

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the U.S. the top 1% of households own more wealth than the bottom 90% combined. One billion children worldwide are living in poverty. According to Unisef, 22,000 children die each day to poverty.

Jesus told the man who wanted to inherit eternal life in this Sunday's gospel: "Go sell what you have, and give to the poor." Pope Francis has said: "Giving to the poor is our passport to paradise."

Billionaire Brian Burnie sold his 26 million dollar estate to fund a charity to fly cancer patients to hospitals. Investor Zel Kravinsky gave away over 45 million and even donated his own kidney to a stranger. This Sunday's gospel is an "inconvenient truth" that can speak to all of us.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – October 15 – 9:00 a.m.

MARIE MURPHY (Family)

Tuesday, October 16 – 9:00 a.m.

MARGARET GLUNZ (CWV Post 1051 Auxiliary)

Wednesday – October 17 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN B. LIEBERMAN IV (Margaret Mack)

Thursday, October 18 – 9:00 a.m.

ELLEN SCHLITZER (Sue & Tom Camise)

Friday, October 19 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES TAMBURELLI (Reene Reddington)

Saturday, October 20 – 5:00 p.m.

KATHY NORKUS, 1st Anniv. (Norkus Family)

Sunday, October 21 – 8:15 a.m.

JOHN & DOROTHY RYAN (M/M John Eagan Fam.)

Sunday, October 21 – 10:30 a.m.

DAVID & BASTINA NICASTRO (Julian Chiplonia)

SCHEDULE

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – October 20th

Reader: Heidi Gorski

Euch.Min.: Carol Lasco, Robert Wollyung

Servers: Noah Lecher, Stanley & Aleksander Gorski

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 21st

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: John Corbacio, Mike Ambrose

Servers: Bryan Daniels, Evan & Gavin Woodward

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 21st

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: John Ventura, Sharon Snyder

Servers: Madison Ryan, Maggie Brennan,

Caroline Hobbs

Cantor: Ensemble

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Josephine Parsick

by Joanne Schultz & Dorothy Parsick

St. Joseph – For Neil & Frances Manus

by Neil & Frances Manus

Tabernacle - IMO Kathy Norkus

by Lori Karahuta & Tom Flynn

Sanctuary

1,2,3. For Chloe & Joseph Manus

by Neil & Frances Manus

4. For Zary & Baby Lago by Neil & Frances Manus

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Raymond Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

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.*



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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Of what does your wealth consist?
How does your wealth serve the poor?

Next Week's Readings

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October 20/21)

Reading I: Isaiah 53:10-11

Reading II: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

MEN'S GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

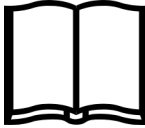
Men's Gospel Reflection Group meeting will take place on **Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room.** This group is open to any men interested in reflecting on how the Gospel impacts their lives. All are welcome! Please call Michael Scheidel 739-1808 or Bill Gianfagna 573-0105 with any questions.

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

MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2019 will open **Monday, October 22nd to Thursday, October 25th.**

Masses can be scheduled beginning at **10:00 a.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room on Monday, October 22nd.** 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 2019.

PLEASE NOTE

The Mass Intention Book for 2019 will be open from **October 22nd to October 25th** - all Masses must be scheduled during this time. No scheduled Mass Intentions will be taken after **October 25th.**

Two Masses Only

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 Sheen*

We need adorers for the following hours:

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

Friday 12 a.m. & 6 a.m. & 11 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.

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.

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 Advent-ure.

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 24th

6:30 p.m. – Rectory Fellowship Room

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 15th (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

October 16th (8 a.m. to 11 p.m.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*Tell His glory among the nations;
among all peoples, His wondrous deeds.*

... 1 Chronicles 16:24

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 24th at the Russell Building on the following dates:

October 15, 17, 22, 24

6 to 7 p.m. ONLY (Time Change)

**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
Father Dave	Echo Dot
Father Dave	Soup&Beverage Basket
Karla Garland	Merry Red Christmas
Mary Beth Harvey	Original Painting/Cards
Heaven & Earth	Gift Card
Lucilla Kochol	Christmas Basket,Crafts
Frances Lorenz	\$25.00 Sponsor
Chris Maccarone	Patriotic Wreath
Majestic Theatre	Gift Card
Miller's Distribution	Snack Basket
Momma Millie's Bakery	2-Dozen Cupcakes
Moore's Shoes	Gift Card
Barbara Munster	Chocolate & Wine Bskt.
Barbara Munster	Handpainted Bottles
Patty & John O'Neill	Dental Basket
Palermo's	Gift Card
Pottsville Zone	Gift Card
Carole Quirin	Wreaths, Various Crafts
Carole & Ed Quirin	Lottery Tree
Natalie Setlock	Little Girl's Bskt.
Scheidel Family	Little Peace Farm Share
Linda & Martin Smith	\$25 Ruby Tuesday
Linda & Martin Smith	\$25 Giant
Janet Thomas	Afghan
Visot's	Wine Basket
Joe & Barbara Wollyung	\$50.00 Sponsor

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.

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.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 6/7: \$ 4,726.34; Dues: \$ 1,425.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

October

- 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.
 18 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
 20/21 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
 21 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. – L.H.
 22-25 2019 Mass Book opens
 23 Men’s Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
 24 Family Guild Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – F.R.
 25 RCIA – 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

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

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

Items Needed:

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| 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

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.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL

9TH ANNUAL GOLF TEAM TOURNAMENT ... on **Sunday, October 21st** at Mt. Valley Golf Course. Four person scramble with 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration and Buffet Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. Cost \$90.00 per golfer which includes Breakfast Buffet, Greens Fees, Cart, Gifts, Refreshments, various contests and the Mt. Valley Picnic. Cost of \$25.00 per person for the picnic ONLY. To register or to be a Sponsor, please contact Athletic Director Josh Muldowney 622-8110 or Coach Daniel Lisella 622-8110 or email nativitybvmgolfers@gmail.com. Thank you for your support and may God bless you abundantly.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS Get your blood pressure checked in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend, **October 20/21.**

FAMILY MATTERS

College Students. As the new school year begins, we pray especially for our college students. May the Lord bless our family members as they begin their studies and time of learning. We ask the Lord to guide and direct them in all their efforts to grow, academically, personally and spiritually.

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

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.”

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping 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.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – If you are a couple who wants more out of your good marriage, why not invest one weekend working at it! Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend to learn communication skills and spend quality time together. weekend. For more info, call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

FATHER CISZEK DAY ... will be held on **Sunday, October 21st**. Mass at St. Casimir Church, 229 North Jardin Street, Shenandoah at 2:00 p.m.. Homilist will be Most Rev. Bishop Alfred Schlert. Light refreshments will be available in the church hall after Mass. Also, related items concerning Fr. Walter will be available for purchase. The new Prayer League Center at 218 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah will be opened from 11:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Eating seafood may help prevent Alzheimer's disease in people at high risk for it, even though seafood is often contaminated with mercury, a known neurotoxin. In a study in the *Journal of the American Medical Assoc.*, researchers looked at brain autopsies of 286 people (average age 90) and correlated the findings and the subjects' seafood intake during the years before death. Among the 23% of subjects with a key genotype (APOE4) associated with Alzheimer's risk, those who had eaten seafood at least once a week showed fewer signs of dementia-related brain changes than those who ate little or none; no effect was seen in those without the genotype. Reassuringly, though mercury levels in the brains increased with seafood intake, this was not associated with dementia-related signs.


BULLETIN BOOSTERS

October 2018

IMO Carl Bartholomew	M/M James Loeper
IMO Harold Bartholomew	IMO Charles Lorenz
IMO Robert Berger	IMO Felix & Agnes Narog
IMO Edward Christ	IMO Carol Nygren
Millie Fredericks	Dorothy Parsick
Fr. Don Henry	IMO Jeanne Rehnert
IMO M/M Herbert Henry	IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert
Joanne Hepler	IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
IMO Clare Houser	Marcie Schnerring
IMO Francis King	IMO Margaret Zelinsky
Living & Deceased of St. John's CYO Program	

What is a Bulletin Booster?? Some of our newer parishioners have asked what it means to be a Bulletin Booster. We have a wonderful bulletin – it is timely and keeps us informed of what is going on within our parish family and its surroundings. Paper and supplies are needed on a weekly basis to continue this family tradition. So, if you'd like to donate toward the supplies. **\$1.00 and up ... you too can be a ... Bulletin Booster**

REPAIR SERVICE

When it's time to clear out the accumulated clutter from cabinets, drawers and chests, you might find a partial rosary with a missing crucifix or several beads that you could not part with because of the sentimental value.  These partial rosaries can be repaired successfully and returned to wholeness with little or almost no cost. If you have no sentimental attachment, please consider donating these partial/incomplete rosaries to the Missions, both foreign and domestic. Thus far, I have repaired and reconstituted several hundred rosaries and forwarded them to the foreign Missions. You can place the rosary to be repaired in an envelope with my name on the outside and place it in the collection basket. If you would like it repaired and returned, please put your name and phone number on the envelope.

Rosaries / New & Repair Service

For that special someone / occasion: Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Wedding, First Communion, Confirmation or any occasion.

Call Paul Gombola 622-4162

ARE YOU PLANNING A CHANGE ??



If you are making a change in ... **address, parish affiliation, e-mail, or phone number**, please call the Rectory Office. We strive to keep our records

up to date.