FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

At the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Franklin told the other signers: "We must, indeed, all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately." They all knew if they lost the Revolutionary War, they would all face death by hanging as traitors to England.

Despite this dark possibility, they signed it anyway, with John Hancock defiantly writing his name larger than all the others. They were doing a dangerous thing, but they were resolved to do it regardless.

It was the same for Jesus in this Sunday's gospel. Knowing he was facing death, Jesus emboldened the apostles by saying: "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Monday – September 4 – 9:00 a.m.</u> WILLIAM ROSENBERGER (Joan Marie Carroll)

Tuesday – September 5 – 9:00 a.m.

JAMES & LILLIAN CONNELLY (Derbes Family)

Wednesday, September 6 -- 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH & SARAH FRY

Thursday – September 7 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNA ORLOWSKY (Wilt Family)

Friday – September 8 – 9:00 a.m.

PHILOMENA CARROLL (Family)

Saturday, September 9 – 5 p.m.

THELMA & JAMES BRENNAN (Children)

Sunday – September 10 – 8:15 a.m.

DAVID A. ZANIS (Chris & Steve Zanis)

Sunday – September 10 – 10:30 a.m.

LIVING & DECEASED OF

ST. JOHN'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY

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<u>Tuesday – September 5</u> <u>at York Terrace Nursing Home</u> MICHAEL FEDORISKA (Staff & Residents)

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III – Ashley Smith & Andrew Gabrielle

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: Fred & Magdalene Maskerines, Mary Connell, Jerry Schoenauer, Dorothy Blum, Toni Wiest, Carl Forster, Ray Dee, Doug Broughton, Dorothy Prokop, James Pauly, Michelle Ambrose.

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVMAll CandlesSt. JosephIn Memory ofTabernacleAnthony Hoffman

Sanctuaryreq. byGuardian AngelsMary Ann Holley

SCHEDULE

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. - Saturday - September 9th

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Paul & Mary Ann Filiac

Servers: Patrick Ryan, Stanley & Alek Gorski

Cantor: Ensemble

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – September 10th

Reader: Dave Smith

Euch.Min.: Jeff Naffin, John Corbacio

Servers: Madison & Caden Wright, Grace Sadusky

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – September 10th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic, Debbie Guers

Servers: Kathryn & Ronald Yourey, Aidan Cassidy

Cantor: Dave Derbes

R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John's Rectory, **622-5470**, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions!

WELCOMING MASS

The Schuylkill Deanery will welcome newly ordained **Bishop Alfred Schlert** as our new Bishop of Allentown with a **Welcoming Mass** on **Monday, October 2nd at 7 p.m.** in **St. Clare of Assisi Church**, Mill & Hancock Sts., St. Clair. There is a parish parking lot at Mill & Carroll Sts, half a block from church. Church is handicap accessible and an attendant will be on duty to assist people on the lift.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What obstacles do you encounter in your discipleship?

Next Week's Readings

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (September 9/10)

Reading I: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Reading II: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR MEN

As Christian men we are called to live out the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is especially hard to do it alone and to keep our lives in balance. We invite all men in the parish to come and give this program a try. The format is a Gospel Reflection, a reading of the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, afterwards a brief moment of reflection, spontaneous discussion of how that reading impacts each of us at that moment and in our lives today. **This is NOT a Bible study group** ... the Holy Spirit will be the teacher! We will also pray for your intentions at the end of each session.

When: Tuesdays --- 7 to 8 p.m.

<u>Subject</u>: the impact of the Gospel reading for each man's heart, mind and life expressed in his own words.

Preparation: bring a copy of the Gospel Reflection Sheet from website ... Stewardshipmission.org For any question or more information, please contact

For any question or more information, please contact Bill Gianfagna (573-0105) or Luis R. Visot (622-8798).

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION Open Hours with Jesus

"Consider your allotted hour of adoration as an hour of paradise ... Sweetly keep alive the desire for it in your heart. Tell yourself: in four hours, in two hours, in one hour, I will go to our Lord's audience of grace and love; he invited me, he awaits me, he desires me."

... St. Peter Julian Eymard

We need adorers for the following hours:

Tuesday 4 a.m. Wednesday 12 & 1 a.m. Friday 7 p.m. Saturday 1 & 11 p.m. Sunday 12 & 4 a.m.

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

Please call Albert 573-0036 or Aleece 449-7678.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED Eligibility ...

male or female, 4th grade (in Fall) to 12th grade ... if interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

FLOWER DONATIONS

If anyone wishes to memorialize flowers in the sanctuary for the weekend Masses for a living or deceased intention, please call the Rectory 622-5470.



WEEKLY COLLECTION August 26/27: \$ 4,834.10

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of His Saints. ... Prov. 2:8

PRAYER GROUP

Our Prayer Group meets on the second Sunday of each month after the 10:30 Mass in the

Chapel. Please consider joining us as we lift up those in need of prayer. It will take only a few minutes of your time

Prayer request can be placed in the box on side of confessional. Thanks and God bless!

For more information or questions, please contact one of the following:

> Bob Hahner 570-640-4448 John Corbacio 570-640-5038

My Prayer Request

Please place in box on side of Confessional.

CCD Registration

Please make sure your child is enrolled in a Religious Education Program.

\$60.00 – First Child; \$55.00 – additional Child Please register ASAP

Registration forms are available at the rectory during the week or at the church exits on weekends.

..... Attention Parents

CCD Begins
Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m.
in School Building.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP

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For September 2017 we need help with

Pre-School & Children's Liturgy

A Mom to help out on Sunday's during the first half of 10:30 Mass.

CCD Aides

If interested please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or call 622-5470.

I am interested in:

- helping with the **Pre-School** / **Children's Liturgy** on Sunday's during the first half of the 10:30 Mass.
- Leachers on Sundays from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

PARISH COUNCIL

St. John's Parish Council will meet

Monday, September 11th – 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.

Appointed Members

Connor McNamara **

Deacon Larry Lonergan

Deacon Luis R. Visot

Father Dave Loeper

Darren DeArment

Lucilla Kochol

Patty O'Neill

Joe Rehnert

Ex-Officio

Ed Brahler

Elected Members

Bob Bechtel Nora Chiplonia John Consugar Paul Datte Janet Daubert

Robert DeColli Jr.

Paul Filiac

Joseph Gerchak ** Christy Joy Alicia Kleman **

Kevin McNamara

Al Norkus ** Patty O'Neill

Nick Quinn

Josette Peckman ** John Powers **

**denotes new member

Please Note - No Voting: The Parish Council voting process was adjusted this year as the amount of accepted nominations met the need of the open positions.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD & SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL

will begin on **Sunday**, **September 17**th at 10:30 a.m.in Longinus Hall Registration can also be done at this time.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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Assumption BVM School is looking for your help in collecting "Box Tops." Many of the products you already have in your home, has a BOX TOP on it. All you need to do is clip them out and place them in the drop-off box in the rear of the church. With each box top collected our school earns cash to update needed materials. We are no longer collecting "Campbell Soup"

ADULT BIBLE STUDY TRUE REFORMERS THE SAINTS OF THE CATHOLIC REFORMATION Looking for something a little different? St. John's Adult Faith Formation is offering a Sunday afternoon study about the true reformers of the Catholic Reformation. When: beginning September 24th (for six weeks)

Time: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Where: Longinus Hall

Cost: \$14.00

This Ignatius press DVD series introduces you to six great saints and how they spearheaded the Church's rebirth after the Protestant Reformation 500 years ago.

We will learn about one woman and five men and how their individual lives were touched by divine grace. Their stories will inspire you today just as they did 500 years ago.

Sunday, September 24th

St. Thomas More ... the Age of the Author Sunday, October 1st

St. Ignatius of Loyola ... Soldier for Christ

Sunday, October 8th

St. Philip Neri ... The Apostle of Joy Sunday, October 15th

St. Charles Borromeo ... the Good Shepherd

Sunday, October 22nd

St. Teresa of Avila ... A study in Perseverance Sunday, October 29th

St. Francis De Sales ... Pastor of Souls

Sign up for this series in the back of church or call the Rectory 622-5470.

.... St. John's Adult Faith Formation Committee

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

POSITION AVAILABLE ... Transition Coordinator

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc. is seeking a caring and motivated individual to coordinate and oversee its program for transition learning and assessment for students with special needs in simulated work settings and community based jobs. This is a parttime 29 hour/week position with the potential for fulltime depending on the education and qualifications of the candidate. Applicant must be willing to transport students to various worksites using either their personal or school vehicle. Please come to the school (2075 West Norwegian Street, Pottsville) during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Monday through Thursday only) or stjosephcenter@comcast.net to provide your résumé, or request an application.

No phone calls please.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

September

- Men's Gospel Reflection Group − 7 p.m. − F.R. 5
- 6 Christmas Bazaar Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – F.R.
- 10 CCD Begins – 9 a.m. – School Building

Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H. 10 11 Parish Council Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H. Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R. 12 St. John's Beneficial Soc. Mtg. – 8 p.m. – F.R. 13 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses 16/17 19 Men's Gospel Reflection Group − 7 p.m. − F.R. 20 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H. Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H. 24 24 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:00 p.m. – L.H. Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R. 26 29 Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale – 4 - 7 p.m. – R.B. 30 Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale – 8 a.m.-12 .m. – R.B. ** L.H. - Longinus Hall ** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room ** R.B. – Russell Building

LITURGY of the WORD

The Children's Liturgy takes place at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in Longinus Hall. During this time, children in grades 1, 2, 3 listen to the Sunday Readings in words they understand and try to apply the words of Jesus to their own lives.



They return to their families after the Prayer of the Faithful (Offertory) to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the entire community.

All children attending classes must be registered.

The Gospel <u>needs you</u> -- will you say yes? For more information, call the **Rectory 622-5470**.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY	REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name _____ Age ____ Phone _____ Allergies, please list _____ Parents _____

* \$10.00 Registration Fee must accompany form* Please drop in the collection basket or send to the rectory as soon as possible.

FAMILY MATTERS

Labor Day and Family. On this Labor Day weekend we pray that our society acknowledge the need for just wages for all workers in families. We also pray especially for those workers and their families who struggle from paycheck to paycheck.

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

SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL

Sunday Pre-School will begin soon. Classes are held in Longinus Hall during 10:30 a.m.

Mass each Sunday. All parish children ages 3 to 6 (and not yet in 1st grade) are eligible for this program. The children

are given an opportunity to interact with other children

while learning about God through stories, music, activities and games. The children will also be provided with a small snack each week.

We would like to broaden and expand our program, so we need greeters, storytellers, musicians, as well as those who want to aid in these areas.

A \$12.00 Registration Fee to cover the costs of the lessons, supplies, and snacks is required for each child upon registration. *All children attending classes must be registered*. Any questions, please contact the Rectory 622-5470.

Please drop Registration Form and Fee in the collection basket or send to the rectory as soon as possible.

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Date of Birth	Phone
Address	
Allergies, please lis	t
Father's Name	
Mother's Maiden N	lame
Parent's Response:	I can help in the following ways
Teacher	Aide Greeter
Musician	Snacks Storyteller

St. John's Catholic Women's Union Kauffman's Chicken Barbeque

Tickets: \$8.00 --- includes ½ Chicken, Baked Potato,

Applesauce and Roll.

Date: Saturday, September 30th

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: Former Pizza Hut Parking Lot, Yorkville

Pre-Sale: after all Masses on September 16/17 and

September 23/24.

<u>REMINDER</u>: to all CWU members --- deadline for ticket sales or returns is **September 15th.**

Please contact any Catholic Women's Union member or call **Sharon Miller 622-0516** or **Joan Deiter 622-1381**.

When cares increase within me, Your comfort gives me joy. ... Psalm 94:19

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

BOSCOV'S is helping out St. John's by giving us **Shopping Passes** to sell for \$5 each: these proceeds benefit the church. Boscov's HELPING YOU and ME

- By bringing that shopping pass to Boscov's on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 17th</u> to receive 25% off on most purchases.
- Deposit registration form on your Pass in the ballot box to win prizes.

- Receive free food and fellowship.
- Shopping Passes are good towards LAY-A-WAY Purchases too, so great for early Christmas shopping!

PASSES ... \$5.00 each ... ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OFFICE

PRE-SALE for St. John's will also be available at Boscov's every Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (except October 5 & 6).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Friends Helping Friends! Let us help you! Won't you help us?

2017 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Mark your Calendars

Saturday & Sunday, November 11 & 12.

(Preview weekend – November 4 & 5.)

An organization meeting to plan this year's Christmas Bazaar will take place

Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 p.m.

in the Rectory Fellowship Room. All are welcome!

Items Needed for Christmas Bazaar the



We are looking for donations of large baskets, and various new gift items for baskets. For questions or more information, please call the Rectory 570-622-5470 x 3

or email.... stjbparish@comcast.net.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – The demands of a new school year are upon us. Take time to get in tune with WORLDWIDE other at a **MARRIAGE** ENCOUNTER weekend before routines become hectic once again. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.\

WOMEN'S RETREAT St. Francis Center for Renewal is delighted to once again offer this popular Annual Autumn Women's Retreat, "Keep Your Eyes Fixed on Jesus" from September 8 to 10. Facilitator will be Fr. John Krivak. To Register call 610.867.8890 or email www.stfrancisctr.org

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS will be held on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 17th at the Cathedral of St.</u> Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St., Allentown, at 3:00 p.m. We cordially invite couples celebrating five. twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register online at http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass or

refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form through email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org or by calling 610-289-8900 ext. 2028 The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Natural Family Planning, 2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The deadline for registration is September 8, 2017.

DESIRE: FULFILLING OUR DEEPEST LONGING

Are you looking for something more in your life? We all have a longing deep in our hearts that isn't satisfied by the things of this world. Many people search for fulfillment in a variety of ways, but are left with a sense of emptiness. Join us on Saturday, September 30th from 7 to 9 pm for some wine and cheese as the Office of Adult Formation for the Diocese of Allentown hosts national presenter Bill Donaghy who will explore what and who we are made for so that we can finally attain our desire and fulfill our deepest longing. This event will take place at St. Thomas More Family Center in Allentown and will cost \$10 per person. Register by September 13th and find more information at www.allentowndiocese.org/desire.

*Master Catechist Certificate continuing education credits are available for this event!

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

Spaghetti Sauce Soups

Peanut Butter Jellv

Canned Gravy **Canned Sweet Potatoes**

NEEDED Item of the Month ---- Canned Soups

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.

NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH

Rock around the Schuylkill County Senior Community Centers....

September 7 ... Elvis comes to Tremont (lunch 11:30 12:15: entertainment 12:30-1:30 - 139 Clay Street)

September 11 ... Multi Generational Patriotic **Singing/Craft** in Mahanov City (activity 10:30-11:30; lunch at noon - 138 W. Centre Street).

Watch for additional events throughout the month!

Lunch will be provided at each event. **To reserve your lunch,** please contact Debbie Herb at 570-624-3016 two weeks prior to the event.

*Meal - 60 + years of age - suggested donation is \$2.50; 59 years of age or younger - meal cost is \$3.69; Entertainment - Donation Appreciated

We look forward to Rockin' Around the Senior Community Centers with you!

The Schuylkill County Senior Community Centers are managed by Diakon Community Services under a contract with the Schuylkill County Office of Senior Services with funding by the PA Department of Aging.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

LABOR DAY MASS at Castle Green Grotto on Monday, September 4th at 10 a.m., located at 950 Valley Road, Minersville/Heckscherville Hwy. Refreshments after Mass; bring lawn chairs. For more info please contact Mary Anne (570) 544-3658.

FOOD FAIRE & FLEA MARKET sponsored by St. Claire of Assisi Parish, St. Clair, on Saturday, September 9th from 10 to 2 p.m. – Delicious Homemade Foods, Pot Pie, BBQ, Pierogie, Halupkie, Haluskie, Soups, Chili, Baked Goods & More ... 50/50 Chances & Lottery Boards, Clever, Attractive Crafts, Religious items ... Everyone welcome! Join us for lunch!

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS at the Pottsville Free Public Library. The fall program session begins **September 11th.** There are story times for toddlers and

preschoolers; a Builders' Bonanza program featuring Legos and other educational toys for school age kids; and a writing club, a drawing club, and teen advisory board for young adults. Please call 570-622-8880 or visit www.pottsvillelibrary.org.

WINE FESTIVAL sponsored by St. Ambrose Parish on Saturday, September 23rd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 302 Randel St. in Schuylkill Haven. Tickets \$25.00; Advance tickets \$20.00; Designated Drivers \$5.00. Fabulous Wineries, Delicious Food Vendors, Awesome Craft Vendors ... Call the Rectory for Tickets and information 570-385-1031.

BLUE ARMY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE Celebrate the Fatima Centennial in Asbury, New Jersey, on <u>Friday</u>, <u>October 13th</u>, sponsored by St. Matthew's Traveler's ... Cost \$25.00 ... For more info and reservations, please call Julie 570-544-5231 or Millie 570-628-5413.

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish on Wednesday, November 29th; Matinee at 11 a.m. Cost-Show & Bus \$107.00. For more info and reservations, call Julie 570-544-5231 or Millie 570-628-5413.

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."