

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

We commonly read about labor disputes in the headlines of our newspapers. Labor disputes, like the one in this Sunday's gospel story, have a long history dating back to 1754 B.C.E. with the code of Hammurabi. It consists of 282 laws, including the famous ruling, "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." But, even that far back in time, they were still arguing over the wages to be paid to an ox driver, a surgeon or a day laborer.

This Sunday's gospel is not really about labor law. It is a powerful lesson which teaches us that God is offering us the gift of eternal life. There is no way that we could ever earn it, much less to deserve it. This gift comes from the pure goodness of God who loves us more than we can ever comprehend.

Yours in Christ,

*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 25 – 9:00 a.m.**

MARY LEBLANC (Ron & Pat Lombel)

**Tuesday, September 26 – 8:00 a.m. TIME CHANGE**

JOSEPH TOOMEY (Sons)

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

DECEASED OF MESTISHEN & WOZNISKY

FAMILY (Mestishen & Woznisky Family)

**Thursday, September 28 – 9:00 a.m.**

ELEANOR POTHERING, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

(George Pothering)

**Friday, September 29 – 9:00 a.m.**

WILLIAM SCHWEIKERT SR. (Bill Schweikert)

**Saturday, September 30 – 5 p.m.**

THERESA & JIM BRENNAN (Joan & Dave Deiter)

**Sunday – October 1 – 8:15 a.m.**

SYLVIA & FRANCIS BERCHER (Family)

**Sunday – October 1 – 10:30 a.m.**

ALESANDRO ALFONSI (Jane Bobinis)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

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

**St. Joseph** – IMO Joseph E. Rosenberger  
by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

**Tabernacle** – IMO Mary Ann Wychunas  
by Helen Heimbaugh

### **Sanctuary**

1. IMO Mary Hahner by Family

2. IMO Florence Lescavage by Linda & Martin Smith

3&4. IMO Raydell Wychunas by Helen Heimbaugh

### **Guardian Angels**

1&2. IMO George Klassen Jr. by Family

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### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I – Lindsay Mull & Nicholas Galle

## SCHEDULE

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

**5:00 p.m. – Saturday – September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Patty O'Neill

**Euch.Min.:** Charlie Miller, Molly Zwiebel

**Servers:** Raleigh McPhillips, Jillian Guzick, Brook Siket

**Cantor:** Mary Bound

**8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Reader:** Patty O'Neill

**Euch.Min.:** Carol Lasco, Mike Ambrose

**Servers:** Logan, Joseph, Brooke Palko

**Cantor:** Debbie Purcell

**10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Reader:** Patty O'Neill

**Euch.Min.:** Debbie Guers, Justina Majestic

**Servers:** Julia Botto, Caitlin Coyle, Isabelle Myers

**Cantor:** Ensemble

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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:** Fred & Magdalene Maskerines, Mary Connell, Jerry Schoenauer, Dorothy Blum, Carl Forster, Ray Dee, Doug Broughton, Dorothy Prokop, James Pauly, Michelle Ambrose, Jaimie Brahler, Charles Daubert.

**Deceased:** Kathy Buehler, John Boardman.

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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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### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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### **ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED** Eligibility ...

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

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have you been a witness to God's generosity?

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## Next Week's Readings

26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Sept.30/Oct. 1))

**Reading I:** Ezekiel 18:25-28

**Reading II:** Philippians 1:1-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32

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## DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

### Open Hours with Jesus

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. When you want to find me, come near the tabernacle." ... Padre Pio

**We need adorers for the following hours:**

**Tuesday 4 a.m.; Wednesday 12 & 1 a.m.**

**Friday 7 p.m.; Saturday 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 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 Aleece 449-7678.*

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## 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.



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## ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL ...

**POSITION AVAILABLE** ... **First Grade Teacher**

Assumption BVM School is seeking a qualified applicant for a first grade teaching position. Requirements can be found on [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org). Please send all information to Mrs. Teresa Keating at Assumption BVM School.

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## NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ....

**GOLF TEAM OUTING** on **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 a.m. (Breakfast); shotgun start at 9 a.m. at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Cost is \$90 per golfer. Cost includes Breakfast Buffet, Green Fees, Gifts, Beverages, Mountain Valley Picnic. To register or sponsor please contact Athletic Director Josh Muldowney 622-8110 or Coach Al Bobinas 728-1389 or email: [NativityGolfTeam@gmail.com](mailto:NativityGolfTeam@gmail.com) All proceeds benefit the Nativity BVM Hill Topper Golf Program.

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## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**September 16/17: \$ 5,438.30**

**Missions: \$ 1,225.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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## OKTOBERFEST SOCIAL

St. John's will hold an Oktoberfest themed social in Longinus Hall after all Masses the weekend of **October 7 & 8**. It's an opportunity for fellowship and to celebrate the German heritage of our church. German style food and drink will be provided for all to enjoy. If you have a German dirndl (dress) or lederhosen, please feel free to wear your German attire.



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## 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 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Pre-Sale:** after all Masses September 23/24.

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

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## 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 **Tuesday, October 17<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-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 2 p.m. (except October 5 & 6).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Friends Helping Friends! Let us help you!

Won't you help us?

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## 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. Donations are accepted.



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...

**Saturday and Sunday, November 11 & 12**

*'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<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.*

**Baskets should be dropped off before October 24<sup>th</sup>.**

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 !!!*

*Items Needed for the  
Christmas Bazaar*



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](mailto:stjbparish@comcast.net).

## 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 rectory

during the week.

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We wish to thank the following for their donations ...

Lori Gurlavage

Wine Basket

Kurtek Family

Baskets

Fred & Hilda Maley

Large Baskets

Kathy Vivic

Lottery Frame

## PECANS - PECANS

St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be selling Pecans again this year at the Christmas Bazaar.

\$12.00 lb – Mammoth Halves

For more information, please contact Fran Lorenz 544-2837.

## CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

**Friday – September 29<sup>th</sup> – 4 to 7 p.m.**

**Saturday – September 30<sup>th</sup> – 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, Wii, 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.



## 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.

**FAMILY MATTERS... College Students.** As the new school year begins, we pray especially for the college students. May the Lord bless our family members as they begin (again) their studies and time of learning. We ask the Lord to guide and direct them in all their efforts to grow, academically, personally and spiritually.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### September

- 24 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.  
24 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:00 p.m. – L.H.  
26 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
29 Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale – 4 - 7 p.m. – R.B.  
30 Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale – 8 a.m.-12 .m. – R.B.

### October

- 1 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:00 p.m. – L.H.  
3 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
7/8 Oktoberfest Social – after Masses – L.H.  
8 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:00 p.m. – L.H.  
10 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
14/15 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses – L.H.  
15 Confirmation Class – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – L.H.  
15 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:00 p.m. – L.H.  
17 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
18 Catholic Women's Union – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
22 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:00 p.m. – L.H.  
24 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
25 First Penance Parent Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
29 Confirmation Class – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – L.H.  
29 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:00 p.m. – L.H.  
31 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

### November

- 1 All Saints Day – Masses 9 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.  
2 All Souls Day – Mass – 9 a.m.  
4/5 Christmas Bazaar Preview after Masses  
7 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
11/12 Christmas Bazaar  
\*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall  
\*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room  
\*\* R.B. – Russell Building

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The *generous landowner* is described in a parable today, picturing for us God's incredible generosity! Spouses can learn ways to love each other more generously by attending a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

**DIVINE MERCY & 100 YEARS OF FATIMA** Join us on **Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 to 8:30pm at **Vito's Coal Fired Pizza and Restaurant** in Saint Clair as **Rev. Rick James** explores what the messages of Fatima and Divine Mercy have to do with us today. What are the messages of Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Fatima? What do the messages of Divine Mercy and Fatima have to do with each other? There is no cost to attend and no registration is required. They will have menus available for ordering food and drink at your expense. For more info or questions, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/faith-and-spirits](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/faith-and-spirits) or contact the Office of Adult Formation by email at [adultformation@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:adultformation@allentowndiocese.org) or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021

**HEALING MASS** will take place **Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** for those individuals who have experienced trauma. All are invited to join in prayer at this Mass with The Most Reverend. Alfred A. Schlert as Celebrant and Msgr. Walter Schaeffer as homilist at Sacred Heart Parish, 117 Washington Street, Bath. Following Mass there will be a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:30 PM.

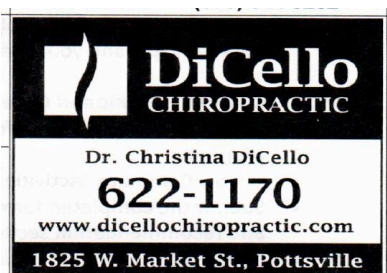
## FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...

**You're never too old to register to be a kidney donor,** in a recent Italian study in the Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology has confirmed. It looked at the outcomes of 647 kidney transplants from deceased donors in four age groups: 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 to 79, and 80 and older. Average five-year survival rates of both the recipients and the organs were essentially the same across all donor age groups. There were also no differences in acute rejection of the kidneys, nor were most adverse events related to donor age. There was, however, a higher pre-transplant discard rate for kidneys from the eldest donors. Given the shortage of available kidneys, selecting donors on the basis of an age cutoff is "unjustified," the researchers concluded. You can register as an organ donor with Donate Life America at [registerme.org](http://registerme.org), or you can indicate your intentions on your driver's license. You should also make sure your next-of-kin knows your wishes.

**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

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## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

oversee its program for transition learning and assessment for students with special needs in simulated work settings and community based jobs. This is a part-time 29 hour/week position with the potential for full-time 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 email [stjosephcenter@comcast.net](mailto:stjosephcenter@comcast.net) to provide your résumé, or request an application.

**No phone calls please.**

**POSITION AVAILABLE** **Director of Development**

Are you passionate about helping all students reach their potential? Do you love working in a bright, active, positive environment? Are you interested in joining an organization that's taking it to the next level? We are looking for a motivated, enthusiastic person to take the journey with us. The Director will coordinate all phases of development for the center and will work in collaboration with the Principal and Administrative Office. This person will provide leadership and direction to staff, Board of Directors and volunteers to create and implement the development, marketing and outreach plans for St. Joseph Center for Special Learning. This is a full-time, year-round position, including benefits. The ideal applicant will have the following qualifications: Bachelor's degree; significant experience in development and marketing; demonstrate leadership skills; proficient in computer skills; able to communicate effectively with staff, Board members and donors; team player; attention to detail; and high degree of initiative. Please email your résumé and references to [altssjc@ptd.net](mailto:altssjc@ptd.net).

**No phone calls please.**

**NEIGHBORING EVENTS**

**ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER** ... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m.** followed by Veneration of the first-class relic of St. Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics and of all who are sick at Our Lady's Chapel in St. Patrick's.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** sponsored by St. Patrick's Church on **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center, 319 Mahantongo St. Adults \$8; Children \$3.50. Eat in or Take out.

**NEIGHBORING EVENTS**

**HARVEST FEST** at St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg on **Friday, October 6** (4-9 pm) and **Saturday, October 7** (12-9 pm). Ongoing entertainment both days; Saturday – Polka Mass 4:30. Homemade food, fun, activities and games for all ages, corn hole

tournament. Free admission, rain or shine, plenty of parking, no coolers. 610-562-7657, [www.stmaryhamburg.org](http://www.stmaryhamburg.org)

**BLUE ARMY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE** Celebrate the Fatima Centennial in Asbury, New Jersey, on **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**HOLIDAY BINGO** on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** at St. Michael's Church Hall, 300 W. Oak St., Shenandoah. Doors open 12 noon; Admission \$25 (20 games); Advance tickets and more information, please call 570-462-0809.

**RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR** sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish on **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**; 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.

**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

**NEEDED Item of the Month....**

**Canned Vegetables & Canned Fruit**

**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.

**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.”*