SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 26, 2019

Sun.  26  Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
(Sat.pm)  5:00  Annabelle Mastrangelo
(Sun.am)  8:00  Lee Garrigan
9:45  Regina Mascarrell
11:30  Rev. Msgr. Dennis T. Hartgent

Mon. 27  Memorial Day
Acts 16: 11-15; Jn 15: 26—16:4a
9:00  Marge Brevign

Tue. 28  No Mass

Wed. 29
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16: 12-15
8:30 Joe and Ann Jablonski

Thurs. 30  The Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1: 17-23; Mk 16: 15-20
(Wed.) 7:00pm Betty Gift
9:00 am  Intention of Sue Sweigart
5:30 pm  Tina Gaspari

Fri. 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3: 14-18a; Lk 1: 39-56
9:00 Margaret Dombroski  (Chapel)

Sat. 1  No Morning Mass

Sun. 2  Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 7: 55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
(Sat.pm)  5:00  Dec’d of the Schwab/Breidegam Families
(Sun.am)  8:00  Bernardino and Teresa Amadio
9:45  Elizabeth Kowalski
11:30 Julie Purcell-Burke & Mollie Purcell

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION “The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by celebrating it and also by praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace.” St. John Paul II. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament is every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Divine Mercy Chapel. Please prayerfully and thoughtfully consider attending Eucharistic Adoration weekly. A Rosary for vocations will be prayed each Thursday during Exposition from 6:30 – 7:00 pm. All are invited.

Please Note: There will be NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on May 30th.

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY, REMEMBER HGA IN YOUR WILL

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on “Protection of Youth” in the left hand column or call Victims Assistance Coordinator 800-791-9209.


SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

Week of May 26, 2019
In Memory of Margaret M. Molets Requested by Daughter, Peggy
In Memory of Lawrence and Catharine Dziedzic Requested by the Family

2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

As of today, our parishioners have raised $15,605 from 78 parishioners representing 3.88% of our total number of registered families. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our financial goal of $86,395 and to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at: FaithHope CharityGives.org

THANK YOU to everyone who donates food for the St. Joseph’s Church Food Pantry – your kindness is most appreciated by those who are hungry! God Bless You!
**Guardian Angels Gift Certificate (GAGC) Program**

---A Successful Parish Fundraiser since 2001---

How does GAGC help our Parish? It’s simple! GAGC participating retailers agree to sell gift cards to HGA at a discount. Parishioners buy the gift cards at full face value; they redeem them for full face value, and HGA Parish keeps the difference as revenue.

Thank you, everyone, who purchased GAGC in April! Because of you, the parish received $858.24!

In stock gift cards include GIANT, REDNER’S, WEIS, SHEETZ & WALMART. In stock gift cards are sold seven days a week: Monday thru Friday at the rectory from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed daily 12-12:30) & at the GAGC table in the church vestibule before/after every weekend Mass.

It’s almost time for the 2019/2020 GAGC Program Year to end! The remaining Special Order date for this program year is: Sunday, May 26.

**NEWS & NOTES**

**Low-Denomination Gift Cards – SALES EXTENDED!** Perfect for Teacher gifts, graduation parties, and all of your summer plans! For a limited time, some of your favorite brands are offering low-denomination physical gift cards. The gift cards will be available until June 16, while supplies last. To order low-denomination cards, please use the blank spaces in Column 4 of the Special Order form. Visit [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for the full list of what gift cards are available.

**BONUS ALERT *** BONUS ALERT *** BONUS ALERT**

![Happy Deals](image1.png)

- **9% 10%**
  - **May 18 - May 31**
- **15% 17%**
  - **May 18 - Jun 7**
- **8% 10.75%**
  - **May 18 - May 31**
- **2% 5%**
  - **May 25 - Jun 14**

**Tuition Credit Program**

The **GAGC Tuition Credit Program** provides families with the opportunity to reduce their Catholic school tuition. HGA Parish generously splits the percentage returned on gift cards with participating school families. Catholic University and Seminary students in the Diocese of Allentown are also eligible. Is your child in PREP? The **PREP Fee Credit Program** provides families with the opportunity to reduce or eliminate PREP fees. Enrollment is easy. Visit the GAGC tab on the parish website for details and enrollment forms. **Reminder!** The current program year ends on May 31, 2019 – there’s still some time left to stock up and take advantage of the time left. All tuition credit earned by 11:59 on May 31 will be applied to tuition accounts for the next school year, 2019-2020. Tuition Credit Statements will be sent home in the June 3, 2019 Communication folder if your child is an HGA student. All other statements will be sent via USPS. For more information on the GAGC Program, contact Tricia Christ at (610) 451-1959 or triciachrist.hga@gmail.com or call the rectory.

**Knights Knots**

The Next Council meeting is Wednesday, June 20th at 7 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION AT HGA**

**WILL BE HELD ON**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019 at 4:30pm with Bishop Alfred Schlert**

The HGA Holy Name Society is selling Fightin’ Phils Ticket Booklets, each containing six general admission tickets for any 2019 home games. The cost is $27.00 each/gate value of $48.00. They make great birthday or Easter gifts. Call Dave & Susie Ciscon at 610-921-3409 or pick them up at the rectory.

**Holy Guardian Angels Parish Vacation Bible School**

Will be held on June 17-21 from 9am-12noon (each day). This will be for children ages 3-12.

Our theme this year will be...

"Roar!" Life is Wild but God is Good!

During the week the children will learn that life has its ups and downs, but will realize that with God everything is good! As our school transforms into a safari our VBS will travel through the “Wild times” of the bible to learn that with God you can get through anything!

**Registration Forms**

can be found at all the entrances of the parish, the parish rectory, the School, or the Religious Education website [www.hgareled.weebly.com](http://www.hgareled.weebly.com)

The deadline to register is June 7. For any question please contact our DRE, Mr. Angstadt, by email andang@hgасhool.org or call 610-929-1416 (Email is the BEST).

Also, we are looking for student and adult volunteers for the week.

**All ADULT volunteers must have the Protecting God’s Children Workshop and their Background Checks. All STUDENT volunteers must be in grades 7-12.** To sign up as a volunteer, please see the sign-up sheets in the main vestibule.

**Finally, we are asking for help from our wonderful parish family with supplies that are needed for the week. If you are able to purchase any of the following items, please drop them off at the Parish Rectory from now until June 14:**

- Napkins, Paper Plates, Glue sticks (60)
- 24 Pack Crayon Boxes...Crayola brand only (60)
- Juice Boxes...apple, fruit punch, etc. (We need a lot!)
- Snack bags...chips, popcorn, or pretzels (We need a lot!)
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The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites will be holding a Visitors Meeting on June 23rd for those interested in pursuing a vocation in the Secular Order of Carmelites. If you are interested, please call for more information: 610-914-8436 or 570-939-4078.

All Lector/Commentators: We are in need of people who are free to serve at Funerals during the week. Please call the church office at 610-921-2729. Thank You!

**Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday.** Bishop Schlert will celebrate the Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, 2019 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

**DINE OUT WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS on May 29th & 30th.** Choose from Austin’s, Coastal Grille or Brickstone’s for some great food. Your support helps us to help the parish. Just bring a flyer, or a picture of one, to show your waiter. Flyers will be in the bulletin, near the church exits and on Facebook.

The Addiction Awareness Ministry at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sinking Spring is hosting a discussion on addiction and resources available for families. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Tom Scornavacchi from Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing. Date: Thursday June 13, 2019 Time: 7:00 P.M. Place: St. Ignatius Loyola church in the Chapel It will be an evening of insight, reflection, and fellowship. All are welcome.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Blessing**

May God’s grace be upon this shawl… Warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven… a sacred place of security and well-being… sustaining and embracing in good times.
as well as difficult ones. May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be God the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit! Amen

A Memorial Day Prayer

Gracious God,
On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.
In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for justice and peace, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

- Author Unknown

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN

BAPTIZED AT HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH

Rosemarie Ellershaw
Brooklyn Sondra Hartman
Luca Angel Mojica
Joseph Samuel Monderewicz
Connor James Muldowney
Brianna Rodriguez
Olivia Rae Sonon

The Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC) is offering YOU the chance to win CASH!! June Sweepstakes Calendars are now available in the rectory office and at the back of church----there are 16 chances to win prizes of $50, $100 and even $500 during the month of JUNE! To enter the June Sweepstakes – fill out your name and contact information on each of the sweeps tickets you wish to have entered in the drawing. After filling out the information on the remittance envelope provided, place the tickets along with your donation (any amount is greatly appreciated) in the envelope and mail it in – it’s that simple. Cash, checks (made payable to MSC Sisters), credit cards are accepted – please see remittance envelope for more information. Thank you for playing the June Sweepstakes to benefit our retired and infirm MSC Sisters!
Executive Administrative Assistant Job Listing: A full-time (37.5 hours) Executive Administrative Assistant is needed for the Allentown office to serve as primary administrative support for the executive director and the agency’s leadership team. The candidate must hold a post high school degree in a relevant field with experience, must have excellent computer skills (Microsoft Office), be highly organized, and handle multiple tasks while still serving as a respectful representative of the agency; must have excellent communication skills and a passion for implementing the social mission of the Catholic Church. Send cover letter and resumes to Rnicolella@allentowndiocese.org.

Dear Friends, We have all been affected by the scandal which has crushed so many of our people locally and worldwide. The victims and our Church are in much need of prayer, healing, and renewal before the Blessed Sacrament. I pray that we, the laity, come together and ask God for His Blessing. Please prayerfully and thoughtfully consider attending Eucharistic Adoration weekly on Thursdays from 8 am until 8 pm. Thank you, Rose Dunlap (610-939-0134).

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: SIGN UP TO LEAD THE ROSARY BEFORE YOUR WEEKEND MASS! THE SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE THE DOOR BY MARY’S ALTAR.

The Office for Vocations Promotion is conducting its Seventh Annual Quo Vadis Vocation Camp and Fifth Annual Fiat Days Vocation Camp, from Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 18, 2019 on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpage at www.allentowndiocese.org.

Early registration is $60 before June 14. After June 14, the registration fee is $85. Registration deadline is June 28. No registrations after the deadline will be accepted, and there are no walk-ins.

Are you wondering what to do with your life? Have you asked the question, “What am I looking for?” If so, you are not alone. You are in good company because people like Saint Andrew and Saint John the Evangelist had these same questions and then found the answers in a man who was baptized by John the Baptist and called them to be “fishers of men.” We invite you to join the seminarians of the Diocese of Allentown and Sisters from various women’s religious communities at the 2019 Quo Vadis or Fiat Days at DeSales University from Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 18. Quo Vadis and Fiat Days are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). This five-day event will include time for personal and group prayer, Mass and other Catholic devotions, talks by priests and religious sisters, and sports and other activities. Registration materials are available at www.allentowndiocese.org. Click on the vocations information link. Spaces are limited so act fast.

Now is the perfect time to join us at JPII as we ‘Reach for More’. We have recently expanded our programming and are in search of caring individuals ready to join our team. We are currently seeking:

Program Specialist – Adult Program
Seeking a caring, motivated person to coordinate and manage a program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Position requires strong organizational, interpersonal and communication skills. Supervise staff and adults, write reports, maintain records and coordinate meetings. Bachelor’s degree required. Experience with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the social and/or health services field preferred. The following clearances need to be obtained before employment can begin:

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- Child Abuse Clearance
- FBI Clearance
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OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME to a Catholic exchange student from Spain for the coming 2019-2020 school year

Volunteer host families (with or without children) as well as single parents are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the coming school year, one or two semesters, starting in August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host
family’s daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange organization. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org

Attention Young Adults (ages 2-35). Join Berks County Young Adults for its Bible Study group, Logos and Lagers. The group will meet on the first Thursday of each month from 7 – 8:30pm to discuss the Mass readings for the upcoming weekend, followed by food and fellowship at a local establishment “Follow our Facebook page to find out where Logos and Lagers will be taking place each month. All young adults welcome.

AnB Education, a non-profit travel exchange agency for international high school students, is in need of loving host families with an empty bedroom, who are looking to give back and experience another culture inside their very own home. A generous monthly stipend is provided. Call AnB Education 267-263-2481 or email hosting@anbeducation.com. The application is online at www.anbeducation.us.

ESL & GED Teachers and Tutors Needed (to teach Language Arts or Math in English or Spanish) Are you looking to get involved in community service? Do you have teaching experience? Would you enjoy helping adults gain basic or further education? If this sounds like you, the Mother Veronica Resource Center at 449 S. 6th Street, Reading, PA needs you! We invite you to get in touch for more details. Please call Sister Cara at 484-516-2138 or email mveronicacenter@gmail.com

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Finished shawls should measure 57-58” from wrist to wrist and drop should be from shoulder to about the waist.

For more info on the Prayer Shawl Ministry please visit www.shawlministry.com

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DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE
BUS TRIP to Franciscan Univ. Jul 26–28: “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope- 1 Peter 3: 15”. This is a WONDERFUL opportunity to enhance the knowledge of your faith & spiritual growth with over 1,200 other attendees. The conference includes theologians and apologists who are bestselling authors and renowned speakers. Scott Hahn is the co-chair of the event which includes: Daily Mass, confession and a joyful, prayerful, and musical bus ride. More info on the conf. can be found at: http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/. Previous attendees found this conference to be a significant lift in their spiritual lives. This very popular conference is normally sold out before May. Discounts for early registration. Call Deacon Bruce for information at (610) 468-9506 or b@swist.us.

Muhlenberg Township Parks & Recreation
Parks Office – 610-929-4727

Memorial Day Ceremony
at Jim Dietrich Park, near the flag pole from 10-11am on Monday, May 27th. There will be the laying of wreaths, music, song and a fellowship after the ceremony at the park’s pavilion. Come support those who gave all! Call for more details.

Rejoice always;
pray without ceasing;
in everything give thanks;
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thes. 5:16-18

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Adult Altar Server Ministry: Men & Women needed to assist at HGA funerals. For more information please contact Joe Cawley 610-781-7168.

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The Lost Art of Listening
In a world of constant noise and distractions, it can be challenging to stop and listen, even if we are listening for the voice of God. Join us Monday, June 24 as Fr. Arthur Purcaro discusses the lost art of listening and how we as young adults can slow down and listen for God’s gentle inspiration as we discern our path in life. The event will take place at Hops at the Paddock (1945 W. Columbia St., Allentown). This event is for young adults ages 21-35, and is free of charge. Food and beverage can be ordered from the menu. For more info contact Alexa Smith asmith@allentowndiocese.org

Lifeline of Berks County needs your help.

Lifeline provides options counseling and continuing support for women facing an unplanned pregnancy. We currently have volunteer opportunities in the following areas: Pantry volunteers are needed to sort incoming donations, put together layettes and material service boxes for clients, and restock our shelves for the Earn While You Learn program. Help is needed on Wednesday evenings and Thursday during the day. Translators are needed to assist our staff with clients. Volunteers need to be fluent in Spanish and English, but no other special training is required. Help is needed on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Food handlers are needed to pick up orders at the food bank, carry them up to storage, and put them away in our food pantry. We also need helpers to put together bags of food for clients and rotate stock. These positions are vital to our services for clients. When volunteers help, our staff can see more women in difficulty. You help us to save more lives and serve more women. For more information, please call Stephanie Giles at 610-374-8545 or email sgiles@lifelineofberks.org.

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY to the Holy Land on this 8 days experience. Your included destinations while on this journey: Tel Aviv, Israel – Jaffa – Caesarea – Megiddo – Nazareth – Bet She’an – Magdala – Sea of Galilee – Capernaum – Mount of Beatitudes – Cana – Bethlehem – Jerusalem – Masada and The Dead Sea. Plus, Mass will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at $1449 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only $400 per person will reserve your space.

Space is VERY LIMITED. For further info contact Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Eileen@CatholicCruiseandTours.com. Deadline for reservations is Sept. 1, 2019.

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The Earth has music for those who listen.  
— William Shakespeare

Clare of Assisi House

Clare of Assisi House is a 501(c) (3) community-based organization whose mission is to provide long-term and transitional residential services and life skills training for non-violent women with a history of domestic violence, substance abuse and/or prostitution. **Why is this project important to our community?** As a result of this project, women ex-offenders in Berks County for the first time will have a dedicated transitional residential facility that provides a safe environment focusing on their specific needs and supporting each resident in her attempt toward self-sufficiency and independent living. Participants will benefit from a spectrum of social service programs designed to maximize their potential for success and reduce recidivism. Clare of Assisi House will use the site of Mary’s Shelter, 325 South 12th St, Rdg as the residence.

**Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass it on.

Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program in your area begins on the weekend of April 26 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Berks Encore needs your help!

Berks Encore is looking for volunteers for the Meals on Wheels and Grocery Shopping Programs.

**The Meals on Wheels Program** is a service that allows Berks Encore to deliver over 600 hot meals to homebound seniors and disabled persons in your community Monday through Friday every week. For many of these seniors, this program allows them to remain in their homes and their communities. We couldn’t do this without the help of many volunteers who pack the meals every morning and deliver them from our six Senior Centers throughout Berks County. Volunteer schedules are very flexible and whether a volunteer chooses to volunteer once a month or once a week – whatever fits their schedule!

**The Grocery Shopping Program** is a service that makes it possible for homebound seniors and disabled persons in your community who are no longer able to go to the grocery store for themselves, have a volunteer do the grocery shopping for an assigned client and take the
groceries to the client’s home. Some clients may order groceries once a week, bi-weekly or monthly. The volunteer coordinates with the client what day will work with their schedule to do the shopping and deliver the groceries.

**If you should have any questions** regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact Rita Phillips at (610) 374-3195, Ext. 225 or by email at rphilips@berkscencore.org. Thank you so much for your help with this important matter.

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**Join Us for a Vocations Holy Hour**

Led by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert

_in prayer for the transitional Deacons to be ordained to the Priesthood_

_and_

A Diocesan Act of Consecration to the Blessed Mother

7 P.M.—May 31, 2019

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena

1025 W. Turner, Allentown, PA

Bishop Schlert invites families in the Diocese of Allentown to join him for a Vocation Holy Hour in prayer for the transitional Deacons to be ordained to the Priesthood on June 1, 2019: Rev. Mr. Giuseppe C. Esposito, Rev. Mr. John C. Maria and Rev. Mr. Zachary R. Wehr.

In addition, our Diocese is uniting with Flame of Love in the “Coast to Coast Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary.”

The consecration date of May 31st is the commemoration of three Marian feasts:
Feast of the Visitation, The Lady of All Nations and Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces.

For details on the unified consecration, visit www.flameoflove.us

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The Diocese of Allentown has an immediate opening for a Program Manager - Scholarships within the Secretariat for Catholic Education. This position is responsible for growth and administration of the Diocesan school scholarship program which is critically important to increasing enrollment in our Catholic schools. Annual planning and ongoing research are required to identify additional sources of funding and changes to Pennsylvania state legislation. Responsibilities also include event coordination and administration of the scholarship work processes.

The successful candidate will have a strong commitment to Catholic Education and the mission of the Church. This position requires exceptional communication, relationship-building and teamwork skills.

A bachelor’s degree and 2-4 years of relevant experience are required.

Please submit cover letter, resume and salary requirements by May 24, 2019 to: resumes@allentowndiocese.org or Diocese of Allentown, P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105.

Visit www.allentowndiocese.org/about/employment for full job description. EOE M/F/D/V

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**Learn more about Natural Family Planning!** Over and over, couples practicing NFP reveal dramatic improvements to their marriage including communication, spiritual growth, and deeper intimacy. Furthermore, NFP maintains and supports the natural dignity of women’s reproductive health and fertility without dangerous drugs or devices. See a new video on NFP and get more information by visiting www.allentowndiocese.org/NFP

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WELCOMING IN TRUTH & CHARITY
JOIN BISHOP ALFRED A. SCHLERT as he hosts FR. TAD PACHOLCZYK from the National Catholic Bioethics Center on a discussion of the Church’s Authentic Teaching on Same Sex Attraction to be held June 22, 2019 from 10 AM – 12 NOON at Berks Catholic H.S. Auditorium 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading. There will be Q&A discussion included in the morning event. ALL ARE WELCOME!
Questions: contact 610-289-8900 ext. 2021 or email cle@allentowndiocese.org.

June brings weddings! Remember how you felt about each other on your wedding day? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can help re-kindl those romantic feelings. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.wwme.org.