

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus says, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in Me and I in them." He tells us that if we do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, we will have no life in us. The Eucharist is our nourishment, our true food, and without it we will face death by spiritual starvation.

There are nearly seventy million nominal Catholics in the United States. The largest denomination in the country, but the fastest growing group are non-practicing Catholics. They don't attend Mass and don't receive the sacraments. Looking around at some of the empty churches, we can see the mute evidence of these missing family members. They are like deaths in our spiritual family.

Outreach and reconciliation fall to those of us who do celebrate Communion, who believe that this is a matter of life and death.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 27 – 9:00 a.m.

ED & DOLLIE SMITH, 46th Wedding Anniv.
(living intention)

Tuesday, June 28 – 9:00 a.m.

RICHARD BUEHLER (Ed & Dolores Smith)

Wednesday, June 29 – 9:00 a.m.

SOPHIA KAPSHA (Vincent & Peggy Ploplis)

Thursday, June 30 – 9:00 a.m.

VICTOR E. MUNCY III (Ron Dermo Family)

Friday, July 1 – 9:00 a.m.

AMELIA DOYLE (Family)

Saturday, July 2 – 5:00 p.m.

SCHAEFFER FAMILY (Helen Schaeffer)

Sunday, July 3 – 8:15 a.m.

ELEANORE FORNEY (Catholic Women's Union)

Sunday, July 3 – 10:30 a.m.

RICHARD SETLOCK (Natalie Setlock)

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, Mary Alfonsi, Eugene Farley, Kate Blackwell, Karla Garland.* **Deceased:** *Joseph Lenick.*



WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 19th : \$ 4,945.00; Peter's Pence: \$1,104.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Carol Seigle by Ellen, Millie & Barbara

St. Joseph – IMO Harry & Carol Nygren by Joe Christ

Tabernacle – Parishioners of St. John's

Sanctuary – No Candles Requested

Guardian Angels

1. Special Intention

2. IMO Lillian Selinko by Family

SCHEDULE

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 – Saturday – July 2nd

Readers: Mary Sitcoske

Euch.Min.: Katie Zwiebel, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Patrick, Michael, Rachel Ryan

Cantor: Chic Tamburelli

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 3rd

Reader: Albert Nastasi

Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic, Bill & Kathy Gianfagna

Servers: Nathaniel & Christian Yingling,

Megan McLaughlin

Cantor: Kelly Messina

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – July 3rd

Reader: Randi Dermo

Euch.Min.: Debbie Guers, Kathy Vicic, Bill Casey

Servers: Amanda Nastasi, Casey & Paige Guers

Cantor: Suzette Joy

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

On June 12th, we celebrated the glorious baptism day of **Charlotte Marie Hedemann**, daughter of Jordan Hedemann. 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 Charlotte into our parish family.



STEUBENVILLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE THANK YOU

First, we want to give a special thank you to the parents who opened their hearts to allowing their wonderful young adults to attend this conference. We also want to thank **Donna Connors, Sandy Clauser, Teresa Heller, and Pam Zelinsky** for serving as chaperones. We had an awesome group of youth attend this year's trip. It was an amazing Christ-centered weekend. Everyone who attended was touched by God in some way. Please continue to pray for us as we spread our inspirational witnesses from this retreat, and we will continue to pray for blessings upon you and our parish family. Thank you and God bless.

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, and Summer and Winter, day and night shall not cease."
Gen. 8:22

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What evidence is there that your parish is "one body"?
What divisions need to be addressed?

This Week's Readings

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (June 25/26)

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

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

GOSPEL REFLECTION

An Intimate Transformation

Today is the last special celebration following Easter which ended on Pentecost. But this Sunday is a capstone of all the celebrations since Holy Week: the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Up to now we have been shown most of the essence of Christianity.

Holy Week: On Holy Thursday Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, wiping off the dirt. On Good Friday we watched Jesus as he chose love instead of "saving himself." This is the highest example of real, lasting love we know of. It showed us who God is, and showed it in the flesh.

Easter: His life had been lost, love could not be lost, so love returned him to life.

The Sundays after Easter: Jesus explained his sacrifice and his rising and their connection with the Father's love for the world. Thanks be to God he did explain, because it is not the easiest thing to understand.

The Ascension: Jesus went back to the Father. He had come forth from the Trinity and now was completing the circle, making a home there for us. This is how the Trinity works: by giving love (Incarnation) and returning love (Cross, Resurrection).

Pentecost: On Pentecost Jesus was sending the inside of his life, the Holy Spirit, into our hearts. Christ's heart become's our own heart and by this we would become his body for the life of the world. With Spiritual eyes we see that the Holy Trinity is made of love and our lives are included in that love.

The Body and Blood of Christ: Jesus gives us himself in bodily form. God gave Manna (First Reading), Jesus gives himself. At Mass we sit at the table of the Word and he feeds our memories with the life of God and of himself. Then we move to the table of the Eucharist, where he gives his body and blood to our body and blood.

This sacrament is the way we join in the physical life of Christ. His body becomes one with our bodies in an intimate transformation. This is an exact parallel to the way the Holy Spirit comes together with our spirit. This

week's feast of feeding is a bodily sending of us out into the physical/spiritual world to bring Christ to it. And that is the capstone of this mighty season of the Lord's coming among us to feed us, to suffer with us, to die with us, and to bring all life back to its arch-original source, God-love.

F. John Foley, SJ of the Center for Liturgy

Next Week's Readings

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (July 2/3)

Reading I: Zachariah 9:9-10

Reading II: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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.
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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.



"But He knoweth the way that I take, and when He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

Job 23:10

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.

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FESTIVAL PATRONS

Wayne & Diane Stoudt	\$50.00
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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.
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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
DIOCESAN NEWS

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

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER: You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass followed by Veneration of the first-class relic of St. Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics and of all who are sick on **Monday, June 27th at 5 p.m.** at the Simon Kramer Institute Chapel in New Philadelphia. To register, please call 277-6218. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

**** ATTENTION ****

CYO VOLLEYBALL

Sign-up Deadline

St. John's CYO Volleyball

Monday, July 25th



Practice will begin August 1st

2nd to 8th grade eligible to play Volleyball

Registration forms are available at the rectory during the week or in the back of church on weekends. Please call Chris Zerbe 628-9603 or Lucilla Kochol 622-0979 or St. John's Rectory 622-5470.

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.

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FAMILY MATTERS

Today's graduates need support and courage to face the challenges of life. So, let us pray today for all our graduates: Elementary, High School and College, that our Lord will guide them in their endeavors as they seek further knowledge, schooling or employment.

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

