

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Two old-style TV antennas were mounted on the roof of an apartment building. Over time, they fell in love and were joined in marriage. The wedding was okay but the reception was great.

The long crook of a shepherd is somewhat like an antenna. The crozier sticks up into the sky and seems to pull down security and safety upon the flock. The sheep look to their shepherd, who stands faithfully with them. They know that as long as he is there they will be safe. They know that unlike hired hands the good shepherd will lay down his life for them.

The bishop's crozier is a modern symbol that gathers the diocesan flock around him. The faithful know that the bishop calls down the grace of God upon his diocese. Under his pastoral care all are brought to the wedding of heaven and earth. God's message becomes a clear picture because "the reception is great."

Yours in Christ,  
*Father Dave*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 30 – 9:00 a.m.

MARIAN KRISTON (Kriston Family)

Tuesday, May 1 – 9:00 a.m.

DAVID DECONCINI

Wednesday, May 2 – 9:00 a.m.

NANCY DOYNE (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Thursday, May 3 – 9:00 a.m.

ROBERT GUZICK (Cathy, John, Hannah Kostick)

Friday, May 4 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH FINLEY (Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Saturday – May 5 – 5:00 p.m.

BETTY KETNER

(Mary Ann Schweikert & Jo Gallagher)

Sunday – May 6 – 8:15 a.m.

FRAN & DOROTHY PURCELL

(Mark & Deborah Purcell)

Sunday – May 6 – 10:30 a.m.

PHYLLIS ORLOWSKY

(Robert, DeAnna, Ava Orlofsky)

Tuesday, May 1 @ York Terrace Nursing Home

KATHLEEN MCGOVERN

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

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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:** *Margie Glunz, John Connell, Bill & Pat Zaharis, Dr. David Harvey, Ray Grapsy, Loretta Raybould, Robert Lynn, Grace Sadusky, Fred Brahler.*

**Deceased:** *Oliver M. Barres (Bishop Barres' father)*

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## CANDLE INTENTIONS

**BVM** –Special Intention by Jule Quandt

**St. Joseph** – IMO Joseph W. Cook by Susan Cook

**Tabernacle** – Living & Deceased of  
St. John's Catholic Women's Union

**Sanctuary Candles**

1. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family

2. IMO Joseph Dumchus by Marge Davidson

3&4. IMO Francis King by Grace King & Family

**Guardian Angels**

1. IMO Francis King by Grace King & Family

2. Special Intention by Jule Quandt

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## SCHEDULE

Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Carol Rizzardi

**Euch.Min.:** Paul & Mary Ann Filiac

**Servers:** Ryan Schreffler, Madison Buckingham,  
Dominic Chiplonia

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Bob Bechtel

**Euch.Min.:** Frank Murphy, Andrew Kubick

**Servers:** Ethan, Sage, Lindsay Garvey

**Cantor:** Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Mary Hahner

**Euch.Min.:** Joseph Rehnert, John Ventura, Kathy Vivic

**Servers:** Adrian & Evelyn Datte, Kate Kramer

**Cantor:** Suzette Joy

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## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**I – Zach Herb & Kerry Rada**

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## BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Riley Rose Shaffer**, daughter of William and Christine (Conville) Shaffer of 580 Lewis St., Minersville. 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 Riley into our parish family.



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## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Mary Anne Fieux** to St. John's Parish Family. Warmly embrace Mary Anne into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 255 W. Rausch's Road, Orwigsburg, Pa. 17961.



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## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**April 21/22: \$ 4,391.53**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does your parish do  
for ecumenism and interfaith relations?

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### This Week's Readings

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 28/29)

**Reading I:** Acts 4:8-12

**Reading II:** 1 John 3:1-2

**Gospel:** John 10:11-18

### Next Week's Readings

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 5/6)

**Reading I:** Acts 9:26-31

**Reading II:** 1 John 3:18-24

**Gospel:** John 15:1-8

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## FIRST EUCHARIST

### First Holy Communion Rehearsal

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Church

### First Holy Communion

will take place Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 5 p.m. Mass

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## FAMILY MATTERS

**Children Preparing for Sacrament of Eucharist.** Our parish children are preparing for the first reception of the sacrament of Eucharist. We pray and ask God to bless all these children and their parents. As they are nourished in the sacrament of Eucharist for the first time, we pray that this bread of life will continue to strengthen them over the years as committed Catholics. We as a parish family commit ourselves to praying and supporting them on this journey.

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

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## MAY PROCESSION

### Sunday, May 6th

The CCD students will end their year by having a May Procession after the 8:15 Mass on May 6th. Families of the students are asked to bring a bouquet of flowers and their rosaries. *All parishioners* are invited to be part of the procession that will begin in the church. We will process from the back of church up 10th street and end at the grotto. There, children will place bouquets of flowers and we will recite a decade of the rosary, say the litany of Mary and make the Act of Consecration. After this we will crown Mary. All will be invited to sing the chorus to Immaculate Mary. Please join us for this special Marian devotion!



.... *Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God Almighty*  
... Rev. 15:3

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## CCD Registration

Now is the time to register your child for next year's CCD class. **There are reduced rates until May 27<sup>th</sup>.** The forms are at the entrances of the Church. The longer form is for new students and new first graders. The shorter sheets are for students who are presently attending class.

**Registration Fee: \$50.00 First Child**

(after May 27<sup>th</sup> - \$60.00)

**All Other Children: \$45.00 per Child**

(after May 27<sup>th</sup> - \$55.00)

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## 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 2012 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 2012 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 15, 2012.**
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 15, 2012**

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## YOUTH GROUP UPDATE ...

### Bi-weekly Meetings

**Date:** starting Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6 to 8 p.m.

**Place:** Longinus Hall (unless otherwise determined)

**RSVP:** by Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Contact:** Rachael Kubick @ [rkubick3@hotmail.com](mailto:rkubick3@hotmail.com)  
or 570.640.7791

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## Why do Catholics have images and statues of saints in church?

As a crucifix reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice and triumphant resurrection, statues of Mary and the saints recall their heroism and remind us of what we can become. These images serve as teaching tools and spiritual aids for us. Having these reminders in church also gives us the opportunity to reflect on our own faith and love. They call us to better efforts at holiness, and help us honor God who gives us the grace to keep trying for saintliness.

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**PARISH COUNCIL  
NOMINATIONS - 2012**

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 nominations. 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. They are, however, eligible to be nominated for a second three-year term.

- Maureen Kurtek (not eligible)
- Albert Nastasi
- Mary Sitcoske

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

**Term expires 2013**

- Janet Daubert
- Jennifer Daubert
- Gerry Schwartz
- Dave Zerbe

**Term expires 2014**

- Paul Datte
- Jennifer Hower
- Maeve Ketner
- Kyle Lisowski
- John Powers
- Dave Steffan
- Dan Wachter
- George Zwiebel



- President:** Eric Lieberman
- 1st Vice-President:** Robert DeColli
- 2nd Vice-President:** Tina Seiger

**NOMINATION BALLOT**

**I Nominate:**

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

**PLEASE RETURN TO RECTORY  
by Tuesday, May 29, 2012**

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Next weekend is Commitment Sunday for our Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. Extra pledge forms will be available in the pews. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our diocesan goal. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at [www.adbaa.org](http://www.adbaa.org)

**DIOCESAN EVENTS & NEWS**

**Office of Pro-Life.** Do you seek healing from a past abortion experience either recent or many years ago? Call 1-866-3 Rachel, the confidential Project Rachel Hotline, for information about compassionate post-abortion counseling and reconciliation and Rachel's Vineyard Retreats.

**Adoptive Parents.** Catholic Charities offers prospective adoptive parents a range of services from home studies to post adoption support. Please contact Patricia Reusch at 610-435-1541, ext. 325 or 1-800-330-8001.

**Counseling and Behavioral Health Program** provides counseling and mental health services at 13 Westwood Center, Pottsville. Some insurance plans are accepted. Please call 570-628-0466.

**Holy Family Adult Day Care** in Orwigsburg has openings for new participants over age 60 needing supervised care. Stimulating activities and compassionate assistance provide many benefits for your loved one. Please contact Linda Herb for details or to schedule a visit, 570-366-2924.

**SAVE THE DATE !!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2012**

**Sunday, June 24 - Thursday, June 28**

Have you ever heard the term "When Pigs can fly?" Our theme for VBS this year is "SKY", everything is possible with God (Mark 10:27), and our pilot is a pig! Orville and his crew will help us soar the blue sky and trust in God. While in flight we will be stopping by skydive diner, sky-tacular tunes, imagination station, wild blue bible adventure, sky high movies and missions with Chadder. Due to air regulations our flight will have reservations for 100 passengers. We will be looking for pilots in training and volunteers. Please join us in making VBS fun and successful. Any questions, please call Theresa Hossler, Director, at 570-640-6686.

**\*\* Registration can be done by calling the Rectory at 622-5470 or online at**

**[www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stpatsandstjohns](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stpatsandstjohns)**

**OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**REACH OUT and TOUCH SOMEONE**



St. John's OutReach Ministry can help with light housekeeping, grocery shopping, transportation, meals, etc.

Volunteers are always needed.

Call Margie Glunz at 622-3067 anytime with your needs and concerns.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.*  
*Ps. 103.2*

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## **St. Joseph Center for Special Learning**

### **Spring 2012 Events**

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner** sponsored by the Development Advisory Board of St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, to be held **Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** at Mountain Valley Golf Course in Mahanoy City. Many levels of sponsorship available. All golf fees include lunch and steak dinner. You may also just come for dinner at 6:00 p.m. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m., with buffet style lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 1p.m. Lots of prizes! Back again this year: each golfer will receive a \$50 gift card to spend at the on-site NIKE Golf Store. For more information please call St. Joseph Center at (570) 622-4638.

**Pottsville Mile** (formerly known as the “Dash for St. Joseph Center for Special Learning”), sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Schuylkill County and the Schuylkill Knights of Columbus, will take place on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** in Pottsville. Pre-registration guarantees a commemorative t-shirt for all runners. For more information or to register to run or become a sponsor, please call Mr. Bill Kern at (570) 498-5991.

**Ride for Autism.** The 10<sup>th</sup> annual motorcycle **“Ride for Autism”** to benefit St. Joseph Center for Special Learning will take place on **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at 106 West Main Street in Tremont. Scenic ride starts at 10 a.m. followed by a non-alcoholic picnic at Whipporwill Dam in Frackville. Pig Roast, raffles, 50-50 drawing, and music by Airwaves. Donation of raffle items greatly appreciated. \$20.00 per driver and \$20.00 per passenger. For more info call Cathy and Gene at (570) 695-3824.

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## **NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL NEWS**

**Transfer Grants.** Receive \$3,000 in Transfer Grants from the Bishop’s Commission on Catholic School. Any public or private school student who transfers to 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade at any Diocese of Allentown High School will receive this Grant. The student will receive \$2,000 in their first year and \$1,000 in their second year. Certain restrictions apply. To receive the grant visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/transfergrants.html](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/transfergrants.html), print and complete the transfer grant certificate and return to Nativity High School. For more information please call the school at 622-8110.

**NATIVITY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP** ...Application forms, for incoming freshman only, are now available at Nativity BVM High School. Students must have a parent who is a graduate of Nativity BVM High School. For more information, please call 544-2550.

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## **ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL NEWS**

**Open House.** Come join us on **Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for open house and registration. Assumption BVM faculty members and administration will be available to answer questions that you might have that evening. For new registrations, please remember to bring your child's birth certificate, baptismal record and immunization records. Scholarship applications for new families are due May 4<sup>th</sup>. Transfer grants are also available for students in grades 2 through 7. We hope you can join us!

Thank you for your support! Call us for a tour or for more information at 570-622-0106.

**Tuition Transfer Grant.** The Bishop’s Commission on Catholic Schools will offer **\$1,500 Tuition Transfer Grants** to any parishioner who transfers their child in the second to seventh grades from any private or public school. No financial aides forms are required for this two-year grant and it is a direct reduction from your school tuition (\$1,000 in year one and \$500 in year two). Assumption BVM has been very effective at preparing our children for a successful high school and college experience. Our excellent faculty is dedicated to maximizing the God-given potential of each child entrusted to our care in a nurturing family atmosphere. With our small class sizes and many extracurricular activities, your child will have a great opportunity to participate and lead throughout the year. **Assumption BVM School – Academic Success – Catholic Values.** For more information and a tour, please call the school at 622-0106.

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## **BULLETIN BOOSTERS**

**April 2012**

Carl Bartholomew	IMO Francis King
Harold Bartholomew	IMO Rita Klitsch
Robert & Kathleen Berger	M/M James Loeper
Doc & Dot Bound	IMO Felix & Agnes Narog
IMO Edward Christ	IMO Carol Nygren
Joe Christ	IMO Jeanne Rehnert
Fr. Don Henry	IMO Eugene Rehnert
IMO M/M Herbert Henry	H. David Reiner
Joanne Hepler	Paul&Dorothy Rosenberger
Clare & Linda Houser	Mrs. Marcie Schnerring
IMO Sophia Kapsha	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**

## **CURIOSITY SHOP / FLEA MARKET**

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
at the Russell Building  
**DROP-OFF DATE**

Items can be dropped off  
at St. John's Russell Building  
on the following date **ONLY**

**Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m.**

**NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED  
BEFORE OR AFTER THIS DATE**

**Do Not Leave Articles at the  
Door or in the Parking Lot**

**Hot Dogs, Pierogies, Baked Goods &  
Refreshments will be available for purchase.**

### **ATTENTION**

**Set-up Date:** Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – 9 a.m. to 12 noon

**Clean-up Date:** Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.

## **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**



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## **FOOD COLLECTION**

*"We can do no great things, only small things  
with great love." ... Mother Teresa.*

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

### **Items Needed:**

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

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

**PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS**

## **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

Thank you for your generosity this year! Our faith community raised **\$ 462.89** for Catholic Relief Services. Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl will continue to make a difference throughout this year.

## **NEIGHBORING EVENTS**

**GOD'S BOUNTIFUL TABLE** at Rev. Anthony Ricapito Annex in Minersville from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the disadvantaged and those in need – every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month (subject to change).

**GEORGIA BUS TRIP** sponsored by St. Matthew's Travelers to Savannah, Georgia from **May 21 to 26**; sightseeing cruise on the Savannah River; Buffet Lunch at Paula Deen's the Lady & Sons and much more! Call Julie 544-5231 or Maria 544-2340 for information.

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS** at St. Matthew the Evangelist Church, Minersville on **Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** – 6 p.m. Vigils can be memorialized for a loved one by calling Edward Butler 544-2739 or the rectory 544-2211.

## **FROM OUR PARISH NURSE**

... Janet Daubert

**Women who drink regular coffee may be at lower risk for developing depression.** In a Harvard study of more than 50,000 nurses, recently in the *Archives of Internal Medicine*, women who drank two or three cups of coffee a day were 15% less likely to develop depression over a ten-year period than those who drank little or no coffee. One cup a day did not have a significant effect.

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