

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In a Peanuts cartoon, Snoopy is sitting by the dinner table of Charlie Brown tosses him a treat. Snoopy devours it within a few chomps. Then, Snoopy says: "I kind of like leftovers now and then. The only hard part is waiting for there to be something left over."

Most of us are softies. Is there anyone who has not, at one time or another secretly slipped a treat under the table to the family dog or cat? What a joy to feel the happy muzzle of that soft, whiskered mouth as your pooch gratefully gulps your gift.

Yes, we know the rules; "Don't feed the dog from the table." Yet, you know he is down there on the floor with his hungry eyes fixed on your hand.

In this Sunday's gospel, a persistent Canaanite woman reminds Jesus that even the dogs receive the scraps from their master's table. At that point, Jesus declared: "*Oh woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.*"

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 21 – 8:00 a.m. Time Change

RAY SR. & EVE GRAPSY (Ronald Grapsy Family)

Tuesday – August 22 – 9:00 a.m.

JACK SCHEETZ (Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

Wednesday, August 23 -- 9:00 a.m.

MARGARET & LAWRENCE ELISON

Thursday – August 24 – 9:00 a.m.

MATILDA MCDONALD

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Friday – August 25 – 11:30 a.m. Time Change

THEODORE BURKOT (John & Bernice Petock)

Saturday, August 26 – 5 p.m.

JOHN & MARGARET KASINECZ

(Daughters & Family)

Sunday – August 27 – 8:15 a.m.

CHARLES LORENZ (Kelly & Joseph Lorenz)

Sunday – August 27 – 10:30 a.m.

ANNA KURTEK (Dorothy Blum)

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I – Ashley Smith & Andrew Gabrielle

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: Fred & Magdalene Maskerines, Mary Connell, Jerry Schoenauer, Mary Zambo, Dorothy Blum, Beth Barnes, Toni Wiest, Carl Forster, Ray Dee, Doug Broughton, Dorothy Prokop.

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Mary Lou McGinley

by Rick & Ceil Elison

St. Joseph - IMO David A. Zanis

by Steve & Chris Zanis

Tabernacle - IMO Daniel L. Fox by Barbara Fox

Sanctuary

1. IMO Barbara Schmidt by Barbara Fox

2. IMO John J. Schmidt by Barbara Fox

3. All Children by Joseph & Melissa Palmieri

4. IMO Bill Flynn by Marie Flynn

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

SCHEDULE

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – August 26th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Michael Ambrose, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Jillian Guzick, Kaitlin Painter,

Raleigh McPhillips

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 27th

Reader: Paul Gombola

Euch.Min.: Carol Forster, Donna Connors

Servers: Luke Schane, Ryan & Dylan Schreffler

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 27th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Bobbi Murray, Mary Modesto

Servers: Caitlin Coyle, Grant Lapachinsky, Etain Hatch

Cantor: Ensemble

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where does it hurt?

How can God heal the hurt?

Next Week's Readings

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 26/27)

Reading I: Isaiah 22:19-23

Reading II: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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!

Bishop-Elect Schlert's Ordination/Installation Information

In celebration of the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Alfred Schlert as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, the Diocese will be having two liturgical services:

1. Solemn Vespers at which the Bishop-elect will make a Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena in Allentown (1825 Turner Street, Allentown, PA. 18104). This event is open to the public. As the Allentown Fair will be occurring, all parking will be at St. Thomas More Church (1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown, PA. 18105). Continuous shuttles will be running beginning at 5:00 PM. Light refreshments in the Parish Activity Center will follow and everyone will have a chance to greet the Bishop-Elect.

2. The Mass of Ordination will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena on **Thursday, August 31 at 2:00 p.m.** Because of space limitations at the Cathedral, attendance at this event is by **invitation only**. The Ordination/Installation will be broadcast live on Service Electric and Blue Ridge Cable TV locally. Efforts are underway to have it broadcast nationally as well. It will also be live streamed on the Diocesan Facebook page www.Facebook.com/DioceseofAllentown

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR MEN

As Christian men we are called to live out the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is especially hard to do it alone and to keep our lives in balance. We invite all men in the parish to come and give this program a try. The format is a Gospel Reflection, a reading of the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, afterwards a brief moment of reflection, spontaneous discussion of how that reading impacts each of us at that moment and in our lives today. **This is NOT a Bible study group** ... the Holy Spirit will be the teacher! We will also pray for your intentions at the end of each session.

When: **Tuesdays --- 7 to 8 p.m.**

Subject: the impact of the Gospel reading for each man's heart, mind and life expressed in his own words.

Preparation: bring a copy of the Gospel Reflection Sheet from website ... Stewardshipmission.org

For any question or more information, please contact Bill Gianfagna (573-0105) or Luis R. Visot (622-8798).

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.



DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Open Hours with Jesus

"Consider your allotted hour of adoration as an hour of paradise ... Sweetly keep alive the desire for it in your heart. Tell yourself: in four hours, in two hours, in one hour, I will go to our Lord's audience of grace and love; he invited me, he awaits me, he desires me."

... St. Peter Julian Eymard

We need adorers for the following hours:

Tuesday 4 a.m.

Friday 7 p.m.

Saturday 1 & 9 p.m.

Sunday 12 & 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 Albert 573-0036 or Aleece 449-7678.

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 2017 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

1st and 2nd Grade Teachers needed.

CCD 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 12/13: \$ 4,845.25;

Parish Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,670.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

This year's net profit ... **\$ 18,822.40**

Once again, a special "Thank You"
to all who made the Festival a huge success!

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***

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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

POSITION AVAILABLE ... **Transition Coordinator**

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc. is seeking a caring and motivated individual to coordinate and oversee its program for transition learning and assessment for students with special needs in simulated work settings and community based jobs. This is a part-time 29 hour/week position with the potential for full-time depending on the education and qualifications of the candidate. Applicant must be willing to transport students to various worksites using either their personal or school vehicle. Please come to the school (2075 West Norwegian Street, Pottsville) during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Monday through Thursday only) or email stjosephcenter@comcast.net to provide your résumé, or request an application.

No phone calls please.

POTTSVILLE HOMELESS SHELTER

"SERVANTS TO ALL"

Thank you to everyone for the many donations of food items over the past several weeks. Donations will be accepted until the end of August.

Please Note: Bottled Water donations are always needed and greatly appreciated.

Without you, this work of God could not happen. You are truly His instruments. His blessings are so great that He can never be outdone in generosity.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

August

- 22 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
 29 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

September

- 5 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
 10 CCD Begins
 10 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
 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. Mtg. – 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 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
 24 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:30 p.m. – L.H.
 26 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
 29 Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale – 4 - 7 p.m. – R.B.
 30 Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale – 8 a.m.-12 .m. – R.B.

- ** L.H. – Longinus Hall
 ** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room
 ** R.B. – Russell Building

NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH

Rock around the Schuylkill County Senior Community Centers....

September 7 ... Elvis comes to Tremont (lunch 11:30-12:15; entertainment 12:30-1:30 - 139 Clay Street)

September 11 ... Multi Generational Patriotic Singing/Craft in Mahanoy City (activity 10:30-11:30; lunch at noon - 138 W. Centre Street)

Watch for additional events throughout the month!

Lunch will be provided at each event. **To reserve your lunch,** please contact Debbie Herb at 570-624-3016 two weeks prior to the event.

*Meal - 60 + years of age – suggested donation is \$2.50; 59 years of age or younger – meal cost is \$3.69; Entertainment – Donation Appreciated

We look forward to Rockin' Around the Senior Community Centers with you!

The Schuylkill County Senior Community Centers are managed by Diakon Community Services under a contract with the Schuylkill County Office of Senior Services with funding by the PA Department of Aging.

FAMILY MATTERS

Infertile Couples. We pray today for couples experiencing difficulty in conceiving a child. We ask God to grant them patience and trust. May they turn to the Holy Family ... Jesus, Mary and Joseph during this challenging time.

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

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

will be held on **Sunday, September 17th** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner

St., Allentown, at 3:00 p.m. We cordially invite couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register online at <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass> or refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form through email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org or by calling 610-289-8900 ext. 2028 The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Natural Family Planning, 2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The **deadline for registration is September 8, 2017.**

WOMEN'S RETREAT

St. Francis Center for Renewal is delighted to once again offer this popular Annual Autumn Women's Retreat, "*Keep Your Eyes Fixed on Jesus*" from **September 8 to 10.** Facilitator will be Fr. John Krivak. To Register call 610.867.8890 or email www.stfrancisctr.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

– Before summer ends, decide on a get-away for just the 2 of you. Take time to re-charge your relationship on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

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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."

St. John's Catholic Women's Union

Kauffman's Chicken Barbeque

Tickets: \$8.00 --- includes ½ Chicken, Baked Potato, Applesauce and Roll.

Date: Saturday, September 30th

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: Former Pizza Hut Parking Lot, Yorkville

Pre-Sale: after all Masses on September 16/17 and September 23/24.

REMINDER: to all CWU members --- **deadline** for ticket sales or returns is **September 15th**.

Please contact any Catholic Women's Union member or call **Sharon Miller 622-0516** or **Joan Deiter 622-1381**.



FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thank you for doing the small things, like feeding your neighbors, with great love. God bless.

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Canned Fruit
Broth	Macaroni & Cheese
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Hot Chocolate
Hot Cereal packages	Apple Sauce
Cereal – boxed	Vegetable - Canned
Beef Stew	Spaghetti
Soups	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Canned Gravy	Canned Sweet Potatoes

NEEDED Item of the Month ---- CANNED SOUP

PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS

Please Do Not donate any nutritional drinks

(Ensure, etc.)

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the 10th Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...

If you can't quit smoking for the sake of your own health, consider the health of your dog or cat: Your pets not only breathe in your cigarette smoke directly (second-hand smoke), they also take up residues of the smoke particles left on skin, clothing, carpets, curtains, and furniture (third-hand smoke). Pets may be exposed to a lot of third-hand smoke, since they are probably home most or all of the time, and they spend more time low to the ground where the particles land and concentrate in dust. They also can get residues on their fur, which they ingest if they groom themselves. Dogs with longer nose (which trap more particles) have double the risk of nose cancer, according the FDA, while shorter-nose dogs have a higher risk of lung cancer (more particles go the lungs). Cats who live with smokers have higher rates of lymphoma and mouth cancer. The FDA warns that smoking can also harm pet birds, fish, and guinea pigs.

2017 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Mark your Calendars

Saturday & Sunday, November 11 & 12.

(Preview weekend – November 4 & 5.)

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

END-OF-SUMMER PICNIC: sponsored by St. Patrick's Church, Pottsville, on **Sunday, September 3rd** from noon to 10 p.m. at the south Cass Fire Co. Picnic Grounds, Route 901, Primrose. Entertainment, Theme Baskets, Petty Zoo, Bingo, Luck of the Irish Potluck, Games of Skill & Chance.

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS: at the Pottsville Free Public Library. The fall program session begins **September 11th**. There are story times for toddlers and preschoolers; a Builders' Bonanza program featuring Legos and other educational toys for school age kids; and a writing club, a drawing club, and teen advisory board for young adults. Please call 570-622-8880 or visit www.pottsvillelibrary.org.

WINE FESTIVAL: sponsored by St. Ambrose Parish on **Saturday, September 23rd** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 302 Randel St. in Schuylkill Haven. Tickets \$25.00; Advance tickets \$20.00; Designated Drivers \$5.00. Fabulous Wineries, Delicious Food Vendors, Awesome Craft Vendors ... Call the Rectory for Tickets and information 570-385-1031.

BLUE ARMY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE: Celebrate the Fatima Centennial in Asbury, New Jersey, on **Friday, October 13th**, sponsored by St. Matthew's Traveler's ... Cost \$25.00 ... For more info and reservations, please call Julie 570-544-5231 or Millie 570-628-5413.

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR: sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish on **Wednesday, November 29th**; Matinee at 11 a.m. Cost - Show & Bus \$107.00. For more info and reservations, call Julie 570-544-5231 or Millie 570-628-5413.

ST. JOHN'S "OVER 50" CLUB



St. John's "Over 50" Club will be meeting again on **Tuesday, August 22nd**. We welcome and encourage new members ... anyone interested in joining our little socials ... just stop by Longinus Hall on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m...we play bingo, board games, cards, etc. and light refreshments are always available. For more information please call the rectory 622-5470.