

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

When Pope Francis took the name of St. Francis it seems he also took up the Lord's direction given amid the ruins of a small chapel in Assisi. "Go, rebuild my church." He is rebuilding the church by facing today's needs. He said the key is to hold justice and mercy together, not becoming obsessed with the fine points of legal interpretation.

This Sunday's gospel speaks about the sanctity of marriage. But, in the U.S., about half of first marriages, and eighty percent of re-marriages end in divorce. Divorced Catholics want to be in full communion, but many find themselves marginalized by the church. The U.S. Bishops have made marriage a national pastoral initiative.

Yours in Christ,  
*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – October 8 – 9:00 a.m.

**THERESA MARY RINALDO**

(Brian & Barbara Barket)

Tuesday, October 9 – 9:00 a.m.

**SPECIAL INTENTION**

Wednesday – October 10 – 9:00 a.m.

**CHARLES LORENZ** (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Thursday, October 11 – 9:00 a.m.

**ANNA KURTEK** (John & Nancy Hester)

Friday, October 12 – 9:00 a.m.

**GEORGE MINCHHOFF & ELIZABETH**

**DORNSIFE** (Ritz Lotz)

Saturday, October 13 – 5:00 p.m.

**JOSEPH & TERESA FANELLI** (Lucilla Kochol)

Sunday, October 14 – 8:15 a.m.

**JOAN SMITH** (St. John's CCD Staff)

Sunday, October 14 – 10:30 a.m.

**BARBARA & CARL WEISS** (Weiss Family)

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Tuesday – October 9

at York Terrace Nursing Home

**CAROL WALKER** (Staff & Residents)

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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, Bill Webber.*



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### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**III** – Brittany Corbacio & Ron Gabala

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## CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - IMO Daniel L. Fox Sr. by Barbara Fox

**St. Joseph** – IMO Mr.&Mrs. Joseph Eberwine by Barbara Fox

**Tabernacle** - IMO Mr.&Mrs. Michael Costello by Barbara Fox

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO Mr.&Mrs. John J. Schmidt by Barbara Fox

2. IMO Charles & Elizabeth Tamburelli

by Herb Tamburelli

4. IMO Carol Kramer Tamburelli by Herb Tamburelli

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. Special Intention

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### SCHEDULE

28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – October 13<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Mary Ann Schweikert

**Euch.Min.:** Molly Zwiebel, Gerry Schwartz

**Servers:** Alexi & Julia Plachko, Riley Doyle

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 14<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Patty O'Neill

**Euch.Min.:** Brian & George Forney

**Servers:** Ryan & Emma Seiger, Allegra Hossler

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 14<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Janet Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Phil Markovich, Bobbi Murray

**Servers:** Evielyn Hower, Josh Cooper, Ava Orłowsky

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

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### **ATTENTION**

All **Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers** ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **November & December** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call or e-mail the Rectory by Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** to let Father Dave know when you are **NOT** available during these months. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

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### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

How does your parish support married couples?

How does it embrace those who are separated or divorced?

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### Next Week's Readings

28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October 13/14)

**Reading I:** Wisdom 7:7-11

**Reading II:** Hebrews 4:12-13

**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30

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## PRAYER GROUP



Our Prayer Group meets on the second Sunday of each month after the 10:30 Mass in the Chapel. Please consider joining us as we lift up those in need of prayer. It will take only a few minutes of your time.

Prayer request can be placed in the box on side of confessional. Thanks and God bless!

For more information or questions, please contact one of the following:

**Bob Hahner 570-640-4448**

**John Corbacio 570-640-5038**

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### My Prayer Request

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**Please place in box on side of Confessional.**

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## DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

The greatest tragedy would be to come to the end of our lives and realize *"that the Lord was so near, and yet we were so far away."* Our greatest regret will be that Jesus waited every day to see us, to grant us grace, and to pour out blessings upon us, and yet we have never gone to visit Him. ... *Bishop Fulton Sheen*

### We need adorers for the following hours:

**Tuesday 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Thursday 4 a.m.;**

**Friday 12 a.m. & 6 a.m. & 11 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.**

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## QUESTIONS FOR THE BISHOP

As Bishop Alfred Schlert has been visiting parishes around the Diocese in the weeks following the release of the Grand Jury Report, many people have stayed to ask him questions. Now we're giving you the same opportunity, anyone with questions about the clergy sexual abuse issue is invited to e-mail them to [abusequestions@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:abusequestions@allentowndiocese.org). The Diocese will edit questions for clarity, length and appropriateness. Please include your name and hometown. On the website, we will identify questioners by their first name and hometown, unless you want that information withheld. We will not reveal your e-mail address or last name.

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## MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2019 will open **Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Masses can be scheduled beginning at **10:00 a.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Scheduling will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to the backlog of Masses we already have from the past year, each person will be able to schedule

### **TWO MASSES ONLY**

- additional Mass requests may be sent to the Missions. The remaining dates will be used to schedule previously requested Masses as well as keep dates open for those who will be deceased in the year 2019.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

The Mass Intention Book for 2019 will be open from **October 22<sup>nd</sup> to October 25<sup>th</sup>** - all Masses must be scheduled during this time. No scheduled Mass Intentions will be taken after **October 25<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Two Masses Only**

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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 570 640-4448** or the Rectory 622-5470.

### **Our next practices are:**

**Wednesdays, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> --- 7 p.m.**

**in Church**

(Will play on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Mass)

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# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...

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

*'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.*

We are asking families to donate a **Theme Basket** with a suggested value of at least **\$25.00** in merchandise or gift certificates. If you would like to donate the items, we would be happy to put a basket together and wrap it for you. Be creative and come up with your own unique idea!

**Homemade craft items** are also very welcome.

*So many families donated baskets last year --- it was wonderful to see the spirit of St. John's shine through.*

Our 'Lottery Baskets & Frames' are always a huge success. If you would like to donate **lottery tickets** (any amount), please drop tickets off at the rectory or place in the collection basket at Mass.

As always, **Monetary donations** are greatly appreciated. and helping hands at the Bazaar are always welcome. If you can help or you have questions, please call the **Rectory 622-5470 ext. 3**

**Gift Cards / Certificates are especially needed.**

In addition to our many various **THEME BASKETS**, there will be beautiful **CRAFTS**, many of which are handmade, **SPECIALS**, and of course, delicious **FOOD** and our famous homemade **BAKED GOODS**.

**PICTURES WITH SANTA** will be available as well.

*This is a great way to get involved in a fun fundraiser for the parish and to meet other people. Join us !!!*

**Baskets should be dropped off before October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Russell Building on the following dates:**

**October 10, 15, 17, 22**

**4:30 to 5:30 p.m. ONLY**

**Baskets / Items for baskets  
CANNOT  
be dropped off at the Rectory.**

## WINE / CHEESE / SNACK BASKETS



If you would like to donate **Wine, Cheese, or Snacks** for our **Wine/Snack Baskets** for this year's Christmas Bazaar, please drop your donation off at the **Russell Building on the dates and times listed above.**

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We wish to thank the following for their donations ...

Carolyn Bernatonis	Handmade Totes
Mary Bound	Kitchen Basket, Crafts
Mary Bound	Yuengling Tree
Mary Bound	Coke Cola Tree
BrokSel	Gift Card
CCD Staff	Lottery Basket
Father Dave	Echo Dot
Father Dave	Soup&Beverage Basket
Heaven & Earth	Gift Card
Lucilla Kochol	Christmas Basket,Crafts
Chris Maccarone	Patriotic Wreath
Majestic Theatre	Gift Card
Patty & John O'Neill	Dental Basket
Carole Quirin	Wreaths, Various Crafts
Visot's	Wine Basket
Joe & Barbara Wollyung	\$50.00 Sponsor

## FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

**BOSCOV'S -- 25% OFF SHOPPING PASS**

**Tuesday, October 16th**

**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:

**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!**

## 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.

## 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.

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### October

- 7 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. – L.H.  
9 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
10 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.  
10 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parent Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
14 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. – L.H.  
14 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.  
16 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
17 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
20/21 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses  
21 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. – L.H.  
22-25 2019 Mass Book opens  
23 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
27 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
28 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. – L.H.  
28 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.  
30 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

\*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall

\*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

\*\* R.B. – Russell Building

### MARRIED IN CHRIST



We extend our warmest congratulations to **Christian Scott Gardner and Samantha Elizabeth Jansson** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on September 29<sup>th</sup> in the presence of Father Dave. They are called now to total dedication to each other. May their love each day

draw them closer to God and to each other.

### FAMILY MATTERS

**Honesty is the Best Policy.** Do you remember your mom and dad telling you to always tell the truth? What about those white lies or half-truths that sometimes slip out so easily? This week we pray for a respectful honesty in all of our dealings, especially within our own family. May we always model the trust, spoken in love to those around us!

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

**ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**September 29/30: \$ 4,209.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

*The Lord has heard my prayer;*

*the Lord takes up my plea.*

*... Psalm 6:10*

## 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.**

### DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** – "... and the two became one flesh." Today's readings tell us that God had a plan from the beginning for husbands and wives to be one and faithful. Did you know God has a plan for your marriage? Strengthen your oneness at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. For more info, call 732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

### CYO Basketball Sign-Ups



Registration for CYO Basketball will take place at St. Patrick's Parish Center on **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m.** CYO sports are open to all children – grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> -- enrolled in a Catholic school or public school. Participants in public school must be registered for CCD in order to play CYO sports. For more information please call Brian Brennan 570-617-0892.

### FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! Our parish is collecting food items now for Thanksgiving Baskets

#### Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Cranberries
Broth	Spaghetti's
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Instant Potatoes
Hot Chocolate	Ravioli
Beef Stew	Gravy
Soups	Cake Mixes
Icing	Baked Beans
Canned Vegetables	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Canned Fruit	Macaroni & Cheese
Apple Sauce	Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce	Jelly



**Needed Items of the Month: Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits and Soups.**

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the bottom 10<sup>th</sup> St. side entrance of church.

**Gift cards** to purchase turkeys will be gladly accepted. Thank you.

**PLEASE -- NO OUTDATED ITEMS**

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## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** ... sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** from 11:20 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center, 319 Mahantongo St. Eat in or Take out. ...All You Can Eat ... Adults \$8.00; Children \$3.50

**ROSARY RALLY** ... All are encouraged to join the "America Needs Fatima" Rosary Rally to be held **Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** at 12 noon in the parking lot of St. Ambrose Church, Schuylkill Haven. Please join in honoring Our Lady and praying for our Nation as we celebrate the *101st anniversary of Fatima*. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair if needed. Please arrive a few minutes before noon.

**BASKET/GIFT AUCTION** ... on **Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** at SS. Peter & Paul church hall in Mt. Carmel. Doors open 11:30; Auction begins 2 p.m. Browse & Bid on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food available for purchase.

**FATHER CISZEK DAY** ... will be held on **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**. Mass at St. Casimir Church, 229 North Jardin Street, Shenandoah at 2:00 p.m.. Homilist will be Most Rev. Bishop Alfred Schlert. Light refreshments will be available in the church hall after Mass. Also, related items concerning Fr. Walter will be available for purchase. The new Prayer League Center at 218 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah will be opened from 11:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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**FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...** If you lose weight on a diet, your spouse or partner is also likely to lose some weight, suggests a study in the journal *Obesity*. To evaluate this "ripple effect," researchers assigned 130 overweight or obese people (two-thirds women) to either Weight Watchers (which funded the study) or a self-guided diet (based simply on a four-page handout about healthy eating and weight-loss strategies). The spouses or cohabiting partners, most of who were also overweight or obese, were not invited to take part in the weight-loss attempts. After six months, the Weight Watchers group lost an average of 9.5 pounds, while the self-guided group lost 7 pounds. Meanwhile, the spouses or partners in both groups lost an average of 4.5 pounds; one-third of them lost at least 3% of body weight. Much research has shown that "weight within couples is highly interdependent," according to the researchers, and "spouses often enter marriage at a similar weight status and mirror each other's weight trajectories over time."

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## NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL .....

**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TEAM TOURNAMENT** ... on **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** at Mt. Valley Golf Course. Four person scramble with 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration and Buffet Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. Cost \$90.00 per golfer which includes Breakfast Buffet, Greens Fees, Cart, Gifts, Refreshments, various contests and the Mt. Valley Picnic. Cost of \$25.00 per person for the picnic ONLY. To register or to be a Sponsor, please contact Athletic Director Josh Muldowney 622-8110 or Coach Daniel Lisella 622-8110 or email [nativitybymgolfers@gmail.com](mailto:nativitybymgolfers@gmail.com). Thank you for your support and may God bless you abundantly.

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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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*Casting all your cares upon Him; for He careth for you.  
... 1 Peter 5:7*

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