

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

It's amazing how the human ear can recognize specific voices. Some say that babies in the womb can recognize their mother's voice whether she be speaking or singing a lullaby.

Some voices we know right away from hearing the first uttered word. We recognize the voice on the phone or the one calling across a room. Children know a parent's voice especially if they are in trouble!

Jesus says, "I am the Good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know Me. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead and they will hear my voice and there will be one flock, one Shepherd." Do we recognize the voice of Jesus?

Yours in Christ,

*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday – April 23 – 9:00 a.m.**

**JOHN HEACOCK**

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

**Tuesday, April 24 – 9:00 a.m.**

**DANIEL GUERS** (Ron & Pat Lombel)

**Wednesday, April 25 – 9:00 a.m.**

**JUNE ZINDA** (Joe & Ceil Burns)

**Thursday, April 26 – 9:00 a.m.**

**ANNA KURTEK** (Matt, Kim, Lauren, Tara Blum)

**Friday, April 27 – 9:00 a.m.**

**BILL ELISON** (Pat Klassen)

**Saturday, April 28 – 5:00 p.m.**

**ANN UCKELE** (Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

**Sunday, April 29 – 8:15 a.m.**

**JACK & PHILOMENA RYAN** (Crystal Pugh)

**Sunday, April 29 – 10:30 a.m.**

**MARTY KERN** (John & Bernice Petock)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - IMO JoAnn Heller by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

**St. Joseph** - IMO Dorothy A. Rosenberger  
by Paul Rosenberger

**Tabernacle** - IMO Peggy Carl by Susan Cook

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO A. Martha Cook by Susan Cook

2. IMO Andrew Cook by Susan Cook

3. IMO JoAnn Heller by Mimi Modesto

4. IMO Joseph & Vera Hudak by Becky Weiss

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. IMO Mr.&Mrs. Richard Weiss by Becky Weiss

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**April 7/8: \$ 4,368.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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## SCHEDULE

### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

**5 p.m. – Saturday – April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Ray Petrilla

**Euch.Min.:** Molly Zwiebel, Mary Jean Morgalis

**Servers:** Noah Lecher, Cooper Chiplonia,  
Macie Rushannon

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

**8:15 a.m. – Sunday – April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Michelle Ambrose

**Euch.Min.:** Dave Smith, Michael Ambrose

**Servers:** Aiden Cassidy, Luke Schane, Caroline Hobbs

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

**10:30 a.m. – Sunday – April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Janet Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Phil Markovich, John Ventura

**Servers:** Anna, Livia, Emma Lieberman

**Cantor:** Ensemble

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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:** *Paul Burns, Doug Broughton, John Morgalis, Virginia Visot, Joe Brahler, Mary Alfonsi.*

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### BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Mackenzie Nicole Miller**, daughter of Matthew & Kelly (Turick) Miller. She became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and is now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity. We warmly welcome Mackenzie into our parish family.



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### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

**Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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### CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

.... will take place ...

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. in church.**

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

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does your parish do for ecumenism  
and interfaith relations?

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## Next Week's Readings

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER** (April 28/29)

**Reading I:** Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

**Reading II:** 1 John 3:18-24

**Gospel:** John 15:1-8

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## **FIRST EUCHARIST**

First Communion will take place  
on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 5 p.m. Mass.

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Rehearsal for First Communion is  
Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.

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## **MAY PROCESSION**

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

The CCD students will end their year by having a May Procession after the 8:15 Mass on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Families of the students are asked to bring a bouquet of flowers and their rosaries. *All parishioners* are invited to be part of the procession that will begin in the church. We will process from the back of church up 10th street and end at the Grotto. There, children will place bouquets of flowers and we will recite a decade of the rosary, say the litany of Mary and make the Act of Consecration. Afterwards we will crown Mary. All will be invited to sing the chorus to Immaculate Mary. Please join us for this special Marian devotion!

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## **DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION**

"If souls understood what treasure of love are freely given to those who approach Me in the Sacrament of My love, My churches would be filled day and night, and unable to contain the multitudes drawn to them."

Words of Our Lord....IN SINU JESUS

We need adorers for the following hours:

**Monday 10 p.m.; Tuesday 8 p.m.**

**Wednesday 11 a.m.; Thursday 4 a.m. & 8 p.m.**

**Friday 12 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.**

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*How precious is Your love, O God!  
We take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.  
.... Psalm 36:8*

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## **FAMILY GUILD SCHOLARSHIP**

The Family Guild of St. John's is awarding two scholarships to be awarded in the amount of **\$250.00** for any **eighth grade student** wishing to attend **Nativity BVM**

**High School** in September 2018 and any high school graduate pursuing higher education. Criteria for Scholarship eligibility:

1. Participating member of St. John the Baptist
2. Must be applying to attend Nativity in September 2018 or applying to a school of higher learning
3. Student must submit the application form along with the completed essay to the Rectory by **May 21, 2018.**
4. Essays will be judged by a panel of parish members not affiliated with the Family Guild so as to insure impartiality.
5. Essay topic: "*What has St. John's meant to me*"

Scholarship applications can be picked up at the Rectory by calling 622-5470. **Deadline is May 21, 2018.**

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## **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be set up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

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## **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.



## **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. Donations are accepted.

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## **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."*

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

### April

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| 22 | Confirmation practice – 6 p.m. - Church       |
| 24 | Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R. |
| 25 | Confirmation – 4:30 p.m. – at St. John's      |
| 27 | Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.   |



## **CEMETERY REGULATIONS**

The following are guidelines established by St. John's Cemetery Committee:

- Shrubs are not permitted on cemetery grounds except those authorized by cemetery authorities.
- Flowers or plants may be planted in the ground, but must remain within 12 inches of base of memorial.
- All artificial decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Christmas.
- All decorations except those flowers or plants planted in the ground, must be removed by **July 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden.
- All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in receptacle in Cemetery.

## **NEIGHBORING EVENTS**

**SOUP SALE** sponsored by St. Matthew, The Evangelist Parish on **April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>** after all weekend Masses. Pick-up is at our Parish Center, 120 Oak St., Minersville. Soups available: Beef Vegetable, Italian Wedding, Split Pea, or Chili. Cost: \$8.00 per quart or \$4.00 per individual serving.

**CHINESE AUCTION:** sponsored by St. Clare of Assisi Parish in St. Clair on **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open 9 a.m.; Auction begins 2 p.m. Baskets, Prizes, Food & Baked Goods, Fun for All ages. Come join us !!!

**BUS TRIP:** ... to Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown from **May 14 to 18**, sponsored by St. Matthew's Travelers ... \$649 per person ... For more information and reservations call Julie 544-5231 or Millie 628-5413.

**BERMUDA CRUISE:** Join St. Ambrose Travelers on a cruise to Bermuda from **June 10-17, 2018**. Motor coach transportation included, leaving from Sch. Haven to NYC to embark on the Norwegian Escape. Six Masses on board, ultimate beverage package, dining package, prepaid gratuities, onboard credit and more! Contact Jeff at 570-391-4239 for more information.

**WILDWOOD ITALIAN STYLE - JERSEY:**

**SHORE:** ... sponsored by St. Matthew's Travelers' Adventures from **September 24 to 27**. For more information please call Julie 544-5231 or Millie 628-5413.

## **WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ? GOD'S "TOP TEN" LIST KIDS' QUIZ**

- 1. Who wrote the 10 Commandments?**  
(a) Mary (b) God (c) Abraham (d) Adam and Eve
- 2. God gave the 10 Commandments to who?**  
(a) Moses (b) the pope (c) King David (d) St. Cecelia
- 3. To take something that isn't yours is called what?**  
(a) killing (b) coveting (c) adultery (d) stealing
- 4. Moses was on Mt. Everest when God gave him the 10 Commandments.**  
True / False
- 5. God gave Moses the 10 Commandments written on what?**  
(a) the first page of the Bible (b) an iPad (c) two stone tablets (d) paper
- 6. The First Commandment says what?**  
(a) don't steal (b) don't kill (c) only worship the one true God (d) keep holy the Sabbath
- 7. Going to \_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday is part of the Third Commandment.**  
(a) sleep (b) Mass (c) Dunkin Donuts (d) a football game
- 8. When you disrespect or disobey your father or \_\_\_\_\_, you are breaking the Fourth Commandment.**  
(a) mother (b) little sister (c) neighbor (d) dog
- 9. What is it when you want something that someone else has?**  
(a) stealing (b) murder (c) idolatry (d) coveting
- 10. You can kill someone in your heart.**  
True / False

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

**CHINESE AUCTION:** sponsored by the Green & Gold Club on **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**; Doors open 11 a.m.; Auction begins 2 p.m. Shop & Drop on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 p.m. For more information, please call Diane at 570-294-0551.

**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  
[lsabol@nativitybvm.net](mailto:lsabol@nativitybvm.net)

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth ...  
But store up treasures in heaven ...  
For where your treasure is, there  
Also will your heart be.  
... Matt. 19:21*

**DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS**

## **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

“My sheep hear my voice,” Jesus tells us in today’s gospel. Hear the voice of Jesus, our Shepherd, teach you about your marriage while attending a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

## **FINDING COMFORT & SOLACE**

An evening of reflection for the separated and divorced will be offered on **Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux in Nesquehoning. The presenter will be Deacon Jim Russo. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required to help with planning. For questions, please call 610-289-8900 ext. 2028. For more information visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/separated-divorced](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/separated-divorced)

## **DIOCESAN WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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. Information/Registration, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/womens-conference](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/womens-conference). Questions call 610-289-8900 x 2021 or e-mail [AFF@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:AFF@allentowndiocese.org) Hope to see you there!

## **THE BLESSED MOTHER**

presented by Sr. Emily Vincent, IHM on **Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Hall (Annunciation BVM Hall), 9 S. Broad Mt. Ave., Frackville. Free of Charge --- bring a friend. For questions contact the Office of Adult Formation at [adultformation@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:adultformation@allentowndiocese.org) or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.

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## **ROSARY REPAIR**

Parishioner, **Paul Gombola**, repairs rosaries on a case by case basis and each situation offers its own unique challenges. A damaged rosary can be dropped off at the Rectory or at Paul’s home. If you have all the parts, a very simple repair is usually **FREE**. When the repair is more complex and requires additional parts or rewiring, this can be accomplished with minimum cost for \$5 or \$10. In extreme cases where parts need to be ordered the repair cost can be \$20 or over. Feel free to call Paul and discuss your problem over the phone. If your rosary is missing a piece of chain, a crucifix, centerpiece or several beads, Paul has several on hand and will attempt to match them as closely as possible. This service is provided **FREE**. Paul can be contacted at 1535 W. Norwegian St. here in Pottsville or by calling **622-4162**.

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## **ANSWERS TO**

### **WHAT’S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ? GOD’S “TOP TEN” LIST – KID’S QUIZ**

- 1.(b)** God wrote the 10 Commandments with his finger (See Exodus 31:18)
- 2. (a)** Moses served as the mediator between God and the Israelites (see Exodus 19:16-25).
- 3. (d)** The Seventh Commandment says: “*Thou shalt not steal.*” God knows it will hurt others if we take their things.
- 4. False.** Moses was on Mount Sinai, the place where Moses first met God in the burning bush (see Exodus 3).
- 5. (c)** Moses took the stone tablets to the Israelites so they could learn and obey God’s laws.
- 6. (c)** Like Jews and Muslims, Catholics believe in only one God. The commandment says: “*I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before me.*”
- 7. (b)** God said, “*Keep holy the Lord’s Day (the Sabbath)*” because we need time to rest, to be with our families, and to worship and thank God for how great He is.
- 8. (a)** Honor your father and mother. Even Jesus obeyed this commandment with Mary and Joseph (see Luke 2:51).
- 9. (d)** The last two commandments forbid coveting. So we not only have to avoid bad actions such as stealing, but we need to protect our hearts and minds against desiring what others have. These desires, called envy, can make us miserable and lead us to bad actions.
- 10. True.** If we hate people or want bad things to happen to them, we are, in a sense, harming them, and maybe even ourselves. Talk to a trusted adult about this subject

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**FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... People who have coronary artery disease or heart failure should consider taking omega-3 (fish oil) supplements,** according to a new scientific advisory from the American Heart Assoc. That goes along with the AHA’s prior recommendation that such people consume 1,000 milligrams of omega-3s a day, on average, preferably from fatty fish. For those who don’t get enough from fish, supplements are a “reasonable” option, after discussion with their doctors. The new advisory concluded that there is insufficient evidence from clinical trials to support the use of omega-3 supplements for prevention of cardiovascular disease in the general population; there was no consensus about supplements for people who are a high risk but have no history of cardiovascular disease. The advisory did not address people with very high blood levels of triglycerides, for whom high-dose prescription omega-3 preparations are a standard treatment.