

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

When the peace activist, Jesuit Father John Dear was discerning his vocation, he took a trip to the Holy Land. One afternoon he went up the hill where Jesus preached His Sermon on the Mount. On a plateau overlooking the Sea of Galilee he found the beautiful little Church of the Beatitudes. He prayed there asking for a sign to confirm that he was really being called to a life of ministry.

Just then two Israeli jets came from above the lake streaking toward him at low altitude. The jets roared by passing just above him and disappearing in the west. From that moment on, John Dear embraced his call to promote peace and has never looked back.

In this Sunday's gospel, on the Solemnity of All Saints, we are invited to follow Jesus up the hillside to sit in the grass and hear his Sermon on the Mount. In Jesus' eight blessings He invites us to discover our own ministry and calling in the Beatitudes throughout poverty, weakness, mourning and quest for justice. Jesus calls us to be merciful and pure and peacemakers. He blesses us for being His followers.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – November 2 – 9:00 a.m.

ALL SOULS DAY

Tuesday - November 3 – 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE L. KLASSEN JR. (Joan Marie Carroll)

Wednesday - November 4 – 9:00 a.m.

WILLIAM BERCHER (Kathleen Williams)

Thursday - November 5 – 9:00 a.m.

PHILOMENA CARROLL (Lorraine Murphy)

Friday – November 6 - 9:00 a.m.

CAROLINE & VINCENT SMITH (Ted Hufnagle)

Saturday – November 7 – 5:00 p.m.

ROBERT ZUPPERT (Carol Zuppert)

Sunday – November 8 – 8:15 a.m.

VALENTINE C. ZELINSKY, 11th Anniv.

(Zelinsky Family)

Sunday – November 8 – 10:30 a.m.

LIVING & DECEASED MEMBER OF THE
ST. BERNARD'S SOCIETY

Tuesday – November 3 @ York Terrace

ALBERT & REGINA SCHMIDT

MARRIED IN CHRIST

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Jeffrey Hughes and Lisa Wessner** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on October 9th. They are now called to total dedication to each other. May their love each day draw them closer to God and to each other.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO John & Philomena Carroll by Family

St. Joseph – Special Intention

Tabernacle – IMO John & Philomena Carroll by Family

Sanctuary Candles All Sanctuary Candles

IMO Carol & Harry Nygren by Joe Christ

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO George L. Klassen Jr.

by Pat & Charlene Klassen

SCHEDULE

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – November 7th

Readers: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Dan & Hermine Murphy

Servers: Michael Ryan, Rachel Ryan,

Andrew Viduszynski

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – November 8th

Reader: Jennifer Daubert

Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace, Bill Elison, John Corbacio

Servers: Allison Darhun, Michael Wollyung,

Brent Gauntlett

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – November 8th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Bobbi Murray, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Claudia Rittle, Christopher Hunt, Emily Witmier

Cantor: Suzette Joy

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

Please welcome the following families who have recently registered in our parish. Warmly embrace them into our family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality.

Gerald and Christine Donnelly of 702 Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville, and their children Patrick, Peter and Jon.

Hilda Donnelly of 702 Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville.

Michael and Nancy Piccioni of 216 S. 20th St., Pottsville, and their children Jack and Benjamin.

H. David Reiner of 2109 Woodglen Road, Pottsville

Charles Rush of 255 Parkway #803, Sch. Haven.

John Schmidt of 903 W. Norwegian St., Pottsville.

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: *Tina Dixon, Margie Glunz, Carolyn Foster, Francis King, Maryann Wychunas, Edward Wychunas, Donald Bound, Matthew Mazakas, Loretta Lonoskie, John Woznicki, Faye Cuchara, Dot Elison,, Joseph Tuite, Eleanore Forney, Loretta Raybould, Scott Rhoades, Charles Foster, Dorothy Connor, Jane Weiss, Mildred Costello.*

READINGS

Feast of All Saints (Oct.31/Nov.1)

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

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-3

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Nov.7/8)

Reading I: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Reading II: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which of the beatitudes
do you find most challenging?

PRACTICAL CONNECTIONS WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Solemnity of All Saints

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:1-3).

Almost thirty years ago, Daniel Berrigan wrote a little book that he entitled, *Ten Commandments for the Long Haul*. It was, in effect, a handbook of sorts on how to be a prophet in today's world. It was Berrigan at his best, explaining how a prophet must make a vow of love and not of alienation. Anyone who is trying to be prophetic, from the right or from the left, might profitably read this book.

http://liturgy.slu.edu/AllSaints110109/reflections_rolheiser.html

Maybe when we have passed
our souls will fly as tongues of fire into His fire
this is beyond my imagining
somehow to have burned here is enough for me

REMEMBERING ON ALL SOUL'S DAY

Please join us at St. Jerome's school cafeteria in Tamaqua on **Monday, November 2nd** for an All Soul's Day morning of prayer, reflection, and worship. The program will include a presentation by Carol Barron M.S., and discussion beginning at 9 a.m. Mass in church at 11 a.m. To register contact Ruth Baker at 610-289-8900 x 239. Program is sponsored by Office of Family Life Ministries & Catholic Charities of Allentown.

FAMILY MATTERS

All Saints. We are all 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.

"SUNDAYS AT THE WELL"

November 1

9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

in the Chapel in Longinus Hall

All Adults are invited to ...

Foundational Topics of Christianity

The "Sundays at the Well" are St. John's adult classes offered to enliven and strengthen your faith. Join us to experience interesting topics. After a DVD Presentation there will be insightful and practical discussions that will deepen the meaning of your daily life.

On November 1st the topic will be **LOVE**

R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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!

RCIA Schedule

November 5th – at St. John's

Introduction to the Creed ... Dr. Luis R. Visot

November 12th – at St. John's

The Church ... S. Maryanne

November 19th – at St. John's

The Mass ... Father Dave

December 3rd – at St. Michael the Archangel

Catholics and Prayer ... S. Catherine Therese

December 10th – at St. Michael the Archangel

Mary and the Saints ... S. Catherine Therese

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

Creighton Model Fertility Care System is a method of monitoring reproductive and gynecological health. A FREE Introductory Session will be held **Wednesday, November 18th at 7 p.m.** at St. Jerome's Parish in Tamaqua. Please consider coming to learn more about this system. Registration is required by calling Kristin Osenbach, BSW at 570-952-1063.

Annulment Information Evening Do you want more information on annulments? Are you divorced and remarried outside of the church? You are invited to an information night on the annulment process on **Monday, November 9th from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Bethlehem. Presentation will be by Msgr. Thomas Koons of the Allentown Diocese Tribunal. He will explore common myths and misconceptions about the process of annulment. All are welcome. For information contact Deacon Bill Urbine at 610-289-8900.

gEnEsiS 1 Update

The hayride was another successful event! At the hayride we scared each other in the dark corn maze and roasted smores and hot dogs by the campfire. We welcome new members to join the fun!

Thanksgiving Day Mass Participation

Who? Any of St. John's members 6th-12th grade

What? Participate in Thanksgiving Day Mass (Read & bring up gifts & Collection)

Where & When? St. John's on *November 26 at 9 am*

RSVP: Thurs Nov 19

To participate, the practice party is @ Debbie's on *Mon. Nov 23rd @ 7pm.*

Children's Advent Liturgy Volunteer

Who? Anyone in 6th-12th grade & adult helpers

What? Actors or Actresses, Readers, Gift Distributors

Where & When? St. John's on **December 13 @ 10:am**

RSVP: Sat Nov 28

To participate, the practice date is *Nov 29 after 10:30am Mass* in the church.

Christmas Dinner & Show Volunteers

(sponsored by the Alethia Club @ PAHS)

Who? Anyone in 6th-12th grade & adult helpers

What? Actors or Actresses, Servers, Kitchen Helpers, and Cooks

Where & When? PAHS on December 19 @ 5:30pm

Actors & Actresses practice TBA.

Christmas Ice Skating Party & Soup Kitchen

Who? Anyone in 6th-12th grade & adult helpers

What? Ice Skating @ Reading Bodyzone followed by Soup Kitchen volunteering

Where & When? Meet in St. John's Parking Lot (Time TBA); then Soup Kitchen @ 4pm

For more information, if you need a ride, or to sign-up for any event above, e-mail Rachael at genesislyg@aim.com or call 570-581-6109.

The "ARMATA BIANCA"

(A Youth Prayer Hour)

Every second Sunday of the month from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel (next to St. Patrick's Church). Adoration, Prayer, Rosary, and Reading the Bible.

It is a time for the youth or young at heart to pray and adore in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Come for a half hour or the entire time. Contact Rachael Kubick at 581-6109 or rachael3764@yahoo.com. Future dates are:

November 8th, December 13th

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 18th: \$ 5,274.25; Christmas Bazaar: \$ 571.00

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

11th Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 14th – 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 15th – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A **Light Lunch** will be served on Saturday at lunchtime. After the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, **Hot Roast Beef Dinners** will be served. Take-outs available.

Light Lunch Menu

Hot Dog
Mashed Potatoes
Sauerkraut
Dessert & Beverage

Roast Beef Dinner

Hot Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable
Cole Slaw
Dessert & Beverage

A la Carte

Homemade Soups, Barbecue, Hot Dogs,
Sauerkraut, Dessert, Beverages

(Prices will be posted)

(Preview weekend – November 7 & 8)

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Beehive Salon	Beauty Basket
Dot Bound	Crocheted Hangers
Mary Bound	Pandora Bracelet
CCD Teachers&Parents	Tea Basket
Father Dave	Coffee Basket
Janet Daubert	Wine
Jennifer Daubert	Snack Basket
IMO Julia Daubert	Crocheted Afghans & Pillows
Deegan Corporation	One Individual Tax Return
Sue Eckley	Vera Bradley Basket
Dorothy & Bill Elison	\$50.00
Farlow's Deli	Gift Certificate
Marie Flynn	Knitted hats, scarves, ponchos
Karla Garland	Red Hat Society Basket & Dog Basket



Giant Food Store	Gift Certificate
Anne Goba	Nativity Set
Missy Hahner	Assorted Cookie Tray
Mary Beth Harvey	Christmas Quilt Throw
Heaven & Earth Salon	Vera Bradley Notebook & Pen
Joanne Hepler	\$50.00
Dolly, Joanne, Debbie	Kitchen Gadget Basket
Diane Herring	Bountiful Baking Basket & Beauty Basket
Jacob Herring	Cleaning Supplies Bucket/Basket
Ric & Sue Jochems	Pamper Basket, 3 Angels
Maeve Ketter	Sign for Bazaar
Lucilla Kochol	Barbie Basket
Anna Kurtek	\$25.00
Maureen Kurtek	Pampered Chef Basket, Beauty Basket, Wine Glasses, Table Runner

Pat Kutch

'Start from Scratch' Baking Basket

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Megan Lauletta	Crocheted Scarves & Coaster Set
Little Peace Farm-Scheidels	Basket of Gift Certificates
Pat Lombel/Dorothy Lotz	Thanksgiving Basket
Frances Lorenz	Basket of Gifts
Justina Majestic	Lottery/Gift Certificate Basket
Edie McDonough	Handmade Jewelry
Murphy Jewelers	Fashion Necklace
Bobbi Murray-Headquarters	Hair Care/Beauty Basket
Nativity BVM High Sch.	Nativity Basket
Kathy Norkus	Wine Baskets
Gene Pedriani	Christmas CD's
John&Bernice Petock	Child's Craft Basket, Gift Cert. for Schaeffer Harley Davidson
John & Barbara Powers	Mia Bella Gourmet Candle Basket
Ed & Carole Quirin	Lottery Tickets, Picnic Basket, Santa Sleigh Basket
Renee Reddington	Knitted Berets & Sweaters
Dot Rosenberger	Animated Snowman, Baby Basket
Dot Ryan & Maggie	
Maskerines	Barbie Activity Basket
Nativity High School	Nativity High School Basket
Bob & Kay Russell	\$20.00
Kay Russell/Doris Schultz	Bath & Body Basket
	Crocheted Dishcloths, Ornaments
St. John's Choirs	\$25.00
Eleanor Schaeffer	Hand knitted Washcloths&Scarves
Pat & Missy Scheetz	Temptation Bakeware Basket
Sue Scheetz	First Aide Basket
Barbara Schoenauer	Handmade Jewelry Bags, Coasters
	Baby Snugglies, Pillow Cases, Glamour Girl Basket
Gerald Schoenauer	Mike Schmidt Signed Stat Baseball
Doris Schultz	Bath Basket
Mark Semanchik	Last Will & Testament Certificate
Rosann Sitkus	Puzzles & Jewelry
Bernie Sockwell	Crocheted Kitchen Towel Toppers with Towels
St. Bernard's Society	\$25.00
Dorothy Stangl	Bath & Body Basket
Donna Bound Steidle	Crocheted Pillow&Afghan, Jewelry
Peggy Stoppi	Penn State Basket
Wayne & Diane Stoudt	\$50.00
Janet Thomas	Rainy Day Basket
Luis R. & Virginia Visot	Wine & Wine Glass Basket
Waymart Store	Gift Certificate
Ruth Weidler	Handmade Lap Blanket
	Care Bear Pillow
Weis Markets	Gift Certificate
S.Maryanne Zakreski	Framed Painting on Silk
Ellen Zane	Yankee Candle Basket

CALLING ALL BAKERS, CANDY MAKERS

Baked Goods and Candy are needed for our Baked Goods Stand at the Christmas Bazaar. All donations are most appreciated!

DESSERTS NEEDED We are grateful for any dessert you would be willing to make to be served with

our Hot Roast Beef Platters – Jello, Pudding, Tapioca, etc.

OFFICE FOR SOCIAL ACTION

Election Day – November 3rd *“Building a world of respect for human life and dignity, where justice and peace prevail, requires more than just political commitment. Individuals, families, businesses, community organizations, and governments all have a role to play. Participation in political life in light of fundamental moral principles is an essential duty for every Catholic and all people of good will.”*

...Forming Consciences for Faith Citizenship, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2007

Be a faithful citizen and vote on Tuesday, November 3rd. To join the Diocesan Legislative Advocacy Network, please call the Office for Social Action 610-289-8900 ext. 231.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Counselor/Therapist Needed for the Schuylkill/Carbon Office at 13 Westwood Road, Pottsville. An LCSW is preferred. Please send a resume to John Boyne, LCSW, Counseling & Behavioral Health Program Administrator, Catholic Charities, 530 Union Blvd., Allentown, Pa. 18109. EOE

Emergency Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food such as peanut butter, tuna, pasta/sauce and cereal. Donations are accepted at the Schuylkill/Carbon Office Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call Dave 628-0466.

Foster Parents Needed for medically fragile infants, siblings, and teen mothers with infants. An Information Meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11th at Catholic Charities, 13 Westwood Road, Pottsville. Please register by November 9th by calling 628-0466 ext. 306 or 800-330-8001 or e-mail preusch@allentowndiocese.org

Counseling & Behavioral Health Program is accepting Medical Assistance/Health Choices Insurance for residents of Schuylkill County. Traditional Highmark Blue Shield and Traditional Blue Cross are accepted for residents of any county. Please contact the Schuylkill/Carbon service office at 628-0466.

Immigration Program assists with legalization of status, family reunification, and citizenship. Please call for service in English or Spanish at 610-435-1541 in Allentown or 610-376-7144 in Reading.

PECANS ARE BACK

1 lb. Mammoth Halves ... \$8.00

12 oz. Chocolate Covered Gift Package ... \$8.00



... available at St. John's Christmas Bazaar or call Frances Lorenz 544-2837. Proceeds benefit St. John's Catholic Women's Union.

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CHOIR PRACTICE

Won't you consider adding your voice to our choir to make our liturgies even better? We are in need of voices, both male and female. Please consider adding yours. Experience or reading music is not necessary, only your desire to sing and enjoy the liturgy from another perspective. We rehearse each **Tuesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** No auditions, all are welcome and **NEEDED!** Contact **Dave Derbes** Choir Director **622-8804** or email daderbes@yahoo.com or the **Rectory 622-5470** for more information.



FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... . **Janet**

Daubert

Americans have significantly lower blood levels of vitamin D than 10 to 15 years ago, according to two recent studies. The obvious reasons: people are getting less sun (the skin makes vitamin D when exposed to sun) and are drinking less milk (fortified with D). Less obvious: Americans have gained weight, and excess body fat reduces blood levels of vitamin D. Other studies have found that many Americans and Canadians are deficient in D, a vitamin that helps keep bones strong and has other potential health benefits. Supplements, not sunshine, are the safer way to get more D.

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DIAKON VOLUNTEER HOME CARE Holiday Fundraiser - Butter Braids

Experience the Wow! of Butter Braids. Each 1 lb. 6 oz. braided pastry (icing included) will serve eleven people. Just allow your frozen pastry to thaw and rise until about double in size, then bake for a fabulous, homemade tasting pastry ... Apple, Caramel Rolls, Cherry, Cinnamon, Raspberry, Cream Cheese, Blueberry, Strawberry, Bavarian Crème ... **\$12.00 per pastry.** To place an order, contact Janet Daubert, Team Coordinator, at 366-3656 or the DVHC Office at 624-3014.

Order deadline is November 2nd.
Delivery date is November 14th.

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Do you know that the Catholic Church has canonized married couples as saints for being models of faith? Marriage Encounter will help strengthen your Sacrament of Marriage. Next weekend is February 12-14, 2010 in Bethlehem. Call 1-800-787-7679 or go online at www.wvme-nepa.org for more information.

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Have you ever wondered...

How to comfort someone who is sick, or hurting because of a loss or trauma?

If so fill out the form below and return to the rectory or put in the collection basket

We want to gather a group of people interested in making prayer shawls.

Name _____

Phone _____

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RENEWING THE EARTH

"Regrettably, advantaged groups often seem more intent on curbing Third World births than on restraining the even more voracious consumerism of the developed world. We believe this compounds injustice and increases disrespect for the life of the weakest among us" (U.S.Catholic Bishops, *Renewing the Earth*).

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Let us pray for all those who are nearing death, that through the gentle and loving care of their family and caregivers they may never doubt their great dignity and worth.

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