

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's gospel is filled with scary imagery about what will happen to us if we lead a "little one" into sin. It seems that Jesus might mean we are our own "little ones" and we must not lead ourselves into sinful ways.

The image of being thrown into the sea with a heavy stone tied to our neck or facing the fires of hell is very harsh. Even worse is the idea of having to cut off our offending hand or foot and, if our lustful eyes yield to temptation, we are also advised to remove the offending eye from our head.

Our hope can be found in Jesus' words, "Whoever is not against us is for us." If we continue to be "for Jesus", and do what is good, we will not lose our way.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – October 1 to Friday, October 5

NO MASSES

Saturday, October 6 – 5:00 p.m.

THERESA & JIM BRENNAN (Joan & Dave Deiter)

Sunday, October 7 – 8:15 a.m.

GERALD SCHOENAUER (Babe Murphy)

Sunday, October 7 – 10:30 a.m.

DECEASED OF JOHN & GRETCHEN

LIEBERMAN FAMILY (Lieberman Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - Health of Eleanor O'Brien

by Susan Minnichbach

St. Joseph – IMO Dr. & Mrs. Robert Boran Sr.

by Tom & Kay Boran

Tabernacle - IMO Fiacre Maria Scheidel

by Michael & Emily Scheidel

Sanctuary

1,2,3. IMO Dr.&Mrs. Robert Boran Sr.

by Tom & Kay Boran

4.Living & Deceased of St. John's

Catholic Women's Union

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Dr.&Mrs. Robert Boran Sr.

by Tom & Kay Boran

2. IMO Baby Jesse by Michael & Emily Scheidel

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II – Brittany Corbacio & Ron Gabala

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 22/23: \$

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SCHEDULE

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – October 6th

Reader: Lucilla Kocol

Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Caroline Gist, Alyssa Sheriff, Brooke Siket

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 7th

Reader: Jeff Naffin

Euch.Min.: Dave Smith, John Corbacio

Servers: Ryan & Dylan Schreffler, Luke Schane

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 7th

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Charlie Miller

Servers: Izabella, Bethany, Trinity Reedy

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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 15th** to let Father Dave know when you are **NOT** available during these months. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

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.*

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!

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where do you see evil in the world?
How do you respond?

Next Week's Readings

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October 6/7)

Reading I: Genesis 2:18-24

Reading II: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

The greatest tragedy would be to come to the end of our lives and realize *"that the Lord was so near, and yet we were so far away."* Our greatest regret will be that Jesus waited every day to see us, to grant us grace, and to pour out blessings upon us, and yet we have never gone to visit Him.

... *Bishop Fulton Sheene*

We need adorers for the following hours:

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

Friday 12 a.m. & 6 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.

QUESTIONS FOR THE BISHOP

As Bishop Alfred Schlert has been visiting parishes around the Diocese in the weeks following the release of the Grand Jury Report, many people have stayed to ask him questions. Now we're giving you the same opportunity, anyone with questions about the clergy sexual abuse issue is invited to e-mail them to abusequestions@allentowndiocese.org. The Diocese will edit questions for clarity, length and appropriateness. Please include your name and hometown. On the website, we will identify questioners by their first name and hometown, unless you want that information withheld. We will not reveal your e-mail address or last name.

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

will begin **October 7th** in Longinus Hall.

Registration can be done at this time.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

September

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 1st 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

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.

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.

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.

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.**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Carolyn Bernatonis	Handmade Totes
Mary Bound	Kitchen Basket, Crafts
Mary Bound	Yuengling Tree
Mary Bound	Coke Cola Tree
BrokSel	Gift Card
CCD Staff	Lottery Basket
Heaven & Earth Salon	Gift Card
Lucilla Kochol	Christmas Basket, Crafts
Chris Maccarone	Patriotic Wreath
Majestic Theatre	Gift Card
Patty & John O'Neill	Dental Basket
Carole Quirin	Wreaths, Various Crafts
Visot's	Wine Basket

**FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS
BOSCOV'S -- 25% OFF SHOPPING
PASS**

Tuesday, October 16th

**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:

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.)

St. John's ENSEMBLE

The purpose of this ministry is to serve the parish at Mass, singing liturgical hymns, using contemporary instruments like the guitar, keyboard, drums or other instruments, and using contemporary music arrangements.

We invite **ANYONE** in the parish wanting to share his or her voice and musical gifts whether you are a beginner or more experienced. Arrangements are not complicated and songs are familiar. You do not need to know how to read music to join us. We will teach anyone who has a willing heart.

Our goal is to play/sing once a month at one of the weekend Masses. Practices will be one or, at most, twice a month for **ONE HOUR**, to prepare for music at Mass that week. This is a great way to participate in parish life

and have fun with only a small commitment of your time.

Why not give it a try and give back to your parish family by sharing the gifts God has given to you?

If interested call **Bill Gianfagna 570-573-0105** or **Bob Hahner 570 640-4448** or the **Rectory 622-5470**.

Our next practices are:

Wednesdays, October 10th and 17th at 7 p.m.

CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the September Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale. Thank you also to all those who purchased items, donated baked goods, or volunteered to work at the sale. We are very grateful for all your support.

Thank you to **Ann Marie DeFrank** for preparing all the food for our menu. It was delicious and a big hit!

Also, thank you to **Carl & Toni Wiest** for donating the cake which was chanced off (Chocolate).

Volunteers

Chris Black
Mary Bound
Ann Burns
Janet Daubert
Millie Fredericks
Mary Beth Harvey
Mary Hauck
Pat Klassen
Lucilla Kochol

Carol Lasco
Bernie Lecher
Charlene Leshner
Carole Quirin
Reene Reddington
Patty O'Neill
Barbara Schoenauer
Theresa Skrobak
Linda Smith
Toni Wiest



Bakers

Chris Black
Mary Bound
Joan Deiter
Millie Fredericks
Bernie Lecher
Charlene Leshner
Frances Lorenz
Hilda Maley
Mary Jean Morgalis
Carole Quirin
Linda Smith

Total Profits: \$ 794.90

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "Whoever is not against us is for us," Jesus tells his followers. Your

spouse is always for you! Attend a *Wordwide Marriage Encounter* weekend to learn how to work together to strengthen your relationship. For more information, call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

CYO Basketball Sign-Ups

Registration for CYO Basketball will take place at St. Patrick's Parish Center on **Tuesdays, October 2nd and October 9th from 6 to 8 p.m.** CYO sports are open to all children – grades 3rd to 8th -- enrolled in a Catholic school or public school. Participants in public school must be registered for CCD in order to play CYO sports. For more information please call Brian Brennan 570-617-0892.

FAMILY MATTERS

Foster Families. In our parishes there are many who welcome children into their homes with warmth and love. We thank God for all those who choose to share their love as foster parents.

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

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

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.

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshiping 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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

HARVEST FEST ... at St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg on **Friday, October 5th (4-9 p.m.) and Saturday, October 6th (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

MARY HAS COME HOME! The Dedication Ceremony will take place **Saturday, October 6th 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 6th** 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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER ... sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Sunday, October 7th** from 11:20 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center, 319 Mahantongo St. Eat in or Take out. ... All You Can Eat ... Adults \$8.00; Children \$3.50

PIEROGI SALE ... sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish on **Sunday, October 7th** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Parish Center, 120 Oak St., Minersville. \$7.00 per dozen (cooked or frozen), Baked Goods available. Call 544-2211 for pre-orders. Come celebrate National Pierogi Day!

ROSARY RALLY ... All are encouraged to join the "America Needs Fatima" Rosary Rally to be held **Saturday, October 13th** at 12 noon in the parking lot of St. Ambrose Church, Schuylkill Haven. Please join in honoring Our Lady and praying for our Nation as we celebrate the *101st anniversary of Fatima*. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair if needed. Please arrive a few minutes before noon.

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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Running a marathon or doing other long, strenuous races or workouts probably doesn't temporarily suppress the immune system and increase vulnerability to colds and other infections, contrary to the widespread belief among athletes and researchers, according to a recent research review in *Frontiers in Immunology*. Most early studies linking grueling endurance exercise to higher rates of illness afterwards depended on self-reports of cold-like symptoms of athletes, which can be inaccurate. But later studies that actually tested saliva for the presence of viruses or bacteria after marathons have found that the runners were no more likely to be infected than the general population. And newer analysis of changes in the immune system in humans and lab animals after endurance exercise suggest that immunity is not suppressed and may actually be enhanced, the British authors concluded.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BASKET/GIFT AUCTION ... on **Sunday, October 14th** at SS. Peter & Paul church hall in Mt. Carmel. Doors open 11:30; Auction begins 2 p.m. Browse & Bid on Saturday, October 13th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food available for purchase.
