

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever asked St. Anthony to help you find your car keys? Chances are you discovered the keys right under your nose. You were suffering from selective blindness. When your eyes were truly opened, the keys appeared.

Things are similar in the Emmaus story of today's gospel. The two disciples did not recognize Jesus until the breaking of the bread. They had spent the whole day walking with him but didn't recognize him until their eyes were opened.

We may have difficulty discovering the presence of Jesus in our lives. The distractions of the world blind us to what is there before us. We don't even have the time to look. Perhaps it's time to pray to St. Anthony, asking him to lift our selective blindness and to open our eyes so that we might discover Jesus right there before us.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 23 – 9:00 a.m.

REV. FRANCIS FOX

Tuesday, April 24 – 9:00 a.m.

GRETCHEN BISHOP (John & Joyce Gerace)

Wednesday, April 25 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY JANE CONNELL (Jerry Seary)

Thursday, April 26 – 9:00 a.m.

ANDRE FIFELSKI (living intention)(Scheidel Family)

Friday, April 27 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH STEFICEK (Joan & Children)

Saturday – April 28 – 5:00 p.m.

M/M JOSEPH YARASHUS (Yarashus Family)

Sunday – April 29 – 8:15 a.m.

THERESA HOLLEY & BABY ZOIE MARIE

(Deborah & Mark Purcell)

Sunday – April 29 – 10:30 a.m.

JACK & PHILOMENA RYAN (Dot Ryan & Family)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 14/15: \$ 5,011.30; Imp.&Rep.: \$1627.00

Easter: \$ 14,054.61

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SECOND COLLECTION

Weekend of April 28/29

.. will be taken up for the Potluck Stand
at this year's Mid-Summer Festival.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

For Thou wilt light my candle; the Lord, my God, will enlighten my darkness. Psalm 18:28

CANDLE INTENTIONS

BVM –IMO David Zanis by Steve & Chris Zanis

St. Joseph – IMO Mary Houser

by Linda & Clare Houser

Tabernacle – IMO David Zanis by Steve & Chris Zanis

Sanctuary Candles

1. IMO Imelda Kelchner by Linda & Clare Houser

2. IMO Leroy Kelchner by Linda & Clare Houser

3. Special Intention by Elizabeth Madrigal

4. IMO Mildred & John Tamalavage by Family

Guardian Angels

1. IMO John Hohman by Kathleen Hohman

2. IMO Joseph Gallagher by Kathleen Hohman

SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – April 28th

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Bobbi Murray, Bill Schweikert

Servers: Paige Vandermeer, Lucy & Sophie Murray

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – April 29th

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Janet Daubert, Gerry Schwartz, Bill Casey

Servers: Stephen Messina, Ryan Seiger, Grace Casey

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – April 29th

Reader: Ian Hower

Euch.Min.: Debbie Guers, Joyce Gerace,

Prudence Griffin

Servers: Emily Witmier, Kate Kramer, Maeve Stoudt

Cantor: Suzette Joy

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, Al Hauptly, Bob Russell, Fred Brahler, Charles Tamburelli.*

Deceased: *Elaine Schafer*

FAMILY MATTERS

Couples in Conflict. Sometimes couples really struggle in their marriages. We ask that you pray for our couples that are facing serious challenges in living out the vocation of their sacramental marriage. Pray that the graces of this sacrament sustain them during their struggles. For information about RETROUVAILLE, a weekend for troubled marital relationships, see the website www.retrouvaille.org.

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Whom do you see witnessing to Christ?

This Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Easter (April 21/22)

Reading I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Next 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

FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent Meeting:

Sunday, April 22nd - 9 a.m. - Longinus Hall

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

Friday, May 4th at 7 p.m. in Church

First Holy Communion

will take place Saturday, May 5th at the 5 p.m. Mass



MAY PROCESSION

Sunday, May 8th

The CCD students will end their year by having a May Procession after the 8:15 Mass on May 8th. 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!



CCD Registration

Now is the time to register your child for next year's CCD class. **There are reduced rates until May 27th.** 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 27th - \$60.00)

All Other Children: \$45.00 per Child

(after May 27th - \$55.00)

Every day I bless You; I will praise Your name forever.

Psalm 145:2

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$300 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You can make your gift online at www.adbaa.org or pickup a pledge form at the back of church.

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.

PRO-LIFE EVENTS - APRIL

April 21ST - April 22nd

Sanctity of Human Life Weekend

April 27th - National Pro Life T-Shirt Day

April 28th - A Devotional Hour to St. Gianna Molla

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Please join us on Saturday, April 28th, from 3:15-4:30 in Longinus Hall as we reflect on the life of St. Gianna Molla, beloved wife, mother, doctor, and pro-life witness. We will watch her biography and then pray both her novena and litany. Come and see what a devotion to St. Gianna can do in your life!

For more information please contact Andrew Kubick at (570) 640-7726 or at prayerforlife122@aol.com

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the girls and boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 17th by Bishop John O. Barres.

Chloe Elizabeth Bledsoe	Mark Robert Boran
Rachel Zeta Brahler	Charles Vincent Botto
Julia Bridget Brinich	Michael Joseph Botto
Madison Catherine Buckingham	Braden Francis Burns
Madeline Clare Consugar	Derek Francis DaSilva
Caitlin Marie Coyle	Neal John DaSilva
Megan Elizabeth Dalton	Adrian John Datte
Emily Marie Daniels	Ty David Daubert
Samantha Angela Disabella	Michael Anthony DeColli
Callie Elizabeth Dreher	Elias Vincent Doyle
Olivia Brigid Eagan	Brent Matthew Gauntlett
Madelyn Hope Garvey	Charles Joseph Gildea
Delaney Lucy Golden	Scott Anthony Glunz
Liliana Clare Golden	John Matthew Guzick
Celena Sofia Granito	Jake Michael McClure
Hannah Vittoria Granito	Stephen Francesco Messina
Leah Elizabeth Guzick	Benjamin Benjamin Norris
Shelby Grace Hahner	Cole Cornelius Painter
Macaeda Fara Herring	Anthony Philip Rulavage
Hannah Johnna Kostick	Christopher Mark Shatz
Kate Magdalene Kramer	Justin David Steffan
Raleigh Rose McPhillips	Andrew Steven Viduszynski
Lucy Hannah Murray	Bryce Anthony Williams
Sophie Elizabeth Murray	Anthony Francis Wojciechowsky
Chloe Margaret Prezelski	Michael John Wollyung
Claudia Ellen Rittle	Stephen Stephen Wollyung
Megan Maria Ryan	James Peter Womer
Kasie Gabriella Shaw	Zachary William Zaharis
Megan Theresa Skosnick	
Ashley Cecelia Smith	
Emily Christine Witmier	
Lauren Elizabeth Womer	
Maria Cecelia Womer	
Taylor Mary Young	
Jillian Monica Zerbe	

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

We gratefully acknowledge the gift of time and talent of the following Confirmation Catechists who opened their hearts and homes to our Confirmation Candidates for eight weeks of special classes:

*John & Robyn Consugar
Dr. Robert DeColli
Cathy & John Kostick
Nannette Brophy Major
Bobbi Murray
Donna Skosnick
Dave Steffan
Heather Wojciechowsky*

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Eccl. 3:1

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**

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

YOUTH GROUP GERANIUM SALE

St. John's Youth Group will be selling geraniums for Mother's Day ... 4" pots for \$2.75 each ... orders need to be in before April 25th. To place an order, contact Ariana Carr at 739-1808 or any youth group member.



Deadline for ordering - April 25th

ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL NEWS

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.

More Great News from Assumption BVM ...

A substantial amount of scholarship money is available for new and current students of Assumption BVM Catholic School, thanks to the generous contributions of local benefactors. The amount of money available for the 2012-2013 school year through the Easter Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund, EPSF, will allow all those who qualify to receive grants up to 50% off the student's tuition. **We are so blessed to be giving away over \$44,000!** Families who qualify can earn a base salary of \$60,000 a year plus \$12,000 for each child. For example, a family with three children can earn \$96,000 a year and still qualify. **Register and apply now; scholarship applications are due by April 24th.** Call the school for an application at 622-0106. We hope to hear from you soon! Thank you for your support! Call us at 622-0106.

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 10th or 11th 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/transferrgrants.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.

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning

Spring 2012 Events

21st Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner sponsored by the Development Advisory Board of St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, to be held **Friday, May 18th** 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 28th** 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 10th annual motorcycle "**Ride for Autism**" to benefit St. Joseph Center for Special Learning will take place on **Sunday, June 10th**. 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.

FAMILY MATTERS

Fun and Informational Topics for the Entire Family!
Saturday, April 28th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The National Children's Study, 171 Red Horse Road (across from soccer fields on the Gordon Nagle Trail)

Scheduled Programs:

9:00 *How much sugar is in your beverage?*

Ruby Paris, R.N., Certified Diabetes Educator, Schuylkill Health

10:00 *Cooking with the Kids-hands on fun*

Amanda Hollenbach, Certified Nutrition Manager, Schuylkill Health

11:00 *"Where the Wild Things Are" –*

Expressive reading and craft

Darren DeArment, MLIS, Head of Youth Services, Pottsville Library

Exhibits, Crafts, and Informational Table Topics

Snacks available. **Please RSVP by emailing Debbie Herb at herbd@email.chop.edu or by calling 622-4257.**

CURIOSITY SHOP / FLEA MARKET

Saturday, May 19th

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 9th 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**

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 10th
Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

PLEASE - NO OUTDATED ITEMS

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

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

FUND-RAISER: St. Patrick's Church is hosting a
parish fund-raiser ... world famous tenor Ronan Tynan,
on **Sunday, April 29th** at 2 p.m. at the Pottsville High
School auditorium. Tickets \$30 in advance; \$40 at door.
Proceeds benefit St. Patrick's Church. For more
information and tickets please call St. Pat's Rectory 622-
1802 or Kim Norris 628-0883.

CASINO MAGIC: featuring lodging at Foxwoods Great
Cedar Hotel ... 3 Days / 2 Nights ... **April 25 - 27...**
\$285.00 per person. For more information and
reservations contact St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 429-2255.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

Don't buy a "shield" to protect yourself from your
cell phone's low-intensity electro-magnetic energy.
Though the World Health Organization recently
classified cell phones as "possibly carcinogenic," there's
no clear evidence of danger. However, scam artists are
marketing such so-called shields to prey on concerned
people, the Federal Trade Commission recently warned.
These devices do not significantly reduce exposure to
emissions. In fact, if they block only the earpiece or
other portions of the phone, they're ineffective, because
the entire phone emits electromagnetic energy. And, the
FTC pointed out, a shield may interfere with the phone's
signal, thus causing it to draw even more power and
possibly emit more energy.

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