

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The gospel story this Sunday continues Jesus' collection of parables in Chapter 21 of Matthew. It's the story of a property owner who did a great job of setting up a vineyard but he made a deadly mistake by leasing the property out to some really bad tenant farmers. After the tenants rejected all the owner's attempts to collect, he sent his own son to do the job. They killed him!

We easily can see the parallel story of God's creation and the coming of Jesus. He was also killed. Jesus himself was the stone which the builders rejected. And now he is the cornerstone of the church.

Grab your rake and your hoe. We are the tenant farmers of an earthly paradise. If we don't want to lose it, we better start planting. Otherwise the kingdom will be taken from us and given to others who are willing to work.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 9 – 9:00 a.m.

VERNA MACCARONE (Anthony Maccarone Family)

Tuesday, October 10 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNA ORLOWSKY (Repp Family)

Wednesday, October 11 – 9:00 a.m.

ELLEN SCHLITZER

(M/M Richard Lutsky & Daughters)

Thursday, October 12 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPHINE KOCHOL

(Michelle, Ben, Allison Darhun)

Friday, October 13 – 9:00 a.m.

E. DORNSIFE & G. MINCHHOFF (Rita Lotz)

Saturday, October 14 – 5 p.m.

M/M WILLIAM BERCHER (Joan Bowers)

Sunday – October 15 – 8:15 a.m.

DAVID & BASTINA NICASTRO (Julian Chiplonia)

Sunday – October 15 – 10:30 a.m.

MARIE MURPHY (Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Barbara & Carl Weiss by Sandy Clauser

St. Joseph – IMO George Holley by Mary Ann Holley

Tabernacle –IMO Barbara & Carl Weiss

by Sandy Clauser

Sanctuary

1.Special Intention by Grace King

2.IMO Theresa Holley & Zoie Marie

by Mary Ann Holley

3. IMO Anthony Hoffman by Mary Ann Holley

4.IMO Vincent & Agnes Smith by Mary Ann Holley

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

SCHEDULE

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – October 14th

Reader: Robert Wollyung

Euch.Min.: Molly Zwiebel, Ray Petrilla

Servers: Alexi & Julia Plachko, Riley Doyle

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 15th

Reader: Bob Bechtel

Euch.Min.: Bill Gianfagna, George Forney

Servers: Ryan & Emma Seiger, Allegra Hossler

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 15th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Phil Markovich, Bobbi Murray

Servers: Evielyn Hower, Josh Cooper, Madison Ryan

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III– 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. **Deceased:** Rev. David Karns

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

What fruits of faith do you see in the world today?

Next Week's Readings

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October 14/15))

Reading I: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Reading II: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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.; 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.

MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2018 will open **Monday, October 23rd to Thursday, October 26th.**

Masses can be scheduled beginning at **10:00 a.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room on Monday, October 23rd.** Scheduling will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to the backlog of Masses we already have from the past year, each person will be able



to schedule **TWO MASSES ONLY** - additional Mass requests may be sent to the Missions. The remaining dates will be used to schedule previously requested Masses as well as keep dates open for those who will be deceased in the year 2018.

PLEASE NOTE

The Mass Intention Book for 2018 will be open from **October 23rd to October 26th** - all Masses must be scheduled during this time. No scheduled Mass Intentions will be taken after **October 26th.**

Two Masses Only

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 30/October 1: \$ 5,343.40

Dues: \$ 1,255.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

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.

Also, thank you to *Carl & Toni Wiest* for donating the cake that was chanced off.

Volunteers

Chris Black
 Kate Blackwell
 Mary Bound
 Ann Burns
 Millie Fredericks
 Sandy Frinzi
 Mary Beth Harvey
 Mary Hauck
 Pat Klassen
 Lucilla Kochol
 Jan Kurtek
 Maureen Kurtek

Carol Lasco
 Bernie Lecher
 Charlene Leshar
 Carole Quirin
 Reene Reddington
 Patty O'Neill
 Pat Scheetz
 Theresa Skrobak
 Linda Smith
 Peggy Stoppi
 Toni Wiest

Bakers

Chris Black
 Mary Bound
 Bernie Lecher

Charlene Leshar
 Mary Jean Morgalis
 Carole Quirin

Total Profits: \$ 1,024.90

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

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

HARVEST / HALLOWEEN AUCTION

Wednesday, October 18th - 7 p.m.

All members are invited to attend this fun evening. Please bring a Fall item (unwrapped) to be auctioned off. Our auctioneer will be Sharon Miller assisted by Mary Matulevich. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. followed by refreshments and the auction. Looking forward to seeing all of you. For more information please call Joan Deiter 570-622-1381.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS ...

Get your blood pressure checked in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend, **October 14/15.**

ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY will meet on **Wednesday, October 11th at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

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 ...
Adelphia Gift Card

Asian Express
Bake Shop VI
CCD Teachers
Lori Gurlavage
Mary Beth Harvey
Heaven & Earth
Kurtek Family
LeBlanc Family
Nannette Major
Fred & Hilda Maley
Momma Millie's
Patty & John O'Neill
Palermo's
Carole Quirin
Roma Pizza
Eleanor Schaeffer
Dorothy Stangl
Jackie Szeliga
Kathy Vicic
Luis R. & Virginia Visot
Cindy & Mike Vuksta
Joanne Wood

Gift Card
Gift Cards
Lottery Angel
Wine Basket
Watercolor Prints
Gift Card
Baskets
Beach Basket
Limited Edition Print
Large Baskets
Cupcakes
Wine Basket
Gift Card
Lottery Board
Gift Card
Donna Sharp Basket
Coffee&Tea Lovers Bkt
31 Basket
Lottery Frame
Wine Basket
Wine Basket
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.

FAMILY MATTERS

Families with Members Who are Chronically Mentally Ill. Mental illness is so challenging and draining. Pray for the mentally ill of our parish and their families, that the Lord will provide direction and guidance to them in their time of struggle. Help us Lord not to be judgmental.

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. Donations are accepted.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY GUILD



The **Family Guild** is a small organization which sponsors activities for the elementary school students of the parish.

Through our fundraising efforts we

sponsor two spiritual based programs throughout the year. The programs are the Lent Event and the Adventure.

The **Family Guild** also strives to make the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation a little more special for our children by purchasing gifts and providing flowers for these joyous occasions.

If you would like to become more involved within the parish and be a positive influence in the spiritual lives of our parish youth, consider joining the **Family Guild**. We always welcome a new face among us.

If interested please call the Rectory 622-5470 or just come to our next meeting which is scheduled for ...

Wednesday, October 11th
6:30 p.m. – Rectory Fellowship Room

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.

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 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

- 8 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:00 p.m. – L.H.
- 10 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 11 Family Guild Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – F.R.
- 11 St. John's Beneficial Society – 8 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.
- 8 St. John's Beneficial Society – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 11/12 Christmas Bazaar
- ** L.H. – Longinus Hall
- ** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room
- ** R.B. – Russell Building

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.

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

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.

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!

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.allentowndioocese.org/faith-and-spirits or

contact the Office of Adult Formation by email at adultformation@allentowndioocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021

100 YEARS OF FATIMA Calling all families! Join us for The Family Fully Alive: 100 Years of Fatima on **Sunday, October 22nd from 4 to 7 p.m.** The Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry of the Diocese of Allentown invites you to come together as a family to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima and learn about what Our Lady told the world at that time! Events will include a family holy hour, Fatima related crafts and activities, and a family meal (pasta, salad, rolls). **The celebration will be held at St. Patrick Parish, Pottsville.** The registration cost of \$10 / family includes dinner and activities for the entire family, and we encourage families with children of all ages to attend! For questions, contact Alexa Doncsecz at atadoncsecz@allentowndioocese.org.

HEALING MASS will take place **Monday, October 23rd 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 p.m.

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 and \$10 for high school/ college students. For more information and to register online please visit www.cmfd.org Questions call 610-289-8900 ext 2028.

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.

APOSTLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER COMMUNITY: A Catholic movie on evangelization titled "*Fearless*" will be showing in the chapel at St. Ambrose Parish on **Monday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m.** The running time is 74 minutes with a brief discussion to follow. All are welcome! Please join us!

HOLIDAY BINGO: on **Sunday, October 15th** 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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ROSARY RALLY: on **Saturday, October 14th at 12 noon** in St. Ambrose parking lot closest to the rectory. "*America Needs Fatima*"

CHINESE AUCTION: sponsored by St. Ambrose School on **Sunday, October 15th**. Doors open 9:30 a.m.; Auction begins 2 p.m. Browse-n-Bid on Saturday, October 14th from 4 to 8 p.m. Over 400 prizes, Food, Baked Goods, 50/50, Raffle and Door Prizes.

MEN WHO COOK: sponsored by Knights of Columbus Sch. Council 431 on **Sunday, October 29th** from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Lodge, 201 S. 26th St., Pottsville. Tickets \$25 per person in advance; \$30 per person at the door. For tickets or more information, please call Mike 294-1780 or Greg 449-2580.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...

Does staying physically active improve cognitive function, or does high cognitive function enable older people to stay active and live more healthfully? Both, concludes a recent study in *Frontiers in Neuroscience*, which looked at 4,555 British people over age 50 and analyzed the relationship between physical activity and executive function (the ability to solve problems, set and meet goals, and exert self-control). It found that over a six-year period older people who were physically active tended to retain high executive function; the researchers controlled for variables such as age, gender, education, and health. Conversely, people with high executive function were more likely to stay physically active. It's a virtuous circle.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council 431 is recruiting new members to join our Catholic Men's organization.

If you would like to join an organization committed to charitable causes, Catholic outreach in the community and offering outstanding programs for members and their families please consider joining more than 12 million Catholic men around the world in Knights of Columbus membership. During the month of October Council 431 is offering free membership and initiation fees for the first year for new members.

For further information please call Grand Knight Dave Donlin at 570-573-1841 or e mail him at dadmatd515p@comcast.net