

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

While Pope Francis visited a parish in Rome, a young boy named Emanuele asked if his late father, an atheist, was in heaven. When he began to cry, the Pope invited the boy to whisper into the Pope's ear. With permission Pope Francis shared their conversation: "A boy that inherited the strength of his father also had the courage to cry in front of all of us. If this man was able to create children like this, it's true that he is a good man -- ... that man did not have the gift of faith. He wasn't a believer, but he had his children baptized. He had a good heart." The Pope asked the group if they thought God would abandon a good man. The children of the parish shouted "No." Then the Pope said: "There Emanuele, that is the answer."

Yours in Christ,  
*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – September 10 – 9:00 a.m.

THOMAS & EVA FRANCIS (Francis Family)

Tuesday, September 11 – 9:00 a.m.

WILLIAM ELISON (John & Annette Lieberman)

Wednesday – September 12 – 9:00 a.m.

ALESANDRO ALFONSI (Mick Semanchick)

Thursday, September 13 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES LORENZ (John & Joyce Gerace)

Friday, September 14 – 9:00 a.m.

CATHERINE SCHWEIKERT (Bill Schweikert)

Saturday, September 15 – 5:00 p.m.

ELIZABETH SCHMITT (Sean Schmitt)

Sunday, September 16 – 8:15 a.m.

DOROTHY PROKOP (Bob Frantz)

Sunday, September 16 – 10:30 a.m.

JOSEPHINE PARSICK

(Joanne Schultz & Dorothy Parsick)

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where in your life do you want greater openness?

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### Next Week's Readings

24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (September 15/16)

Reading I: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Reading II: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 1/2: \$ 4,365.78; Dues: \$1,125.00

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III– Samantha Johnson & Christian Gardner

### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - IMO Rosemary Cassidy by Lori Cassidy

**St. Joseph** – IMO Vincent Lescavage  
by Linda & Martin Smith

**Tabernacle** - For Eugene & Kathleen Tray  
by Tray & Cunningham Family

### Sanctuary

1. IMO Antoinette Piel by Joe & Judy Piel

2. IMO William Piel by Joe & Judy Piel

3. IMO Ruth Ebling by Joe & Judy Piel

4. IMO John Ebling by Joe & Judy Piel

### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Lucille Spotts by Dan & Ann Marie Wachter

2. IMO Mary Grace Blauser by Lori Cassidy

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### SCHEDULE

#### 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – September 15<sup>th</sup>

Reader: Patty O'Neill

Euch.Min.: Hermine Murphy, Robert Wollyung

Servers: Cooper Chiplonia, Andrew & Brandon Smith

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – September 16<sup>th</sup>

Reader: Bob Bechtel

Euch.Min.: Brian Forney, Nicholas Quinn

Servers: Logan, Joseph, Brooke Palko

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – September 16<sup>th</sup>

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Joe Rehnert, Dominic Chiplonia

Servers: Maggie Brennan, Alisha Weiss,

Victoria Wagner

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:** *Angela Pfeil Hamm, Theresa Tuite, Joe Brahler, Helen Hufnagle, Peggy Ebling, Carl Wiest, Florence Yeager.*

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### 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!

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## 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.*

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### DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Where there is faith in My real presence, there will be adoration; and where there is adoration, there will also be an efficacious radiance of My presence..."

Words of Our Lord, IN SINU JESU

**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 Aleece for information 570-449-7678.**



### 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.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

St. John's Parish Council will meet .....

**Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.**

There are two ways that any parishioner may raise a question or concern or make recommendations.

1. Parishioners may approach any Parish Council Member listed below and ask that a question, concern, etc. be brought up at the meeting.
2. Parishioners may write their concerns, etc. and put it (them) in the suggestion box provided in the rear of the church. These may be signed or unsigned. They will then be brought up at the Council meeting.

### Elected Members

Bob Bechtel  
John Consugar  
Paul Datte  
Joseph Gerchak  
Heidi Gorski \*\*  
Christy Joy  
Alicia Kleman  
Eric Lieberman \*\*  
Kevin McNamara  
Al Norkus  
Patty O'Neill  
Josette Peckman  
John Pfluger \*\*  
John Powers  
Nick Quinn  
Melissa Scheetz \*\*  
Martin Smith \*\*

### Appointed Members

Lucilla Kochol  
Patty O'Neill  
Connor McNamara  
Joe Rehnert

### Ex-Officio

Ed Brahler  
Deacon Larry Lonergan  
Deacon Luis R. Visot  
Father Dave Loeper



**\*\*denotes new members**

**Please Note – No Voting:** The Parish Council voting process was adjusted this year as the amount of accepted nominations met the need of the open positions.

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### 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.

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

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*I will listen for the word of God; surely the Lord will proclaim peace to His people, to the faithful, to those who trust in Him.* ..... *Psalm 85:9*

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## St. John's ENSEMBLE

The purpose of this ministry is to serve the parish at Mass, singing liturgical hymns, using contemporary instruments like the guitar, keyboard, drums or other instruments, and using contemporary music arrangements.

We invite **ANYONE** in the parish wanting to share his or her voice and musical gifts whether you are a beginner or more experienced. Arrangements are not complicated and songs are familiar. You do not need to know how to read music to join us. We will teach anyone who has a willing heart.

Our goal is to play/sing once a month at one of the weekend Masses. Practices will be one or, at most, twice a month for **ONE HOUR**, to prepare for music at Mass that week. This is a great way to participate in parish life and have fun with only a small commitment of your time.

Why not give it a try and give back to your parish family by sharing the gifts God has given to you?

If interested call **Bill Gianfagna 570-573-0105** or **Bob Hahner 570 622-0223** or the Rectory 622-5470.

Our next practices are:  
Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## St. John's Catholic Women's Union Kauffman's Chicken Barbeque

**Tickets: \$8.00** --- includes 1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato, Applesauce and Roll.

**Date: Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Place: Former Pizza Hut Parking Lot, Yorkville**



**Pre-Sale:** after all Masses on September 15/16 and September 22/23.

**REMINDER:** to all CWU members --- **deadline** for ticket sales or returns is **September 14th**.

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

## 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.

## CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

Friday – September 21<sup>st</sup> – 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturday – September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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.



## FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS **25% OFF\*** SHOPPING PASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

- Bring your shopping pass to **Bosco's** on **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 **Bosco's** on the following dates:

**September 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28**

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

**October 16<sup>th</sup> 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!**

## 2018 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Mark your Calendars ....

**Saturday & Sunday, November 10 & 11.**

*(Preview weekend – November 3 & 4.)*

## SEPTEMBER 11TH

Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, marks the 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country ...

We pray today that from the ashes will rise a new spirit of beauty and unity in America.

Already, all across this nation our hearts have been knit together into a new tapestry of one America.

Because of this tragedy, we have been



bound together by a silver chord of hope and brotherhood and sisterhood.

What was meant to drive us apart

has really drawn us together.

May we always remember.

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**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 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

at Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, 18<sup>th</sup> and Turner Sts. in Allentown. Please wear your uniforms. Reception to follow in the Parish Activities Center  
RSVP: [rwbmass@gmail.com](mailto:rwbmass@gmail.com)

**AN INVITATION TO WOMEN** 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please register at [www.allentowndiocese.org/comeandsee](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/comeandsee). Questions may be directed to 610-289-8900 ext. 2021 or e-mail [cfw@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:cfw@allentowndiocese.org).

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS** will be held **Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St., Allentown, at 3:00 p.m. Couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 50+ years of marriage to this special event. Request a form by email at [MFLF@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:MFLF@allentowndiocese.org) or register at [www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass). 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.**

**HEALING MASS** on **Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** for those who have experienced trauma. Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert as celebrant and homilist at **St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 250 E. Hancock St. in St. Clair**. Holy hour to follow before the Blessed Sacrament. And Confessions; Benediction at 8:30 p.m.

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**MEN'S MORNING REFLECTION** **PRIEST, PROPHET, KING: The Archangels and the Masculine Spirit** – The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's morning of reflection on **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.** at **Queenship of Mary** in Northampton. An optional Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m. followed by refreshments. Presentations by **Msgr. John Martin**, **Rev. Patrick Lamb**, and **Rev. Eugene Ritz**. To register for this free offering visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Today in Mark's gospel, Jesus heals the deaf man and the crowds were astonished! Let Jesus heal any disappointments in your marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience peace and joy in your marriage. For more information, call 732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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**ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY** will meet on **Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** Get your blood pressure checked in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend, September 15/16.

## 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."*

## BULLETIN BOOSTERS

August 2018

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

#### 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.  
16 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.  
21/22 Yard Sale – Russell Bldg. – see bulletin ...  
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

- IMO Carl Bartholomew M/M James Loeper  
IMO Harold Bartholomew IMO Charles Lorenz  
IMO Robert Berger IMO Felix & Agnes Narog  
IMO Edward Christ IMO Carol Nygren  
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IMO M/M Herbert Henry IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert  
Joanne Hepler IMO Dorothy Rosenberger  
IMO Clare Houser Marcie Schnerring  
IMO Francis King IMO Margaret Zelinsky  
Living & Deceased of St. John’s CYO Program

**What is a Bulletin Booster??** Some of our newer parishioners have asked what it means to be a Bulletin Booster. We have a wonderful bulletin – it is timely and keeps us informed of what is going on within our parish family and its surroundings. Paper and supplies are needed on a weekly basis to continue this family tradition. So, if you'd like to donate toward the supplies. **\$1.00 and up ... you too can be a ... Bulletin Booster**

### NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING** ... sponsored by St. Patrick Parish, Pottsville on **Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** on the Mountain Course at Mountain Valley Golf Course in Barnesville. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$75 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](mailto:dadmatd515p@comcast.net)**

**BASKET & PRIZE AUCTION** ... sponsored by St. Patrick’s Parish on **Saturday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 12 to 6 p.m. and **Sunday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish center. Drawing begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**SPIRITUALITY DAY** ... sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Minersville, on **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Cost \$10.00. Our theme is “*Who Are We; What Shall We do?*” directed by Rev. Eric Gruber, Pastor at St. John Fisher Church in Catasauqua. Pre-Registration required by contact Jean at 570-544-6853.

### FAMILY MATTERS

**School Year Beginning.** As we begin this new school year our parish prays that parents will support their children’s efforts to reach their full potential. We pray that their children give their best effort in their studies, to develop their relationships with friends, and grow in their faith life.

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

### 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.

**POSITION AVAILABLE** Real Options, formerly Care Net of Schuylkill County, is hiring! The Office Assistant is responsible for performing administrative duties related directly to the operations of the pregnancy center. Major duties involve ensuring efficient office procedures, including data entry, clerical procedures, and computer operations. The office assistant will also promote a positive first impression of the ministry by greeting clients and visitors, handling phone calls, and scheduling clients. This position is 30 hours/week. Please contact Sarah DeArment at [carenetdirector@gmail.com](mailto:carenetdirector@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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.