

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today we should rise early and go with Mary Magdalene to discover the empty tomb. There, in the darkness, we should feel the astonishing reality that Jesus rose from the dead. When we think of a loved one that we have lost in this life, the idea of them waking and rising can be overwhelming.

Yet today, it seems Jesus can be forgotten in the midst of a happy chatter over Easter brunches, the good felling of a new Easter outfit, not to mention that the Easter bunny seems to be more popular than Jesus.

This Easter day requires a somber visit to the empty tomb and the overwhelming realization that this is not just a story.

A very Happy and Blessed Easter and Easter Season to all of you.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – April 22 to Friday - April 26

NO MASSES

Saturday, April 27 – 5:00 p.m.

DOROTHY ROSENBERGER (Paul Rosenberger)

Sunday, April 28 – 8:15 a.m.

JOSEPH J. STEFICEK (Larry Steficek & Family)

Sunday, April 28 – 10:30 a.m.

JOHN & PHILOMENA RYAN (Crystal Pugh)

SCHEDULE

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

5 p.m. – Saturday - April 27th

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Dan & Hermine Murphy,
(Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Dylan Bohorad, Vincent & Michael Prestileo

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – April 28th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Gavin & Evan Woodward, Samantha Heenan

Cantor: Dave Derbes

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – April 28th

Reader: Jennifer Daubert

Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic, Phil Markovich,
Janet Daubert

Servers: Bethany, Trinity, Izabella Reedy

Cantor: Ensemble

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What in our faith do you find hard to understand? How do you help others to understand the Catholic Faith?

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Donald & Nancy Doyne

by Don & Joanne Doyne

St. Joseph - Special Intention by Mary Jean Morgalis

Tabernacle – IMO Josephine & Frank Brozana
by Don & Joanne Doyne

Sanctuary

1. IMO James Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

2. IMO Kathleen & Gene Tray by Son and Daughters

3. IMO JoAnn Heller by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

4. IMO William F. Lescavage
by Dan & Ann Marie Wachter

Guardian Angels

!&2. Special Intention

...THANK YOU ...

The new Paschal Candle in the church
sanctuary was donated ...

IN MEMORY OF EDWARD SMITH

by wife Dolores,
Children & Grandchildren.



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: Theresa Tuite, Joe Brahler, Tom Jefferson, Jean Hill, Paul Connors, Fred Maskerines, Dorothy Parsick, Frederick Hossler, Toni Wiest, Paul Burns, Florence Yeager, Rachel Kujat.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be conferred
at St. Patrick's -- 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30, 2019



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.

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

.... will take place ...

Sunday, April 28th at 5 p.m. in St. Pat's Church.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 13/14: \$ 4,053.42

Monthly Dues: \$ 1,435.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

April

- 24 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. - 7 p.m. - L.H.
 28 Healing Our Church - 4:30 to 6 p.m. - L.H.
 28 Confirmation Practice at St. Pat's - 5 p.m.
 30 Confirmation at St. Pat's - 4:30 p.m.
 30 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.

May

- 2 1st Holy Communion practice - 7 p.m. - Church
 4 1st Holy Communion - 5 p.m. Mass
 5 Last CCD Class
 5 May Procession
 5 Healing Our Church - 4:30 to 6 p.m. - L.H.
 7 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
 8 St. John's Beneficial Soc. - 8 p.m. - F.R.
 14 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
 15 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. - 7 p.m. - L.H.
 18/19 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
 21 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
 27 Memorial Day Mass in Cemetery - 9 a.m.
 28 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
 30 Ascension Thursday - Masses 9 am & 5 pm

** L.H. - Longinus Hall

** F.R. - Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. - Russell Building

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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Encounter The Risen Christ. We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

FAMILY MATTERS

Easter. The Paschal mystery - Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again - reminds us that we are called to live a new life in Christ this Easter season. As a family we too can embrace the Paschal mystery - by dying and rising to new life in loving our neighbor - the ones we live with. Have a joy-filled Easter with your family!

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

DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Cast / Crew

Mike Ambrose	Joseph Rittle
Alexia Bonacci	Danielle Rozetar
Connie Brown	Hallie Rozetar
Sandy Clauser	Melissa Rozetar
Patti DaSilva	Bill Rutecky
Shane DaSilva	Christine Rutecky
Evelyn Datte	Ryan Seiger
Paul Datte	Addison Smith
Robert DeColli	Rick Smith
Rick Devaney	Larry Steficek
Jaе Graves	Jared Terraciano
Debbie Herb	Dakota Tray
Dylan Herb	Dillon Tray
Kerry Herb	Dustin Tray
Paul Herb	Joshua Tray
Zach Herb	Mark Tray
Joe Kurtek	Maureen Tray
Maureen Kurtek	Tessa Tray
Denise Logan	Tyler Tray
John Lisowski	Tiffany Tray
Kyle Lisowski	John Vuksta
Cheyenne Murphy	Logan Wiederhold
Violet Murphy	Father Dave



Jesus - portrayed by Mark Major

Narrators - Debbie Herb & Evelyn Datte

Script - George Smith / Dr. Robert DeColli

Co-Directors - Dr. Robert DeColli & Rick Smith

Choir Director/Organists -

Dave Derbes, Michael McMullen

Choir Members

Kate Blackwell	Barbara Powers
Mary Bound	Jason Prestileo
Debbie Chitwood	Vincent Prestileo
Janet Daubert	Ed Scheetz
Barbara Fox	Pat Scheetz
Bob Hahner	Sue Scheetz
George Hegedus	Bernice Sockwell
Aimee Hull	Marianne Wollyung
Lucilla Kochol	Robert Wollyung
	Kathryn Zagar

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

Nativity Drama Club will present a production of the Broadway musical "Newsies" on **Friday, April 25th at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 27th at 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 28th at 2 p.m.** at the school. "Newsies" is an exhilarating jolt of energy, an irresistible, high energy winner, exuberant! Tickets - \$10.00 - are available at the door. Doors open 6 p.m. on Friday & Saturday; 1 p.m. on Sunday. Snack foods and drinks available.

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, April 24th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall** for our annual **Spring Auction**. 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.

DUES FOR 2019 ARE NOW DUE - \$5.00

For more information call President Sharon Miller 622-0516 or St. John's Rectory: 622-5470.

50 / 50 CHANCES

The Catholic Women's Union sold 50/50 Chances at the Lenten Dinners each week.

Winners: April 5th --- Christine Wiekrykas
April 12th --- Father Dave

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – REJOICE! HE IS RISEN! HAPPY EASTER! Resurrect the romance in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more info call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

WE ARE REMEMBERED MASS Will be offered on **Wednesday, April 24th** at St. John the Baptist Church, 924 N. Front St., Allentown at 7 p.m. A reception follows with a memorial gift for loved ones enrolled. So many seek healing, comfort and peace, who have lost a loved one by accident, suicide, overdose, violence. *The Mass offers Hope in Christ Jesus!* Enroll your loved one: visit www.allentowndiocese.org/ad-times or write to: **We Are Remembered, P.O. Box 20081, Lehigh Valley, Pa. 18002-0082.** An offering of \$5.00 per name is requested to support the work of this ministry (no offering is required for enrollment.)

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.

*May God be gracious to us and bless us;
may God's face shine upon us. ... Psalm 67:2*

WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

- 1. The Eucharist we receive at Mass is the body, blood, soul, and _____ of Christ.**
(a) divinity (b) will (c) miracles (d) resurrection.
- 2. Although there are _____ Sacraments, most Catholics may only receive six in their lifetimes?**
(a) eight (b) three (c) seven
- 3. After the Mass, the consecrated hosts are placed inside the what?**
(a) sacristy (b) rectory (c) tabernacle (d) cathedral
- 4. Who is one of the patron saints of first communicants?**
(a) Blaise (b) Imelda Lambertini (c) Catherine of Siena (d) Elizabeth of Hungary
- 5. Jesus said, "Do this _____ of me" at the Last Supper when he celebrated the first Mass.**
(a) in imitation (b) in fear (c) instead (d) in memory
- 6. Marriage is a sacrament of vocation.**
True / False
- 7. Jesus continues to forgive, heal, and spiritually feed Catholics today through the what?**
(a) Old Testament (b) funerals (c) Catechism (d) sacraments
- 8. Oil used for anointing at Confirmation and Baptism is called what?**
(a) perfumed oil (b) chrism (c) canola oil (d) spikenard
- 9. Deacons, priests, and bishops receive the sacrament of _____ to serve the Church with God's power.**
(a) Holy Orders (b) Matrimony (c) preaching (d) leadership
- 10. The Mass has two main parts: the Liturgy of the _____ and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.**
(a) music (b) Word (c) Homily (d) adults
- 11. The Church teaches that Catholics should go to Mass on Sundays.**
True / False
- 12. The sacrament of _____ fills us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit just like the disciples experienced at Pentecost.**
(a) Confirmation (b) Penance (c) Anointing of the Sick (d) Holy Orders
- 13. The candles we light at Mass during Advent remind us that _____ is the light of the world.**
(a) the inventor of Fortnite (b) the president (c) the Blessed Mother (d) Jesus
- 14. _____ at Mass is an ancient way to praise and worship God as a community.**
(a) sleeping (b) eating (c) playing (d) singing

15. The bread and wine only change into Christ's body and blood if you believe it does.

True / False

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- **Please note ... all Christmas Wreaths & Decorations must be removed as soon as possible**
- All decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day and Christmas.
- All decorations except those flowers or plants planted in the ground, must be removed by **July 1st**
- Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden.
- All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in receptacles at Cemetery.

Mid-Summer Festival

This year's dates ...

Friday, July 19th & Saturday, July 20th

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Mark your calendars!

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.

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.

THE RECTORY KITCHEN IS GETTING A FACELIFT!!!

The old cabinets are available for sale to anyone who might want to put them in a basement or garage for storage, etc. Please call or email the rectory for more details.

570-622-5470 or email: stjparish@comcast.net

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... If you take medication for hypertension and feel faint or dizzy, tell your doctor, since it may be a sign that your blood pressure is dropping too low, which can cause falls. In a study in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* in October, researchers looked at medical records of 478,000 patients in Southern California who were being treated for hypertension. They found that the 27% of patients whose systolic blood pressure dropped below 110 mm Hg at one or more medical visits during a one-year period were twice as likely to experience a serious fall or fainting episode as patients whose treated blood pressure was above 110 at all visits. Systolic is the first of two numbers given for blood pressure; below 120 is considered normal. For people with hypertension, the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association last year lowered the recommended systolic treatment goal to below 130, though some other expert groups still set it at 130 or 150, depending on cardiovascular risk. Lower blood pressure targets are a "significant concern for adverse events including falls," according to the researchers.

**ANSWER TO
WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?**

1. **(a)** Jesus was the divine son of God, "God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made," as we say in the Nicene Creed.
2. **(d)** The seven sacraments are Baptism, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick. Normally priests don't get married, and married people don't become priests.
3. **(c)** Consecrated hosts in the tabernacle are taken to the sick who cannot attend Mass. Catholics often pray in front of the tabernacle because Jesus is there.
4. **(b)** Pope Pius X changed the age for First Communion, in part, because of Blessed Imelda, who fervently desired Communion before she was old enough. As she prayed in front of the tabernacle one day, Jesus (in the Eucharist) left the tabernacle and floated over her head. The priest took the host and gave her Communion.
5. **(d)** All over the world, Mass is celebrated in the Catholic Church every day to honor Jesus' request.
6. **True.** Matrimony calls a couple to holiness and service, primarily through their selfless and generous love for each other and their children.
7. **(d)** In Penance, Jesus forgives our sins. In the Anointing of the Sick, Jesus heals the sick. In the Eucharist, Jesus feeds us with his body and blood.
8. **(c)** Chrism oil is used for anointing at Baptism and Confirmation. It must be made from pure olive oil and is usually scented with balsam. It must be blessed by a bishop, usually at a diocesan Chrism Mass once a year on Holy Thursday.
9. **(a)** "Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time."
10. **(b)** The Liturgy of the Word includes readings from the Old and New Testaments, the homily, and the intercessions.
11. **True.** Even though Catholics are only required to go to Mass once a year during Easter season, Catholics know that Mass is essential for their relationship with God and go as often as possible.
12. **(a)** "Confirmation gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross."
13. **(d)** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
14. **(d)** After crossing the Red Sea, Moses and the Israelites sang praises to God and King David wrote the psalms as songs to God. Mass songs are often verses in the Bible.
15. **True.** To not pay attention at Mass is a sign of disrespect and indifference toward Jesus who died for us.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

8TH ANNUAL YARD SALE sponsored by St. Ambrose Men's Club on **Saturday, April 27** from 7:00 – noon at St. Ambrose Parish Center, 302 Randel St., Schuylkill Haven. No early birds! Food and drink available. All proceeds benefit St. Ambrose Parish.

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 information.

BUS TRIPS: May 13-17 to Cape Cod and Boston; 5 days, 4 nights - \$659 per person. For more information or reservations, please call Julie 570-544-5231 or Millie 570-628-5413.



ARE YOU PLANNING A CHANGE ??

If you are making a change in ... *address, parish affiliation, e-mail, or phone number*, please call the Rectory Office. We strive to keep our records up to date.

CANDLE DONATION

Please list intentions

- \$5 - Blessed Mother's Statue _____
- \$5 - St. Joseph's Statue _____
- \$5 - Tabernacle Light _____
- \$5 - Sanctuary Light _____
- \$5 - Sanctuary Light _____
- \$5 - Sanctuary Light _____
- \$5 - Sanctuary Light _____
- \$5 - Guardian Angel _____
- \$5 - Guardian Angel _____
- Donor's Name _____

The week I wish the above is _____ or write "any" if it doesn't matter. We shall try to schedule your intention as close to the date requested as possible. Please put this form along with your donation in the collection basket, mail or drop off at the rectory.