

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

If you seek immortality on earth, read “Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow,” a short story by Kurt Vonnegut, originally written in 1953. It tells the story of the world in the year 2185 where everyone lives indefinitely as long as they take a particular drug that halts the aging process. It is a nightmare world where overpopulation has nearly depleted food resources. Then comes the invention of another medicine that reverses aging making everyone grow younger.

This Sunday’s gospel continues the themes of the Living Bread and the wine that is poured out. When Jesus promises eternal life, He provides a complete heavenly world which can contain and fulfill that gift.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 20 – 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE HAHNER JR. (Scott Hahner)

Tuesday, August 21 – 9:00 a.m.

DECEASED OF BUTZ FAMILY (Larry & Ann Butz)

Wednesday – August 22 – 9:00 a.m.

JACK SCHEETZ (Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

Thursday, August 23 – 9:00 a.m.

JACK & LAVERNE MALIA (Ann & Larry Butz)

Friday, August 24 – 11:30 a.m. TIME CHANGE

MARY OLENICK (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Saturday, August 25 – 5:00 p.m.

JOHN & MARGARET KASINECZ

(Kasinecz Family)

Sunday, August 26 – 8:15 a.m.

ANTHONY HOFFMAN (Mary Ann Holley)

Sunday, August 26 – 10:30 a.m.

CECELIA WEISS (Tina Mercuri)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Special Intention

St. Joseph - IMO Robert & Catherine Becker

by Bob & Mary Porter

Tabernacle - IMO Boothby Family

by Bob & Mary Porter

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Family

2. IMO Jim Wollyung by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

3. IMO Robert & Agatha Porter by Bob & Mary Porter

4. IMO Bill Flynn by Flynn Family

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Raymond Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

... My grace is sufficient for thee ... 2 Cor. 12:9

SCHEDULE

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – August 25th

Reader: Patty O’Neill

Euch.Min.: Bill Gianfagna, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Aliyah & Nathan Peckman, Dylan Bohorad

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 26th

Reader: Paul Gombola

Euch.Min.: Brian Forney, George Forney

Servers: Luke Schane, Evan & Gavin Woodward

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 26th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Dominic Chiplonia, Sharon Snyder

Servers: Macie Rushannon, Grant Lapachinsky,

Eveliyn Hower

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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, Helen Hufnagle, Peggy Ebling.*



WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 11/12: \$ 4,357.16

Parish Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,620.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What relatives and friends have gone to eternal life?

How do you keep their memory alive?

Next Week’s Readings

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 25/26)

Reading I: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Reading II: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John’s Rectory, **622-5470**, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions!

Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for You

"Embark on a journey that begins before time itself, when Mary was only an eternal thought in the Mind of God, and extends into her life in Scripture. Discover Our Mother throughout centuries of Church history, as she intervenes at pivotal periods, especially at her most famous apparitions, when she made roses bloom on a hillside in Mexico, when she made a miraculous spring of water rise from the ground in Lourdes, and when she made the sun dance at Fatima. See the maternal care she has given to humanity and the battle she has waged against the evil one, the one she has put in enmity for all time. After seeing how she pursues us in love, learn how to grow closer to Mary, Our Mother, by making devotion to her a part of our daily life."

Please come and join others as we share in this educational program planned by the Adult Faith Formation Committee and developed by the St. Benedict Publishers. The course is open to all members of the parish from high school age on up. We will meet on **Sunday's beginning on September 16 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** The cost of the associated workbook is \$15. It's an **8 week program** but each presentation is independent of the others. We believe that once you experience the bond of like-minded sons and daughters of Mary, you will not want to miss a session. But if you do, for some reason, a streaming code is available for those that register.

*A sign-up sheet can be found on the table
at the back of the church.*

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful the heart that bled that took all my sins and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful...How beautiful is the body of Christ!

We need adorers for the following hours:

Tuesday 9 a.m.; Thursday 4 a.m. & 5 a.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.

Call or text Alece for information 570-449-7678.

*If they obey and serve Him,
they spend their days in prosperity,
their years in happiness
... Job 36:11*

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.

CCD Registration

Please make sure your child is enrolled in a Religious Education Program.

\$60.00 – First Child

\$55.00 – additional Child

Please register ASAP

Registration forms are available at the rectory during the week or at the church exits on weekends.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP ??

For September 2018 we need help with

Pre-School & Children's Liturgy

A Mom to help out on Sunday's during the first half of 10:30 Mass.

CCD Teachers / Substitutes / Aides

If interested please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or call 622-5470.

I am interested in:

- _____ helping with the **Pre-School / Children's Liturgy** on Sunday's during the first half of the 10:30 Mass.
- _____ teaching during **Sunday's CCD** from 9 to 10:15 a.m.
- _____ helping the **CCD** teachers on Sundays from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED Eligibility ... male or female, 4th grade (in Fall) to 12th grade ... if interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

FAMILY MATTERS

Retirement Years. The retired members of our families are so important to our communities. They share their gifts and talents --- babysitting their grandchildren, volunteering in schools and at community activities. They willingly share their wisdom and time with others. Our parish salutes our retirees and their generous spirit!

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

*Happy the people who know
You, Lord, who walk in the
Radiance of Your face.
... Psalm 89:16*

SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL



Sunday Pre-School will begin soon. Classes are held in Longinus Hall during 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday. All parish children ages 3 to 6 (and not yet in 1st grade) are eligible for this program. The children are given an opportunity to interact with other children while learning about God through stories, music, activities and games. The children will also be provided with a small snack each week.

We would like to broaden and expand our program, so we need greeters, storytellers, musicians, as well as those who want to aid in these areas.

A **\$12.00 Registration Fee** to cover the costs of the lessons, supplies, and snacks is required for each child upon registration. *All children attending classes must be registered.* Any questions, please contact the Rectory 622-5470.

Please drop Registration Form and Fee in the collection basket or send to the rectory as soon as possible.

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Allergies, please list _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Parent's Response: I can help in the following ways:

_____ Teacher _____ Aide _____ Greeter
 _____ Musician _____ Snacks _____ Storyteller

*** \$12.00 Registration Fee must accompany form***



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.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED Please consider hosting an international student for the school year. We are in need of host families for students who have already been accepted at Nativity BVM High School. Please contact Mrs. Holly Brutts, @ 570-628-2620 or 570-691-8816 or Mrs. Casey Turner @ 570-294-3547, our Educatius Coordinators or Eduardo Achach @ 570-691-8816. These coordinators can provide all of the necessary information including stipends that are available for host families. Thank you.

LITURGY of the WORD

The Children's Liturgy takes place at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in Longinus Hall. During this time, children in grades 1, 2, 3 listen to the Sunday Readings in words they understand and try to apply the words of Jesus to their own lives.



They return to their families after the Prayer of the Faithful (Offertory) to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the entire community.

All children attending classes must be registered.

The Gospel **needs you** -- will you say yes? For more information, call the Rectory 622-5470.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Phone _____

Allergies, please list _____

Parents _____

*** \$10.00 Registration Fee must accompany form***

Please drop in the collection basket or send to the rectory as soon as possible.

CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

Friday – August 24th – 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturday – August 25th – 8 a.m. to 12 noon

at the Russell Building



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

.... this is the place to be. Various items including ... knick-knacks, dishes, kitchen items, 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 ext.3.)

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 ext.3. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

Our Festival Wrap-Up Meeting will take place

Monday, August 20th – 7 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

All are welcome!

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

If you live in Schuylkill County and have been impacted by recent flooding, Catholic Charities may be able to help. Call 570-628-0466.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

- Don't take a vacation from your marriage! A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend will re-charge relationship! In just one weekend couples learn a communication technique they can use the rest of their lives. For more information, call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

NATIONWIDE NOVENA

Each Friday, August 3–September 28, answer the U.S. bishops' call to pray and fast that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray!

RED WHITE & BLUE MASS

All Police, Firefighters, First Responders, Legal Professionals, Health Care Workers, & their Families are invited to join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert as he celebrates the First

RED WHITE & BLUE MASS

Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm

at Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, 18th and Turner Sts. in Allentown. Please wear your uniforms.

Reception to follow in the Parish Activities Center
RSVP: rwbmass@gmail.com

AN INVITATION TO WOMEN

Are you interested in finding out how to start or enhance a women's faith sharing group? Do you want to enhance your relationship with Jesus Christ and foster relationships with other women on the journey? The Diocese of Allentown Commission for Women invites all women to a "Come & See" event being held at **St. Thomas More Family Center**, 1040 Flexer Ave., Allentown, from 9 a.m. til noon on **Saturday, September 15th**. Representatives from *Women of Grace* and *Walking With Purpose* will provide an overview of their program and resource materials. This is a "free" event. Please register at www.allentowndiocese.org/comeandsee. Questions may be directed to 610-289-8900 ext. 2021 or e-mail cfw@allentowndiocese.org. Hope to see you there! Bring a friend!

MISSION OF FAITH FALL CONFERENCE

to be held **September 19 & 20**. Join Bishop Schlert, and some great speakers like Jason Evert and Fr. Michael Gaitley, for a wonderful spiritual experience this fall. Enjoy the beautiful Star Barn Village. Mass, reconciliation, adoration to be celebrated each day. Men and women welcome. Visit www.stewardshipmission.org to register. You don't want to miss it!

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

August

- 20 Festival Wrap-Up Mtg. – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 21 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 24/25 Yard Sale – R.B. (see bulletin for details)
- 26 Confirmation Parent Mtg. – 9:15 a.m. – L.H.
- 28 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

September

- 9 Fatima Holy Hour after 10:30 Mass – Church
- 9 CCD Begins
- 10 Parish Council Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 11 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 12 St. John's Beneficial Soc. Mtg. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 10 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 15/16 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
- 16 Adult Faith Formation – 4:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 16 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 18 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 19 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 23 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 25 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 30 Adult Faith Formation – 4:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 30 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

will be held **Sunday, September 23rd** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St., Allentown at 3:00 p.m. We cordially invite couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or fifty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register online at www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass or refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form by email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org. The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Natural Family Planning, 2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The registration deadline is September 13, 2018.

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.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty Savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in His love, He will sing joyfully because of you.

.... Zephariah 3:17

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS
25% OFF*
SHOPPING PASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

- Bring your shopping pass to Boscov's on **Tuesday, October 16th** to receive **25%** off on most purchases.
- Deposit registration form on your Pass in the ballot box to win prizes.
- Receive free food and fellowship.
- Shopping Passes are good towards LAY-A-WAY Purchases too, so great for early Christmas shopping!

PASSES ... \$5.00 each ... are available at the Rectory Office during the week.

PRE-SALE for St. John's will also be available at Boscov's on the following dates:

August 24, 25, 30, 31

September 1, 6, 8, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28

October 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 15

October 16th from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

(Thursdays & Fridays & Monday --10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
Saturdays -- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Friends Helping Friends! Let us help you!
Won't you help us?

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

9TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING ... sponsored by St. Patrick Parish, Pottsville on **Saturday, September 15th** on the Mountain Course at Mountain Valley Golf Course in Barnesville. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a Shot Gun start at 10 a.m. Registration of \$75 includes greens and cart fees, luncheon, and on course refreshments. Students at high school or lower grade level fee is \$50. Prizes to winning teams of \$400, and \$160. Hole in One prizes and Putting contests also part of outing. For more information and reservations contact ... **Golf Outing Director, Dave Donlin at 570-573-1841, or by e-mail at dadmatd515p@comcast.net**

2018 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Mark your Calendars

Saturday & Sunday, November 10 & 11.

(Preview weekend – November 3 & 4.)

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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Get emergency help if you have symptoms of a stroke, even if they last only a few minutes. Such short-lasting symptoms (less than 24 hours) indicate that a person has had a transient ischemic attack (TIA), sometimes called a mini-stroke. The symptoms of a TIA are similar to those of a full-blown stroke: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, one arm, or one leg; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of coordination; or sudden severe headache with no known cause. Many people with TIAs do not seek immediate medical attention, which is dangerous because they have a 10 to 20% chance of developing a full-blown stroke during the next month; drug treatment can often prevent this.

PART-TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION:

Seeking an individual to fill a part-time position of parish secretary at St. Richard's Church in Barnesville. Usual secretarial skills needed including some knowledge of working with computers. Ability to work efficiently and cordially with other people is required. Background checks and attendance at Protecting God's Children Program will also be required. Please submit resume to St. Richard Church, 799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, Pa 18214. No phone calls please.

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."