

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The story is told about St. Augustine, one of the greatest theologians of the Church, who one day was walking on the beach contemplating the mystery of the Trinity. He came upon a boy who was digging a hole in the sand. The boy was pouring water from the sea into the hole. When St. Augustine asked him what he was doing, the lad explained, "I'm going to pour the ocean into this hole."

"That's impossible," St. Augustine declared. "The whole ocean will not fit in the hole you have made." The bad-mannered boy replied, "And you cannot fit the Trinity into your tiny little brain."

The legend then says that the boy vanished, leaving St. Augustine to wonder if he had been talking to an angel.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 20 – 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE L. KLASSEN JR.

Tuesday, June 21 – 9:00 a.m.

EVE GRAPSY (Grapsy Family)

Wednesday, June 22 – 9:00 a.m.

ANDREW & MARY ROSENBERGER

(Paul & Dorothy Rosenberger)

Thursday, June 23 – 9:00 a.m.

TED HUFNAGLE (Helen Hufnagle)

Friday, June 24 – 9:00 a.m.

NO MASS

Saturday, June 25 – 5:00 p.m.

TROPP & PETOCK FAMILIES

(John & Bernice Petock)

Sunday, June 26 – 8:15 a.m.

THERESA HOLLEY & BABY ZOIE MARIE

(Mary Ann Holley)

Sunday, June 26 – 10:30 a.m.

MARY RICHWALSKI (Cathy Muscavage)

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M. – IMO John J. Carroll Sr.

by Pat & Charlene Klassen

St. Joseph – IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Family

Tabernacle – IMO Mary Wollyung

by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

Sanctuary –

1&2. IMO Charles Schaeffer Sr. by Eleanor Schaeffer

3&4. IMO Charlie Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

Guardian Angels

1. IMO George L.Klassen Sr. by Pat & Charlene Klassen

2. IMO George L.Klassen Jr. by Pat & Charlene Klassen

SCHEDULE

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:00 – Saturday – June 25th

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Leeann Smith, Paul Ziegler,
Dan & Hermine Murphy

Servers: Rachel Brahler, Emily Witmier,
Madeline Consugar

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – June 26th

Reader: S. Maryanne

Euch.Min.: George Forney, Paul & Debbie Herb,
Rachael & Andrew Kubick

Servers: Connor McNamara, Brent Gauntlett,
Allison Darhun

Cantor: Kelly Messina

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – June 26th

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace, Sharon Snyder,
Paul Gombola, Mary Jean Morgalis, Michelle Rehnert,
Frank Murphy, John Ventura

Servers: Ryan, Patrick, Caitlin Coyle

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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 Woznicki, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, Espn Murphy, Greg Schoffstall, Mary Margaret Smith, John Connell, Joe Christ, Marie Melinchok, Jane Petrilla, Paul, Mary Alfonsi, Eugene Farley. **Deceased:** Sister Alfredine Hauptly.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 12th : \$ 5,847.00; Dues: \$ 1,738.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Will be available next weekend, June 25/26
In Longinus Hall after all Masses.

FAMILY MATTERS

Interfaith Marriages. About fifty percent of all engaged Catholics marry someone of another faith. We ask you Lord to provide a special grace to sustain these marriages as they practice their religious traditions. Bless their children so that they may truly see you present to them in their faith lives.

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

He has made everything beautiful in its time

Ecc. 3:11

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does your parish show love for the world?

This Week's Readings

Most Holy Trinity (June 17/18)

Reading I: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The God of Revelation

One of the foundational truths of our faith is the one God in three Persons: Father all-powerful, Christ Lord and Savior, Spirit of love. We can reason our way into knowledge of the existence of God, but we would never know of God as Trinity if it were not revealed to us.

There is much else about God that has been revealed: about God as giver of life, land, and food; about God as liberator and protector; about the God of peace and the God of covenant love; about the suffering God, the God of the poor; about the God made flesh, the God with us.

None of this comes from reason, although it does not contradict reason. Most of what we know about God we know because God has revealed it to us.

On this Trinity Sunday, it would be good to reflect on the God of our faith and worship. Do we honor the God of revelation, or do we honor a god of our own making? Do we honor the vengeful god of a merciless world, or do we honor the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity?

"In his goodness and wisdom, God chose to reveal himself and to make known to us the hidden purpose of his will by which through Christ, the Word made flesh, man has access to the Father in the Holy Spirit and comes to share in the divine nature. Through this revelation, therefore, the invisible God out of the abundance of his love speaks to men as friends and lives among them, so that he may invite and take them into fellowship with himself.

Vatican II, Constitution on Divine Revelation (1965) 2

Gerald Darring

Next Week's Readings

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (June 24/25)

Reading I: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

FAMILY MATTERS

School Year Ending. As this school year ends, may families strive to grow closer together as they spend more time enjoying each other's company. We pray that the Lord will give each family time for play, reflection and growth in their love for each other.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Father's Day. "Our families are the starting point and the center of a vocation for justice. How we treat our parents, spouses, and children is a reflection of our commitment to Christ's love and justice. We demonstrate our commitment to the Gospel by how we spend our time and money, and whether our family life includes an ethic of charity, service, and action for justice. The lessons we teach our children through what we do as well as what we say determine whether they care for the 'least among us' and are committed to work for justice." *Everyday Christianity: To Hunger and Thirst for Justice, U.S. Catholic Bishops*

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.

Adoptive Parents. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown 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.

Post Abortion Healing Retreat. Hurting from a past abortion? Plan to attend the **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, July 8-10**, through the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Social Concerns. Within a safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment, experience God's healing love, and forgiveness. For more information or to register call **1-866-3 Rachel**. For a complete listing of Retreat dates and locations visit the national Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org

Months In The Womb Novena. All are invited to take part, with your family, in a very special Novena which is prayed at home and began on March 25th and will end on December 25th. Connected with your Novena Prayer is a special Rosary Reflection every month at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 501 Ridge Ave. **Allentown, PA 18102-5198** on June 19, 2011 **at 2:00 PM**. This month's reflection focuses on what the Aztec Indians interpreted as a position of Dance of Our Lady of Guadalupe, while we pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. All members of your Family will enjoy this innovative way of praying the Rosary. The Novena Prayer Card is available in the Church Office or when you come to the National Shrine.

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."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PANDAMANIA

Sunday, June 26 - Thursday, June 30

6:00 to 8:15 p.m.

PandaMania Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. All volunteers, please arrive on 6/26 at 5:15 p.m., all participants please arrive at 5:30 p.m. (go to Longinus Hall) for Check-In. Our wild adventure will begin promptly at 6! See you there!! Questions, call/email Theresa Hossler at 640-6686, or tmhossler3@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School CD's will be on sale again throughout the week of VBS.

Many Thanks to all who have donated items/supplies for Vacation Bible School, those who gave financial donations, and those who contributed to the VBS Special Collection. We couldn't do all that we do for our children at VBS without your most generous support. Please also keep VBS in your prayers; for our many participants and volunteers, for favorable weather, and for a successful week of growing closer to our Lord together. Thank you!

ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26 - 30 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join fellow parishioners as they explore/study the Book of Hebrews. Learn more about:

- Christ seen as the WORD of God.
- Christ the unique and eternal high priest
- Christ's insight into the life of God

All to build us up in our faith for the everyday challenges of life.

To register, add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of church or register online at www.stjohnpottsville.org and click on the Pandamania link, or call the Rectory 622-5470.

Why drop off your children or grandchildren and sit at home? Stay and be filled up with God's word and great adult food and fellowship.

UPCOMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS

June 21

ProLife Rosary at Perpetual Adoration Chapel

June 25 & 26

Sanctity of Human Life Weekend

For more information about these wonderful opportunities, please contact Andrew Kubick at 691-4655 or prayerforlife122@aol.com

Let me happily wander homeward without trouble and fear: Protect me, protect the others, heavenly Father; dear. Amen.

FAREWELL SISTER MARYANNE

Thank you for your
Pastoral Ministry
here at St. John's
these past two years.
Our prayers are with you
as you begin your
new assignment.

The Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist - June 24th

On December the 25th, we celebrate the big one—the birthday of Jesus, the Word of God made flesh. The Church actually does not celebrate the birthday of the saints, except that of Jesus' mother and one notable exception.

Since we celebrate the birthday of the Word, we also celebrate the birthday of the *Voice*. We're referring to Jesus 'cousin of course, John the Baptist, the Voice crying out in the wilderness.

John plays a unique role in the history of salvation. We call him the Baptist. Eastern Christians call him the Forerunner. Only Luke's gospel tells us of the marvelous circumstances surrounding his birth. But each of the four gospels tells us of his essential work in preparing the way for Jesus. But they also tell us something further—that John was a model of the key virtue of *humility* extolled by the first Beatitude of the Sermon on the Mount—Blessed are the Poor in Spirit.

ROMANS 12

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY SERVICE CAMP

ATTENTION YOUTH AND ADULTS!!!!

Romans 12 - LOCAL MISSION TRIP
Be a living sacrifice. If your gift is to serve, serve well. Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.

Anyone (youth 7th grade through college and Adults) interested in **Romans 12 Local Mission Trip** please call Debbie Herb at 544-5646 / 691-8874 or Ron Schultz at 385-3256 for additional information, application, schedule, etc. (GOOGLE ROMANS 12 CAMP - APPLICATION FORMS ON LINE). **Mark Your Calendar...July 24 to 27** at Christmas Pines Campground in Auburn. Cost is only \$75 which includes camping, meals, snacks, entertainment, T-shirt, and group picture. Limited number of spots will fill up quickly.



CONFIRMATION 2012

The Importance of the Family In developing your child's faith.

For those parents who have children who will be receiving Confirmation next year.

Faith lived and celebrated in the family makes a lasting impression. You can help prepare your son/daughter for full Christian living through the following activities:

Prayer and Worship

- Read the Sunday Scripture readings listed in the bulletin the week before together as a family.
- Attend Sunday Liturgy as a family. Plan to attend Mass on a special occasion, like an anniversary or birthday.
- Pray together as a family.

Community

- Help out at a parish social function or participate in it.
- Support a parishioner who needs encouragement, sympathy or material help.

Service

- Volunteer as a family to serve at a soup kitchen or to clean the home of an elderly person.
- Offer to do someone's chores at home to help them out.
- Include in your family prayers those in need in the world.

*Thank you for giving Christian witness
to your children.*

Service Forms are online! Get them signed and complete the form ASAP. Return to the Rectory!

CCD REGISTRATION We have received about half of the registrations for 2011/2012. All registrations received now will need to pay **a late fee of \$5.00**. Please register ASAP so we can order the correct amount of books on time.

\$55.00 – First Child

\$50.00 – additional Child

Registration forms are at the church exits.

\$500 TUITION CREDITS

... will be given to current and prospective families for the 2011-2012 school year at a Catholic school in the Diocese of Allentown. Go to www.facebook.com/catholicschool for entry guidelines and to register for your chance to win.

If you have any questions regarding the Diocese of Allentown Catholic schools or the tuition giveaway, please call 610-871-5200 ext. 215. The contest began on May 20th.

You must enter by June 30, 2011 to be eligible.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP ??

For September 2011 we need help with

CCD Teachers

Someone who would enjoy teaching First Grade or Sixth Grade on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10:15.

CCD Aides

Adult aides to help CCD teachers on Sundays mornings from 9 to 10:15.

If interested please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or call 622-5470.

I am interested in:

- _____ teaching First Grade or Sixth Grade during **Sunday CCD** from 9 to 10:15 a.m.
- _____ assisting (aide) the **CCD** teachers on Sundays from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

SPIRITUAL READING

"Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book." - St. John Bosco

"When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us." - St. Jerome

St. John's has a wonderful Spiritual Library in Longinus Hall just to the left as you go in. Besides Bibles, Catechisms, and the lives and works of various Saints, there are meditation books on prayer, classics of John Powell, G.K Chesterton, and various books that make the connection between our life's experience and prayer.

Spiritual Reading coupled with prayer will significantly develop your spiritual life. Some of the benefits of developing our spiritual lives include:

- We develop detachment, which leads to inner peace.
- We learn not to let outside circumstance affect our moods and states of mind.
- We become more patient and tolerant.
- We learn to rise above frustration, disappointment and negative feelings.

THANK YOU

St. John the Baptist Parish Family would like to extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to **Gerry Schwartz** and **Lucilla Kochol** for their dedication to teaching at All Saints and St. Stephen's schools respectively. You have been a blessing to the children who passed through your classrooms. Our prayers are with you.

For every way, O Lord! You magnified and glorified Your people; unflinching, You stood by them in every time and circumstance.

Wisdom 19:22

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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BASKETBALL CAMP: The Little Golden Girls Basketball Camp will be held **June 20 to 24** at Nativity BVM High School. Camp will focus on the fundamentals of basketball while incorporating skills into a variety of drills and competitions. Camp will be held in two sessions each day. Grades 2 to 5

will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on June 20 to 24. Grades 6 to 8 will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. on June 20, 21, 22 and from 1 to 7 p.m. on June 23 (grade levels based on Fall 2011). Cost is \$75.00 payable to Nativity Athletics. **Deadline for registration is June 17th.** For more information, please call 640-8774.



PARISH HEALING SERVICE: at Holy Cross Church, New Philadelphia, **June 30th, July 1st & 2nd** at 7 p.m. Mrs. Eileen George, known for her talks on God's Gift of Healing will join us. All are invited to attend.

BEEF & BEER: Come and support Nativity's Green Wave Football Team on **Saturday, July 23rd** at the Catholic War Vets. Tickets \$25 per person or \$45 per couple available by calling Mike Mellon 628-9539 or gasman92@comcast.net or Tom Palamar 622-5636 or tpalamar512@comcast.net or any football player.

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.

A Father's Day Blessing

May God bless you and guide you
in your very special role as a father.

May it always be a joy and a privilege.

May you treasure your children
from their birth through adulthood,
as unique and precious gifts from God.

Thank you for the times you have embraced them,
comforted them, forgiven them
and loved them without measure.

May God reward your fatherly love with good
health, peace of mind, contentment in your
work and joy in your times of leisure.

And may God bless all our fathers
who have gone to their rest.

May they find comfort in the arms of
our heavenly Father. Amen.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. Please call Father Dave to arrange for this important preparation.

Baptisms are celebrated the First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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

CATHOLIC WEB OF FAITH

www.vatican.va

This week visit The Holy See, Vatican website. Visit the Vatican museums, the library and the secret archives. Home site for the Vicar of Christ on earth, Pope Benedict XVI.

ROSARY REPAIR SERVICE

When it's time to clear out the accumulated clutter from cabinets, drawers and chests, you might find a partial rosary with a missing crucifix or several beads that you could not part with because of the sentimental value.



These partial rosaries can be repaired successfully and returned to wholeness with little or almost no cost. If you have no sentimental attachment, please consider donating these partial/incomplete rosaries to the Missions, both foreign and domestic.

Thus far, I have repaired and reconstituted several hundred rosaries and forwarded them to the foreign Missions. You can place the rosary to be repaired in an envelope with my name on the outside and place it in the collection basket. If you would like it repaired and returned, please put your name and phone number on the envelope.

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CYO SPORTS



Registration forms for all St. John's CYO sports are available at the Rectory during the week; please call 622-5470 ext.3. The fee is **\$20.00** per family until **August 1st**; after this date the fee will be \$40.00. CYO sports are open to all children enrolled in Catholic school or public school. Participants in public school must be registered for CCD in order to play CYO sports.



FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

Fear of Forgetting. The idea for this article comes from the New York Times, Sunday, May 22, 2011 article. The opening sentence was, "In our hyper-cognitive society, fear of memory loss has made deep inroads into our psyche." There are some very good reasons for this fear! We are all living longer. Our medical system has acquired knowledge of brains, our circulatory system and the effects of disease in the aging process. As a result, we are not only more aware but more fearful of our parents or ourselves developing Alzheimer's or another form of memory loss. When you have genuine concern about memory loss or personality changes, consult a physician. This is very important because there can be physical conditions causing changes. Your physician can order tests to understand what may be the cause and possible treatments.

Facing our fears and asking for help can be difficult but, in the long run it is much better than living in fear. Remember: physical exercise and mental exercise such as crossword puzzles each day do help. Don't let fear take over.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

REACH OUT and TOUCH SOMEONE

Call Margie Glunz 622-3067

Call us if you need us.

Volunteers are needed to prepare meals for parishioners who are in need. Please call the above number to volunteer.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

May God bless our parish families with a fun-filled vacation and safe travel to and from their destinations. May they be rejuvenated in their family relationships and return relaxed and nourished in body and spirit.

