

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The ever-popular Peanuts cartoon features Charlie Brown with his dog named Snoopy. The dog inspired creator Charles Schultz to design a poster of Snoopy as “the perfect friend.” The poster shows a line pointing to Snoopy’s head with a caption, “full of great advice.” The line pointing to his eyes says, “always happy to see you.” Another line points to his mouth, “loves to share a smile.” The shoulders are captioned, “available to lean on.” His chest is labeled, “warm spot here for you.” His paw says, “good for holding and helping.” And, the final line to his feet reads, “for standing by your side.”

This Sunday’s gospel tells us: “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” We are invited to pray publicly with each other. Jesus is there in our midst. He is a great friend and comfort. Beyond all that Snoopy could never be, Jesus is the most perfect friend.

Yours in Christ,

**Father Dave**

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – September 11 – 9:00 a.m.

M/M THOMAS FRANCIS (Francis Family)

Tuesday – September 12 – 9:00 a.m.

RAMON GRAPSY (Joan Grapsy)

Wednesday, September 13 -- 9:00 a.m.

JOHN & LORRAINE TASSO

Thursday – September 14 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH & SARAH FRY

Friday – September 15 – 9:00 a.m.

CATHERINE SCHWEIKERT (Bill Schweikert)

Saturday, September 16 – 5 p.m.

DECEASED OF BARONE & SCHMITT FAMILY

(Shawn Schmitt)

Sunday – September 17 – 8:15 a.m.

JAMES & HAROLD BARTHOLOMEW

(Frances Lorenz)

Sunday – September 17 – 10:30 a.m.

LORETTA & HARRY BOYER (John & Pat Kutch)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - IMO R.J. Post by Bob & Irene Post

**St. Joseph** – For Mary Menchinsky

by Joseph & Melissa Palmieri

**Tabernacle** – For Allie by Karla Garland

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO Mary Hahner by Family

2. All Families by Joseph & Melissa Palmieri

3&4. Special Intention by Lynda Crighton

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

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## SCHEDULE

24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – September 16<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Patty O’Neill

**Euch.Min.:** Donna Connors, Robert Wollyung

**Servers:** Cooper Chiplonia, Ethan Grabowski, Brandon Smith

**Cantor:** Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – September 17<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Bill Gianfagna

**Euch.Min.:** Paul Gombola, Bob Bechtel

**Servers:** Connor, Bennett, Lukas McNamara

**Cantor:** Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – September 17<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Mary Matulevich

**Euch.Min.:** Joe Rehnert, Bobbi Murray

**Servers:** Sophie Murray, Aliyah & Nathan Peckman

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

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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:** Fred & Magdalene Maskerines, Mary Connell, Jerry Schoenauer, Dorothy Blum, Toni Wiest, Carl Forster, Ray Dee, Doug Broughton, Dorothy Prokop, James Pauly, Michelle Ambrose, Jaimie Brahler, Charles Daubert. **Deceased:** Josephine Kochol.

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### WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S

This week we welcome **Robert and Amy Dusel** and their daughter, **Adalaine**, to St. John’s Parish Family. Robert is a Physical Therapist and Amy is a Physical Therapist Assistant and Photographer.



Warmly embrace the **Dusel’s** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John’s Hospitality by writing to 249 Pike St., Port Carbon 17965.

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### 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!

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**September 2/3: \$ 4,522.41; Dues: \$1,604.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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### WELCOMING MASS

The Schuylkill Deanery will welcome newly ordained **Bishop Alfred Schlert** as our new Bishop of Allentown with a **Welcoming Mass** on **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.** in **St. Clare of Assisi Church**, Mill & Hancock Sts., St. Clair. There is a parish parking lot at Mill & Carroll Sts, half a block from church. Church is handicap accessible and an attendant will be on duty to assist people on the lift.

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you experience Jesus in the midst of your family? Your parish? Your neighborhood?

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### Next Week's Readings

**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (September 16/17)

**Reading I:** Sirach 27:30-28:7

**Reading II:** Romans 14:7-9;

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

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### GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR MEN

As Christian men we are called to live out the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is especially hard to do it alone and to keep our lives in balance. We invite all men in the parish to come and give this program a try. The format is a Gospel Reflection, a reading of the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, afterwards a brief moment of reflection, spontaneous discussion of how that reading impacts each of us at that moment and in our lives today. **This is NOT a Bible study group** ... the Holy Spirit will be the teacher! We will also pray for your intentions at the end of each session.

**When:** Tuesdays --- 7 to 8 p.m.

**Subject:** the impact of the Gospel reading for each man's heart, mind and life expressed in his own words.

**Preparation:** bring a copy of the Gospel Reflection Sheet from website ... [Stewardshipmission.org](http://Stewardshipmission.org)

For any question or more information, please contact Bill Gianfagna (573-0105) or Luis R. Visot (622-8798).

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### DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

#### Open Hours with Jesus

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. When you want to find me, come near the tabernacle." ...Padre Pio

**We need adorers for the following hours:**

**Tuesday 4 a.m.; Wednesday 12 & 1 a.m.**

**Friday 5 & 7 p.m.; Saturday 1 & 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 Albert 573-0036 or Aleece 449-7678.*

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### PARISH COUNCIL

St. John's Parish Council will meet .....

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.**

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There are two ways that any parishioner may raise a question or concern or make recommendations.

1. Parishioners may approach any Parish Council Member listed below and ask that a question, concern, etc. be brought up at the meeting.
2. Parishioners may write their concerns, etc. and put it (them) in the suggestion box provided in the rear of the church. These may be signed or unsigned. They will then be brought up at the Council meeting.

### Elected Members

Bob Bechtel  
Nora Chipiona  
John Consugar  
Paul Datte  
Janet Daubert  
Robert DeColli Jr.  
Paul Filiac  
Joseph Gerchak \*\*  
Christy Joy  
Alicia Kleman \*\*  
Kevin McNamara  
Al Norkus \*\*  
Patty O'Neill  
Josette Peckman \*\*  
John Powers \*\*  
Nick Quinn

### Appointed Members

Darren DeArment  
Lucilla Kochol  
Connor McNamara \*\*  
Joe Rehnert

### Ex-Officio

Ed Brahler  
Deacon Larry Lonergan  
Deacon Luis R. Visot  
Father Dave Loeper



**\*\*denotes new member**

**Please Note – No Voting:** The Parish Council voting process was adjusted this year as the amount of accepted nominations met the need of the open positions.

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

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### 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.



### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS ...

Get your blood pressure checked in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend, **September 16/17.**

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**ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY** will meet on **Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

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### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

TRUE REFORMERS

THE SAINTS OF THE CATHOLIC REFORMATION

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Looking for something a little different? St. John's Adult Faith Formation is offering a Sunday afternoon study about the true reformers of the Catholic Reformation.

**When:** beginning **September 24th (for six weeks)**

**Time:** 4:30 to 6 p.m.

**Where:** Longinus Hall

**Cost:** \$14.00

This Ignatius press DVD series introduces you to six great saints and how they spearheaded the Church's rebirth after the Protestant Reformation 500 years ago.

We will learn about one woman and five men and how their individual lives were touched by divine grace. Their stories will inspire you today just as they did 500 years ago.

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Thomas More ... the Age of the Author

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
St. Ignatius of Loyola ... Soldier for Christ

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Philip Neri ... The Apostle of Joy

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Charles Borromeo ... the Good Shepherd

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
St. Teresa of Avila ... A study in Perseverance

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Francis De Sales ... Pastor of Souls

**Sign up for this series in the back of church or call the Rectory 622-5470.**

.... St. John's Adult Faith Formation Committee

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD & SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL

will begin on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
at 10:30 a.m. in Longinus Hall  
Registration can also be done at this time.

### NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ....

**GOLF TEAM OUTING** on **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 a.m. (Breakfast); shotgun start at 9 a.m. at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Cost is \$90 per golfer. Cost includes Breakfast Buffet, Green Fees, Gifts, Beverages, Mountain Valley Picnic. To register or sponsor please contact Athletic Director Josh Muldowney 622-8110 or Coach Al Bobinas 728-1389 or email: [NativityGolfTeam@gmail.com](mailto:NativityGolfTeam@gmail.com) All proceeds benefit the Nativity BVM Hill Topper Golf Program.

### St. John's Catholic Women's Union Kauffman's Chicken Barbeque

**Tickets: \$8.00** --- includes ½ Chicken, Baked Potato, Applesauce and Roll.  
**Date: Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**



**Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Place: Former Pizza Hut Parking Lot, Yorkville**

**Pre-Sale:** after all Masses on September 16/17 and September 23/24.

**REMINDER:** to all CWU members --- **deadline** for ticket sales or returns is **September 15th.**

Please contact any Catholic Women's Union member or call **Sharon Miller 622-0516** or **Joan Deiter 622-1381.**

### 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 17<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-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. (except October 5 & 6).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Friends Helping Friends! Let us help you!  
Won't you help us?

### 2017 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Mark your Calendars ....

**Saturday & Sunday, November 11 & 12.**

*(Preview weekend – November 4 & 5.)*

### 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](mailto:stjbparish@comcast.net).



### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

#### September

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| 10    | Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.           |
| 11    | Parish Council Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.             |
| 12    | Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.   |
| 13    | Cemetery Mtg. – 7 p.m. – F.R.                   |
| 13    | St. John's Beneficial Soc. Mtg. – 8 p.m. – F.R. |
| 16/17 | Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses          |

- 19 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 20 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 24 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 24 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:00 p.m. – L.H.
- 26 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 29 Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale – 4 - 7 p.m. – R.B.
- 30 Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale – 8 a.m.-12 .m. – R.B.

\*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall  
 \*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room  
 \*\* R.B. – Russell Building

## CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

**Friday – September 29<sup>th</sup> – 4 to 7 p.m.**

**Saturday – September 30<sup>th</sup> – 8 a.m. to 12 noon  
 at the Russell Building**



Don't miss it !!! If you like yard sales .... this is the place to be. Various items including ... knick-knacks, dishes, kitchen items, jewelry, holiday decorations, framed prints, Wii, special Vintage Section and much, much more, plus foods are available for purchase. Something for everyone!! Join us!! (Questions... call the Rectory 622-5470 ext.3.)

### **DESSERTS/BAKED GOODS NEEDED ...**

If you would like to donate a dessert item for our **Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale**, please drop off at the times listed above or call the rectory 622-5470 ext.3. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### **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.

**FAMILY MATTERS ... Household Chores.** If God is in the ordinary activities of our lives, then He must be around when we are doing the household chores. We pray today for all those engaged in Fall cleaning, regular weekend chores and all those mundane activities that make up family life.

### **ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING**

#### **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](mailto:stjosephcenter@comcast.net) to provide your resumé, 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 resumé and references to [altssjc@ptd.net](mailto:altssjc@ptd.net).

**No phone calls please.**

### **FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...**

**If you take over-the-counter pain relievers and develop hearing loss, the drugs may be at least partly to blame.** A new analysis from the Nurses' Health Study found that women who took nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs, notably ibuprofen) or acetaminophen two or more days a week for at least six years had a 10% increased risk of hearing loss. Aspirin was not associated with hearing loss, probably because it is usually taken in low doses (for heart health). Previous studies have linked pain relievers with hearing loss in men. If you regularly take a pain reliever and develop hearing loss, contact your doctor. If these drugs are at fault, hearing usually improves when they are stopped.

### **SEPTEMBER 11TH**

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, marks the 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country ...

We pray today that from the ashes will rise  
 a new spirit of beauty and unity in America.  
 Already, all across this nation our hearts have  
 been

knit together into a new tapestry of one America.

Because of this tragedy, we have been bound together by a silver chord of hope and brotherhood and sisterhood.



What was meant to drive us apart has really drawn us together. May we always remember.

### 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 Gravy	Canned Sweet Potatoes

#### NEEDED Item of the Month .....

**Canned Vegetables & Canned Fruit**

**PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS**

**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.

### NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS** at the Pottsville Free Public Library. The Fall program session begins **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. There are story times for toddlers and preschoolers; a Builders' Bonanza program featuring Legos and other educational toys 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).

**WINE FESTIVAL** sponsored by St. Ambrose Parish on **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 302 Randel St. in Schuylkill Haven. Tickets \$25.00; Advance tickets \$20.00; Designated Drivers \$5.00. Fabulous Wineries, Delicious Food Vendors, Awesome Craft Vendors ... Call the Rectory for Tickets and information 570-385-1031.

### DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** – – “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there AM I in the midst of them,” Jesus tells us. Learn how to more easily experience Jesus presence in your prayers together by attending a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend. For information call

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visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

### **DESIRE: FULFILLING OUR DEEPEST LONGING**

*Are you looking for something more in your life?* We all have a longing deep in our hearts that isn't satisfied by the things of this world. Many people search for fulfillment in a variety of ways, but are left with a sense of emptiness. Join us on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 pm** for some wine and cheese as the Office of Adult Formation for the Diocese of Allentown hosts national presenter **Bill Donaghy** who will explore what and who we are made for so that we can finally attain our desire and fulfill our deepest longing. This event will take place at St. Thomas More Family Center in Allentown and will cost \$10 per person. **Register by September 13<sup>th</sup>** and find more information at [www.allentowndiocese.org/desire](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/desire).

\*Master Catechist Certificate continuing education credits are available for this event!

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### NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**BLUE ARMY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE** Celebrate the Fatima Centennial in Asbury, New Jersey, on **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**, sponsored by St. Matthew's Traveler's ... Cost \$25.00 ... For more info and reservations, please call Julie 570-544-5231 or Millie 570-628-5413.