

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Real life takes a toll on all of us. As we age, we surrender our youth, our health, even body parts that get replaced if we can afford it. Dentures, hearing aids, a hair piece, a prosthetic limb are all signs of that diminishment. But loss can be gained if we also surrender our pride, our capacity for sins that could hurt us spiritually or in our relationships.

This Sunday's gospel warns us to avoid sin at all costs: "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." The passage goes on to say that the same applies to your foot or to your eye.

In the end, it is to lock off what would have weighed us down or tripped us up. Travel light, let go, avoid what is harmful, go swiftly home to God's all-embracing love.

Yours in Christ,  
*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28 – 9:00 a.m.

ELEANOR POTHERING (George Pothering)

Tuesday – September 29 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH & SARAH FRY

Wednesday, September 30 – 9:00 a.m.

DR. DAVID HARVEY (Mike & Maria Kletzli)

Thursday, October 1 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH & JESSIE RITZEL (Joan Ritzel)

Friday, October 2 – 9:00 a.m.

LORETTA QUINN (David & Christine Ambrose)

Saturday – October 3 – 5:00 p.m.

SYLVIA BERCHER (Bercher Family)

Sunday – October 4 – 8:15 a.m.

KEVIN & THOMASON, LINDA WOODYATT  
(Dorothy Ryan Family)

Sunday – October 4 – 10:30 a.m.

GEORGE MINCHOFF (Rita Lotz)

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### MARRIED IN CHRIST



We extend our warmest congratulations to **Regina Rinaldo & Derek Wozniski** who were joined in Holy Matrimony last weekend in the presence of Father Dave. They are called now to total dedication to each other. May their love each day draw them closer to God and to each other.

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### FLOWER DONATIONS

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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.



## SCHEDULE

**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5:00 p.m. – Saturday – October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Reader:** Carol Lasco

**Euch.Min.:** Paul Filiac, Ray Petrilla

**Servers:** Ethan Meyer, Stephen Messina, Isabelle Myers

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

**8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Michelle Ambrose

**Euch.Min.:** Kathy Vicic, Mike Ambrose

**Servers:** Caroline Gist, Madeline Consugar, Julia Botto

**Cantor:** Debbie Purcell

**10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Mary Matulevich

**Euch.Min.:** Debbie Guers, Bobbi Murray

**Servers:** Megan Dalton, Dylan Bohorad, Lucy Murray

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

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### CANDLE INTENTIONS

**BVM** – Special Intention by Sharon Post

**St. Joseph** - Parishioners of St. John's

**Tabernacle** - IMO Lisa Depsky by Ted Gurecki Jr.

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO Clarence Morgans by Chick & Herb Tamburelli

2. IMO Bob Phillips by Chick & Herb Tamburelli

3. Special Intention

4. IMO Joseph Rosenberger by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. IMO George Klassen Jr. by Family

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### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**III** – Scott Forney & Ashley Felker

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### WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Suzanne Hedemann** to St. John's Parish Family.

Suzanne is employed by the Pottsville

School District in the cafeteria. Her son **Chase** attends kindergarten.



Warmly embrace them into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 928 E. Norwegian St., Pottsville 17901

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### 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:** Margie Glunz, Martha Golden, Theresa & Joseph Tuite, Fred Maskerines, Margaret Pfluger, Bob Post, Al Hauptly, Amanda Nastasi, Carl Bartholomew.

**Come See Pope Francis  
on the large screen at  
Steel Stacks in Bethlehem  
Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

12 noon until 8 p.m.

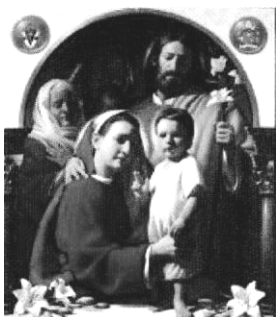
Join our Diocesan family in celebration  
of Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia

- 12:00 Noon – Outdoor Diocesan Mass at the Levitt Pavilion
- Music, food, and fun for all ages
- 4:00 p.m. live streaming of Papal Mass from Philadelphia on three jumbotron screens

In case of inclement weather, this event in its entirety will be held indoors.

*(Please note that viewing the Papal Mass on the jumbo screens at Steel Stacks does not fulfill one's Sunday obligation to attend Mass.)*

**THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES  
OFFICIAL PRAYER**



God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, You have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church. May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel. May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of

your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live your love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!**

**Next Week's Readings**

**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (Oct. 3 & 4)

**Reading I:** Genesis 2:18-24

**Reading II:** Hebrews 2:9-11

**Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

**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!

**PARENT MEETING  
FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Parent(s) are required to attend this meeting scheduled for ...

**Wednesday – September 30<sup>th</sup>  
7 p.m. – Longinus Hall**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**Confirmation will be conferred  
at St. John's on .....**

**Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**FAMILY MATTERS**

**Athletes and Sports.** Lord, we ask you to bless all our children who are involved in sports and athletic competition. Give them (and us) a right attitude about competition on and off the playing field. We ask that all be healthy and safe in their activities. We pray this week that all of our parish students and families give witness to the true values of sportsmanship through these activities.

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

**ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL**

We welcome any new registrations for the 2015-2016 school year for Grades K through 8. Please call the school office at 570-622-0106 to schedule a visit.


**Gift certificates** for groceries, gas, and other necessities are sold in the school office. Gift certificates are also available to help with tuition. No gift is more valuable than the gift of education. Please call Assumption BVM School office to inquire about our certificate programs.

**SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION**

You are reminded that it is important to bring your children to Sunday Liturgy during the summer months. We are asking that you or your child fill out a Mass Attendance slip and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. If you are attending another Church please bring a copy of the bulletin from that Church.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

*I attended Mass today*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 

At \_\_\_\_\_  
(Church)

Mass Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If at another Parish Church, please have celebrant sign below and return or have a bulletin signed.

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...  
**Saturday and Sunday, November 14 & 15**

*'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.*

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 25<sup>th</sup>.**

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, **FOOD** including Roast Turkey Platters, Hamburgers, Barbecue, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, Soups, etc., and our delicious **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.... [stjbp parish@comcast.net](mailto:stjbp parish@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 ...**

Jennifer & Dirk Berger	Children's Basket, Pizza Paddle, Baskets
CCD Staff	Slow Cooker Basket
Charlie's Subs & Pizza	Gift Certificates
Joyce & John Gerace	Comforter Set
Lori Gurlavage Pontician	Baskets
Sterling & Joanne Hepler	\$100.00
Al & Kathy Norkus	Kitchen Aide Mixer
Dorothy & Joe Stangl	Entertainment Basket
Luis R.&Virginia Visot	Wine Basket

## CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

**Friday – October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4 to 7 p.m.**

**Saturday – October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8 a.m. to 12 noon**

**at the Russell Building**

## DESSERTS / BAKED GOODS NEEDED ....



If you would like to donate a dessert item for our **Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale**, you can drop it off at the Russell Building during the above times. Thank you in advance for your

generosity!

## 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 20<sup>th</sup>** 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-AWAY Purchases too, so great for early Christmas shopping!

**PASSES ARE AVAILABLE  
AT THE RECTORY OFFICE**

**PRE-SALE** for St. John's will also be available at Boscov's on October 2, 17 ... **OR** by contacting Sandy @570-739-1630 or see me after Mass!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Friends Helping Friends! Let us help you!

Won't you help us?

**St. John's Parish Family**

## Treasured Recipes Volume II Cookbook



Books are available at the Rectory during the week or by calling Sandy at 570-739-1630.

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### **FAITH & SPIRITS – MARIAN APPARITIONS AND MIRACLES**

Join us on **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Vito's Coal Fired Pizza and Restaurant in St. Clair. What Promises has Mary made to us? Is Mary active today? How do we know what Apparitions are legitimate? These questions and more will be discussed at our upcoming Faith and Spirits! There is no charge for attending Faith and Spirits. Vito's will have menus available for ordering food and drink at your expense. For more information visit <http://www.allentowndioocese.org/aff>. Questions call 610-289-8900 ext. 21 or email [adultformation@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:adultformation@allentowndioocese.org).

### **NEW SERIES – APOLOGETICS FORUM**

The Catholic Faith Explained — Marriage and the Family — Presented by Dr. Joshua Schulz of DeSales University, this timely discussion will take place shortly after the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, and during the Synod on the Family at the Vatican! Dr. Schulz will address the topics of same-sex marriage, cohabitation, and contraception. Bring your questions! The discussion will begin at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 7** at St. Michael's Parish Center of Queenship Parish, 829 Main St. in Northampton. Any questions can be directed to the Office of Adult Formation at [adultformation@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:adultformation@allentowndioocese.org) or 610-289-8900 ext. 21.

### **COMMISSION FOR WOMEN – EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**

to take place on **Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown. All women of the Diocese are invited to gather to pray for the success of the "Synod of Bishops on the Family" which is taking place in Rome. The evening will consist of Exposition, Reflection and Benediction. Rev. Msgr. Alfred A. Schlert will preside. Light refreshments will follow in the Parish Center. No registration is required. Hope to see you there!

### **HEALING MASS**

All are invited, especially those individuals who have experienced trauma, to join in prayer with Bishop John O. Barres as Celebrant and Msgr. Walter Scheaffer as homilist on **Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** at the Sacred Heart Parish, 243 Lafayette Avenue, Palmerton. 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 8:30p.m.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 19/20: \$ 5,563.00

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### **INSTITUTE FOR CATECHESIS AND FORMATION**

Course Offering — ICF 105 — **Christian Morality**. This course provides an introduction to the fundamental teachings of Catholic morality and its foundations in Sacred Scripture, Tradition and Natural Law. Participants will examine virtue, conscience formation and make application to contemporary moral issues in the areas of health care, sexuality and social justice. One Great course — Three locations! Wednesdays, September 30, October 7, 14, & 21: 7 PM — 9 PM at Berks Catholic; or Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15 & 22: 7 PM — 9 PM at Bethlehem Catholic or Marian High School. Cost: \$30. To register visit [www.allentowndioocese.org/icf](http://www.allentowndioocese.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.\***

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

### **Open Hours with Jesus**

*"Where your treasure is, there is your heart..." "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mt 6:21; 26:40)*

The following are the times which need coverage.

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>3 a.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2 a.m. &amp; 3 a.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2 a.m. &amp; 4 p.m.</b>

If you can help, please call:

*Albert 573-0036 or Aleece 449-7678*



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**THANK YOU** to *Rosemary and Bob Lynn* for their donation of the new Stations of the Cross for our Chapel. This donation was made in memory of Rosemary's mother, **Mary Yanushefsky**. Thank you very much for your generosity.

**OUTREACH MINISTRY:** REACH OUT and TOUCH SOMEONE. St. John's





OutReach Ministry can help with light housekeeping, grocery shopping, transportation, meals, etc.

Volunteers are always needed. Call Margie Glunz at 622-3067 anytime with your needs and concerns.

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## 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."*

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### NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**ST. PAULINE VISITAINER** ... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass followed by Veneration of the first-class relic of St. Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics and of all who are sick at Our Lady's Chapel in St. Patrick's Church on **Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.**

**FISH / CRAB DINNER** sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Minersville on **Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Eat-in or Take-out at the parish center cafeteria. Ticket required – Cost \$10.00. Tickets available at church or parish office 544-4741 or call Peg at 544-4407.

**SOUP & BAKE SALE** sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish in Minersville on **Friday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; **Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>** after 4 p.m. Mass; **Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>** after 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses at the Parish Center, 120 Oak St. For more information please call 544-2211.

**HARVEST-FEST** sponsored by St. Mary's Church in Hamburg on **Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** (4 to 9 p.m.) and **Saturday, October 3** (12 to 9 p.m.) Food, fun and activities for all ages! Oldies band on Friday; Golden Tones Polka Band on Saturday. Polka Mass at 4:30 p.m. For more info call 610-562-7657 or [www.rc.net/allentown/stmaryhamb](http://www.rc.net/allentown/stmaryhamb).

**SHOWER OF ROSES FESTIVAL** on **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** at St. Francis of Assisi Parish at the Shrine of St. Therese, 15 E. Garibaldi Ave. in Nesquehoning. Mass 1 p.m. with Rev. Msgr. Alfred Schlert as Celebrant. Procession 3 p.m.; recital of the Rosary; Benediction at 4 p.m.; Shower of Blessings from Heaven at 5 p.m. For more information contact 570-669-6075 or [straussrv@hotmail.com](mailto:straussrv@hotmail.com) or [littleflowerassociation@gmail.com](mailto:littleflowerassociation@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.shrineofsainttherese.com](http://www.shrineofsainttherese.com)

**PENN'S PEAK TRIP** sponsored by St. Patrick's seniors on **Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** to see and hear the great music of the Glenn Miller Band. \$75.00. For

reservations and information, please call Joan at 622-7229 or Alberta at 449-8296.

**VATICAN SPLENDORS** bus trip sponsored by St. Matthew's Travelers on **Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** to Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. Cost \$60. For more information and reservations please call Julie at 544-5231 or Millie at 618-5413.

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### FOOD COLLECTION

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
Canned Gravy	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Canned Sweet Potatoes	

**PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS  
NEEDED - "Soups"**

**Please Do Not donate any nutritional drinks  
(Ensure, etc.)**

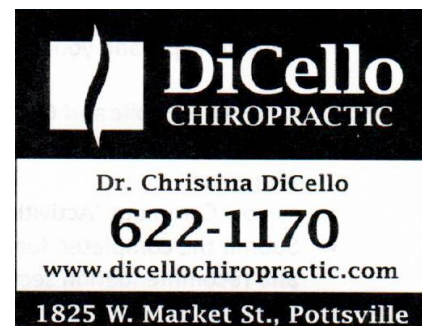
Kindly place your donations in the basket at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

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### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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**POTTSVILLE LIBRARY EVENTS** The Fall session is  
going on now. We have story times for toddlers and  
preschoolers; a Lego Club and after school program on  
Thursdays for school age kids; and a writing club, a  
drawing club, and teen advisory board for young adults.  
Please call 570-622-8880 or visit  
[www.pottsvillelibrary.org](http://www.pottsvillelibrary.org).  
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