

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The great Depression began in 1929 and lasted a decade. Shanty towns appeared across the U.S. as unemployed people were evicted from their homes. As the Depression worsened in the 1930's, it caused severe hardships for millions of Americans.

Now, nearly a century later, it is déjà vu. As we again see homeless encampments under freeways, people sleeping on the sidewalk, and people with cardboard signs at many street corners.

The gospel is not about being the greatest and most important person. Called to be servants to one another especially to the least of us, Jesus continues to put the problem right in our face. He invites us to work on it.

Yours in Christ,

*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday – September 24 – 9:00 a.m.**

**WILLIAM SCHWEIKERT SR.** (Bill Schweikert)

**Tuesday, September 25 – 8:00 a.m. (TIME CHANGE)**

**RAYMOND GRAPSY** (Joan Grapsy)

**Wednesday – September 26 – 9:00 a.m.**

**JOSEPH TOOMEY, 39<sup>th</sup> Anniv.**

(Dan, Jim, John Toomey)

**Thursday, September 27 – 9:00 a.m.**

**JOSEPH & SARAH FRY**

**Friday, September 28 – 9:00 a.m.**

**ELEANOR POTHERING** (George Pothering)

**Saturday, September 29 – 5:00 p.m.**

**JOHN & MARGARET KASINECZ** (Daughters)

**Sunday, September 30 – 8:15 a.m.**

**KATHLEEN SELINKO** (Bonnie Kapp)

**Sunday, September 30 – 10:30 a.m.**

**MARTY KERN** (John & Bernice Petock)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - IMO Josephine Parsick

by Joanne Schultz & Dorothy Parsick

**St. Joseph** – IMO Joseph E. Rosenberger

by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

**Tabernacle** - IMO JoAnn Heller by Mimi Modesto

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO Harold Bartholomew by Frances Lorenz

2. IMO Carl Bartholomew by Frances Lorenz

3. IMO James Bartholomew by Frances Lorenz

4. IMO Dorothy A. Rosenberger by Paul Rosenberger

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. IMO George Klassen Jr. by Family

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### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**I** – Brittany Corbacio & Ron Gabala

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### SCHEDULE

**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5 p.m. – Saturday – September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Robert Wollyung

**Euch.Min.:** Molly Zwiebel, Dominic Chiplonia,  
(Dr. Visot)

**Servers:** Ethan & Ryan Grabowski, Reese Ketner

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

**8:15 a.m. – Sunday – September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Bob Bechtel

**Euch.Min.:** Carol Forster, Mike Ambrose,  
(Larry Lonergan)

**Servers:** Connor, Bennett, Lukas McNamara

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

**10:30 a.m. – Sunday – September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Susan Hahner

**Euch.Min.:** Bobbi Murray, Justina Majestic,  
(Larry Lonergan)

**Servers:** Vincent & Michael Prestileo, Isabelle Myers

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

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### ATTENTION

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **November & December** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call or e-mail the Rectory by Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** to let Father Dave know when you are **NOT** available during these months. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

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### 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, Irene Post, Francis Gavaletz, Bill Webber.*

**Deceased:** *Charles Tamburelli.*

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### 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!

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*Let us greet Him with a song of praise, joyfully sing out our psalms. ... Psalm 95:2*

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does your parish help children  
to come closer to Jesus?

### Next Week's Readings

**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (September  
29/30)

**Reading I:** Numbers 11:25-29

**Reading II:** James 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### **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 Aleece 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.

### **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.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

#### September

- 23 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 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.

#### October

- 2 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
7 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. – L.H.  
9 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
10 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.  
10 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parent Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
14 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. – L.H.  
14 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.  
16 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
17 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
20/21 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses  
21 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. – L.H.  
23 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
28 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. – L.H.  
28 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.  
30 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

\*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall

\*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

\*\* R.B. – Russell Building

### **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 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Place: Former Pizza Hut Parking Lot, Yorkville**

**Pre-Sale:** after all Masses on September 22/23.

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

### **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.

*You made the moon to mark the seasons, the sun that  
knows the hour of its setting.*

*... Psalm 104:19*

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...

**Saturday and Sunday, November 10 & 11**

*'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.*

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

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

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018**

- Bring your shopping pass to Boscov's on **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** 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-AWAY 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 27, 28**

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

**October 16<sup>th</sup> 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!**

## **THANK YOU**

**Real Options**, formerly known as Care Net of Schuylkill County, would like to thank the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church for their generous donation of **\$318.54 in our 2018**

**Baby Bottle collection!** Your parish was a wonderful contributor to our 2018 collection, totaling this year at \$24,686.54 Thank you for your generosity and continued support of pro-life work in Schuylkill County. To learn more about Real Options, feel free to check us out at [www.realoptions.care](http://www.realoptions.care) or speak with Sarah DeArment.



**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](mailto:carenetdirector@gmail.com) for more information.

**DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS**

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN  
WORKSHOP**

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

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** School is back in session! Why not learn how to have a better marriage? Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been enriching marriages for 50 years. Sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. For more information, call 732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

**FAMILY MATTERS**

**Marriage as a Sacrament.** Marriage is a sacrament – a vocation; just as Holy Orders is a sacrament – a vocation. This week we pray for all married couples and clergy – priests and deacons – that they continue to be faithful to their vocation.

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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

September 8/9: \$ 4,389.00

Improvements and Repairs: \$ 1,619.00

September 15/16: \$ 4,849.56

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

**"OVER 50" CLUB**

St. John's "Over 50" Club will be meeting again on **Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. We welcome and encourage new members ... anyone interested in joining our little socials ... just stop by Longinus Hall on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. ... we play bingo, board games, cards, etc. and light refreshments are always available. For more information please call the rectory 622-5470.

**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."*

**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 10<sup>th</sup> Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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**NEIGHBORING EVENTS**

**WELCOME VISITORS**

**ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER** ... THE SEPTEMBER MASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED. We urge you to attend the Healing Mass on **Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Clare of Assisi Church in Saint Clair. The Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert will be the celebrant.

**SPIRITUALITY DAY** ... sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Minersville, on **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HARVEST FEST** ... at St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Road in Hamburg on **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> (4-9 p.m.) and Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> (12-9 p.m.)**. Polka Mass at 4:30 p.m. Homemade ethnic food, fun, activities, ongoing entertainment and games for all ages, corn hole tournament (Saturday; see website for registration), rock wall and bungee jump, dinosaur dig (new), hay rides, first responders, bingo, theme baskets, raffles and more. Free admission, plenty of parking, no coolers. 610-562-7657. [www.stmaryhamburg.org](http://www.stmaryhamburg.org)

**MARY HAS COME HOME!** The Dedication Ceremony will take place **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> following 4 p.m. Mass** at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Ashland. The Blessed Virgin Mary statue, which stood for many years on the former grounds of Cardinal Brennan High School will now be relocated to the steps of the former IHM convent in Ashland. Over the next few weeks, Mary's painted restoration will occur. If anyone would like to contribute towards the costs of bringing Mary home as well as the restoration, please contact the Parish Office at St. Charles Borromeo Church 875-1521.

**ROOFSTOCK** ... on **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** from 7 p.m. until 12 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 9 S. Broad Mt. Ave., Frackville. Presale tickets \$10.00; at the door \$12.00 ... 21+ only. "*Another Side*" and "*Broken Spell*" ... Food & drinks available for purchase. Benefits St. Joseph Parish Roof and Building Maintenance Fund.

**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.



## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. It is preferable that this be done **before** your baby is born. Please call Father Dave to arrange for this important

preparation.

**Baptisms are celebrated the First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass.**

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## 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 Michael Scheidel 739-1808 or Bill Gianfagna 573-0105 with any questions.

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## FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...

If you have asthma, a vitamin D supplement, taken along with standard medication, may help prevent attacks, according to a new Cochrane review, which looked at nine clinical trials involving children or adults, most with mild to moderate disease. It found not only that people who took the supplements had fewer asthma attacks than those taking a placebo, but also that they were one-third less likely to have an attack requiring steroid medication, and two-thirds less likely to have an attack requiring a trip to the hospital. However, vitamin D was not associated with improved lung function or day-to-day symptoms. It's not known what dosage is optimal (dosage ranged from 400 to 4,000 IU a day, or 60,000 IU a month, in the studies) nor how baseline vitamin D status affected the results. Moreover, the benefits were seen mainly in adults, so more research is needed, particularly involving children with asthma.

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**Out of courtesy** to other parishioners who are here to worship, you are reminded to silence cell phones and refrain from texting while in our sacred worship space.

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*As long as the earth lasts, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, Summer and Winter, and day and night shall not cease.* ... Genesis 8:22

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