

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

We've all heard the jokes that start out, "I've got good news and bad news. Which do you want first?"

There's one joke about two friends in a nursing home who spent hours reminiscing about their days playing baseball. They made a pact that the first one who died would come back to tell the other if there was baseball in heaven. So it happened. "The good news," said the ghostly messenger to her living friend, "is that they have baseball up here. We play every day, the weather is always fantastic, and we're all young again." The bad news? "Your pitching on Tuesday."

On a more serious note, Jesus has both bad news and good news. He must die and so must we, but the good news is that together with Him we will live forever.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – June 21 – 9:00 a.m.

EVE GRAPSY (Grapsy Family)

Tuesday – June 22 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICIA DAVIS (John & Annette Lieberman)

Wednesday – June 23 – 9:00 a.m.

TED HUFNAGLE (Helen Hufnagle)

Thursday – June 24 – 9:00 a.m.

RAY GRAPSY SR. (Grapsy Family)

Friday – June 25 – 9:00 a.m.

AMELIA DOYLE (Pauly Family)

Saturday – June 26 – 5:00 p.m.

TROPP & PETOCK FAMILIES

(John & Bernice Petock)

Sunday – June 27 – 8:15 a.m.

THERESA HOLLEY & BABY ZOIE MARIE

(Mary Ann Holley & Deborah Purcell)

Sunday – June 27 – 10:30 a.m.

JOSEPHINE PELEGGI (Janet Daubert)

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: *Tina Dixon, Margie Glunz, Carolyn Foster, Edward Wychunas, John Woznicki, Faye Cuchara, Scott Rhoades, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, Elizabeth McAlonis, Espen Murphy, Greg Schoffstall, Sylvia Bercher, Thelma Brennan, Nancy Doyne, William Flynn, Jim Florida, Rosalia Campion, Matthew Mazakas*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 13th : \$ 4,928.50; Dues: \$1,620.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO John J. Carroll Sr. by Family

St. Joseph – IMO Mary Wollyung

by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

Tabernacle – IMO George L. Klassen Sr. by Family

Sanctuary –

1. IMO Charlie Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

2. IMO Charlie Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

3. Special Intention

4. IMO Carol Siegle by Barbara, Millie & Ellen

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO George L. Klassen Jr.

by Pat & Charlene Klassen

SCHEDULE

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 – Saturday – June 26th

Readers: Carol Rizzarda

Euch.Min.: Christopher & Pat Lombel

Servers: Sarah Lombel, Kate Kramer, Brent Gauntlett

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – June 27th

Reader: Paul Gombola

Euch.Min.: Carol Forster, Doris Eiler, Al Hauptly

Servers: Taylor Ross, Nathaniel & Christian Yingling

Cantor: Karen Glunz

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – June 27th

Reader: Mary Sitcoske

Euch.Min.: Mary Jean Morgalis, Michelle Rehnert,

Carol Lasco

Servers: Claudia Rittle, Anthony Wojciechowsky,

Maeve Stoudt

Cantor: Dave Derbes

MARRIED IN CHRIST

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Jonathan Hughes and Tanya Romig**, who were joined in Holy Matrimony on June 12th 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.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide in an effort of solidarity to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, "God's love ... gives us the courage to continue seeking and working for the benefit of all" (*Caritas in Veritate*, no. 78). Cast the love of Christ upon the world – please be generous in today's Collection.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What do you do to promote the unity of the Church and to mend divisions?

READING REFLECTION

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 19/20)

Reading I: Zachariah 12:10-11, 13:1

Reading II: Galatians 3:26-29

Gospel: Luke 9:18-24

Reflection on the Readings: “But who do you say that I am?”

Peter uttered this bold statement: You are “the Christ of God.”

Peter did very well in this statement, and we might think it was the ultimate triumph for God and for Jesus. What more could they want? But Jesus saw instantly that Peter’s reply was still an intermediary step. The disciples had moved beyond the gossip stage all the way to the Messiah insight. Jesus had to act quickly so that this new understanding would not become just a thoughtless category for them. He had to tell them the inside of what it meant to be Messiah.

He said,

“The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.”

Notice that this statement echoes the First Reading for Sunday, written five hundred years before Christ, describes a day of mourning because of “him whom they have pierced.” We do not know much about this “suffering servant,” but we know that the text portrays Jesus’ divinity perfectly. He is the one who was to come, who would gradually teach us God’s identity, who would be the one our souls are thirsting for (Responsorial Psalm). He would descend straight into our suffering and would stay with us all the way, not turning back, not forgetting to love us... and yet, we to continue to reflect. Are there any implications for us if we know who Christ is and what his mission is about? If picking up our cross is a formidable task, do we have to think of all the years to come, or could we just pick up today’s cross?

Next Week’s Readings

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 26/27)

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Reading II: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS

... can be placed in the basket at the 10th street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you for your generosity.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

will be available in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend – **June 26/27**.

CATECHIST CORNER

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Quiz Corner: (answers in next week’s bulletin)

What is the name of our current Pope and our current Bishop? Who was the first Pope? - **Grade 3**

Quiz Answers from last week:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph are members of the Holy Family. John the Baptist is Jesus’ cousin

The greatest commandment (Mt. 22: 36-40). You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength. The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

CCD REGISTRATION All registrations for 2010/2011 **have not been received.**

\$55.00 – First Child

\$50.00 – additional Child

Registration forms are at the church exits.

FAMILY GUILD SCHOLARSHIPS

St. John’s Family Guild is happy to announce the awarding of two \$250.00 scholarships. The recipients are as follows:

Emilie Baker - Scholarship to DeSales University

Christopher Mickey – Scholarship to Nativity

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

Honor Roll

First Honors: Andrew Viduszynski, Chloe Prezelski, Adrian Datte, Kayla Prezelski

Second Honors: Justin Steffan, Christopher Wollyung, Christopher Mickey, Adalie Zanis

JUNIOR FOOTBALL PROGRAM

sponsored by Nativity BVM High School for boys in 7th & 8th grades of any feeder school. If interested please contact the Athletic Office at 622-8110 or come to the school on **June 22nd** between 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the football field in front of the school.

Pray without ceasing.

... 1 Ths. 5:17

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, June 20th - Thursday, June 24th

There is still time to join us at Vacation Bible School! We are exploring the mighty love of God!

It isn't really school at all! Preschool, Elementary, Teens, Adults – There is still time to join VBS 2010, which begins this Sunday, June 20th at 6:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. Friends are welcome. VBS is free. VBS is fun. VBS is something like you have never experienced before!



ALL VBS PARTICIPANTS are asked to arrive early on the first night of VBS to accommodate check-in and an on-time start.

Please try to arrive between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. Questions? Call Tina at 628-0772 or 640-9185.

VBS Mission Project – KidsPeace Kid Care Packs

Every year at VBS, we select a worthy community organization to help through a Mission Project. This year at VBS we will be creating **Kid Care Packs** to donate to KidsPeace. There are times when a child needs to be placed into Foster Care. This is often a difficult time for children, as they are moved to a new home unexpectedly and with very little preparation. Often children arrive with few personal belongings and in need of basic items. KidsPeace is a local non-profit that helps place children in Foster Care and get's them the care they need. From now through June 24th, we will accept donations of new or gently worn book bags and totes. Also accepted will be notepads, writing utensils, coloring books, dental care items, books and small toys to entertain. Anything that you think a child may want to provide security and comfort during what is a tough time for them will go into creating these Kid Care Packs. Prayerfully consider how your family can support local children that need so much. Donations can be brought any night of VBS or dropped in the collection box outside of Longinus Hall.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Enjoy the Fruits of the Lord in the peaceful setting of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Patrick's.

All are welcome to adore at any hour of the day or night. The chapel is ALWAYS open. **Hours needing coverage:**

Sunday 12am, 1am and 1pm; Wednesday 2am, 4am; Saturday 2am, 3am

Please contact: Albert 573-0036/albertjnj@comcast.net
Alece 449-7678/aahanlon@aol.com

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.

DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENTS

"JOURNEY WITH JESUS" SUMMER WOKSHOP

Do you ponder in your heart what Jesus is really like? Do you wish to know Him better? If these statements cause you to pause, you may be interested in a workshop this summer entitled, "*Journey With Jesus*". Let Jesus engage you in a process of discovery as He challenges you to respond to His question: "*Who do you say that I am?*" Please consider joining us on one of three dates from 9 a.m. to 12 noon:

**June 26th St. Catharine of Siena Parish Ctr, Reading
July 17 at Pius X High School, Bangor**

August 21st at Notre Dame Church Hall, Bethlehem
For more information and registration, please contact
The Office of Adult Formation 610-289-8900 ext. 221.

WE THE LIVING

... Is a weekly grief support group offered on Tuesdays, **June 8th to July 27th** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Chapel, 3219 Santee Road, Bethlehem. For more information please call 610-867-8409.

OFFICE FOR PRO-LIFE

Hurting from a past abortion? Plan to attend the **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, July 30, 31, August 1**, through the Office of Pro-Life Activities. 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 or mdunn@allentowndiocese.org**. For a complete listing of Retreat dates and locations visit the national Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org

Romans 12

Be a living sacrifice. If your gift is to serve, serve well. Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.

The vision of Romans 12 youth service camp is to be able to share with our county the love of Jesus Christ. We feel there is a lot of need right here in our own backyard, and would like to be able to meet some of that need.

Romans 12 Service Camp is a nonprofit organization seeking to provide service in a Christ-centered atmosphere.

This group is nondenominational. We believe Jesus is our Savior.

Date: July 18-25, 2010

Base: Christmas Pines Campground in Auburn

Participants: Completion of 7th grade through college age...and adults!

Cost: \$75 a camper

Fee Includes: Overnight stays, Meals, Snacks, T-shirt, Group Photo

Please contact **Debbie Herb** at **544-5646** for the application packet and any additional information.

Application must be returned by June 29.

“THEOLOGY OF THE BODY” SUMMER SCHOOL

Make a commitment to attend 1 or all 5 of the “Theology of the Body” classes to be presented at St. Patrick’s Parish Center, 319 Mahantongo St., Pottsville. The program is a free diocesan wide offering by Rev. Joel E. Kiefer, Asst. Pastor at St. Patrick’s Parish. To register or for more information please contact Carla at (610)-289-8900 ext.238 or E-mail CNeupauer@allentowndiocese.org.

Sunday, July 11th (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)

Sunday, July 18th (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)

Sunday, July 25th (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)

Sunday, August 8th (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)

Sunday, August 15th (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Adoption

Catholic Charities is accepting inquiries from married couples interested in domestic infant and/or international adoption. Please contact Patricia Reusch at 610-435-1541 ext. 334 or e-mail preusch@allentowndiocese.org

Advisory Board

Catholic Charities is seeking candidates from throughout the Diocese of Allentown to serve on the agency’s Advisory Board. Please call or e-mail Lynne Shampain, Development Administrator, at 610-791-3888, ext. 310 or lshampain@allentowndiocese.org

Temporary Protected Status Diocese of

Allentown is now assisting nationals of Haiti to apply for Temporary Protected Status (T.P.S.). Please call 610-451-1541 in Allentown or 610-376-7144 in Reading to schedule an appointment. Applicant’s approved for T.P.S. will receive an Employment Authorization Document (work permit) and will be able to apply for a Social Security Card and Driver’s License.

Diocesan Workshops

Parent Support Baby Care on 6/24 at 3:00 p.m.

Parent Support Baby Care 6/21, and 6/28 at 11:00 a.m.

Pregnancy Support Journey through Pregnancy on, 6/22, and 6/29 at 3:30 p.m.

Summer Reading Fun on 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, and 7/28 at 11:00 a.m.

Workshops will take place at Catholic Charities, 400 Washington Street, Suite 100, Reading. All workshops are free with advance registration to Valencia at 610-376-7144 or e-mail VLReigel@allentowndiocese.org.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

Don’t count on face lotions and cosmetic labeled with a sun protection factor (SPF) to give you adequate protection. You’d have to apply them thickly enough all over your face and neck, and reapply them often throughout the day, which is not how these products are typically used. And though the SPF numbers are not additive – that is, two products with SPF 15, for example, do not give you SPF 30 – using more than one product at a time may provide slightly more protection simply because you’re getting more of the sunscreen ingredients.

Arise, north wind! Come, south wind! Blow upon my garden that its perfumes may spread abroad.

Song of Songs 4:16
