
FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the movie "Cabaret" there's a catchy song about money: "That clinking, clanging sound ... Money makes the world go round." Money made the world go round back in Jesus' time too.

The temple tax coin was the Tyrian shekel. In the time of Jesus, it was most likely bearing the image of the reigning Caesar Tyberius. The coin was inscribed "Son of the divine Augustus," the first emperor of Rome who died when Jesus was fourteen. The coin may have been an earlier minting of the image of the emperor Augustus himself. Now dead for more than a decade, Augustus was being remembered as divine.

Jesus' words to the Pharisees are among his greatest teachings: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 23 to Friday, October 27

NO MASSES

Saturday, October 28 – 5 p.m.

R. J. POST (Bob, Irene, Sandi, Sheri, RJ III Post)

Sunday – October 29 – 8:15 a.m.

DECEASED OF JOSEPH LORENZ FAMILY

(Frances Lorenz)

Sunday – October 29 – 10:30 a.m.

EDWARD SMITH (Deacon John & Ellen Setlock)

MARRIED IN CHRIST

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Ashley Smith and Andrew Gabrielle**, who were joined in Holy Matrimony on September 16th 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.



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Patricia Pretti** to St. John's Parish Family.

Warmly embrace **Patti** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 712 Mahantongo St., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I – Tyler Hauptly & Cheyan Lipshaw

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 14/15: \$ 5,706.35

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Theresa Brennan, 10th Anniv.

by Joan & Dave Deiter

St. Joseph – IMO Dorothy A. Rosenberger

by Paul Rosenberger

Tabernacle – IMO Theresa Brennan, 10th Anniv.

by Joan & Dave Deiter

Sanctuary

1. IMO Joseph Dumchus by Marge Davidson

2,3,4. Parishioners of St. John's

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intentions

SCHEDULE

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – October 28th

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Dan & Hermine Murphy, (Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Noah & Helena Fredericks, Kaitlin Painter

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 29th

Reader: Bob Bechtel

Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace, Carol Forster, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Luke Schane, Gabriella Quinn, Dylan Shea

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 29th

Reader: Evielyn Hower

Euch.Min.: Charlie Miller, Justina Majestic,

Mary Modesto

Servers: Anna, Livia, Emma Lieberman

Cantor: Melody Newhard Kirk

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, Carl Forster, Ray Dee, Doug Broughton, Dorothy Prokop, Michelle Ambrose, Jaimie Brahler, Charles Daubert, Kathy Norkus, Ed Averill, Beth Thomas, Robert Lynn, Sharon Snyder, Joseph LeBlanc.*

CHOSEN, BLESSED, SHARED

Please Support the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown. Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. Brochures and giving envelopes will be available in church, and you will be receiving a request letter in the mail within the next few days. You may return your gift in the mail or

drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does your faith influence your citizenship?

Next Week's Readings

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October 28/29)

Reading I: Exodus 22:20-26

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

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!

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Open Hours with Jesus

In our day and age when our church doors are locked after the morning Mass, what a "GIFT" we have to be able to go visit Our Lord, 24/7, at Perpetual Adoration! The Perpetual Adoration Chapel is in its 9th year and we are in need of new adorers to commit to one of our open hours, to be an alternate for any of the 168 hours or to just help out by being a sub. Please examine your life, dear parishioners, and, ask yourself, "what is the reason I have not stepped forth to commit to an hour of Adoration?" St. Mother Teresa said that the world needs Perpetual Adoration and that Adoration of Our Lord is a "PRIVILEGE". In light of all that is going on in the world, and our need for vocations to the priesthood, WE NEED Perpetual Adoration! Pray that your hearts will be open to Perpetual Adoration and His invitation, "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.*" Matthew 11:28

We need adorers for the following hours:

Tuesday 4 a.m.; Friday 7 p.m.;

Saturday 4 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 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 Aleece 449-7678.

PRAY THE ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor the recitation of the Rosary at St. John's on **Sunday, October 29th after the 8:15 Mass**. Everyone is welcome to join in to pray the Rosary!



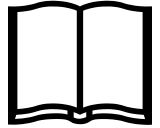
MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2018 will open **Monday, October 23rd to Thursday, October 26th.**

Masses can be scheduled beginning at

10:00 a.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room on Monday, October 23rd.

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 2018.

PLEASE NOTE

The Mass Intention Book for 2018 will be open from **October 23rd to October 26th** - all Masses must be scheduled during this time. No scheduled Mass Intentions will be taken after **October 26th.**

Two Masses Only

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

October

- 22 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:00 p.m. - L.H.
- 24 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 25 First Penance Parent Mtg. - 7 p.m. - L.H.
- 29 Confirmation Class - 6:30-8:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 29 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30-6:00 p.m. - L.H.
- 31 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.
- 4/5 Christmas Bazaar Preview after Masses - L.H.
- 7 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 8 St. John's Beneficial Society - 8 p.m. - F.R.
- 11/12 Christmas Bazaar
- 14 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 15 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. - 7 p.m. - L.H.
- 18/19 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses - L.H.
- 19 Confirmation Class - 6:30-8:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 21 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 28 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.

** L.H. - Longinus Hall

** F.R. - Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. - Russell Building

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...

Saturday and Sunday, November 11 & 12

'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 4th & 5th.

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** 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**

Gift Cards / Certificates are especially needed.

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 !!!

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.



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 ...

A Friend	Holiday Dishes
Adelphia	Gift Card
Vincent Albo	Sponsor - \$25.00
Asian Express	Gift Card
Assumption BVM School	School Basket
Bake Shop VI	Gift Cards
Bella Florist	Fall Wreath
Boyer's	Gift Card
Mary Bound	Baby Basket, Crafts
Joan Bowers	Wine Basket
CCD Teachers	Lottery Angel
Sue & Brian Eckley	Vera Bradley Bskt.
Joyce Gerace	Coach Basket
Lori Gurlavage	Wine Basket
Lori Guzick	Sheetz Gift Cards
Mary Beth Harvey	Watercolor Prints
Heaven & Earth	Gift Card
Kathy & Carl Hughes	Fall Basket
Kurtek Family	Baskets
LeBlanc Family	Beach Basket
Frances Lorenz	Sponsor - \$25.00
Nannette Major	Limited Edition Print
Hilda & Fred Maley	Large Baskets
Momma Millie's	Cupcakes
Mary Jean & John Morgalis	Sponsor - \$80.00
Barb Munster	Chase the BLUES away
Nativity BVM High School	School Basket
Patty & John O'Neill	Wine Basket
Palermo's	Gift Card
Mary & Bob Porter	Lottery Frame
Carole & Ed Quirin	Lottery Wreath, Crafts
Carole & Ed Quirin	Walmart Gift Cards
Roma Pizza	Gift Card
Carol Rehnert	Afghan Basket
Rosie Writecraft	Gift Card
Eleanor Schaeffer	Donna Sharp Basket
Pat Scheetz	Kitchen Basket
Linda & Martin Smith	Dunkin Donuts Gift Cards
Dorothy Stangl	Coffee & Tea Lovers Bkt
Joanie Scheetz	Beekman 1802 Basket
Scheidel Family	Little Peace Farm Share
Serendipity	Christmas Basket
Jackie Szeliga	31 Basket
Kathy Vicic	Lottery Frame
Virginia & Luis R. Visot	Wine Basket
Mike & Cindy Vuksta	Wine Basket
Joanne Wood	Lego Basket
Carmel Yingling	Pfaltzgraff Basket
Gardner, Plachko, Brennan, Wood, Painter, Lieberman, Heenan, Ferhat, Botto, Delaney, Bohorad, Wapinsky, Guzick, Dorenzo, Liptok, Golden Families	
	3 Wine & Snack Baskets
	Lottery Tree

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...

POSITION AVAILABLE ... accepting applications for a **Head Track & Field Coach**. This is an immediate position. Head Coaching experience preferred for Track & Field. Interested candidates for either position should send résumé, certifications and all clearances to:

Nativity BVM High School

Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal

One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901

lsabol@nativitybvm.net

OPEN HOUSE ... on **Sunday, November 5th at 6 p.m.** for 7th and 8th grade parents and students. Nativity faculty, staff, students, parents and Board members will be available to discuss specific information about academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome! Please contact the school 622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with questions.

ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL ...

POSITION AVAILABLE ... **First Grade Teacher**
Assumption BVM School is seeking a qualified applicant for a first grade teaching position. Requirements can be found on www.allentowndiocese.org. Please send all information to Mrs. Teresa Keating at Assumption BVM School.

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 to provide your résumé, or request an application.

No phone calls please.

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."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council 431 is recruiting new members to join our Catholic Men's organization.

If you would like to join an organization committed to charitable causes, Catholic outreach in the community and offering outstanding programs for members and their families please consider joining more than 12 million Catholic men around the world in Knights of Columbus membership. During the month of October Council 431 is offering free membership and initiation fees for the first year for new members.

For further information please call Grand Knight Dave Donlin at 570-573-1841 or e mail him at dadmatd515p@comcast.net

CARE NET OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

"Families in Schuylkill County are in need of your help!" Care Net of Schuylkill County currently serves approximately 25 families per week who are facing pregnancy decisions. Care Net provides peer counseling, support, and material assistance to help meet the needs of these families every day. Our center in Pottsville is currently facing a shortage of **baby wipes**, an item we provide to our clients daily. Will you help by donating a pack or box of baby wipes? A bin is located in the back of church for the month of October. If you have questions or would like to donate after October, please contact Sarah DeArment at (570) 617-8418. Thank you!

= 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: Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits and Soups.

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds! (today's Psalm). Let God help you discover ways to fill your relationship with love and joy at a WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend. For info call 732-904-9636 or www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

HEALING MASS will take place **Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m.** for those individuals who have experienced trauma. All are invited to join in prayer at this Mass with The Most Reverend. Alfred A. Schlert as Celebrant and Msgr. Walter Schaeffer as homilist at Sacred Heart Parish, 117 Washington Street, Bath. 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 8:30 p.m.

MEN'S CONFERENCE Spirit 2017 - "Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference on **Saturday November 4th** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at De Sales University. The day includes keynote addresses, exhibits and Vigil Mass with Bishop Alfred Schlert. Continental breakfast and lunch included. Registration \$40; \$10 for high school/ college students. For more information and to register online please visit www.cmfd.org Questions call 610-289-8900 ext 2028.

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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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

HEALING MASS on **Monday, October 23rd** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Ambrose Church. Fr. Cliff Bishop will be the Celebrant for Mass. Please bring yourself and anyone who desires healing ... expect miracles!

VENDOR & CRAFT PARTY Sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Saturday, October 28th** (4 to 8 pm) and **Sunday, October 29th** (10 am to 1 pm) at St. Patrick Parish Center – 313 Mahantongo St. Free Admission Food available for purchase.

MEN WHO COOK sponsored by Knights of Columbus Sch. Council 431 on **Sunday, October 29th** from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Lodge, 201 S. 26th St., Pottsville. Tickets \$25 per person in advance; \$30 per person at the door. For tickets or more information, please call Mike 294-1780 or Greg 449-2580.

CONCERT sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 W. Arch St., Pottsville on **Sunday, October 29th at 3 p.m.** Organist Michael Kiehner and choir under direction of Catherine Zimmerman will be featured. Refreshments served afterwards.

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Sunday, November 5th** from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at St. Patrick Parish Center, 313 Mahantongo St. Eat in or Take out. Adults: \$8; Children: \$3.50

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish on **Wednesday, November 29th**; Matinee at 11 a.m. Cost - Show & Bus \$107.00. For more info and reservations, call Julie 570-544-5231 or Millie 570-628-5413.

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.