 9:00 a.m.

CATHERINE CORSON

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Tuesday – February 19 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY HAHNER (Ed Hahner)

Wednesday – February 20 – NO MASS

Thursday – February 21 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY CUCHARA (Pat Klassen)

Friday, February 22 – 9:00 a.m.

ANA MAE YUTKO (Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Saturday, February 23 – 5:00 p.m.

MALIA FAMILY (Daughter, Ann Butz)

Sunday, February 24 – 8:15 a.m.

JOSEPHINE TOOMEY

(Sons, Dan, Jim, John Toomey))

Sunday, February 24 – 10:30 a.m.

JOHN B. LIEBERMAN IV (Joe & Ceil Burns)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have you felt the joy of faith?

Next Week's Readings

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (February 23/24)

Reading I: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

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 - Toni's intentions by Toni & Carl Wiest
St. Joseph For Dawn's work by Toni & Carl Wiest
Tabernacle IMO Wedding Anniversary
of Toni & Carl Wiest

Sanctuary

1. IMO Mary Hahner by Hahner Family
2. IMO Dave Zanis by Carl & Toni Wiest
3. IMO Phyllis Orlowsky by Bob, DeAnna, Ava
4. IMO Gertrude Walsh by Fred & Hilda Maley

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Phyllis Orlowsky by Bob, DeAnna, Ava
2. Special Intention by Jule Quandel

SCHEDULE

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – February 23rd

Reader: Patty O'Neill

Euch.Min.: Mary Jean Morgalis, Carol Lasco,
(Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Finley, Bennett, Lukas McNamara

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – February 24th

Reader: Dave Smith

Euch.Min.: Jeff Naffin, Michael Ambrose, Joyce Gerace

Servers: Evan & Gavin Woodward, Cooper Chiplonia

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – February 24th

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic, Charlie Miller, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Noah & Helena Fredericks, Ava Orlowsky

Cantor: Ensemble

CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSORS

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



... SAVE THE DATE ...

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

MARCH 24, 25, 26 ... 7 TO 8:15 P.M.

More information to follow ...

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.

DRAMATIC STATIONS

St. John's Dramatic Stations of the Cross recreates on stage and through song, the final days of the life of Jesus Christ.

We need men, women and children for the cast. There are many non-speaking parts for those who do not wish to assume a speaking role. People are also needed for the stage crew (props, lighting, sound, etc.) or to help distribute the costumes, etc. If you are a veteran of the Dramatic Stations Presentations, we are looking forward to your return and we ask that you please invite someone new to join you for this year's presentation. If you are new to the parish, we invite you to join us. In addition, it is a great way to meet new people. Many veterans tell us that their participation in the Dramatic Stations is a very meaningful and spiritual way for them to observe the Lenten Season. It is a wonderful family activity as well.

For further information or questions, please call

Dr. Robert DeColli at 640-1910

or the **Rectory 622-5470.**

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Thursdays – 7 to 8:15 p.m. – in church.

FAMILY MATTERS

Elderly Family. The elderly are integral members of our parish family. We ask God to keep them in His protective care as they live out their "golden years" with His grace.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 9/10: \$ 4,409.65

Parish Improvements & Repairs: \$1,660.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

February

- 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 Family Guild Mtg. – 6:30 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.
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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
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** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Eucharistic adoration is the most important devotion of our time.... Give Jesus one hour and change your life!

... Fr. Larry Richards, Author, Be a Man

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., 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.

FAMILY GUILD GIFT CARD CALENDAR

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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, February 20th 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.

PLEASE NOTE: IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY, SELECT OPTION 2 FOR CANCELLATIONS.



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."

**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@allentowndioocese.org

**Julie Scheck, Advancement Director
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown
900 S. Woodward St., Allentown, Pa. 18103**

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.

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. Alpha will be held on **Sundays 6 – 8 p.m. at the Frackville Youth Center, 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave, Frackville 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 9th**, 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 to 11:30 a.m. Confessions will be offered as well. To register for this free offering visit www.allentowndioocese.org/cfm-spirituality.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT – An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion scheduled for **March 22-24**. 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@allentowndioocese.org**
*** Deadline for Registration is March 14th.**

For information about the retreat experience visit the national website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

CATHOLIC SCOUT ACTIVITY WEEKEND
The 2019 Catholic Scout Activity Weekend will be held at Camp Trexler - Settlers **April 26 to 28**. 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 for more info.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. More info call 1-732-904-9636 or www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

St. John's ENSEMBLE

The purpose of this ministry is to serve the parish at Mass, singing liturgical hymns, using contemporary instruments like the guitar, keyboard, drums or other instruments, and using contemporary music arrangements.

We invite **ANYONE** in the parish wanting to share his or her voice and musical gifts whether you are a beginner or more experienced. Arrangements are not complicated and songs are familiar. You do not need to know how to read music to join us. We will teach anyone who has a willing heart.

Our goal is to play/sing once a month at one of the weekend Masses. Practices will be one or, at most, twice a month for ONE HOUR, to prepare for music at Mass that week. This is a great way to participate in parish life and have fun with only a small commitment of your time.

Why not give it a try and give back to your parish family by sharing the gifts God has given to you?

If interested call **Bill Gianfagna 570-573-0105** or **Bob Hahner 570-640-4448** or the **Rectory 622-5470**.

Our next practice is:

Wednesday, February 20th

(Will play on Sunday, Feb. 24th at 10:30 a.m. Mass)

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 10th Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

*** **Thank You** to the students of Assumption BVM School for their generous donations to the Food Pantry.

*They found abundant and good pastures,
and the land was spacious, quiet, and peaceful.*

... 1 Chronicles 4:40

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... A high intake of whole grains is associated with a reduced risk of developing type 2 diabetes, a Danish study in the Journal of Nutrition in September has confirmed. At the start, more than 55,000 people, ages 50 to 65 and without diabetes, reported their customary intake of various whole grain products and were then followed for 15 years. Those consuming the most whole grains (at least three or four servings a day) were 20 to 40 percent less likely to develop diabetes than those consuming the least. Like other Nordic peoples, this Danish population had a higher and more varied intake of whole grains than typical Americans. All types of whole grains – whole wheat, rye, or oats in breads or breakfast cereal (muesli) – were associated with reduced risk. "Our findings are in line with accumulating evidence that whole grains may be one of the most important food groups for the prevention of type2 diabetes," the study concluded.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

SPRING BAZAAR sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Parish on **Saturday, March 9th** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish Hall, 1115 Walnut St., Ashland. Bake Sale, White Elephant Sale, Homemade Soups, Halushki, BBQ Sausage, Door Prizes and much more.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY Please join us for a presentation ... "**Grief, Bereavement and Moving On**" by Catholic Charities. Presenter is Lisa Taylor, LCSW (Clinical Supervisor Counseling Department) on **Monday, March 11th at 6 p.m.** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, 9 S. Broad Mt. Ave. in Frackville. (Free and open to the public). Opportunity for discussion and questions will follow. If inclement weather, presentation will take place Monday, March 18th at 6 p.m.