

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Like the image from the story of the Ascension -- when concerned about a serious problem, do we stand around looking up to the sky hoping for an easy answer to drop down on us or do we look at the situation and each other for a way forward?

Before we answer too quickly, we might consider a both/and approach.

This Sunday's gospel begins with Jesus lifting his eyes to heaven in prayer for the disciples as they face the difficulties of their ministry. It reminds us of the insight attributed to Augustine about praying as if everything depended on God and working as if all depended on us.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – May 14 – 9:00 a.m.

**RAPHAEL MURPHY** (Family)

Tuesday, May 15 – 9:00 a.m.

**JAMES CAVANAUGH** (Ed Hahner Jr.)

Wednesday, May 16 – 9:00 a.m.

**MARTIN KERN**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. (Barbara Kern)

Thursday, May 17 – 9 a.m.

**ELLEN SCHLITZER** (Keitsock Family)

Friday, May 18 – 9:00 a.m.

**MARGARET GLUNZ** (Pat Klassen)

Saturday, May 19 – 5:00 p.m.

**MARIE MELINCHOK** (Jean Stidham)

Sunday, May 20 – 8:15 a.m.

**THERESA & ZOIE HOLLEY**

(Mark & Debbie Purcell)

Sunday, May 20 – 10:30 a.m.

**CHARLES & MARY KUTCH** (John & Pat Kutch)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** – Special Intention

**St. Joseph** – IMO Joseph Wollyung Sr.

by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

**Tabernacle** – IMO Joseph Dumchus by Marge Davidson

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO James Cavanaugh by Family

2. IMO Joseph E. Rosenberger

by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

3. IMO Theresa Sencak by Frances Lorenz

4. IMO Francis King, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by Grace King

**Guardian Angels**

1. IMO Matilda Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

2. IMO Catherine Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who taught you about Jesus? Whom are you teaching?

## SCHEDULE

### PENTECOST

5 p.m. – Saturday – May 19<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Lucilla Kochol

**Euch.Min.:** Bill Gianfagna, Molly Zwiebel

**Servers:** Reese Ketner, Olivia Tokonitz, Brooke Siket

**Cantor:** Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Michelle Ambrose

**Euch.Min.:** Mike Ambrose, Carol Forster

**Servers:** Logan, Joseph, Brooke Palko

**Cantor:** Eileen Forney

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Susan Hahner

**Euch.Min.:** Mary Modesto, Debbie Guers

**Servers:** Caroline Gist, Ava Orłowsky, Caitlin Coyle

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

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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, Dominic DeFrank,*

*Angela Pfeil Hamm.*

**Deceased:** *Rev. Msgr. Anthony Wassel*

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### BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Philomena Jayne DeArment**, daughter of Darren & Sarah (Hahner) DeArment. 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 **Philomena** into our parish family.



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### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

On this Mother's Day weekend please remember those Mothers who give tirelessly of themselves but have fallen upon hard times and have come to our Diocese and the Bishop's Annual Appeal for assistance. Next weekend is Commitment Sunday. If you have not done so already, please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish BAA goal. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or visit the BAA website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

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### 2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

St. John's Total Goal: \$ 34,792.84

Amount Collected: \$ 6,220

Number of Donors: 51

Participation: 7.56%

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## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the girls and boys of St. John's Parish Family who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> by Bishop Alfred Schlert.

Laila Josephine Alvarez  
Mia Celine Bowers  
Riley Julia Cassidy  
Helena Anastasia Fredericks  
Alyssa Marie Gauntlett  
Haley Abigail Gauntlett  
Caroline Jane Gist  
Jillian Sophia Guzick  
Camryn Katherine Hauptly  
Kaitlin Laura Painter  
Julie Madeleine Plachko  
Taleah Gianna Ruben  
Brooke Teresa Siket  
Alyssa Michael Sheriff  
Taylor Anne Welsh

Jayce Joseph Adamick  
Quinn John Bosack  
Hayden Stephen Daubert  
Nicholas Anthony Kramer  
Grant Sebastian Lapachinsky  
Bennett Sebastian McNamara  
Benjamin Francis Piccioni  
Joseph Michael Palko  
Richard Luke Prezelski  
Evan Joseph Woodward



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate our boys and girls who received Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We also congratulate their families and teachers who brought them to this point in their lives.

**Jacob Bowman**  
**Nicholas Fanelli**  
**Christopher Hobbs**  
**Colin McGinley**  
**Robert Post**  
**Shay Strencosky**  
**John Yourey**

**Lauren Brennan**  
**Rhyan Brennan**  
**Anna Burke**  
**Grace Lapachinsky**  
**Finley McNamara**  
**RyleAnn Melicharek**  
**Sophia Palmieri**  
**Kylie Siket**  
**Sophia Woll**



## 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.**

## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS - 2018

It is now time to nominate new members to the council to fill the places of those whose term has expired. The term of office is three (3) years with the possibility of a second consecutive term

Any parishioner who is at least 21 years old is eligible for nomination. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Please put nominations in the collection or mail your nomination to the rectory. When nominating, please don't choose just the most popular people, but choose people who will work for the parish.

We wish to thank the following members who will be completing a three-year term on the Parish Council. Some are, however, eligible to be nominated for a second three-year term.

**Nora Chiplonia** (not eligible)  
**Janet Daubert**  
**Dr. Robert DeColli** (not eligible)  
**Paul Filiac**

The following should **NOT** be nominated as they are presently serving or finishing their term:

### Term expires 2019

John Consugar  
Christy Joy  
Kevin McNamara  
Patty O'Neill  
Nick Quinn

### Term expires 2020

Joseph Gerchak  
Alicia Kleman  
Al Norkus  
Josette Peckman  
John Powers

**President:** Paul Datte  
**1st Vice-President:** Robert Bechtel  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** Kevin McNamara

## NOMINATION BALLOT

I Nominate:

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the Rectory  
or Collection Basket  
by Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

## 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**May 5/6: \$ 4,938.56**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

# Mid-Summer Festival

This year's dates ...

Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Mark your calendars!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m.  
in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

New faces are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Please bring your suggestions. All are welcome!

## 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 for our **Annual Spring Covered Dish** gathering on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Longinus Hall. Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization.

For more information / RSVP ... please call Joan Deiter 622-1381 or St. John's Rectory: 622-5470.



## 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 receptacles in Cemetery.

## 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.



## THANK YOU --- CCD Program

We wish to express our gratitude to the following parishioners for committing to the academic year 2017/2018 for our Religious Education Program as Catechists and volunteers, and those who volunteered for our Children's Liturgy Program and Pre-School Programs each Sunday.

### CCD Program

*Sarah DeArment*

*Darren DeArment*

*Dr. Robert DeColli*

*Camden Deibert - Aide*

*Bob Hahner*

*Jennifer Hower*

*Lucilla Kochol*

Pre-School

*Melissa LeBlanc*

*Josette Peckman*

*Lori Reedy*

*Missy Scheetz - Sub*

*Ryan Seiger - Aide*

*Beth Smith*

*Rick Smith*

*Farrah Benart-Office*

Children's Liturgy

*Lucilla Kochol*

## CCD REGISTRATION

**DEADLINE – June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Now is the time to register your child for next year's CCD class. **There are reduced rates until June 30<sup>th</sup>.** If you have not received a form in the mail, please call the rectory or pick one up in church. The forms are at the entrances of the Church. The longer form is for new students and new first graders. The shorter form is for students who are presently attending class.

**Registration Fee: \$50.00 First Child**  
(after June 30<sup>th</sup> - \$60.00)

**All Other Children: \$45.00 per Child**  
(after June 30<sup>th</sup> - \$55.00)

## NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Mathematics Teacher** – Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, Mathematics Education or related field is required. Mathematics certification preferred.

**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)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ...

Volunteers are needed to help at the Pottsville Soup Kitchen at the 504 Building on Mahantongo St.

St. John's Group volunteers once a month.

If you are interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.



## THE BEATITUDES FOR MOTHERS

**Blessed are mothers ...** who did without for us,  
they will be rewarded.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who lost sleep when we were  
sick they will find rest.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who taught us how to pray,  
they will share God's kingdom.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who comforted us,  
they shall be comforted.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who taught us right from  
wrong, they will know justice.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who showed us the Christian  
life by example, they will live  
forever.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who shared with us the  
meaning of peace,  
they shall know peace.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who taught us the importance  
of loving God and each other,  
they shall see God.

*May God bless all Mothers  
and those who take the place of Mothers  
on this, their special day.*

## FAMILY MATTERS

**Mother's Day – those suffering the loss of parents.**  
It's hard to lose a mom – no matter what the age it's  
especially hard on Mother's Day. We thank God for our  
mothers and grandmothers and the direction they gave us  
over the years. We ask our Blessed Mother to give us  
peace over this loss in our life.

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



## PRAY THE ROSARY

Recite the rosary daily during the month  
of May, which is dedicated to the  
Blessed Mother. There is no prayer more  
pleasing to Our Lady and more  
efficacious in asking for her  
intercession.

## WORD OF LIFE

“We can all help encourage our government and other  
institutions to support life. They must always aid and  
support mothers and children, and never offer to pay for  
the destruction of life as a “solution” to the challenges  
women face. The call to uphold women's dignity and  
well-being, and that of their unborn children, is one and  
the same.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

“Poverty and Abortion: A Vicious Cycle,”  
[www.bit.ly/poverty-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/poverty-abortion).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### May

- 15 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 16 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 6 p.m. – L.H.
- 19/20 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
- 22 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 28 Mass at St. John's Cemetery – 9 a.m.
- 29 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 30 Mid-Summer Festival Mtg. – 7 p.m. – F.R.

### June

- 5 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 11 Parish Council Mtg. – 7 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.
- 16/17 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
- 19 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 20 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 24-28 Vacation Bible School
- 26 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

\*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall

\*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

\*\* R.B. – Russell Building

## DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

"If souls understood what treasures 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 from In Sinu Jesus

### We need adorers for the following hours:

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

**Thursday 4 a.m. & 5 a.m.**

**Friday 12 a.m., 6 a.m., 4 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.

*Please call Aleece 449-7678.*

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**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.

*Grace to you and peace from God  
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
1 Corinthians 1:3*

## WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
If you are visiting our beautiful church,  
please know you are most welcome!  
If you have questions or are interested in  
joining our parish family, please call the  
rectory 570-622-5470.

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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## 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.

## 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."*

## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** at St. Charles Borromeo Parish on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 7 p.m. at 1115 Walnut St., Ashland. Tickets \$9.00; Children under 8 free ... eat in or take outs available. For tickets and more information, please call the parish office at 875-1521. All proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus Sarto Council #13222 Projects.

**PIEROGI & HALUPKIE SALE** sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish in Minersville. Pre-orders only ... take-out only ... Pick up at Parish Center, 120 Oak St., Minersville on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 7 p.m. and Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Pierogi \$7.00 dozen; Cooked Halupkie 6 for \$12.00

**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.

## FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...

**Combining alcohol with caffeinated energy drinks increases the risk of injury**, warns a Canadian review of 13 studies, published in the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs. The practice has become so common across North America, it has its own acronym (AmED, for Alcohol mixed with Energy Drinks) – but it's a bad mix. The problem is that users underestimate how intoxicated they become because stimulants in the energy drinks mask the sedative effects of the alcohol, creating an "awake drunk" state of mind and likely a much higher risk of injury relative to the use of each substance alone. Most commercial premixed drinks have been discontinued or reformulated since the FDA told several companies to stop selling them. Many people combine alcohol and caffeine on their own, and some craft beers still contain the combination.



## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Get your blood pressure checked in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend, **May 19/20**.

*They are renewed each morning,  
so great is His faithfulness.*

*Lamentations 3:23*