

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The Roman city of Caesarea Philippi was as far north as Jesus every got. From there, Jesus turned toward his final destiny, Jerusalem. But before leaving there, Jesus asked the question: "*Who do people say that I am?*"

It remains a question for all around the world. Catholics worshipping at the Greenland Thule airbase, 800 miles from the North Pole, will answer that question. At the tip of South America, where Cape Horn points toward Antarctica, the question will be asked in the Patagonian city of Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego. From Jakarta to Quinto, from Africa to India, nearly 1.3 billion Catholics in the world will be answering with Peter: "*You are the Christ.*" What then, is your answer?

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – September 17 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNA KURTEK (Catherine Bosack)

Tuesday, September 18 – 9:00 a.m.

EDWARD SMITH (Charles Camut)

Wednesday – September 19 – 9:00 a.m.

JORGE LABOY COEME

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Thursday, September 20 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY O'NEILL (Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Friday, September 21 – 9:00 a.m.

VERONICA WENTZ (Blum Family)

Saturday, September 22 – 5:00 p.m.

DOROTHY ROSENBERGER (Janet Thomas)

Sunday, September 23 – 8:15 a.m.

HARRY A. BARTHOLOMEW FAMILY

(Frances Lorenz)

Sunday, September 23 – 10:30 a.m.

GRETA DERBES (John & Mary Jean Morgalis)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does it mean to think as God does?

Next Week's Readings

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (September 22/23)

Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Reading II: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

SECOND COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND ... SEPT. 22/23

... will be taken up for this year's Christmas Bazaar.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Rita Mae Switzler

by Stan & Heidi Gorski & Sons

St. Joseph – IMO Cathy Bowers by Joan Bowers

Tabernacle - IMO Cathy Bowers by Joan Bowers

Sanctuary

1. IMO Mary Hahner by Family

2. IMO Special Intention by Lynda Crighton

3&4. IMO Paul Murphy by Babe Murphy

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Raymond Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

SCHEDULE

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – September 22nd

Reader: Christine Disabella

Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla, Mary Jean Morgalis,

Gerry Schwartz

Servers: Olivia Tokonitz, Mark Disabella,

Macie Rushannon

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – September 23rd

Reader: Jennifer Daubert

Euch.Min.: John Corbacio, George Forney

Servers: Jackson & Hayden Daubert, Samantha Heenan

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – September 23rd

Reader: Evielynn Hower

Euch.Min.: Phil Markovich, Sharon Snyder

Servers: Aliyah & Nathan Peckman, Evelyn Datte

Cantor: Ensemble

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: *Angela Pfeil Hamm, Theresa Tuite, Joe Brahler, Ashley Anthony.*

Deceased: *Mary Rinaldo*

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!

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

*Women of all ages are invited to join
the Catholic Women's Union.*

Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women's Union by joining us on **Wednesday, September 19th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Spring Covered Dish Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed.



For more information call: Joan Deiter at 622-1381 or St. John's Rectory: 622-5470.

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 29th

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

Place: Former Pizza Hut Parking Lot, Yorkville

Pre-Sale: after all Masses on September 15/16 and September 22/23.

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

CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

Friday – September 21st – 4 to 7 p.m.

**Saturday – September 22nd – 8 a.m. to 12 noon
at the Russell Building**



Don't miss it !!! If you like yard sales this is the place to be. Various items including ... knick-knacks, dishes, kitchen items, jewelry, holiday decorations, framed prints, special Vintage Section and much, much more, plus foods are available for purchase. Something for everyone!! Join us!! (Questions... call the Rectory 622-5470 ext.3.)

DESSERTS/BAKED GOODS NEEDED ...

If you would like to donate a dessert item for our **Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale**, please drop off at the times listed above or call the rectory 622-5470 ext.3. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



*For where two or three are gathered in my name, there
am I in the midst of them. ... Matt. 18:20*

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS **25% OFF*** SHOPPING PASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

- Bring your shopping pass to Boscov's on **Tuesday, October 16th** 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 during the week.**

PRE-SALE for St. John's will also be available at Boscov's on the following dates:

September 20, 21, 27, 28

October 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 15

October 16th from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

(Thursdays & Fridays & Monday --10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
Saturdays -- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

September

- 15/16 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
- 16 Adult Faith Formation – 4:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 16 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 18 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 19 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 21/22 Yard Sale – Russell Bldg. – see bulletin ...
- 23 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 25 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 30 Adult Faith Formation – 4:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 30 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

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.

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

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...

Saturday and Sunday, November 10 & 11

'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 3rd & 4th.

We are asking families to donate a **Theme Basket** with a suggested value of at least **\$25.00** in merchandise or gift certificates. If you would like to donate the items, we would be happy to put a basket together and wrap it for you. Be creative and come up with your own unique idea!

Homemade craft items are also very welcome.

So many families donated baskets last year --- it was wonderful to see the spirit of St. John's shine through.

Our **'Lottery Baskets & Frames'** are always a huge success. If you would like to donate **lottery tickets** (any amount), please drop tickets off at the rectory or place in the collection basket at Mass.

As always, **Monetary donations** are greatly appreciated. and helping hands at the Bazaar are always welcome. If you can help or you have questions, please call the **Rectory 622-5470 ext. 3**

Gift Cards / Certificates are especially needed.

In addition to our many various **THEME BASKETS**, there will be beautiful **CRAFTS**, many of which are handmade, **SPECIALS**, and of course, delicious **FOOD** and our famous homemade **BAKED GOODS**.

PICTURES WITH SANTA will be available as well.

This is a great way to get involved in a fun fundraiser for the parish and to meet other people. Join us !!!

Baskets should be dropped off before October 22nd at the Russell Building on the following dates:

October 3, 10, 15, 17, 22

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. ONLY

**Baskets / Items for baskets
CANNOT
be dropped off at the Rectory.**

WINE / CHEESE / SNACK BASKETS

If you would like to donate **Wine, Cheese, or Snacks** for our **Wine/Snack Baskets** for this year's Christmas Bazaar, please drop your donation off at the **Russell Building on the dates and times listed above.**

CATECHISTS PRAYER

Gracious and all-loving Father,
out of love for all people you spoke your Word who became flesh for our salvation. May your Word transform me so that the message of your Son, our Lord, may be echoed through my teaching. Allow me to guide the hearts of those whom I teach in such a way that they will enter more deeply into your way of truth and salvation. Grant me the insight needed to lead them to know, love, and serve you. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may they become hearers and followers of your Word, so that they might help transform the world to follow the way of life to which your Son has called us all, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CCD PROGRAM

We thank the following parishioners for accepting the challenge of spreading the "Good News" to our parish children:

CCD

Sarah & Darren DeArment	Grade 1
Lori Reedy	Grade 2
Lucilla Kochol	Grade 3
Farrah Benart	Grade 4
Beth & Rick Smith	Grade 5
Jennifer Hower	Grade 6
Dr. Robert DeColli	Grade 7
Robert Hahner, Josette Peckman	Grade 8

Pre-School / Children's Liturgy
Melissa LeBlanc, Lucilla Kochol

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.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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" labels.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

HEALING MASS on Monday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m. for those who have experienced trauma. Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert as celebrant and homilist at **St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 250 E. Hancock St. in St. Clair.** Holy hour to follow before the Blessed Sacrament. And Confessions; Benediction at 8:30 p.m.

MEN'S MORNING REFLECTION **PRIEST, PROPHET, KING: The Archangels and the Masculine Spirit** – The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's morning of reflection on Saturday, September 29th at 9 a.m. at **Queenship of Mary** in Northampton. An optional Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m. followed by refreshments. Presentations by **Msgr. John Martin, Rev. Patrick Lamb, and Rev. Eugene Ritz.** To register for this free offering visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Now that the children are back in school, how about a refresher course for Mom and Dad? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment weekend to help make good marriages even better. For more information, call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

At St. Patrick Parish Center, 313 Mahantongo St., Pottsville on Thursday, September 27th, from 6 to 9 p.m. To register, please call Debbie at 570-622-1802.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Where there is faith in My real presence, there will be adoration; and where there is adoration, there will also be an efficacious radiance of My presence..."

Words of Our Lord, **IN SINU JESU**

We need adorers for the following hours:

Tuesday 9 a.m.; Thursday 4 a.m. & 5 a.m.;

Friday 12 a.m.;

Saturday 4 a.m. & 12 p.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 or text Alece for information 570-449-7678.

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

will begin in October in Longinus Hall.

Registration can be done at this time.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED Please consider hosting an international student for the school year. We are in need of host families for students who have already been accepted at Nativity BVM High School. Please contact **Mrs. Holly Brutts, @ 570-628-2620 or 570-691-8816** or **Mrs. Casey Turner @ 570-294-3547**, our Educatius Coordinators or **Eduardo Achach @ 570-691-8816**. These coordinators can provide all of the necessary information including stipends that are available for host families. Thank you.

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	Canned Vegetables
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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BASKET & PRIZE AUCTION ... sponsored by St. Patrick's Parish on **Saturday, Sept. 22nd** from 12 to 6 p.m. and **Sunday, Sept. 23rd** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish center. Drawing begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23rd.

SPIRITUALITY DAY ... sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Minersville, on **Saturday, September 29th from 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Cost \$10.00. Our theme is "*Who Are We; What Shall We do?*" directed by Rev. Eric Gruber, Pastor at St. John Fisher Church in Catasauqua. Pre-Registration required by contact Jean at 570-544-6853.

CHAIR YOGA ... Come join us We have a St. John's Group ... every Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. on the first floor of the old Pottsville Hospital School of Nursing building, presented by Michelle D'Agostino, Penn State Yoga Instructor.



POSITION AVAILABLE Real Options, formerly Care Net of Schuylkill County, is hiring! The Office Assistant is responsible for performing administrative duties related directly to the operations of the pregnancy center. Major duties involve ensuring efficient office procedures, including data entry, clerical procedures, and computer operations. The office assistant will also promote a positive first impression of the ministry by greeting clients and visitors, handling phone calls, and scheduling clients. This position is 30 hours/week. Please contact Sarah DeArment at carenetdirector@gmail.com for more information.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Most people with abnormal heart rhythms (atrial fibrillation or ventricular arrhythmias) can safely consume coffee and other caffeinated beverages in moderation, despite the common concern that caffeine can trigger arrhythmias, according to a new research review in JACC: Clinical Electrophysiology. After evaluating 19 major studies, the researchers concluded that "although there is no clearly defined threshold for caffeine harm, a regular intake of up to 300 milligrams a day [the amount in about three cups of coffee] appears to be safe and may even be protective against heart rhythm disorders." However, they stated that there may be individual differences in reactions to caffeine, and that if someone does find that arrhythmias occur after caffeine consumption, then: "avoidance is sensible."

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
If you are visiting our beautiful church, please know you are most welcome!
If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish family, please call the rectory 570-622-5470.

ROSARY REPAIR SERVICE

When it's time to clear out the accumulated clutter from cabinets, drawers and chests, you might find a partial rosary with a missing crucifix or several beads that you could not part with because of the sentimental value. These partial rosaries can be repaired successfully and returned to wholeness with little or almost no cost. If you have no sentimental attachment, please consider donating these partial/incomplete rosaries to the Missions, both foreign and domestic. Thus far, I have repaired and reconstituted several hundred rosaries and forwarded them to the foreign Missions. You can place the rosary to be repaired in an envelope with my name on the outside and place it in the collection basket. If you would like it repaired and returned, please put your name and phone number on the envelope.

Rosaries / New & Repair Service

For that special someone / occasion: Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Wedding, First Communion, Confirmation or any occasion.
Call Paul Gombola 622-4162

ARE YOU PLANNING A CHANGE ??

If you are making a change in ... **address, parish affiliation, e-mail, or phone number**, please call the Rectory Office. We strive to keep our records up to date.



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."