

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

A widely circulated story about Thomas Edison says that when he was refining the incandescent light bulb, he failed one thousand times before he found a long-lasting filament. Whatever the exact number of trials he conducted, the point remains that Edison persisted for a long, long time before he and his team finally hit upon the ingredients that made the light bulb commercially successful.

This Sunday's gospel parable of the persistent widow is a wonderful lesson in persistence. It tells us that we should keep on trying when faced with a stubborn dilemma. If we walk away, we lose. If we keep trying, we will find that eventually our persistence pays off.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – October 17 – 9:00 a.m.

MARIE MURPHY (Family)

Tuesday – October 18 – 9:00 a.m.

M/M LAWRENCE ELISON (Missy & Amy Scheetz)

Wednesday – October 19 – 9:00 a.m.

SUZANNE RITTLE (Butch & Sue Scheetz)

Thursday – October 20 – NO MASS

Friday – October 21 – 9:00 a.m.

RUTH ROSENBERGER (Gene & Peggy Ebling)

Saturday – October 22 – 4:00 p.m. (TIME CHANGE)

TERESA & JOSEPH FANELLI (Lucilla Kochol)

Sunday – October 23 – 8:15 a.m.

DOROTHY RYAN (M/M John Eagan & Family)

Sunday – October 23 – 10:30 a.m.

GARY J. YENILAITUS (Mary Zambo)

SCHEDULE

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – October 22nd

Reader: Carol Lasco

Servers: Olivia Tokonitz, Kate Kramer, Josh Cooper, Connor McNamara, Cooper Chiplonia

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 23rd

Reader: Christine Disabella

Euch.Min.: George Forney, John Corbacio

Servers: Mark & Samantha Disabella, Evan Woodward

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 23rd

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: John Ventura, Debbie Guers

Servers: Joshua & Justin Steffan, Grant Lapachinsky

Cantor: Melody Newhard Kirk

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Margie Glunz by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

St. Joseph – IMO Dorothy A. Rosenberger

by Paul Rosenberger

Tabernacle – IMO Mary Pugh by Fred & Hilda Maley

Sanctuary

1. IMO Bill Pugh by Fred & Hilda Maley

2. IMO Thelma Maley by Fred & Hilda Maley

3. IMO Francis Maley by Fred & Hilda Maley

4. IMO Mary Adams by Fred & Hilda Maley

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Charles Lorenz by Frances Lorenz

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I – John Lisowski & Hannah Sterling

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Mark & Lisa Dorenzo** and their daughter, **Devan**, to St. John's Parish Family. Mark is a concrete truck driver and Lisa is a Medical Staff Coordinator. Devan is a college student at Weidner University.



Warmly embrace the **Dorenzo Family** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 192 Llewellyn Road, Pottsville 17901.

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: *Theresa Tuite, Fred Maskerines, Pete Meseravage, Joanne Kochol, Joanne Hepler, Annette Lieberman, Carl & Toni Wiest, Mary Zambo, Mary Connell, Dolores Brophy.*



FLOWER DONATIONS

The flowers at the main altar this weekend are **In Memory of Dot Ryan, 2nd Anniv.** requested by her family.



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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What or who helps you to pray?

Next Week's Readings

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October 22/23)

Reading I: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Reading II: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

St. John's 175th Anniversary Celebration

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND



Our celebration will begin with 4 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop John Barres followed by Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres (5:45 to 6:30 p.m.) and Formal Buffet Dinner (catered by The Greystone) at the Lodge at Sharp Mountain.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION **Open Hours with Jesus**

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon Him while He is near." Isaiah 55:6

Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real Presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist....Please send down the Holy Spirit upon all peoples to give them the love, courage, strength and willingness to respond to the invitation to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

Could You Not Watch With Me One Hour?

We need adorers for the following hours:

Wednesday 11 a.m.;

Saturday 12 p.m., 1 p.m. ; Sunday 12 a.m.

Please call Albert 573-0036 or Aleece 449-7678.

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.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

If you are a high school student and need to complete **Community Service Recognition** ... St. John the Baptist Parish Cemetery needs some painting done on the grounds. Anyone interested, please contact George Smith (at 570-544-3294) for details.

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

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

... John 15:7

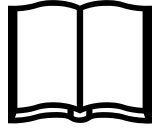
MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2017 will open **Monday, October 24th to Thursday, October 27th.**

Masses can be scheduled beginning at

10:00 a.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room on Monday, October 24th.

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 2017.

PLEASE NOTE

The Mass Intention Book for 2017 will be open from **October 24th to October 27th** - all Masses must be scheduled during this time. No scheduled Mass Intentions will be taken after **October 27th.**

Two Masses Only

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL

SURF & TURF BINGO: at Nativity on **Sunday, October 23rd at 1 p.m.** Doors open 11:30 a.m. \$25 Fifteen regular games; Four Specials; Jackpot extra! Homemade foods and goodies. For more information or questions, please call Diane 570-294-0551.

MEET & GREET EVENT: on **Sunday, October 30th at 6 p.m.** in the school cafeteria, for 7th and 8th grade parents and students. Administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and Board members will be on hand to discuss academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. No pre-registration is required. For questions please contact the school 570-622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net.

NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP: sponsored by Nativity Alumni Assoc. on **Saturday, November 5th.** Enjoy a free day in New York. Cost \$42. For more information or reservations call Greg at 570-622-1859.

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

The St. Joseph Center for Special Learning Diamond Gala will be held on **Friday, October 21** at Mountain Valley Golf Course. During the event, St. Joseph Center will honor Mrs. Marie Flynn as the Ambassador of the Year. Please call (570) 622-4638 for reservations.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...

Saturday and Sunday, November 12 & 13

'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 5th & 6th.

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** and **Gift Certificates** 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**

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 !!!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Adelphia	Gift Certificate
Jen, Dirk, Rex Berger	Children Games, Jewelry
BG's	Gift Certificate
CCD Staff	Brownie Baking Bsk.
Costas Candy	Club Sandwiches
Dairy Queen	Gift Certificates
Father Dave	Soup/Bake Basket
Friendly's	Gift Certificate
Friends of St. John's	\$150.00
Sandy & Joe Frinzi	Sports Tubs (2)
Karla Garland	Basket of Sunshine

Joyce & John Gerace
Heaven & Earth Salon
Joanne & Sterling Hepler

Philosophy Basket
Facial Gift Basket
\$50.00

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Lucilla Kochol	Barbie Basket
IMO Anna Kurtek	\$25.00
John & Pat Kutch	Costas Candy Basket
Larry & Sharon Lonergan	\$100.00
M/M James Loeper	\$25.00
Fran Lorenz	\$35.00
Fred & Hilda Maley	Large Baskets
Miller's Distributing	Topps 2015 Cards
Momma Mia's	\$15.00
Momma Millie's	Bakery Tray
Barbara Munster	QVC/Sheetz Basket
Kathy & Al Norkus	Ninja Coffee Bar
John & Patty O'Neill	Harley Davidson Bsk.
Palermo's	Gift Certificate
Parishioners	Longaberger Cake Bsk.
Parishioners	Tea Time Basket
Parishioners	Salsa/Chip&Dip Bsk.
Plachko, Bohorad, Painter, Gerchak, Wapinsky, Kalinich,	(3) Wine Baskets
Direnzo, Brennan Families	2 lb. Candy
Rodnick's Discount Groceries	Gift Certificate
Roma Pizzeria	Baby Basket
Mary Lou Roeder	Tastes of Fall Bsk.
Kay & Bob Russell	Pfaltzgraf Winterberry, Perfume
Joanie Scheetz	Movie Night Basket
Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz	Little Peace Farm 1/2 Share
Scheidel Family	Various Gift Items
Rosann Sitkus	\$120 Lottery Tree
St. John's CYO Volleyball	\$50 Dunkin Donuts
St. John's Family Guild	Gift Card & Bracelet
Sophy Jewelers	Gift Card
The Spa @ McCann	Everything Chocolate
Dorothy & Joe Stangl	Gift Certificate
Uma Hibachi Steak House	Wine Basket
Luis & Virginia Visot	Gift Certificate
Weis Markets	Steelers Snack Basket
Toni & Carl Wiest	\$25 Olive Garden Gift Cert
David & Tyler Wilson	\$20 Five Below Gift Cert (2)
David & Tyler Wilson	\$50 Lottery Tickets, Bsk.
Joe & Barbara Wollyung	Door Decoration
Yorkville Drug Store	Yuengling Basket
Yuengling's	\$50.00
J. Robert & Ellen Zane	

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**



Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,593.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving

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.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION
90TH ANNIVERSARY**

St. John's Catholic Women's Union celebrated their 90th Anniversary on September 28th. The evening began with Fr. Dave celebrating Mass at 6 p.m. followed by a light meal. The buffet



table featured a blue and white floral arrangement which was placed at the Blessed Mother's altar in the main church after the

celebration. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended this wonderful event. Joan Deiter, Frances Lorenz and Dorothy Stangl were hostesses for the evening.

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 19th - 7 p.m.

Items from the "Harvest" will be donated by members and auctioned off as a fund-raiser. It's a lot of fun! Our auctioneer is our own Dorothy Hahner Stangl. All members are welcome to participate with harvest donations or as a prospective buyer. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Karla Garland at 570-622-3776.



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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 7/8: \$ 4,909.08

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 ...

Monday, October 24th

7:00 p.m. – Rectory Fellowship Room

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

SPIRIT 2016 – ENCOUNTER MERCY & TRUTH

The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference will be **Saturday, November 5th** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at DeSales University. Keynote addresses, exhibits and a Vigil Mass with Bishop Barres. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. Registration fee \$35 and \$10 for high school/college students. More info and to register online visit www.cmfd.org or call 610-289-8900.

ICF 106 *The Church*. The Church is the place of encounter between God and His people on earth. This course will provide a brief overview of the origins of the Church; Her identity as One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic; and what it means to be "the Body of Christ" on earth. Presented by Mary Ellen Johns and is scheduled from 7 to 9:00 p.m. on **Thursdays, October 27, November 3, 10 & 17** at Nativity BVM High School, Pottsville. Cost: \$30. To register visit www.allentowndiocese.org/icf.

ICF Courses are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the Faith. There are no prerequisites for these courses.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Pray always without becoming weary, Jesus explains in a parable today. Spouses who take this message to heart can grow in faith and love by praying together daily. Attend a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend

to strengthen prayer in your marriage. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

WINE FESTIVAL sponsored by St. Ambrose Men's Club on **Saturday, October 22nd** from 11 a.m. thru 5 p.m. Tickets: \$20.00; Advance \$15.00; For more information please call 570-385-1031.

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER on **Sunday, October 23rd** from noon to 3 p.m. at St. Richard's Church, 799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville. Tickets \$10 each. Take outs also available. Call 570-467-2315 for tickets or more info.

"MEN WHO COOK" sponsored by Knights of Columbus Schuylkill Council 431 on **Sunday, October 30th** from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., hosted by The Greystone Restaurant. Tickets \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door. For tickets or more information, call Mike 294-1780 or Greg 449-2590.

VENDOR & CRAFT PARTY sponsored by St. Patrick's Church, Pottsville on **Sunday, October 30th** from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Parish Center. Free admission; foods available for purchase; great shopping opportunities with great vendors.

FLAME OF LOVE MOVEMENT hosted by Holy Cross Church in New Philadelphia on **Saturday, November 5th** from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Flame of Love Movement. is Mary's "Urgent Cause" to save souls! Mass, Talks and Lunch provided. Please RSVP by October 31 to aahanlon@aol.com or call 570-449-7678.

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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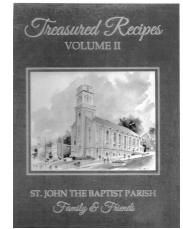
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ST. JOHN'S TREASURED RECIPES '175TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK SPECIAL'

BUY ONE GET ONE HALF OFF

!!
510 Recipes from over 100 Parishioners ... great gift idea ... Hostess, Christmas, Birthday, Anniversary any occasion is a reason A gift that will keep on giving for years to come!



\$20.00 a book / \$30.00 for Two Books
(Call the Rectory 622-5470 or Sandy at 739-1630)

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thank you for doing the small things, like feeding your neighbors, with great love. God bless.

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Canned Fruit
Broth	Macaroni & Cheese
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Hot Chocolate
Hot Cereal packages	Apple Sauce
Cereal - boxed	Vegetable - Canned
Beef Stew	Spaghetti
Soups	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Jelly

Canned Sweet Potatoes

Needed Items of the Month: Canned Soups & Gravy

PLEASE - NO OUTDATED ITEMS

Please Do Not donate any nutritional drinks

(Ensure, etc.)

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the 10th Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

LUTHER RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

providing support for Caregivers who are assisting someone with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, cancer or other chronic illnesses. Caregivers are making a difference in their loved one's life and we want to make a difference in theirs by providing a safe place where you can go to get some support, feedback and most importantly some relief.

Wednesday, October 19th 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Guest facilitator: Ellen Popson, LPN-LIFE Geisinger
Topic: Dementia and Alzheimer's

Feel free to "RSVP" to these events by contacting us at 570-621-7200 or via email at Melissa.E.Clarke@consulatehc.com

Luther Ridge is located on the Gordon Nagle Trail at 160 Red Horse Road, Pottsville.
