

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

There was a time when people dressed up for Mass, concerts, even airline travel. Men wore suits and ties; women wore hats, gloves and high heels. Life is different today but most of us understand about proper dress.

This Sunday's parable story is about suitable dress. Since we defensively know this story, it's probably about us; we collectively wish the king would lighten up a bit. It seems unfair to be tied up and tossed out into the night just because we didn't wear a proper wedding garment.

But, the parable teaches us that the garment of salvation is provided to those who follow Jesus. God invites us to attend the banquet in honor of his Son. To not wear the provided wedding garment is an act; it implies that we do not believe Jesus is the Son of God.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 16 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES LORENZ (Anna Kurtek Family)

Tuesday, October 17 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY BUEHLER (John & Joyce Gerace)

Wednesday, October 18 – 9:00 a.m.

M/M LAWRENCE ELISON (Pat Scheetz)

Thursday, October 19 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN & MARGARET PFLUGER (Children)

Friday, October 20 – 9:00 a.m.

JAMES CAVANAUGH (Scott Hahner)

Saturday, October 21 – 5 p.m.

DECEASED OF BARONE & SCHMITT FAMILY
(Shawn Schmitt)

Sunday – October 22 – 8:15 a.m.

JOHN & DOROTHY RYAN (M/M John Eagan)

Sunday – October 22 – 10:30 a.m.

BARBARA & CARL WEISS (Weiss Family)

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, Michelle Ambrose, Jaimie Brahler, Charles Daubert, Kathy Norkus, Ed Averill, Beth Thomas, Robert Lynn.*

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

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - Special Intention

St. Joseph – IMO James Cavanaugh by Family

Tabernacle –Special Intention

Sanctuary No Intentions Requested

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intention by Jule Quandel

SCHEDULE

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – October 21st

Reader: Carol Lasco

Euch.Min.: Paul & Mary Ann Filiaci

Servers: Noah Lecher, Olivia Tokonitz, Patrick Ryan

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 22nd

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: John Corbacio, Mike Ambrose

Servers: Bryan Daniels, Evan & Gavin Woodward

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 22nd

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: Frank Murphy, Debbie Guers

Servers: Etain Hatch, Grant Lapachinsky, Kyra Sophy

Cantor: Ensemble

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.

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!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 7/8: \$ 4,628.30

Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,504.00

Hurricane Relief: \$ 1,084.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Pray for married couples.

How does your parish support them?
How do you?

Next Week's Readings

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October 21/22))

Reading I: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Open Hours with Jesus

In our day and age when our church doors are locked after the morning Mass, what a "GIFT" we have to be able to go visit Our Lord, 24/7, at Perpetual Adoration! The Perpetual Adoration Chapel is in its 9th year and we are in need of new adorers to commit to one of our open hours, to be an alternate for any of the 168 hours or to just help out by being a sub. Please examine your life, dear parishioners, and, ask yourself, "what is the reason I have not stepped forth to commit to an hour of Adoration?" St. Mother Teresa said that the world needs Perpetual Adoration and that Adoration of Our Lord is a "PRIVILEGE". In light of all that is going on in the world, and our need for vocations to the priesthood, WE NEED Perpetual Adoration! Pray that your hearts will be open to Perpetual Adoration and His invitation, "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.*" Matthew 11:28

We need adorers for the following hours:

Tuesday 4 a.m.; Friday 7 p.m.;

Saturday 4 a.m., 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.

FAMILY MATTERS

For the Family Member who has Lost Faith. It's painful at times to have a loved one reject or belittle the faith that we have nurtured in them. We turn to St. Monica, Augustine's long-suffering mom, for consolation and HELP! We, as a parish pray that the lost sheep will return to the flock. We pray also for their family that they will not despair or give up on their loved ones.

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."

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

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.



OKTOBERFEST SOCIAL

Thank You for joining us at the socials! It was a nice time enjoyed by all – a little bit of Germany in Longinus Hall. A *special thanks* to the volunteers that helped serve, provided food, decorations and/or music. *Thanks* to *Yuengling Brewery* for donating the Oktoberfest bier and to *Bake Shop VI* for their creativity and support with the various German-themed baked goods.



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 ...

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| Adelphia | Gift Card |
| Asian Express | Gift Card |
| Bake Shop VI | Gift Cards |
| Boyer's | Gift Card |
| CCD Teachers | Lottery Angel |
| Lori Gurlavage | Wine Basket |
| Mary Beth Harvey | Watercolor Prints |
| Heaven & Earth | Gift Card |
| Kurtek Family | Baskets |
| LeBlanc Family | Beach Basket |
| Nannette Major | Limited Edition Print |
| Fred & Hilda Maley | Large Baskets |
| Momma Millie's | Cupcakes |
| John & Mary Jean Morgalis | Sponsor - \$80.00 |
| Barb Munster | Chase the BLUES away |
| Patty & John O'Neill | Wine Basket |
| Palermo's | Gift Card |
| Bob & Mary Porter | Lottery Frame |
| Carole & Ed Quirin | Lottery Board |
| Carole & Ed Quirin | Walmart Gift Cards |
| Roma Pizza | Gift Card |
| Carol Rehnert | Afghan Basket |
| Eleanor Schaeffer | Donna Sharp Basket |
| Dorothy Stangl | Coffee&Tea Lovers Bkt |
| Jackie Szeliga | 31 Basket |
| Kathy Vicic | Lottery Frame |
| Luis R. & Virginia Visot | Wine Basket |
| Cindy & Mike Vuksta | Wine Basket |
| Joanne Wood | Lego Basket |
| Gardner, Plachko, Brennan, Wood, Painter, Lieberman, Heenan, Ferhat, Botto, Delaney, Bohorad, Wapinsky, Guzick, Direnzo, Liptok, Golden Families | |
| 3 Wine & Snack Baskets | |
| Lottery Tree | |

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.

2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

- Total Goal: \$ 35,309
- Amount Collected: \$ 15,704
- Number of Donors: 112
- Participation: 16.59%

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

October

- 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.

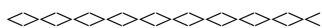
Head Coaching experience preferred for Track & Field. Interested candidates for either position should send résumé, certifications and all clearances to:

Nativity BVM High School

Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal

One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901

lsabol@nativitybvm.net



CASH BINGO ... sponsored by Nativity Green & Gold on Sunday, October 15th at the school. Doors open 11:30; Bingo starts 1 p.m. Refreshments available. Come join us for a fun time!

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!

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

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?

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

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...

If you see the claim that a dietary supplement is made in an "FDA-approved" lab or other facility, **don't believe it.** The FDA doesn't "approve" any type of facility or company, and it doesn't review and approve the supplements themselves. Similarly, be skeptical when medical devices (such as laser devices to grow hair or treat toenail fungus) claim to be FDA-approved. Unlike new drugs, most devices are just "cleared" by the FDA, which merely means they are "substantially equivalent" to similar devices already on the market, not that they necessarily work. For more about what the FDA does and does not approve, go to tinyurl.com/approvalFDA.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS


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@allentowndiocese.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.

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. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

 **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.

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 | Spaghettio'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

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We appreciate advertisers who support St. John's by advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize their business and let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin.

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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.

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.

FATHER CISZEK DAY: The Father Walter Ciszek Prayer League invites you to join us on **Sunday, October 15th**, to celebrate the life, works and message of Rev. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J., at 218 W. Cherry St., Shenandoah from noon until 1:30 p.m.. Divine Liturgy at St. Casimir Church, 229 North Jardin St., Shenandoah at 2:00 p.m. Main Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian and Homilist: Rev. Brian Van Hove, S.J. Social will follow liturgy in the church hall.

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.

VENDOR & CRAFT PARTY: Sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Saturday, October 28th** (4 to 8 pm) and **Sunday, October 29th** (10 am to 1 pm) at St. Patrick Parish Center - 313 Mahantongo St. Free Admission Food available for purchase.

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.

CONCERT: sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 W. Arch St., Pottsville on **Sunday, October 29th at 3 p.m.** Organist Michael Kiehner and choir under direction of Catherine Zimmerman will be featured. Refreshments served afterwards.

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