

St. John the Baptist

Roman Catholic

Parish Family

10th & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot / Lawrence Lonergan*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 1, 2020

Rectory (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589
Russell Building (570) 628-3002
Website – SaintJohnPottsville.org.

Parish Council President: *Robert Bechtel*
Choir Director/Organist: *David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator: *Lucilla Kochol*
E-mail – stjbparish@comcast.net

Nativity BVM High School (570) 622-8110
Assumption BVM Elementary (570) 622-0106
St. Joseph Center for Special Learning (570) 622-4638

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule (in Chapel)

Monday thru Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Cemetery Information

John Consugar (570)-449-1675
St. John's Rectory (570)-622-5470

C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday prior to publication.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday – 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.
Or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.
Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass
Baptismal Preparation for Parents **MUST** precede the Baptism
Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

Outreach Program

Rectory (570)-622-5470

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC
Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT
(610) 332-0442 ext. 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin the Lenten season, we are called to humility, to an honest understanding of who we are. Humility is not false modesty but the awareness of who we are – sons and daughters of God, created by God.

In the first reading for this First Sunday of Lent, Adam and Eve ate the fruit from the tree of life and they realized they are naked. Yet we, like Adam and Eve, are often tempted to think of ourselves as more than creatures as in control of the world.

In the second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, he reassures us that God's grace surpasses any of our sins. And in the gospel for this first Sunday of Lent, the devil tempts Jesus while He is in the desert, but Jesus says to him "get away Satan" and the devil leaves Him.

During this Lenten time may God give us the grace to allow Him to be our God. May we be able to drive away like Jesus did with Satan, all things that keep us from knowing and loving God.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – March 2 – 9:00 a.m.

MAUREEN MCGREW (Patricia Grant)

Tuesday, March 3 – NO MASS

Wednesday, March 4 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY NORKUS (John & Adrienne Kurtak)

Thursday – March 5 – 9:00 a.m.

HERBERT J. SPERGER (Matthew Kuna)

Friday, March 6 – 9:00 a.m.

ANDREW SLIFKO (Michelle, JoieLynne & Peggy)

Saturday, March 7 – 5:00 p.m.

R.J. POST (Bob, Irene Post, Sandi, Sheri, RJ III)

Sunday, March 8 – 8:15 a.m.

FREDERICK & MARIE EAGAN

(John & Christine Eagan)

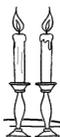
Sunday, March 8 – 10:30 a.m.

ANNETTE LIEBERMAN (Mary Beth Harvey)

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. **Deceased:** *Joseph Brahler, James Campion, Paul Burns.*

BLESSED CANDLES are available in the sacristy after weekend Masses or at the rectory during the week. **Box of 2 for \$5.00.** Please call if picking up at the Rectory 570-622-5470.



CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Special Intention by Bob & Mary Porter

St. Joseph –IMO Franklin Fetterolf by Fetterolf Family

Tabernacle – Special Intention

Sanctuary

1.Special Intention by Bob & Mary Porter

2.IMO Albert J. Faiola by Fetterolf Family

3&4. Health & Welfare of Schweikert Family

by Bill Schweikert

Guardian Angels

1.IMO Charles Becker Jr. by Bob & Mary Porter

2.Special Intention

SCHEDULE

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

5 p.m. – Saturday – March 7th

Reader: Bob Wollyung

Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla, Molly Zwiebel, Sharon Snyder

Servers: Maggie & Rhyan Brennan, Alyssa Sheriff

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – March 8th

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn

Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb, (Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Logan, Joseph, Brooke Palko

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – March 8th

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Justina Majestic,

(Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Anna, Olivia, Emma Lieberman

Cantor: Melody Newhard-Kirk

PRAYER GROUP

Our parish Prayer Group will continue to meet on the **second Sunday every month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** We will meet in front of the Blessed Sacrament making it more convenient for all to participate. Please join us and if you can't, please place your prayer requests in the box on the side of the confessional in the rear of church. (There is paper available on the shelf.)

MEN'S GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Men's Gospel Reflection Group meeting will take place on **Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room.** This group is open to any men interested in reflecting on how the Gospel impacts their lives. All are welcome! Please call the rectory with any questions 570-622-5470.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 22/23: \$ 4,570.76

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

DRAMATIC STATIONS

St. John's Dramatic Stations of the Cross recreates on stage and through song, the final days of the life of Jesus Christ.

We need men, women and children for the cast. There are many non-speaking parts for those who do not wish to assume a speaking role. People are also needed for the stage crew (props, lighting, sound, etc.) or to help distribute the costumes, etc. If you are a veteran of the Dramatic Stations Presentations, we are looking forward to your return and we ask that you please invite someone new to join you for this year's presentation. If you are new to the parish, we invite you to join us. In addition, it is a great way to meet new people. Many veterans tell us that their participation in the Dramatic Stations is a very meaningful and spiritual way for them to observe the Lenten Season. It is a wonderful family activity as well.

For further information or questions, please call the **Rectory 622-5470**.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Thursdays – 7 to 8:15 p.m. – in church.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

What separates YOU from committing to a holy hour of adoration? We need adorers for all 168 holy hours and subs for the open holy hours so that our dear Lord is never left alone! Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love! Examine your priorities! Are you indifferent or just too busy? We have a treasure in having our dear Lord present 24/7 in our adoration chapel. Don't let this treasure go to waste in your life!

We need adorers for the following hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m.

Thursday 3 a.m., 4 a.m., 10 p.m.;

Saturday 12 a.m., 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 4 a.m.;

Sunday 12 a.m., 4 a.m.

Whenever you are unable to cover your Holy Hour, for whatever reason, we are always able to get a sub.

Call St. Patrick's Rectory 570-622-1802.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now over 40% of dioceses in the U.S. are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here

in the U.S. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions

Next Week's Readings

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (March 7/8)

Reading I: Genesis 12:1-4a

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What hungers do you see in your community?

What food do you offer?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sundays during Lent

@ St. John's – 7 p.m. – in Church

Please join us each Sunday during Lent.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament,

Stations of the Cross, followed by

Benediction.

REMEMBERING VOCATIONS IN YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONS --- 2020

First Sunday of Lent: "How can we fail to thank God today for all those missionaries who for five centuries of history were committed to the evangelization of the Continent? ... Many of their names are known to us because they have been raised to the glory of the altars. But most of those missionaries remain unknown, the majority of them, Religious, to whom America owes much, not only religiously but also culturally." A vocation is a gift and a calling from Christ Himself.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience. Send

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Encounter Lent. Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-challenging Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl.

**Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl
located at the back or front exits.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
DON'T BE LATE FOR MASS!
TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD
ON MARCH 8TH (2 A.M.)**



PARISH COUNCIL

St. John's Parish Council will meet

Monday, March 2nd – 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.

There are two ways that any parishioner may raise a question or concern or make recommendations.

1. Parishioners may approach any Parish Council Member listed below and ask that a question, concern, etc. be brought up at the meeting.
2. Parishioners may write their concerns, etc. and put it (them) in the suggestion box provided in the rear of the church. These may be signed or unsigned. They will then be brought up at the Council meeting.

Elected Members

Bob Bechtel
John Consugar
Paul Datte
Darren DeArment
Joseph Gerchak
Heidi Gorski
Alicia Kleman
Eric Lieberman
Kevin McNamara
Al Norkus
Patty O'Neill
Josette Peckman
John Powers
Nick Quinn
Melissa Scheetz
Martin Smith

Appointed Members

Lucilla Kochol
Evelyn Datte

Ex-Officio

Ed Brahler
Deacon Larry Lonergan
Deacon Luis R. Visot
Father Dave Loeper

PARISH COUNCIL

President's Corner

On Monday, January 27th Saint John's hosted a class entitled **Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)**. The class was a long time in the making and was an overwhelming success! In total, there were 45 parishioners who packed Longinus Hall (and thank you to all who attended). The main points which the class stressed were to "**Avoid, Deny, Defend**" during such an incident. The class also provided further data to show that while these events are random and rare, they can happen anywhere. Due to the success of this class, we will be discussing holding another in the near future. *If you were considering going to the first session but couldn't make it or are considering attending the second - I encourage you to do so.* The information presented is enlightening and could save your life! Our next Parish

Council meeting will be **Monday, March 2nd**. If you have any questions or would like us to discuss a particular topic, please see any member of council. God bless!

Bobby Bechtel, Parish Council

President

LENTEN DINNERS

Full course dinners including the best home-made New England Clam Chowder, freshly baked Haddock or Salmon, or Lump Crab Cakes, a wonderful Salad Bar, choice of Macaroni & Cheese, Baked or Mashed Potatoes, choice of Vegetables, Beverages, and of course, our Delicious Homemade Desserts.... 4 to 7 p.m. at the Russell Building ... Fridays during Lent. (No dinner on Good Friday)

Adults

Baked Haddock or Salmon \$ 15.00
1 Lump Crab Cake \$ 15.00
2 Lump Crab Cakes \$ 18.00

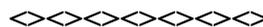
Adult Special

Lump Crab Cake & Choice of Fish \$ 18.00

Children (under 12 only)

Baked Haddock or Salmon \$ 8.00
1 Lump Crab Cake \$ 8.00

TAKE-OUTS AVAILABLE



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THURSDAYS

**Preparation for Lenten Dinners
Anytime between 9:30 a.m. & 12 p.m.
at the Russell Building
Please call the Rectory: 622-5470**



FRIDAYS

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

If you can help on Fridays during Lent, please let us know when you are available.

Students (12 and over) always welcome (excellent idea if you need service hours).

New faces always welcomeperhaps you are new to the parish and are looking for a way to get involved.

Waitresses & Waiters needed 3:45 to 7 p.m.

Help Loading Dishwasher ... 4 to 8 p.m.

Clean-up ... 6:45 to 8 p.m.

Just call our Scheduler....

Maeve Ketner at 570-624-1452 or 570-573-8769.



HOMEMADE DESSERTS NEEDED

"St. John's is famous for their delicious homemade desserts"

St. John's Food Committee is in need of your baking talents. Each year we could not succeed without your delicious desserts. If you would like to make Jello, Pudding, Pies, Cakes, or anything you can dream up, we will greatly appreciate it. Please make your favorite dessert and bring it to the Russell Building on Thursdays or Fridays during Lent.

**FAMILY GUILD
"LENT-EVENT"**

St. John's Family Guild will host the annual Lent-Event for children of the parish, ages 3 to 10. Come enjoy light refreshments, receive an Easter craft and participate in a special Egg Hunt. (Bring a basket or bag to hold the collected eggs.) **Registration is a must!!** Please complete this form and return to the rectory or place in the collection basket **no later than March 29th**.

Date: Sunday, April 15th

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: St. John's Russell Building

Family Name _____

Child's Name _____ **Age** _____

Child's Name _____ **Age** _____

Child's Name _____ **Age** _____

(Please circle whether child is ... Male/Female)

50 / 50 CHANCES

Every Friday during Lent the Catholic Women's Union will sell 50/50 Chances at the Lenten Dinners. Drawings will take place at 7 p.m. each week.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR OPENINGS!

St. John's Choir is welcoming new members to the choir to sing Saturday 5:00 PM Masses and special Masses. This is a very rewarding experience for anyone seeking to become more involved in our Parish Family. No prior singing experience or reading of music is required. Practices are held **Tuesday's at 7:00 in Longinus Hall.** Contact St. John's Rectory 570-622-5470 for more information. Hope to see you Tuesday!

FAMILY MATTERS

Teachers. Teachers shape the lives and minds of the children of our families. We ask God to bless all of our

teachers – those who teach in our schools, in our community and in our parish. May God give them wisdom and patience daily in their service to our children.

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

2019 CONTRIBUTION RECORD

You can request a copy of your 2019 Contribution Record by calling the rectory Monday thru Thursday ... 622-5470 ext 3.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

March

- 1 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Church
- 2 Parish Council – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 3 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. - Church
- 3 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 4 Discovering Christ – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 5 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. – Church
- 5 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 6 Lenten Dinner – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.
- 8 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Church
- 10 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. - Church
- 10 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 11 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 11 Discovering Christ – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 12 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 12 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. – Church
- 13 Lenten Dinner – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.
- 15 Discovery Christ Retreat – 3 p.m. – L.H.-Church
- 15 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Church
- 16 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 17 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 17 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. - Church
- 18 Discovering Christ – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 19 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. – Church
- 19 R.C.I.A. – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 20 Lenten Dinner – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.
- 21/22 Blood Pressure Screenings – after Masses
- 22 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Church
- 24 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 24 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. – Church
- 25 Discovery Christ – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 26 R.C.I.A. – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 26 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. – Church
- 27 Lenten Dinner – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.
- 29 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Church
- 31 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 31 Dramatic Stations Dress Rehearsal – 7 p.m.

**** L.H. – Longinus Hall**

**** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room**

**** R.B. – Russell Building**

STEWARDSHIP LIBRARY

Stewardship Displays are located at the church exits. There are many items available including CD's, Rosaries, Self-help and Informational Booklets, etc. **New Items include:** Music (lower door); Divine Mercy (main church), in addition to other great CD's or books.

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."

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GALA

There is still time to support this year's Catholic charities Gala honoring Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin and Anthony & Mary Martocci.

If you win, the parish wins too!

First Prize: An evening in Manhattan which including two exclusive tickets for the March 16th Broadway Preview performance of a musical based on the life of Princess Diana, limousine service and a pre-show reception with New York Luminaries.

Plus! Winner's Parish will receive a \$300 cash prize!

Second Prize: Diamond Bracelet

Plus! Winner's Parish will receive a \$300 cash prize!

Third Prize: Hotel Bethlehem Getaway.

Plus! Winner's Parish will receive \$200 cash prize!

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20 which can be purchased from the parish office or by contacting Lucia DeMarco at 610-871-5200 ext. 2113.

*Winners will be drawn at the Gala on March 8th.
You do not have to be present to win.*

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER *Thinking about spring?* Shake off those uncertain weather "Blahs" and put the freshness of romance back into your relationship on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. For information call 610-449-1859 or visit www.wwme.org.

WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION His Wounds, Our Healing ... A Lenten Reflection on our identity as beloved to be held **Saturday, March 14th** from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux in Nesquehoning, with Fr. John Frink, Pastor, St. John XXIII Parish in Tamaqua. Registration: \$15 (includes breakfast) | allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality. Deadline is March 7th. *Sponsored by the Commission for Women of the Diocese of Allentown.*

CONFERENCE Join us for the UNBOUND -- One Day Conference on **Saturday April 18th**. Everyone is fighting an invisible battle:

- negative thoughts, secret sins and unhealthy relationships
- destructive habits, idols and false identities
- resentments and bitter wounds that never seem to heal

UNBOUND ministry releases the power of **Jesus** into wounded hearts. This one day conference will empower you to break the powerful chains in your life, so that you can walk in the fullness of freedom. Location: St. John XXIII Church, 307 Pine Street, Tamaqua, Register online at www.sj23tamaqua.org/unbound.html (training for leaders is Friday April 17) Registration Deadline: March 23rd. Fee: \$50 includes lunch. Late registration March 24~April 10 Fee: \$65 There will be NO Registration at the door.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- **Please note ... all Christmas Wreaths & Decorations must be removed as soon as possible**
- All decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day and Christmas.
- All decorations except those flowers or plants planted in the ground, must be removed by **July 1st**
- Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden.
- All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in receptacles at Cemetery.

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

POSITION AVAILABLE We are seeking a motivated, enthusiastic and caring person to conduct all phases of comprehensive development and marketing programs. The individual will provide strong leadership and work in collaboration with the Administration, Board of Directors and volunteers. Must be passionate about advocating for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This is a full-time, year-round position with benefits. The Center is an equal opportunity employer. Qualified candidates should send résumé and references to Robert Giba, Principal, rgiba@stjosephctr.com.

29TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC ... hosted by St. Joseph Center for Special Learning on **Friday, May 15th** at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship and, of course... golf! For more information, please

visit www.stjosephctr.com. Discover why St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is truly a special place for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

OPEN ARMS MINISTRY

If you have good used furniture that you would like to donate, *Open Arms Ministry* is in need for these items for their transitional housing. If you would like more information about this organization, check out their website at www.openarmshelp.org, or email Pastor Vincent Murray at Oathmainoffice@gmail.com.

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thank you for doing the small things, like feeding your neighbors, with great love. God bless.

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Canned Fruit
Broth	Macaroni & Cheese
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Hot Chocolate
Hot Cereal packages	Apple Sauce
Cereal – boxed	Vegetable - Canned
Beef Stew	Spaghetti
Soups	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Canned Gravy	Canned Sweet Potatoes

PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS

Please Do Not donate any nutritional drinks (Ensure, etc.)

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the 10th Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

HEALTHY NOTES ... Don't count on alcohol-based sanitizer to protect against the flu. A Japanese study in *mSphere*, the journal of the American Society for Microbiology, found that it took nearly four minutes for hand sanitizer to completely deactivate influenza A virus (IAV) that had been missed with mucus and dabbed on volunteers' fingertips. Even two minutes of use was not enough. This is in contrast to the general recommendation by the CDC and World Health Organization to apply hand sanitizer for only 20 to 30 seconds. As the researchers noted, the alcohol in hand sanitizer is unable to penetrate the viscous mucus that the virus is encased in, at least when the mucus is still wet. Use of hand sanitizer on infected but dried mucus did deactivate the virus within 30 seconds, however. *"Until the mucus has completely dried, infectious IAV can remain on the hands and fingers, even after appropriate antiseptic hand rubbing,"* the lead author states in a press release. The flu virus is most frequently transmitted through respiratory droplets expelled from the nose and mouth of infected people, but contact with the virus from surfaces (including hands) may also be a route for infection. That means that

keeping your hands clean by washing them under running water with soap for at least 20 seconds is important – and effective – for preventing illness. For flu prevention, you should of course also get the flu shot every year.

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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

'DESIGNER HANDBAG' BINGO featuring Kate Spade, Michael Kors & Coach on **Sunday, March 8th** at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Doors open 11:30 a.m.; Bingo begins 1 p.m. Admission is \$25.00 which includes 16 regular games and four specials; Great Prizes ... delicious food and refreshments. Tickets are available at St. Nicholas School 570-544-2800, St. Nicholas Rectory 570-544-4581, Reliable Home Supply, Minersville and Mike Watcher's, Pottsville. Proceeds benefit St. Nicholas School.

Advance ticket holders eligible for special drawings

HOMEMADE EASTER CANDY sponsored by St. Patrick Parish. Butter Cream, Coconut Cream or Peanut Butter Eggs ... Sorry, no mixed boxes ... \$10 per box. Proceeds benefit St. Patrick Parish. All orders due by March 24th by calling the parish office at 570-622-1802 ext. 1. **Orders can be picked up** at the Parish Center during the Palm Sunday Weekend Bake Sale ... Saturday, April 4th from 1 to 6 p.m.; Sunday, April 5th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*May He grant you joy of heart
and may peace abide among you.
... Sirach 50:23*
