

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Throughout history in the east and the west, various cultures worshipped multiple gods: the Egyptians, the Greeks, the Romans, etc. To number them all, it would count in the thousands. Somehow, civilization devised a god for all occasions.

Yet, in comparison, the Jews worshipped one God only. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus declares, "*The Lord our God is Lord alone!*", with the admonition to love the Lord with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength. In our world today, we may worship other gods of money, possessions, power and prestige. We may profess one God, but we still have other gods of addiction and distractions that dilute our faith.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – November 5 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNA KURTEK (Bob & Nancy Elison)

Tuesday, November 6 – 9:00 a.m.

ROSALIE MAIOE

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Wednesday – November 7 – 9:00 a.m.

RUSSELL KOSTA (Joel & Jared Gerace)

Thursday - November 8 – 8:00 a.m.

HELEN KOWAL (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Friday, November 9 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY SPOTTS (Staff & Residents of York Terrace))

Saturday, November 10 – 5:00 p.m.

DOROTHY O'NEILL (John & Bernice Petock)

Sunday, November 11 – 8:15 a.m.

LIVING & DECEASED OF ST. BERNARD'S SOCIETY

Sunday, November 11 – 10:30 a.m.

WILLIAM ELISON (Maria Schaeffer)

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Tuesday – November 6th

at York Terrace Nursing Home

MELANIE VANLINSKI (Staff & Residents)

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, Bill Webber, Karen Modesto, Tom Jefferson, Jean Hill.* **Deceased:** *Dolores Lynn*



*The Lord is my strength and my shield ...
with my song I praise my God.
Psalm 28:7*

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Philomena Carroll by Family

St. Joseph – IMO Thomas J. Burns by Peggy Smith
Tabernacle - IMO Thomas J. Burns by Peggy Smith
Sanctuary

1. IMO David A. Zanis by Steve & Chris Zanis
2. IMO Harold & James Bartholomew by Frances Lorenz
3. IMO Carl Bartholomew by Frances Lorenz
4. IMO Jean Macaluso by Jan Macaluso

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Edward P. Kuperavage by Steve & Chris Zanis
2. IMO Jim Wollyung by his Family

SCHEDULE

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – November 10th

Reader: Patty O'Neill

Euch.Min.: Robert Wollyung, Mary Jean Morgalis

Servers: Luke Garvey, Andrew & Brandon Smith

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – November 11th

Reader: Dave Smith

Euch.Min.: Bob Bechtel, John Corbacio

Servers: Logan, Brooke, Joseph Palko

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – November 11th

Reader: Evielynn Hower

Euch.Min.: Phil Markovich, Debbie Guers

Servers: Ronald, Kathryn, John Yourey

Cantor: Dave Derbes

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Rafaella Marie Wozniski**, daughter of Derek & Regina (Rinaldo) Wozniski. She became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and is now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity. We warmly welcome **Rafaella** into our parish family.



MARRIED IN CHRIST

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Brittany Corbacio** and **Ronald Gubala** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on October 27th in the presence of Father Dave. They are called now to total dedication to each other. May their love each day draw them closer to God and to each other.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 27/28: \$ 4,898.56

Hurricane Relief: \$ 675.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you answer "Who is my Neighbor" in words?
In your deeds?

Next Week's Readings

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (November 10/11)

Reading I: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Reading II: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Words of Our Lord...In Sinu Jesu "The practice of adoration is not difficult. It is a gentle abiding in My presence, a resting in the radiance of My Eucharistic Face, a closeness to My Eucharistic Heart....Ask, then for the gift of adoration."

We need adorers for the following hours:

Thursday 4 a.m.;

Friday 12 a.m. & 6 a.m. & 10 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.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Steven Campomizzi** to St. John's Parish Family.

Steven is employed as a shipping manager at Spears Mfg. Warmly embrace Steven into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 417 Hazel St., Tamaqua 18252.



FAMILY MATTERS

Stepfamilies. Please pray this week for the stepfamilies in our community, that they are recognized as one unit and that they continue to grow and develop in their relationships in the Body of Christ.

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

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.

*Fill us at daybreak with Your love,
that all our days we may sing for you.
Psalm 90:14*

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, November 7 & 14

(Will play on Sunday, Nov. 18th at 10:30 a.m. Mass)

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

November

- 3/4 Christmas Bazaar Preview after all Masses
- 4 Adult Faith Formation – 4:30 p.m. – F.R.
- 6 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 8 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 10/11 Christmas Bazaar
- 13 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 14 St. John's Beneficial Society Mtg. – 8 p.m. -FR
- 14 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. L.H.
- 15 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 17/18 Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses
- 18 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 20 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day – Mass 9 a.m.
- 27 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 29 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 30 First Penance Rehearsal – 7 p.m.

December

- 1 First Penance – 10 a.m.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

20th Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 10th – 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 11th – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Preview weekend is November 3rd & 4th)

(Chances can be purchased at this time.)

Helping hands are always welcome. If you can volunteer or have any questions, please call the Rectory 622-5470 x 3.

Hot Roast Turkey Platters

will be available after 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday and on Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

(Take-outs are also available.)

Hot Roast Turkey Platters include:

Turkey Breast / Gravy
Mashed Potatoes / Vegetable /
Applesauce or Cranberries
Dessert & Beverage

A la Carte

Homemade Soups, Hot Dogs,
Sauerkraut, Sirloin Burgers, Beef BBQ,
Bleenies, Desserts, Beverages
(Prices will be posted)

THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL



The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will deliver a Turkey Dinner complete with Turkey, Filling, Yams, Gravy, Vegetable and

Dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day. If you or someone you know is in need of a meal, please call either 570-691-1429 or 570-773-0627 or 570-516-9514 or 570-628-3333 or you can contact us at KofC431@yahoo.com.

Closing date to order is November 15th at 5 p.m.

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: Pastas & Sauces

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

PORK & SAUERKRAUT ... sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Church on **Tuesday, November 6th** from noon to 6 p.m. at the Parish Center Cafeteria, 538 Sunbury St., Minersville. Adults \$9.00; Children (under 10) \$5.00. For tickets please call Jean at 544-6853.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ... at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 49 N. Line St., Frackville on **Thursday, November 15th at 6 p.m.** Mass will be said for those who have gone before us and to offer support for those who still mourn for their loss. Participants may display a photograph, candle or memento on the table that will be placed in the sanctuary.

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."

ATTENTIONALL BAKERS, CANDY MAKERS

Baked Goods and **Candy** are needed for our **Baked Goods Stand** at the Christmas Bazaar on **November 10th & 11th**. All donations are most appreciated!



DESSERTS NEEDED We are grateful for any dessert you would be willing to make to be served with our Roast Turkey Platters ... jello, pudding, tapioca. Sugar-free desserts are also needed.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Vince Albo	\$30.00	Mary Jean & John Morgalis	\$25.00 Sponsor
Assumption BVM School	School bskt.	Barbara Munster	Chocolate & Wine Bskt.
Baker Family	\$25.00 Mustard Seed	Barbara Munster	Handpainted Oil Bottles
Beehive Salon	Beauty Bskt.	Murphy Jewelers	Necklace
Beer Shak	Beer Shak Bucket	Nativity BVM High School	School Bskt.
Bella's/Kemfort's Cottage	Christmas Sleigh	N.Centre St. Pizzeria	Gift Card
Carolyn Bernatonis	Handmade Totes	Patty & John O'Neill	Dental Basket
BG's	Gift Card	Patty & John O'Neill	Coffee & More Bskt.
Blu Tavern	Gift Card	Palermo's	Gift Card
Mary Bound	Kitchen Basket, Crafts	Parishioners	Lottery Frame
Mary Bound	Yuengling Tree	Parishioners	Oven to Table Bskt.
Mary Bound	Coke Cola Tree	Mary & Bob Porter	Taco/Salsa Bskt.
BrokSel	Gift Card	Pottsville Zone	\$50.00 Sponsor
Connie Brown	\$25.00 Sponsor	Pat & Bill Pugh	Gift Card
Joan Bowers	Wine & Snack Bskt.	Pat & Bill Pugh	\$25.00 Giant Gift Card
Catholic Women's Union	\$25.00 Sponsor	Nicholas Quinn	\$25.00 Olive Garden
CCD Staff	Lottery Basket	Carole Quirin	\$35.00 Sponsor
Crimson House	Gift Card	Carole & Ed Quirin	Wreaths, Various Crafts
Janet Daubert	Wine Bskt.	Carole Quirin	Lottery Tree
Jen Daubert	Wine Bskt.	Carole Quirin/Pat Scheetz	Lazy Person Thanksgiving
Evelyn DeJesus&AnnMarie DeFrank	Wine/Chocolate	Carol Rehnert	Baking Bskt.
Peggy Ebling	\$25.00 Boyer's - G.C.	Rodnick's Store	Hand Crocheted Afghan
Sue & Brian Eckley	Michael Kors Bskt.	Mary Lou Roeder	Candy
Father Dave	Echo Dot	Ryan Family	Baby Bskt/Dishcloths
Father Dave	Soup&Beverage Basket	Cathy Satterwhite	\$20.00 Sponsor/Chick-fil-A \$10 G.C.
Stephany & Shane Frank	Coach Bskt.	Natalie Setlock	Rum & Coke Bskt.
Empire Beauty School	Gift Card	Missy Scheetz	Little Girl's Bskt.
Karla Garland	Merry Red Christmas	Pat Scheetz	Warm & Cozy Bskt.
Joyce & John Gerace	\$50.00 Sponsor	Scheidel Family	Soup Basket /Cookware
Giant	Gift Card	Lucy Scheidel/Barbara Schoenauer	Little Peace Farm Share
Bernadette & Paul Gombola	\$50.00 Sponsor	Gerry Schwartz	Pink Fun Bskt.
Lori Gurlavage	Wine/Lottery Bskt.	Serendipity	School/Lunch Tote
Hadesty's	Electric Drill	Rosann Sitkus	Christmas Bskt.
Missy Hahner	Cookie Tray	Sophy Jewelers	Comfy Bskt.
Mary Beth Harvey	Original Painting/Cards	Linda & Martin Smith	Gift Card/Bracelet
Heaven & Earth	Gift Card	Dorothy Stangl	\$50.00 Ruby Tuesday
Hughes Family	Fall/Wine, Lottery Bsk.	Peggy Stoppi	\$25.00 Sponsor
Sue & Ric Jochems	Lavendar Hill Farm Bsk	Dianne Stoudt	\$25.00 Sponsor
K & S Warehouse	Fall Centerpiece	Strike Zone Alley	\$50.00 Sponsor
Ketner & Brennan Families	Lottery Frame \$60	St. John's CYO	Family Party Pkg.
Lucilla Kochol	Christmas Basket, Crafts	St. John's Family Guild	\$25.00 Sponsor
IMO Dorothy Blum (Kurtek's)	Wine Bskt.	Subway (Minersville)	\$50.00 Giant Gift Cert.
Lieberman, Tamulonis, Hobbs	Estate Planning	Jackie Szeliga	Gift Card
Lieberman, Tamulonis, Hobbs	\$100.00 Sponsor	Janet Thomas	31 Bskt.
Eric Lieberman	\$50.00 Sponsor	Tony's Market	Afghan
Mary Lipton/Patty Markovich	Santa Helper Bskt.	Visot's	Gift Card
Sharon & Larry Lonergan	\$100.00 Wine & Spirits	Weis	Wine Basket
Frances Lorenz	\$25.00 Sponsor	Toni & Carl Wiest	Gift Card
Chris Maccarone	Patriotic Wreath	Joanne Wood	\$100.00 Sponsor
Majestic Theatre	Gift Card	Joe & Barbara Wollyung	\$50.00 Sponsor
Neil & Frances Manus	\$25.00 Sponsor	Ellen & J.Robert Zane	\$50.00 Sponsor
Sharon & Lou Miller	\$40.00 Vito's Gift Card	Chris Zanis & Nora Chiplonia	Gift Card Wreath \$100
Miller's Distribution	Snack Basket	Kathy & George Zwiebel	Relax/Tea/Biscuit Bskt.
Momma Millie's Bakery	2-Dozen Cupcakes		
Moore's Shoes	Gift Card		