

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

“Be of one heart and one mind. Share everything in common!” What kind of a world is that? How is this way of life even possible?

Through everything he did and taught, Jesus believed in this way of life. He never wavered from his mission to proclaim that the reign of God was possible and he called his disciples to preach that message to all the ends of the earth.

We begin to hear the hints of Pentecost in this Sunday’s readings. In 1John, the Spirit is truth. In John’s gospel, the Spirit comes upon them as breath. In Acts of the Apostles we see the first truths of the Spirit in the way that the community members treat one another.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – April 9 – 9:00 a.m.

EMILY LEINHEISER (Bernadine King)

Tuesday, April 10 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLIE & CATHERINE SCHAEFFER
(Maria Schaeffer)

Wednesday, April 11 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICIA PICCIONI (Joanie Scheetz)

Thursday, April 12 – 9:00 a.m.

RAYMOND GRAPSY (Joan Grapsy)

Friday, April 13 – 9:00 a.m.

JUDITH REGNIER

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Saturday, April 14 – 5:00 p.m.

VIRGINIA COMFORT (Christine & Jared Black)

Sunday, April 15 – 8:15 a.m.

ELLEN SCHLITZER (M/M Dave Wartella)

Sunday, April 15 – 10:30 a.m.

ANNA ORLOWSKY (Garner Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - The Most Abandoned Souls in Purgatory

St. Joseph - IMO Joseph W. Cook by Susan Cook

Tabernacle - IMO John Norton

Sanctuary - All Sanctuary Candles

IMO Charlie Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Raymond Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

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: Paul Burns, Doug Broughton, Carolyn

Leinheiser, John Morgalis.

SCHEDULE

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5 p.m. – Saturday – April 14th

Reader: Patty O’Neill

Euch.Min.: Bill Gianfagna, (Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Joshua Steffan, Reese Ketner, Patrick Ryan

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – April 15th

Reader: Paul Gombola

Euch.Min.: Carol Lasco, George Forney, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Connor, Bennett, Lukas McNamara

Cantor: Dave Derbes

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – April 15th

Reader: Evielyn Hower

Euch.Min.: Debbie Guers, Janet Daubert,

Sharon Snyder

Servers: Anna, Livia, Emma Lieberman

Cantor: Dave Derbes

ATTENTION

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **May & June** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call or email the Rectory by Monday, April 16th** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Confirmation will be conferred
at St. John’s at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25th, 2018

We pray and ask God to bless all these children, their parents and sponsors. May the gifts of the Spirit strengthen them as they live out their Christian lives. We as a parish family commit ourselves to praying for and supporting them on this journey.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Thank You. We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU! Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl as soon as possible. Containers are at the church exits.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When do you find forgiving easy? When is it difficult?

Next Week’s Readings

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (April 14/15)

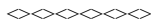
Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

THANK YOU DEPARTMENT

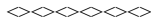
... **Thank You** to those who volunteered for the Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday. You helped our parish family visualize the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper.



... **Thank You** to all who helped to create the decorations and decorate our church so beautifully for Easter ...

<i>Kate Blackwell</i>	<i>Lucilla Kochol</i>
<i>Mary Bound</i>	<i>Aliyah Peckman</i>
<i>Terry Dando</i>	<i>Josette Peckman</i>
<i>Adrian Datte</i>	<i>Butch Scheetz</i>
<i>Evelyn Datte</i>	<i>Scheidel Family</i>
<i>Paul Datte</i>	<i>Cheryl Wesnoski</i>
<i>Dave Derbes</i>	<i>Jason Wesnoski</i>
<i>Bob Hahner</i>	

... **Thank You** to *Mary Bound* for her donation of the beautiful handmade Palm Crosses.



... **Thank You** to the Choir, Musicians, Cantors

<u>Choir</u>	
<i>Kate Blackwell</i>	<i>Bernice Sockwell</i>
<i>Mary Bound</i>	<i>Marianne Wollyung</i>
<i>Deborah Chitwood</i>	<i>Kathryn Zagar</i>
<i>Janet Daubert</i>	<u>Musicians</u>
<i>Barbara Fox</i>	<i>David Derbes</i>
<i>Bob Hahner</i>	<i>Patrick McMullen</i>
<i>Lucilla Kochol</i>	<i>Bobby DiCello</i>
<i>Barbara Powers</i>	<u>Cantors</u>
<i>Jason Prestileo</i>	<i>Dave Derbes</i>
<i>Butch Scheetz</i>	<i>Lucilla Kochol</i>
<i>Pat Scheetz</i>	<i>Deborah Purcell</i>
<i>Sue Scheetz</i>	<i>Tina Seiger</i>

EASTER BASKETS – Thank you

Because of your overwhelming generosity during the Easter Food Drive we were able to provide **16 families** with an Easter Dinner complete with a ham and all the trimmings. Thank you to volunteers: *Gerry Schwartz, Miriam Tirjan, Barbara Schoenauer, Joanne & Ralph Wood, Bernie Gombola*, who helped with this event. Thank you also to *Tony Messina* who provided all the boxes for the food. Many of those less fortunate will be nourished because of your kindness!



Thank you to those who donated gift cards or made contributions to our St. Vincent de Paul Society ... *Bob & Mary Porter, Ed & Carole Quirin, Barbara Schoenauer, Ralph & Joanne Wood.*

*Then the Lord looked upon the earth,
and filled it with His blessings.
... Sirach 16:27*

LENTEN DINNER THANK YOU

On behalf of St. John's Food Committee, we thank all who patronized this year's Lenten Dinners.

Thank you

- ... to all who prepared food every Thursday and Friday
- ... to all who served the dinners
- ... to all who helped set-up / clean-up
- ... to all our waiters & waitresses



- ... to all who helped wash dishes
 - ... to all who helped serve drinks
 - ... to all who scraped dishes
 - ... to all the youth of our parish for giving of their time
 - ... to all the talented bakers who baked those delicious desserts week after week
 - ... to the new people who joined us for the first time.
- Without your gift of time and unselfish devotion to our parish family, we could not have made this 38th Annual Lenten Dinner successful.

James Blake	Hermine Murphy
Quinn Bosack	Isabelle Myers
Connie Brown	Bob Orlowsky
Ann Burns	Eleanor Orzechowski
Brent Burns	Joe Orzechowski
Joe Burns	Nick Quinn
Aidan Cassidy	Nicholas Quinn
Riley Cassidy	Carole Quirin
Robert DeColli	Mary Russo
Staisha Engleman	Emily Scheidel
Helena Fredericks	Grace Scheidel
Millie Fredericks	Judy Scheidel
Noah Fredericks	Justice Scheidel
Sandy Frinzi	Leah Scheidel
Noel Glunz	Theresa Skrobak
Mary Beth Harvey	Ryan Seiger
Brent Hinkle	David Steffan
Maeve Ketner	Sam Synnott
Pat Kutch	Jessica Wiscount
Carol Lasco	James Womer
Mary Jo Laslow	Rose Womer
Judy Meseravage	Joanne Wood
Babe Murphv	Ralbh Wood

Special thank you to new parishioners,
Ann Marie & Dominic DeFrank,
who did a great job overseeing our Lenten Dinners.

*Despite our very best efforts, we invariably misspell, misplace or omit the name of an important person ... **YOU!** We apologize if we have done this.*

*They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength,
they will soar as with eagles' wings; they will run and
not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.*

**FAMILY/GUILD
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Winners:

March 27: Gianfagna's
March 28: Tanner Gerchak
March 29: Gene Golden
March 30: Lou & Sharon Miller
March 31: Virginia Visot

CONGRATULATIONS



We welcome **Christian Jones** who was received into the Church through a Profession of Faith and received Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION MEETING

Wednesday, April 18th – 7 p.m. – Longinus Hall

Featuring: "Spring Fling Auction"

Call Joan Deiter for more info 570-622-1381.



Reminder: Membership dues (\$5.00) for 2018 is due --- make check payable to St. John's CWU and drop in the collection basket or mail to **Rosann Sitkus, 2150 Woodglen Road, Pottsville 17901.**

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Words of Our Lord...In Sinu Jesu "Never miss an opportunity to greet Me, to adore Me, to remain with Me, even if only for a moment, in the Sacrament of My love. In eternity you will see the inestimable value of every moment spent in My Eucharistic presence."

We need adorers for the following hours:

Monday 10 p.m.; Wednesday 11 a.m.

Thursday 4 a.m. & 8 p.m. ; Friday 12 a.m. & 10 a.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.

Please call Aleece 449-7678.

Mid-Summer Festival

This year's dates ...

Friday, July 20th & Saturday, July 21st

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Mark your calendars!

Please join us for our organization meeting

Monday, April 9th – 7 p.m.

in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

New faces are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Please bring your suggestions. All are welcome!

CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

Friday – April 27th – 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturday – April 28th

8 a.m. to 12 noon - the Russell Building

Don't miss it !!! If you like yard sales



this is the place to be. Various items including ... knick-knacks, dishes, vases, kitchen items, appliances, jewelry, holiday decorations, framed prints, special Vintage Section and much, much more, plus foods are available for purchase. Something for everyone!! Join us!! (Questions... call the Rectory 622-5470.)

DESSERTS/BAKED GOODS NEEDED ...

If you would like to donate a dessert item for our **Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale**, please drop off at the times listed above or call the rectory 622-5470. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY will meet on

Wednesday, April 11th at 8 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS ...

Get your blood pressure checked in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend, **April 14/15.**

LOST & FOUND: An item of jewelry (necklace) was found on 10th Street. If anyone lost this item please call the rectory 622-5470 ext. 3 with a description.

CRAB CAKES: Frozen Crab Cakes from our Lenten Dinners are available for purchase ... \$5.00 each.

Please call the rectory for details ... 622-5470.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 31/April 1: \$ 4,587.59;

Good Friday: \$1,061.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

Confirmation practice will take place

Sunday, April 22nd at 6 p.m. in church.

All candidates and sponsors (or proxy) are required to attend.

DISTRACTED DRIVING

Please join our 8th grade CCD class for a presentation on distracted driving. Our students and adults will find this very informative. The presentation will take place in Longinus Hall **after 8:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 15th**. All are welcome.



NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS ... presented by Nativity BVM High School Drama Club on **Friday, April 20th at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 21st at 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 22nd at 2 p.m.** at the high school. Tickets can be purchased at the door ... Adults \$10.00; Students \$7.00. For more info please call 570-622-8110.

POSITION AVAILABLE ... accepting applications for a **Head Track & Field Coach**. Head Coaching experience preferred for Track & Field. Interested candidates should send résumé, certifications and all clearances to: **Nativity BVM High School**

Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal
One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901
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DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

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DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – Calling All Women Wives, Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Singles, Aunts, Religious - on **Saturday, May 5th**, at DeSales University, Center Valley, from 8:30 a.m. ending with a Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert. Adults \$40, High School Students \$10, College Students and Vowed/Consecrated Religious \$15. The day will include a youth session and a Spanish track. The theme "**Hearts Afire – Be Who God Made You To Be**" will feature presentations by Rev. Msgr. Andrew Baker and nationally known speakers Kelly Wahlquist, Colleen Carroll Campbell, Sr. Faustina Maria Pia S.V., and Lucia Baez Luzondo (Spanish Track). Includes Continental breakfast, lunch, Confession, Adoration and Exhibitors. Information/Registration, visit www.allentowndioocese.org/womens-conference. Questions call 610-289-8900 x 2021 or e-mail AFF@allentowndioocese.org Hope to see you there!

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Your parents may have been right to warn you to wash your hands after handling money: Banknotes harbor many types of bacteria, according to a new study in the journal *Frontiers in Microbiology*, which analyzed banknotes collected in 15 hospitals and metro stations around Hong Kong. It found that the currency was surprisingly good at absorbing a wide range of living bacteria, including some that are known pathogens. In an interview with the journal, the lead researcher called for public service ads advising people to wash their hands after handling money, and for banks to routinely disinfect banknotes – at least until we become a truly cashless society.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BASKET AUCTION ... sponsored by Assumption BVM School on **Sunday, April 8th** at St. Clare of Assisi Church Hall, St. Clair. Doors open 10 a.m. and tickets pulled 2 p.m. Shop & Drop on Saturday, April 7th from 4 to 6 p.m. Great prizes, home cooked food and baked goods. Check us out on Facebook for more details.

OLDIES DANCE ... sponsored by St. Mary's Church, 94 Walnut Rd., Hamburg, on Saturday, **April 14th** at 6:30 p.m. Doors & kitchen open 5:15 p.m. Tickets \$10 pre-purchase; \$12 at the door. For more info call 610-562-7657 ext. 0.

MEMORIALS

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Barbara Piccioni
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Beth Ann Yorke

IN MEMORY OF: LUCILLE SPOTTS

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*Yes I am always with You; You take hold of my right
hand, with your counsel You guide me ...
..... Psalm 73:23-24*