

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's gospel can remind parents of our own frustrating disobeyed stories. Raising children is not for the faint of heart. We may remember our parents saying to us as kids: "*Don't touch that,*" or the dreaded "*eat your lima beans first,*" and the perennial "*not until you finish your homework.*" In each case, we had our own little tricks or objections to get out of it.

Even God experienced the same thing while in conversation with Moses. In the Book of Exodus we read that Moses did not want to do what God asked of him. Despite continued assurance that God would be with him, Moses finally refused saying: "*If you please, my Lord, send someone else!*"

At the end of the day, our own obedience will save or condemn us. In the Book of Revelation, we read: "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, (then) I will enter his house.*"

God says to us, "*Answer the door!*"

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - Health & Welfare of Schweikert Family
by Bill & Mary Ann Schweikert

St. Joseph - Health & Welfare of Schweikert Family
by Bill & Mary Ann Schweikert

Tabernacle Sanctuary - For John Norton req. anonymously

1. IMO James Cavanaugh by Family
2. Most abandoned souls in Purgatory req. anonymously
3. IMO Florence A. Herwig by Babe Murphy
4. 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Irene Post by Sandy, Sheri & R.J. Post

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intention

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II- Lindsay Mull & Nicholas Galle

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, Kathy Norkus, Toni Wiest.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 2 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS, PAUL, ELMER LOTZ

Tuesday, October 3 – 9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL INTENTION

Wednesday, October 4 – 9:00 a.m.

EMILY LEINHEISER (Joanne Lechanic)

Thursday, October 5 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICIA PICCIONI (John, Cathy, Hannah Kostick)

Friday, October 6 – 9:00 a.m.

EDWARD BRENNAN (M/M Anthony Carroll)

Saturday, October 7 – 5 p.m.

JOSEPH & TERESA FANELLI (Lucilla Kochol)

Sunday – October 8 – 8:15 a.m.

SAMKAVITZ & ORZECZOWSKI FAMILY
(Joe & Eleanor Orzechowski)

Sunday – October 8 – 10:30 a.m.

MARGARET GLUNZ (Babe Murphy)

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Tuesday – October 3

at York Terrace Nursing Home

PAUL SCHAEDIGER (Staff & Residents)

SCHEDULE

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – October 7th

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Bill Schweikert, Bill Gianfagna

Servers: Luke & Lindsay Garvey, Alyssa Sheriff

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 8th

Reader: Jeff Naffin

Euch.Min.: Dave Smith, Carol Forster

Servers: Ryan & Dylan Schreffler, Caroline Gist

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 8th

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Joshua Steffan, Bethany & Trinity Reedy

Cantor: Melody Newhard Kirk

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 16th** to let Father Dave know when you are **NOT** available during these months. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does your parish respond to the Lord's call to work in his vineyard?

What care does the vineyard need today?

Next Week's Readings

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October 7/8))

Reading I: Isaiah 5:1-7

Reading II: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

WELCOMING MASS – BISHOP SCHLERT

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.

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!

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.

2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

Total Goal: \$ 35,309

Amount Collected: \$ 15,309

Number of Donors: 109

Participation: 16.15%

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.

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.



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Second Collection next weekend, **October 7/8**, will be taken up for the **Hurricane Irma Relief Fund.**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 23/24: \$ 4,805.00

Christmas Bazaar: \$631.61

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

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 11 & 12

'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 4th & 5th.

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 24th.

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.

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
LeBlanc Family	Beach Basket

Fred & Hilda Maley	Large Baskets
Carole Quirin	Lottery Board
Eleanor Schaeffer	Donna Sharp Basket
Jackie Szeliga	31 Basket
Kathy Vicic	Lottery Frame
Luis R. & Virginia Visot	Wine Basket
Joanne Wood	Lego Basket

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.

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 17th** 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?

CYO SPORTS - SIGN-UPS



Registrations for St. John's and St. Patrick's **CYO Basketball** will take place at St. Patrick's Parish Center on **Sunday, October 1st and October 8th from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** **CYO sports** are open to all children – grades 2nd 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

October

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| 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

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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. Please send all information to Mrs. Teresa Keating at Assumption BVM School.

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NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...

POSITIONS AVAILABLE ... accepting applications for Chemistry Teacher and a Head Track & Field Coach.

These are immediate positions. Bachelor’s Degree in Chemistry/Science Education is required. Chemistry certification is preferred.

Head Coaching experience preferred for Track & Field. Interested candidates for either position should send résumé, certifications and all clearances **by October 9th** to:

Nativity BVM High School
Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal
One Lawton’s Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901
lsabol@nativitybvm.net

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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 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 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.

No phone calls please.

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CARE NET OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

"Families in Schuylkill County are in need of your help!" Care Net of Schuylkill County currently serves approximately 25 families per week who are facing pregnancy decisions. Care Net provides peer counseling, support, and material assistance to help meet the needs of these families every day. Our center in Pottsville is currently facing a shortage of **baby wipes**, an item we provide to our clients daily. Will you help by donating a pack or box of baby wipes? A bin is located in the back of church for the month of October. If you have questions or would like to donate after October, please contact Sarah DeArment at (570) 617-8418. Thank you!

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DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

DIVINE MERCY & 100 YEARS OF FATIMA

Join us on **Tuesday, October 10th** 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 or contact the Office of Adult Formation by email at adultformation@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021

HEALING MASS will take place **Tuesday, October 10th 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.

MEN'S CONFERENCE Spirit 2017 – "Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference will be held **Saturday November 4th** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at De Sales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a vigil Mass with Bishop Alfred Schlert. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. Registration fee is \$40 (\$30 early bird before 9/25) and \$10 for high school/ college students. For more information and to register online please visit www.cmfa.org Questions call 610-289-8900 ext 2028.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...

Herbal remedies and other dietary supplements can harm the liver, according to a new review based on reports to the NIH's Drug-induced Liver Injury Network, published in *Hepatology*. The proportion of all drug-related liver injuries, that could be attributed to supplements rose from 7% in 2004 to about 20% in 2014. Body-building formulas (notably those spiked with illegal anabolic steroids) and weight-loss products (notably those containing green tea extract) accounted for about half of the cases of liver damage linked to supplements. Many of the supplements contained multiple ingredients, so it's often impossible to identify the cause of liver damage.

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! Our parish is collecting food items now for Thanksgiving Baskets

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Cranberries
Broth	Spaghetti's
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Instant Potatoes
Hot Chocolate	Ravioli
Beef Stew	Gravy
Soups	Cake Mixes
Icing	Baked Beans
Canned Vegetables	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Canned Fruit	Macaroni & Cheese
Apple Sauce	Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce	Jelly



Needed Items of the Month: Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits and Soups.

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the bottom 10th St. side entrance of church.

Gift cards to purchase turkeys will be gladly accepted. Thank you.

PLEASE -- NO OUTDATED ITEMS

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BLUE ARMY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA Since 1986 Schuylkill Co. has had a Blue Army Chapter, honoring the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima to pray the rosary for world peace and for priests. A beautiful wooden statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which was purchased in Fatima, has been traveling in our area since 1986. Our Lady is invited into your home for one week from Saturday to Saturday. When in your home, she invites you to pray the rosary each day with family, friends, neighbors or just simply to spend some quiet prayer time with you. For more information regarding the above, please contact A.M. Campion 570-728-5016.

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