

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Blind Bartimaeus knew he had only one chance to regain his sight. Jesus had cured others, he could cure him. The blind man heard the crowds and knew Jesus was near. He also knew that once Jesus passed him by, there would be no more hope of ending the darkness. It was now or never. He had to find Jesus.

We all know that life must end in death. But until that day we still have a chance to encounter Jesus in our lives. Every new day is another new chance to find Him. Human nature lulls us with "I still have lots of time, I will do it tomorrow." But, in the fine print of our lives, Matthew says, "Therefore, stay awake, you know neither the day nor the hour."

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – October 29 – 9:00 a.m.

JAMES CAVANAUGH (Ed Hahner Jr.)

Tuesday, October 30 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES LORENZ (Wayne Shinski)

Wednesday – October 31 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN J. CARROLL Sr.(Family)

ALL SAINTS DAY

Thursday, November 1

9:00 a.m.

FLORENCE LESCAVAGE (Martin & Linda Smith)

5:15 p.m.

KATHY NORKUS (Mary & Charles Tamburelli)

Friday, November 2 – 9:00 a.m.

ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Saturday, November 3 – 5:00 p.m.

WILLIAM "BILL" FLYNN (Anonymous)

Sunday, November 4 – 8:15 a.m.

CECELIA WEISS (Mr.&Mrs. Joseph Soditis)

Sunday, November 4 – 10:30 a.m.

DEC. OF JOHN & GRETCHEN LIEBERMAN

FAMILY (Lieberman 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: Angela Pfeil Hamm, Theresa Tuite, Joe Brahler, Bill Webber, Karen Modesto, Tom Jefferson.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 20/21: \$ 4,006.00; Missions: \$ 1,302.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO John J. Carroll Sr. by Family

St. Joseph – IMO Barbara & Carl Weiss

by Sandy Clauser

Tabernacle - IMO Barbara & Carl Weiss

by Sandy Clauser

Sanctuary

1. IMO James Cavanaugh by Family

2. IMO Francis King by Grace King

3&4. IMO Paul & Jennie Elison by Tom & Cindy Elison

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Francis & Arlene Smith

by Tom & Cindy Elison

SCHEDULE

ALL SAINTS DAY

9:00 a.m. – Thursday – November 1st

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Bill Schweikert

Servers: Brandon & Andrew Smith, Joshua Steffan

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

5:15 p.m. – Thursday – November 1st

Reader: Paul Gombola

Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz

Servers: Nathan & Aliyah Peckman, Olivia Tokonitz

Cantor: Mary Bound

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – November 3rd

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Dominic Chiplonia, Molly Zwiebel

Servers: Macie Rushannon, Madison Ryan,

Brooke Siket

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – November 4th

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz, Nicholas Quinn

Servers: Connor McNamara, Allegra Hossler,

Luke Schane

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – November 4th

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: John Ventura, Joseph Rehnert

Servers: Dylan Bohorad, Lauren & Kelly Goodman

Cantor: Dave Derbes

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

Please drop your All Souls Day envelope in the collection or at the rectory **before November 1st** so your intentions can be placed on the altar for All Souls Day. Additional envelopes for your intentions can be found at the church exits.

A friend owes kindness to one in despair ... Job 6:14

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When does being Jesus' disciple require courage?

Next Week's Readings

ALL SAINTS DAY

Reading I: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (November 3/4)

Reading I: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Reading II: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

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.

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:

Thursday 4 a.m.;

Friday 12 a.m. & 6 a.m. & 10 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.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers those who during the past year have completed their pilgrimage of faith on earth.

January – November 2018

Mary Alfonsi

Catherine Bowers

Dominic DeFrank

Patricia Hahner

Helen Krupa

John Lieberman IV

Frederick Montag

Dorothy Prokop

Theresa Mary Rinaldo

Verna Sauers

Gerald Schoenauer

Charles Tamburelli

Candida Webber

The Lord is my strength and my shield

... with my song I praise my God.

.... Psalm 28:7

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

October

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.

November

1 All Saints Day – Masses 9 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.

2 All Souls Day – Mass 9 a.m.

3/4 Christmas Bazaar Preview after all Masses

4 Adult Faith Formation – 4:30 p.m. – F.R.

6 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

8 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.

10/11 Christmas Bazaar

13 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

14 St. John's Beneficial Society Mtg. – 8 p.m.-FR

14 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. L.H.

15 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.

17/18 Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses

18 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.

20 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

22 Thanksgiving Day – Mass 9 a.m.

27 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

29 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.

30 First Penance Rehearsal – 7 p.m.

December

1 First Penance – 10 a.m.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

A special "thank you" goes out to parishioner, **Sandy Frinzi**, who took care of the Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* certificates.

Also, those who helped Sandy ... **Judy Meseravage, Reene Reddington, and Cathy Muscavage.**

Over \$2,290 was raised for St. John's parish.

Thank you for all your hard work and time in selling these certificates to help out our parish.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Michele Peleschak** and her daughters, **Emily & Olivia** to St. John's Parish Family. Michele is employed as an occupation therapist at Geisinger. Emily & Olivia attend Pottsville School District.

Warmly embrace the **Peleschak's** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to **2137 Mahantongo St., Pottsville, Pa. 17901**



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

20th Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 10th – 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 11th – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Preview weekend is November 3rd & 4th)

(Chances can be purchased at this time.)

Helping hands are always welcome. If you can volunteer or have any questions, please call the Rectory 622-5470 x 3.

Hot Roast Turkey Platters

will be available after 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday and on Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass. (Take-outs are also available.)

Hot Roast Turkey Platters include:

Turkey Breast / Gravy
Mashed Potatoes / Vegetable / Applesauce or Cranberries
Dessert & Beverage

A la Carte

Homemade Soups, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, Sirloin Burgers, Beef BBQ, Bleenies, Desserts, Beverages
(Prices will be posted)

ATTENTIONALL BAKERS, CANDY MAKERS

Baked Goods and Candy are needed for our **Baked Goods Stand** at the Christmas Bazaar on **November 10th & 11th**. All donations are most appreciated!

DESSERTS NEEDED We are grateful for any dessert you would be willing to make to be served with our Roast Turkey Platters ... jello, pudding, tapioca. Sugar-free desserts are also needed.



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

All Saints – Communion of Saints – Saints in one's own family. We are called to be saints. Can you imagine one of your family members as a saint? We pray today Lord for all those who have gone before us who were witnesses to their faith by their actions, as well as their words. Saints of God, pray for us.

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

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Vince Albo	\$30.00
Beehive	Beauty Basket
Beer Shak	Beer Shak Bucket
Bella's/Kemfort's Cottage	Christmas Sleigh
Carolyn Bernatonis	Handmade Totes
BG's	Gift Card
Blu Tavern	Gift Card
Mary Bound	Kitchen Basket, Crafts
Mary Bound	Yuengling Tree
Mary Bound	Coke Cola Tree
BrokSel	Gift Card
Joan Bowers	Wine & Snack Bskt.
Catholic Women's Union	\$25.00 Sponsor
CCD Staff	Lottery Basket
Crimson House	Gift Card
Janet Daubert	Wine Bskt.
Evelyn DeJesus&AnnMarie DeFrank	Wine/Chocolate
Peggy Ebling	\$25.00 Boyer's - G.C.
Father Dave	Echo Dot
Father Dave	Soup&Beverage Basket
Empire Beauty School	Gift Card
Karla Garland	Merry Red Christmas
Joyce & John Gerace	\$50.00 Sponsor
Giant	Gift Card
Lori Gurlavage	Wine/Lottery Bskt.
Hadesty's	Electric Drill
Mary Beth Harvey	Original Painting/Cards
Heaven & Earth	Gift Card
Hughes Family	Fall/Wine, Lottery Bsk.
Sue & Ric Jochems	Lavendar Hill Farm Bsk
K & S Warehouse	Fall Centerpiece
Ketner & Brennan Families	Lottery Frame \$60
Lucilla Kochol	Christmas Basket, Crafts
IMO Dorothy Blum (Kurtek's)	Wine Bskt.
Lieberman, Tamulonis, Hobbs	Estate Planning
Lieberman, Tamulonis, Hobbs	\$100.00 Sponsor
Eric Lieberman	\$50.00 Sponsor
Mary Lipton/Patty Markovich	Santa Helper Bskt.
Sharon & Larry Lonergan	\$100.00 Wine & Spirits
Frances Lorenz	\$25.00 Sponsor
Chris Maccarone	Patriotic Wreath
Majestic Theatre	Gift Card
Neil & Frances Manus	\$25.00 Sponsor
Sharon & Lou Miller	\$40.00 Vito's 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 Oil Bottles
Patty & John O'Neill	Dental Basket
Patty & John O'Neill	Coffee & More Bskt.
Palermo's	Gift Card

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Parishioners	Oven to Table Bskt.
Parishioners	Taco/Salsa Bskt.
Mary & Bob Porter	\$50.00 Sponsor
Pottsville Zone	Gift Card
Pat & Bill Pugh	\$25.00 Giant Gift Card
Pat & Bill Pugh	\$25.00 Olive Garden
Nicholas Quinn	\$35.00 Sponsor
Carole Quirin	Wreaths, Various Crafts
Carole & Ed Quirin	Lottery Tree
Carol Quirin/Pat Scheetz	Baking Basket
Carol Rehnert	Hand Crocheted Afghan
Rodnick's Store	Candy
Mary Lou Roeder	Baby Bskt/Dishcloths
Cathy Satterwhite	Rum & Coke Bskt.
Missy Scheetz	Christmas Blankets
Pat Scheetz	Kitchen Basket
Scheidel Family	Little Peace Farm Share
Lucy Scheidel & Barbara Schoenauer	Pink Fun Bskt.
Gerry Schwartz	School/Lunch Tote
Serendipity	Christmas Bskt.
Natalie Setlock	Little Girl's Bskt.
Rosann Sitkus	Comfy Bskt.
Linda & Martin Smith	\$50 Ruby Tuesday
Sophy Jewelers	Gift Card & Bracelet
Dorothy & Joseph Stangl	\$25.00 Sponsor
Dianne Stoudt	\$50.00 Sponsor
Strike Zone Alley	Family Party Pkg.
Subway (Minersville)	Gift Card
Jackie Szeliga	31 Bskt.
Janet Thomas	Afghan
Tony's Market	Gift Card
Visot's	Wine Basket
Weis	Gift Card
Toni & Carl Wiest	\$100.00 Sponsor
Joanne Wood	Lego Bskt.
Joe & Barbara Wollyung	\$50.00 Sponsor
Ellen & J.Robert Zane	\$50.00 Sponsor
Chris Zanis & Nora Chiplonia	Gift Card Wreath \$100
Kathy & George Zwiebel	Relax Tea/Biscuit Bskt.

THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL



The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will deliver a Turkey Dinner complete with Turkey, Filling, Yams, Gravy, Vegetable and Dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day. If you or someone you know is in need of a meal, please call either 570-691-1429 or 570-773-0627 or 570-516-9514 or 570-628-3333 or you can contact us at KofC431@yahoo.com.

Closing date to order is November 15th at 5 p.m.

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: Stuffing Mix & Gravy

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

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE –Spiritual

Combat: Armed with the Spirit – This year's Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, November 3**, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at DeSales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a Vigil Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. General Admission is \$40 and the High School/College rate is \$15. For more info or to register visit www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference. Questions: mensconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2028.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER ... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Monday, October 29th at 5 p.m.** 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.

CHINESE AUCTION ... to benefit St. Nicholas School in Minersville on **Sunday, November 4th** at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Doors open 10 a.m.; Auction begins at 1 p.m. "Browse & Bid" on Saturday, November 3rd from 4 to 7 p.m. Fabulous prizes; unique theme baskets; Homemade food and much more! Donation \$5.00. For more info please call 544-2800 or 544-4581.