

**LETTER FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear family,

This weekend the parishes celebrate First Holy Communion—at Our Lady of Knock Shrine on May 6<sup>th</sup> at a special morning Mass and at St. John the Baptist’s 9:30 a.m. Mass on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Many people do not know that the year before the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima Portugal, an angel appeared to them three times. He is referred to simply as the “Angel of Portugal.” Lucia, the oldest of the visionaries described the *third* apparition of the Angel of Portugal this way: “The angel was holding in his left hand a chalice and over it, in the air, was a host from which drops of blood fell into the chalice. The Angel leaves the chalice in the air, kneels near us and tells us to repeat three times, ‘*Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And by the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.*’ After that he rose, took again in his hand the chalice and the host. The host he gave to me and the contents of the chalice he gave to Jacinta and Francisco, saying at the same time, ‘*Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ terribly outraged by the ingratitude of men. Offer reparation for their sakes and console God.*’ Once more he bowed to the ground repeating with us the same prayer thrice: ‘*Oh, Blessed Trinity...*’ and disappeared. Overwhelmed by the supernatural atmosphere that involved us, we imitated the angel in everything, kneeling prostrate as he did and repeating the prayers he said.”

The angel was really teaching the children how to receive Holy Communion. In fact this was for the two younger children, Jacinta and Francisco their *first* Holy Communion. Francisco, who did not hear the angel speak, asked Lucia, “The angel gave you Holy Communion, but what did he give to me and Jacinta?” “It was also Holy Communion,” Jacinta responded with ineffable joy. “Did you not see the blood dripping from the

Host?” “I felt that God was within me, but I did not know how it would be!” Francisco responded. *And lying prostrate on the ground, he remained there for a long time with his sister, repeating the Angel’s prayer: “Most Holy Trinity, etc.”* Among all the apparitions with which Heaven favored him, this was the one which surely had the greatest impact on the good soul of Francisco.

The angel taught the children the utmost reverence for the Eucharist, for the Eucharist *is* Jesus, Himself! We pray this weekend that our young people receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend and all the members of our parish family may express similar love and reverence for the Eucharistic Jesus always!

By the grace of God your parish priest,  
Father Flannery

**THIS MONTH’S EUCHARISTIC GIFTS**

Contributions towards the hosts and wine, which become for us *the Body and Blood of Christ* were made for the month of May by

*AT SACRED HEART  
& OUR LADY OF KNOCK:*

*in memory of*

**Michael DelGaudio**

by Madeline and Nancy Brandow

**Jeff Lambert** (birthday in Heaven)

by his loving sister, Joan Lambert

**Flan O’Malley**

by his wife, Bridie

**Thomas Rohan**

by his loving wife Anne and family

*AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST:*

*in memory of*

**Agnes Killilea**

by Mai and Eamon Mullaney

**Marylyn and Daniel Mahoney**

by Mary Mahoney and Thomas Mahoney

**Thomas and Catherine Murphy**

by Neil and Jean Wallace and family

**THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION**

During the month of May Pope Francis asks the Church to join him in praying that Christians in Africa, in imitation of the merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER**



Requests for the prayer list should be sent to **Pat Cullie** at [1967guttenberg@gmail.com](mailto:1967guttenberg@gmail.com). **Only if you cannot send an e-mail, please contact either parish office and ask that they send the e-mail to Pat on your behalf.** Names must be submitted by Tuesday at noon, in order to be published in the coming weekend’s bulletin. Names will automatically be removed from the prayer list after four weeks.

*Please remember to pray for the following parishioners and friends of the parish:*

Blair Allan, Diane Banoff, Karra Battaglia, Ann Benevento, Joan Blinkmann, Josh Brady, Lily Campbell (baby), Sal Culoso, Mary Chadurjian, Ted Chadurjian, Paul Cienki, Megan Connelly, Bridget Daly, Mina Engelmann, Pasquale Evangelista II, Sandy Fandozzi, Margaret Fitzgerald, Mary Fitzgerald, Sean Garry (child), Amanda Gambino, Edward Gilson, Mary Gilson, Josephine Graham, Marcella Halligan, Ted Hallman, Barbara Hamrah, Bishop Heim, Anita Hilsendegen, Eugen Hilsendegen, Dorothy Hynes, Michele LaMadrid, Rose Lennon, Lisa, Mason Lung (child), Dee Mastroianni, Patrick E. McGee, Clara Ray Morton (Baby), Nick, Dorothy Nicosia, Maryann O’Sullivan, Tim O’Sullivan, Frank Rauenbuhler, Helma Rauenbuhler, Cheryl Sheridan, Mary Skraastad, Eugene Steinhauer, Jr., Mike Sullivan, Fr. Daniel Vitts, Larry Wank, Terry Wendt, Frank & Roseann Yurasits, John Zindell, Kyle Zindell

*Please pray for all of the faithful departed, especially Julia Serrano and Joseph Rebeor.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**



*at St. John the Baptist on May 7<sup>th</sup>:*

- Payton Klob
- Joseph Stern
- Molly Robertson
- Olivia Matott
- Aaron Ross
- Caiden Rochler
- Josephine Somers

*at Sacred Heart Church on May 6<sup>th</sup>*

- Gabriella Amato
- Stephen Brandow
- Jayden Caffrey
- Theresa Eyton-Jones
- Sofia Forgione
- Madeline Gouza
- Seana Neves
- Anna Palmieri
- Gavin Palmieri
- Adriana Passero
- Angelina Pitcher

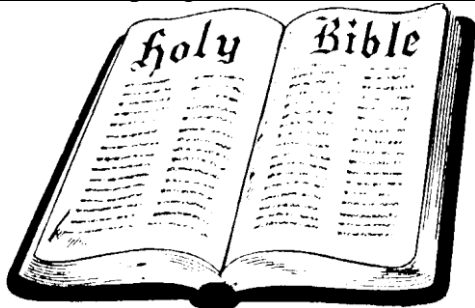
**Thank you, too, to catechists**

**Jen DeFrancesco,**  
**Rachel Traver,**  
**and Aimee Skiff**

**SCRIPTURE SHARING**

No previous knowledge of scriptures is needed! We discuss the following Sunday's readings. We use resources from St Louis University and the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) to help us understand the scriptures and how they apply to our everyday lives. We meet every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the St. John the Baptist Rectory. All resources are provided. *All are welcome!*

\*We will NOT meet on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> because of Spring Enrichment at St Rose.



**THE HOUR OF MERCY**

Please join us this and **every Friday** for a holy hour at Our Lady of Knock Shrine beginning at 3:00 p.m. The hour will include Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a reading from *Divine Mercy in My Soul: The Diary of Sister Faustina*, a reflection by Father Flannery, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, and Benediction. Either Father Flannery or Father Motta will also be available during that time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE**  
**AT OUR LADY OF KNOCK SHRINE**



From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, or May 27<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>, inclusively, in addition to the Sunday morning Mass at 8:00 at Our Lady of Knock Shrine, there will be a Mass every Saturday evening at 8:00. The schedule at Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist Churches remains the same.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S**  
**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**



Congratulations and God's blessings upon the re-installed officers of St. John the Baptist's Rosary Altar Society! They are:

- Pat Parker, President**
- Delores Mazolla, Vice-President & Treasurer**
- Helen Olszowski, Secretary**

Welcome and God's blessings upon our new members! They are:

- James Layman**
- Delores Lapergola**
- Patrick Traver**
- Rachel Traver**

We are truly grateful for the many and varied ways *all of the Rosarians* place their gifts at the service of the parishes.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR!**



As we prepare to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the present St John the Baptist Church, we ask that you look through your photographs for pictures of St John the Baptist Church. These can be any pictures from before the present church was built, or the church building during its construction, or weddings or baptisms inside the present church or any other wonderful memory captured by photo that you'd like to share. You may scan a photograph to us using the email, [stjohnffo@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnffo@gmail.com). If you don't have a scanner, come to the rectory with your photographs and we will scan them for you. Our hope is to create a slide show of the history of the church for the anniversary event. (Details regarding the celebration will soon be announced.)

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

We are still in need of some items for the Ronald McDonald house supply drive. We are incredibly grateful for the generous donations that we have received so far, but we still need some individual size items, like granola bars, packs of gum/mints, etc. There are copies of the supply list at the doors of the church, please feel free to take one. If you are unsure what to buy, but would like to help, we are accepting monetary donations to go shopping for the needed supplies. Please see Jen DeFrancesco or email her at [jendefrancesco@outlook.com](mailto:jendefrancesco@outlook.com) for more information. Thank you so much for your support of this project!

**THE FATIMA CENTENNIAL**  
**1917-2017**



From May 13<sup>th</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup> the Church will be celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima, Portugal, an event that *still* holds significance for the whole world!

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Join us as we watch the 1952 film entitled, *The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima*, which beautifully tells the true story of this visit from Heaven. We will gather on **Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Michael LaSalle Parish Hall at Sacred Heart Church.** The movie runs less than two hours; we will have some time for discussion afterwards.

**PARISH PILGRIM STATUE**

Father Flannery will bless a parish "pilgrim statue" at the 3:45 p.m. Mass at St. John the Baptist on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The statue will visit some parishioner's home each week. If you would like to host the statue in your home for a week, please call the Sacred Heart parish office at 622-3319.

**FROM  
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
& LADIES AUXILIARY  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



**BINGO**

Please join the Knights of Columbus every Tuesday night through Columbus Day weekend for BINGO at their hall on Route 145 in East Durham. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the games being at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**MONEY MATTERS**

*Last weekend's first collection:*

- Sacred Heart: \$1,437.00
- Our Lady of Knock: \$1,270.00
- St. John the Baptist: \$2,695.00

*Last weekend's second collection:*

- Sacred Heart: \$477.00
- Our Lady of Knock: \$272.00
- St. John the Baptist: \$394.00

*Thank you as always for your generosity!  
Next weekend's second collection at Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Knock is for the sustenance of the parish. The second collection at St. John the Baptist is for the repair of the parking lot.*

**GREENVILLE IRISH-AMERICAN CLUB  
SPRING DANCE**



**MUSIC BY  
FINTAN STANLEY  
AND JIMMY GALLAGHER**

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

***St. John the Baptist Parish Hall***

donation is \$20 per person

coffee, tea, Irish soda bread,  
cakes, and set-up's  
bring your own beverages

for more information:  
call Anna Fallon at 239-6518  
or Jean Wallace at 634-2028



**THE BISHOP'S APPEAL**  
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY, NY

The 2017 Bishop's Appeal begins throughout the diocese this weekend. At St. John's and Sacred Heart commitment cards will be located in the pews *next weekend*, May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, so as not to interfere with the sacred nature of the First Holy Communions taking place in our communities this weekend. This year the campaign theme is "Being Ambassadors for Christ".

In making your gift, perhaps you might reflect on the works of mercy that will happen as a result of your generosity in making a gift to the Bishop's Appeal. For example, in 2016 Catholic Charities of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, one of the largest, private, social service agencies in Upstate New York, helped improve the lives of more than 81,000 people in the 14 counties of the Albany Diocese. Their programs focus on responding to those in crisis, providing basic needs, and protecting and supporting the vulnerable. Catholic Charities' services include food pantries and soup kitchens; homeless shelters and housing; domestic violence assistance programs; counseling and mental health assistance; support for adults and children with developmental disabilities; help for seniors and

their caregivers; substance abuse prevention; chronic disease management; and many other services. What guides them in their work is their commitment to recognizing Christ in the poor, the downtrodden, and in those who are suffering. Through the support of generous donors to Catholic Charities and to the Bishop’s Appeal, the Church is able to serve those who turn to us with compassionate assistance and respect for the dignity of every human person.

You may make your gift at Church next weekend, online at [www.thebishopsappeal.org](http://www.thebishopsappeal.org), or by mailing a check or money order directly to the diocese. You may also make a pledge which is payable in eight monthly installments.

**CAMP VERITAS**

**Camp Veritas** is a one week play and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into seventh through twelfth grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2017: July 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mount Saint Mary College in nearby Newburgh, New York; July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, Maryland; and August 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> at Camo Lakota in Wurtsboro, New York. Enrollment opened January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The enrollment price for each week is \$450 per participant. Early bird rates (if paid in full by April 1, 2017) are \$400 for all sites. There is no additional charge for the dance and basketball program options (at Mount Saint Mary’s College only). Volunteers, eighteen years of age and older, are needed and welcomed free of charge! More details can be found at [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com).

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Celebrate God’s love and mercy for each other by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next WWME weekends are November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Albany, NY and June 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at [518-279-3243](tel:518-279-3243) or visit us at <https://www.wwomenyalb.org>.

**SAGE BASKETBALL CAMP**

**Sage Gators’ Spring Break Basketball Camp** for boys ages 7-15: April 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> at Sage College of Albany. Register online at [Sagegators.com](http://Sagegators.com) or contact Brian Barnes at [518-292-1969](tel:518-292-1969) or by email [barneb@sage.edu](mailto:barneb@sage.edu) for more information.

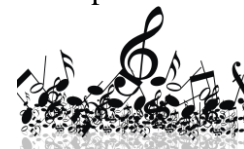
**FROM ST. THOMAS SCHOOL**

Students from St. Thomas the Apostle School will attend Mass at St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 21st. Following Mass, the students will serve hospitality. While their desire is to thank each parish community for their support, representatives will be available to answer questions. A St. Thomas the Apostle School education is not only academically outstanding, but is rich in Catholic tradition. Transportation and needs based scholarships are available. Contact Carmel Foltan at (518) 439-5573 for more information.

**CONCERT**

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
*performing in the chapel of*  
*St. Teresa’s Motherhouse*  
*of the Carmelite Sisters*  
 600 Woods Road  
 Germantown, New York

**SIREN Baroque** is thrilled to present a program of rare music from the convents of seventeenth century Europe. These stellar and compelling works of music, composed by talented nuns for the ears of their sisters and God only have almost never been heard outside of the cloisters of 300 years ago. The women of **SIREN Baroque** (New York City’s only all-women early music ensemble) is honored to unearth this intriguing and delightful music and bring it to life at the home of the Carmelite Sisters in Germantown. Come and join us for a delightful evening. Free will offerings are gratefully accepted for admission. For more information please call 518-537-5000.



**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS: May 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Monday	9:00 a.m.	St. Catherine of Siena Chapel	Mary Kelly by the O'Dowd family
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Knock	Agnes Killilea
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Knock	Martin Murphy (anniversary) by his family
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	St. John the Baptist	Maria Evangelista by Tom Gralton
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Knock	Johnny and Jimmy Lambert by their loving Mother, Rosemary
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	St. John the Baptist	Maria Evangelista by Mary Nicholson
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Knock	Michael and Kathleen Jermyn by Kathleen Sheehan and family
Friday	9:00 a.m.	St. Catherine of Siena Chapel	deceased members of the Blasewitz and Apa families by their granddaughter Maxine and Family
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Knock	Mary O'Connor by John and Mary Sheehan
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Knock	John Sullivan by Patrick Logue
Saturday	3:45 p.m.	St. John the Baptist	Mary Zellmer by St John the Baptist Nursing Home Ministry
Saturday	5:15 p.m.	Sacred Heart	Tessie Gallagher by Ann Huetter and family
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Knock	Karl Dratz by Emily and Joe Carone
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist	Everette LaPlante Sr. By Vic and Gail
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Joseph Esposito by his father, Joseph
Sunday	12:30 p.m.	St. John the Baptist	David Tobin by Maureen Tobin

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: May 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Liturgy	Church	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes
Saturday 5/13/17 3:45 p.m.	St. John the Baptist <i>Fr. Motta</i>	Dennis Murphy Anna Mullen Rita O'Brien Mary Yowell	Stan Bazyk	Maureen Kelderhouse Dee Glaudino Novus Pierre
Saturday 5/13/17 5:15 p.m.	Sacred Heart <i>Fr. Flannery</i>	Beth Hansen Dave Grogan	Barbara Koerner-Fox	Victoria Kulesza
Sunday 5/14/17 8:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Knock <i>Fr. Flannery</i>	Cathy Strauch Carolyn Strauch	Dorothy Hynes	
Sunday 5/14/17 9:30 a.m.	St. John the Baptist <i>Fr. Motta</i>	Hilde Tompkins LuAnn Quackenbush Art Marini Virginia Mangold Harriet Marini Vic LaPlante	Vito Passero Wayne Smith	Collin Traver Samantha Traver Theresa Donlon Fiona Donlon Patrick Close
Sunday 5/14/17 11:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart <i>Fr. Flannery</i>	Connie Harvey Christine Zaroba	Joe Bedani	Lauren Pratt Megan Byrne

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PLEASE SUPPORT THEM!**