

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The Mayan women entered the church at Santiago, Atitlan. Inside, they sing and pray together in a humbling display of faith. Some of the older women still remember their former pastor, Blessed Father Stan Rother. Though born in Oklahoma, his heart belonged to this Guatemala parish. In 1981 he gave his life to it when a death squad assassinated him. As Pope Francis would say, "He smelled like a sheep."

Some of us are like the widow in this Sunday's gospel. We quietly put our "two coins" into the temple offering. Others while glancing to be sure they are noticed, flash money into the passing basket. For the humble like Blessed Father Stan, sainthood is in the offering.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – November 12 – 9:00 a.m.

STEPHEN KLINGER

(York Terrace Residents & Staff)

Tuesday, November 13 – 9:00 a.m.

AGNES REILEY (Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Wednesday – November 14 – 9:00 a.m.

PASQUALE PILO (Chris & Jared Black)

Thursday – November 15 – 9:00 a.m.

HARRIET WINDER (John & Mary Jean Morgalis)

Friday, November 16 – 9:00 a.m.

MARGARET SCULLY

(York Terrace Residents & Staff)

Saturday, November 17 – 5:00 p.m.

**LIVING & DECEASED OF ST. JOHN'S
BENEFICIAL SOCIETY**

Sunday, November 18 – 8:15 a.m.

KATHY BUEHLER

(Mary Ann Holley & Deborah Purcell)

Sunday, November 18 – 10:30 a.m.

MICHAEL MELINCHOK (Joseph & Sharon Snyder)

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 - IMO Emily Leinheiser by Family
Sanctuary

1&2. IMO JoAnn Heller by Heller Family

3&4. Health & Welfare of Joe Brahler
by Saturday Night Choir

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

SCHEDULE

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – November 17TH

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz, Molly Zwiebel

Servers: Bennett, Lucas, Finley McNamara

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – November 18th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Carol Forster, Mike Ambrose

Servers: Christopher & Caroline Hobbs,
Gabriella Quinn

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – November 18th

Reader: Carol Lasco

Euch.Min.: Dominic Chiplonia, Charlie Miller

Servers: Rhyan & Maggie Brennan, Patrick Ryan

Cantor: Ensemble

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.*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 3/4: \$ 4,370.78

Monthly Dues: \$ 1,375.00

All Saints Day: \$ 987.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What inspires you to be generous?

Next Week's Readings

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (November 17/18)

Reading I: Daniel 12:1-3

Reading II: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

'TIS (ALMOST) THE SEASON

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. Don't let this Advent pass you by. Slow down and focus on what matters most with **BEST ADVENT EVER**.

Each day, you'll receive an email with short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt and Dominick Albano, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey.

All you have to do is sign up at **BestAdventEver.com**.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

November

- 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

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 practice is:

Wednesday, November 14

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

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 Aleece for information 570-449-7678.

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.

FAMILY MATTERS

Honoring Veterans. In our families, over the years many have served in the military. Too many have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country's freedom. Today we give thanks to God for all those families who have had loved ones die for the cause of freedom. We salute also our veterans and thank them for their service.

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

ST. JOHN'S ENSEMBLE

CHOIR PRACTICE

Let us glorify God with our song. Consider joining our choir to add depth and richness to our parish praise of God. We are in need of both male and female voices. Bring only your desire to sing and enjoy the liturgy from another perspective. We rehearse each

Tuesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Longinus Hall and have just started rehearsals again. No auditions, all are welcome and **NEEDED!**

Contact **Dave Derbes** Choir Director 622-8804 or email daderbes@yahoo.com or the Rectory 622-5470 for more information.

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.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

Women of all ages are invited to join the Catholic Women's Union.

Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women's Union by joining us on **Wednesday, November 14th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Spring Covered Dish Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed.



Installation of Officers will take place at this meeting.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: Wednesday, December 5th
Where: The Lodge at Sharp Mountain
Time: 6 p.m.
Cost: \$25.00



Menu: Chicken Breast stuffed with Bread Stuffing or Baked Haddock with Lemon Dill Butter

We will also exchange a \$5.00 gift, wine or snack item you would serve for the holidays – please wrap the item. For more information, please call **Dorothy Hahner Stangl, 1343 W. Norwegian St., Pottsville 17901 (phone 570-624-7106).**

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Homemade Christmas Cookies to benefit St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be available in Longinus Hall on the following dates.

Saturday, December 15th
after 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 16th

after 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Masses

Prices: \$5.00 and \$6.00 per dozen
Peanut Rolls - \$10 per pound

ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY will meet on **Wednesday, November 14th at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS Get your blood pressure checked in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend, **November 17/18.**

A PRAYER FOR ALL VETERANS

O God, Great and Almighty Creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to



be protected.

Thank you for America's heroes, who have fought for our freedoms and who have faithfully served our country. We honor all of our veterans, for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.

As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation.

We thank You for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations. Amen.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

St. John's Parish congratulates parishioner and altar server, **Stanley Gorski**, who placed third in the District CYO Spelling Bee. Stanley is an 8th grade student at Assumption BVM School. His parents are Stanley & Heidi Gorski. Congratulations Stanley for a job well done!

*When cares increase within me,
Your comfort gives me joy. Psalm 94:19*

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Vince Albo	\$30.00
Assumption BVM School	School bskt.
Baker Family	\$25.00 Mustard Seed

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

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We wish to thank the following for their donations

Sharon & Lou Miller	...	\$40.00 Vito's Gift Card
Miller's Distribution		Snack Basket
Momma Millie's Bakery		2-Dozen Cupcakes

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We wish to thank the following for their donations

Visot's	...	Wine Basket
Weis		Gift Card

Toni & Carl Wiest	\$100.00 Sponsor
Joanne Wood	Lego Bskt.
Joe & Barbara Wollyung	\$50.00 Sponsor
Ellen & J.Robert Zane	\$50.00 Sponsor
Chris Zanis & Nora Chiplonia	Gift Card Wreath \$100
Kathy & George Zwiebel	Relax/Tea/Biscuit Bskt.

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New Services: Re-wire / Appliance Install / Bathrooms
/Furnaces / General Home Repair

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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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ... sponsored by St. Mary Women's Guild at St. Mary's Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg, on **Saturday, November 17th** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crafts, gifts, theme basket raffle, homemade cookies, quilt raffle tickets and much more.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE . - for 7th & 8th grade parents and students on **Sunday, November 18th** beginning at 6 p.m. at the school. Administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and Board members will be on hand to discuss specific information about academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. No pre-registration required. All are welcome! Please contact the school 570-622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... If you take medication for osteoporosis, it's still important to maintain bone-healthy lifestyle habits.

While such drugs decrease fractures, they do not eliminate all risk, as was reported in a study in the Journal *Bone* of more than 7,400 women, ages 50 and older, who were on oral bisphosphonates (the most common osteoporosis treatment) for at least two years. Despite treatment, about one-third remained at elevated risk for future osteoporotic fractures because their bone density didn't improve – or even worsened – or they had suffered fractures while taking the drugs. Lifestyle measures include not smoking, doing weight-bearing exercise, getting recommended amounts of calcium (1,200 milligrams a day for women over 50 and men over 65) and vitamin D (600 to 800 IU a day, though many experts recommend 800 to 1,000 IU or more), and taking steps to decrease falls, such as removing obstacles and improving lighting at home and using canes or other assistive devices when needed.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER . - "*You shall love God . . . and love your neighbor as yourself*", Jesus instructs us in today's gospel. In marriage, our very closest "neighbor" is our spouse. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend to learn how to deepen your love for each other. For more information, call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

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