

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In 1492 when Christopher Columbus sailed into uncharted western oceans, many at the time were convinced that the earth was flat. They felt sure that if you sailed too far, you would go off the edge.

Artist, Ed Miracle, images this fear in a painting called "I Told You So." In the picture, one clipper ship is sailing over the edge of a sudden waterfall. Behind it the second ship is also doomed. Miracle adds a modern motorboat to the scene: under full throttle the frightened skipper barely holds position as the wind and current drive him to the inevitable edge.

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus describes the end times that none of us can avoid. But if we have unswerving faith, our perseverance will save us.

Yours in Christ,  
*Father Dave*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 18 – 9:00 a.m.

ALICE MORAN

Tuesday – November 19 – 9:00 a.m.

AGNES TROUT (Mary Ann Holley & Ed Smith)

Wednesday, November 20 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNE ROADERMEL

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Thursday, November 21 – 9:00 a.m.

RICHARD GLIEM (Eric & Jennifer Lieberman)

Friday, November 22 – NO MASS

Saturday – November 23 – 5:00 p.m.

MILDRED & ED DEITER (Dave & Joan Deiter)

Sunday – November 24 – 8:15 a.m.

CHARLES & MATILDA SCHAEFFER

(Eleanor Schaeffer)

Sunday – November 24 – 10:30 a.m.

50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

OF JACK & LOIS DALTON

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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, Loretta & Harold Raybould, Dr. David Harvey, Fred Maskerines, Francis & Mary Burns, Ann Marie Reager, Juleanne Steffan, Donald & Dorothy Bound, Bill Zaharis, Dot Ryan, Mary Alfonsi, Paul Gombola, Donna Skosnick, Pat Fedorick, Paul Burns, Sr. Barbara Jean Wojnicki.



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*The grass withers, and its flowers fall away, but the Word of God endures forever. 1 Peter 1:24*

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## CANDLE INTENTIONS

**BVM** – Special Intention by Mary Jean Morgalis

**Tabernacle** – Health & Welfare of Sr. Barbara Jean

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. Special Intention

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## SCHEDULE

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – November 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Reader:** Carol Lasco

**Euch.Min.:** Mary Jean Morgalis, Virginia Visot

**Servers:** Noah Lecher, Cathryn Yourey,

Connor McNamara

**Cantor:** Chic Tamburelli

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – November 24<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Jen Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** George & Brian Forney, Carol Forster

**Servers:** Anna & Livia Lieberman, Ty Daubert

**Cantor:** Ashley Smith

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – November 24<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Randi Dermo

**Euch.Min.:** Bobbi Murray, Phil Markovich,

Janet Daubert

**Servers:** Caitlin & Patrick Coyle, Dylan Bohorad

**Cantor:** Suzette Joy

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THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 a.m. – Thursday – November 28<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Andrew Kubick

**Euch.Min.:** Virginia Visot

**Servers:** Ethan, Lindsay, Sage Garvey

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

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## SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers, Sr. Barbara Jean, who is currently undergoing rehabilitation for a fractured hip. She would be so happy to hear from St. John's Parish Family. Please send your get well wishes to the following address:

**Sr. Barbara Jean Wojnicki**

**Mount Nazareth Convent**

**2755 Holme Ave.**

**Philadelphia, Pa. 19152**

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is there persecution of Catholics today in your neighborhood? In the world?

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## Next Week's Readings

**Christ the King** (November 23/24)

**Reading I:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3

**Reading II:** Colossians 1:12-20

**Gospel:** Luke 23:35-43

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## CHOSEN, BLESSED, SHARED

*Please Support the Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown.* The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund call, "*Chosen, Blessed, Shared,*" to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising cost of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many retired who continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making this fund a part of your yearly giving. This is not to be confused with our yearly collection for the "National Appeal for Retired Religious" to be held December 7/8.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT / CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Anyone interested in organizing this year's Christmas Pageant/Children's Liturgy, please call Father Dave.

## GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY

Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Sale brochures are being distributed to CCD students and are also available in the back of church. **All orders and money are due by December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL NEWS ....

The newly formed Rosary Club at Assumption BVM School has been very busy making and distributing rosaries to various community organizations as a service project. We have been praying the Rosary for world peace. At this time, we are taking prayer requests from members of our parishes. If you have a family member, friend, or neighbor that you would like us to pray for, call the Assumption BVM office at 570-622-0106 or e-mail [tbahm@assumptionbvmschool.net](mailto:tbahm@assumptionbvmschool.net) with your prayer request. We will gladly pray for your loved ones and friends. God bless.

## SECOND COLLECTION

### NEXT WEEKEND – NOVEMBER 23/24

Having witnessed the extreme devastation as a result of the typhoon in the Philippines, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a collection to be taken up throughout the United States. The second collection next weekend, November 23/24 will be taken up for the **Philippines Relief Fund**. Please be generous!

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 9/10: \$ 5,093.18

Improvements & Repairs: \$1,619.00

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

## **SUNDAYS AT THE WELL** **NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2013**

Join us for 1 hour of adult formation on "The Christ- A faithful Picture of Christ in the Gospels". The lecture series will look at the Gospels of Luke and John. Listen to a short lecture by Father Alfred McBride.

Through some simple reflections, hear how other parishioners try to live out their faith in everyday life. What a great way in Advent to help us prepare for the real meaning for Christmas. Everyone is free to join in these four weeks. **Come to share your own experiences or just come to listen and learn!**  
**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Materials provided are free. Sign up at the back of church or by calling the rectory 570-622-5470.

*St John's Adult Faith Formation Team*

## **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!

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish Center  
*Lesson Four – "Mary, the Mother of God"*

## **ADVENT-URE**

**Date: Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Place: Russell Building**

**Time: 11:30 a.m.**

We will begin the Advent-ure with a light lunch. Crafts will be completed and holiday entertainment will be provided. All children ages 3 to 10 are welcome to participate. Registration is a must so that adequate supplies can be ordered for the children. Please call the Rectory to register (570-622-5470) or complete this form and drop in the collection basket.

**Adults must accompany children.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Registration is a must \*\* by November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Sponsored by St. John's Family Guild.**

## THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

The Knights of Columbus, Schuylkill Council 431, in conjunction with other councils in Schuylkill County, will again provide free, in-home delivered meals to all those in need living in Schuylkill County. To be placed on the list, please call one of the following numbers with your name, address, phone number, and number of meals needed. If no answer leave a message and someone will call back to confirm the information. The numbers to call are **570-691-1429 or 570-628-3333**. Meals will be delivered on Thanksgiving Day between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. You must be at home as meals will not be left on the door step and we cannot guarantee we will be able to get back to you.



## THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Our parish is collecting food items for Thanksgiving. Last year we distributed 20 **baskets**. Please help us reach out to the needy in our area.

### Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Canned Fruit
Broth	Packaged Cookies
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Mashed Potatoes
Hot Chocolate	Hot Cereal packages
Apple Sauce	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Peanut Butter	Beef Stew
Cold Cereal	Spaghetti
Soups	Spaghetti Sauce
Macaroni & Cheese	<b>Jelly – Needed</b>
	<b>Gravy - Needed</b>



If anyone wishes to donate a Turkey for this collection, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

Kindly place your donations in the baskets at the rear and side entrances of the church.

**Gift cards** to purchase turkeys will be gladly accepted. Thank you.

## PLEASE -- NO OUTDATED ITEMS

## 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.

### HELP AVAILABLE. If you are no longer able

to do your own raking of leaves or snow shoveling, youth volunteers are available through Outreach. Please call Outreach Coordinator, **Margie Glunz at 622-3067.**



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION CHRISTMAS PARTY

**When:** Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** The Blue Tavern  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$25.00  
**Menu:** Stuffed Chicken Breast with Filling or Virginia Baked Ham or Broiled Haddock with Lemon

We will also exchange a \$5.00 gift, wine or snack item you would serve for the holidays -- please wrap the item.

Please choose your entrée and send your check by November 22<sup>nd</sup> to:

**Dorothy Hahner Stangl, 1343 W. Norwegian St., 2nd Floor, Pottsville 17901 (phone 570-624-7106)**

**Our Next Meeting is scheduled for**  
Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
**at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall**

## BLT YOUTH GROUP (BIBLICAL LEARNING TEAM)

### November Activities

**Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10 a.m. – Longinus Hall**

Shopping for toys & gifts for kids in need

**Saturday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – No BLT this week**

Enjoy the Holiday!

All youth of the parish in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> are welcome to join the Youth Group. For more information, call or text Tim and Alyssa Garvey at 570-995-1258. Find us on Facebook under BLT Youth Group.

## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**COACH PURSE BINGO** sponsored by the Green and Gold Club of Nativity on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Doors open 11 a.m. Cost is \$25.00 for 15 regular games and 4 specials. Final jackpot game totaled over \$600 last year. Homemade Food and Desserts available for purchase.

**DEPPEN PIE SALE** sponsored by Nativity BVM High School. All orders and money are due by **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**; Pies available for pick-up on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Flavors include ... Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Peach, Strawberry (also available with crumb topping), Shoo-fly, Pumpkin, Coconut Custard, Lemon Sponge and No-Sugar Added Apple. \$10.00 per pie. To place an order, please call 570-622-8110 ext. 343.

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR THANK YOU

The Annual Christmas Bazaar brought some early holiday cheer to our Bazaar Committee. Once again, it was a great success. My heartfelt thanks to the Christmas Bazaar Committee who did such a marvelous job and spent many long hours to make this Bazaar so great an event. Their talent and dedication in coordinating various volunteers, crafters, and putting together over 90 theme baskets surely paid off and allowed everything to run smoothly and as planned. The committee made sure there was something for everyone from infants to the elderly, as well as delicious baked goods and food, as well as crafts and a bargain table.

Special thanks to all who donated any items or helped with the crafts, did cooking, served meals, helped with the set up and take down and of course, we cannot forget all those who patronized the Bazaar. Without your great support the Bazaar would not be a successful event each year. We have such talented and hard working parishioners here at St. John's who love to share their talents, their time and their treasure to make our annual Christmas Bazaar something very special.



May God's blessings be with you.

Thanks again,

*Father Dave*

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with this year's Christmas Bazaar. The wonderful support and hard work from all of our parish family was overwhelming. It was especially great to work with so many of our new parishioners. We all had a great time and we look forward to working with everyone again next year.

*St. John's Christmas Bazaar Committee*

## Special thanks to ...

- **Noel Glunz, Kate Zagar, Kathy Norkus, Judy Meseravage, Reene Reddington** for their hard work preparing the delicious food everyone enjoyed.
- The **Basket Makers** for their talents in creating and decorating such beautiful baskets.
- **John, Chrissy, Cassie & Olivia Eagan, Karen Mistysyn** for making the Santa pictures such a success.
- The **Bakers** who made all the delicious treats.
- The **Sponsors** who generously supported our efforts.
- **Everyone** who donated those beautiful baskets.
- The **volunteers** who worked at the Bazaar.
- **Noel Glunz, Kyle Lisowski** and **Bob Hahner** for helping to transport the food.
- **Jim & Rita Williams** for the use of their hot dog roller
- **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students** from Assumption BVM School for carrying the baskets to church
- all who attended the Bazaar and supported it in any way.





# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR THANK YOU

## Basket Makers / Crafters / Set-up / Clean-up /

### Our many Volunteers

Katie Blackwell  
Ed Brahler  
Ann Burns  
John Consugar  
Allie Darhun  
Michelle Darhun  
Janet Daubert  
Joan Deiter  
Becky Derbes  
Tina Elison  
Sandy Frinzi  
Karla Garland  
Joyce Gerace

Noel Glunz  
Marilyn Golod  
Bernie Gombola  
Sarah Hahner  
Debbie Herb  
Sue Jochems  
Maeve Ketner  
Pat Klassen  
Josephine Kochol  
Lucilla Kochol  
Maureen Kurtek  
Pat Kutch  
Charlene Leshner

Frances Lorenz  
Sharon Miller  
Barbara Munster  
Dan Murphy  
Hermine Murphy  
Kathy Norkus  
Bob Orlowsky  
Carole Quirin  
Reene Reddington  
Mike Rizzarda  
Kay Russell  
Eleanor Schaeffer  
Joanie Scheetz

Missy Scheetz  
Pat Scheetz  
Barb Schoenauer  
Joanne Schultz  
Gerry Schwartz  
Natalie Setlock  
Rosann Sitkus  
Mary Tamburelli  
Luis R. Visot  
Virginia Visot  
Barbara Wollyun  
Rose Womer  
Joanne Wood  
George Zwiebel

### Our Bakers

Ann Burns  
Nora Chiplonia  
Mary Connell  
Michelle Darhun  
Janet Daubert  
Joan Deiter  
Derbes Family  
Dot Elison  
Marie Flynn  
Millie Fredericks

Sandy Frinzi  
Karla Garland  
Sarah Hahner  
Debbie Herb  
Kathleen Hohman  
Sue Jochems  
Frances Lorenz  
Rita Lotz  
Ann Lowe  
Hilda Maley

Joanne Mestishen  
Florence Miller  
Barbara Munster  
Dolly Parsick  
Carole Quirin  
Mary Lou Roeder  
Kay Russell  
Marie Ryan  
Helen Schaeffer  
Amy Scheetz

Pat Scheetz  
Sue Scheetz  
Natalie Setlock  
Rosann Sitkus  
St. John's Youth Group  
Peggy Stoppi  
Mary Tamburelli  
Lorraine Tasso  
Janet Thomas  
Cindy & Mike Vuksta  
Judy Williams



***Despite our very best efforts, we invariably misspell, misplace or omit the name of an important person ... YOU! We apologize if we have done this.***

Great Tidings to you, I'm back, and so is SCHWAN'S just in time for the Holidays and all your entertainment needs and wanted treats. SHOP NOW and year round too!

What we learned from our last fundraiser in May. Limited Availability means it "MAY NOT" be available, but DOESN'T mean it WON'T be, so a second choice might be wise to have in mind just in case when ordering.

We met our quota of \$3,000 in sales in May with the help of miscellaneous on site truck sales which made up for some of the unavailable sales we lost on. Thank you all for all you did to make it a success!

### **IMPORTANT CORPORATE FUNDRAISING CHANGES AND HOW THEY AFFECT US.**

Do to the fact that most people use computers they are encouraging online ordering for fundraising. Area distributors are allotted catalogs for their regular home delivery customers, due to this: CATALOGS WILL BE VERY LIMITED and will be hard to come by, SO PLEASE, for us non-computer users, WE MUST SHARE THE BOOKS or a friend's computer and their knowledge of them to place our orders. Computer user's please take advantage of shopping online so as to leave the books for us who can't.

Non-computer users can phone in their order to 1-855-870-7208 ON or BEFORE Jan. 1, 2014. Must provide Campaign ID: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and the fundraising ID is ..... **4894**.

At this point you will also set up your delivery date and time from the allotted days and times that the appointed representative is in your area. NO MORE LEAVING THE HOUSE, THEY WILL COME TO YOU!

#### **Online ordering:**

- 1- Visit Schwans-Cares.com
- 2- Click on "Find a Campaign" on the home page
- 3- Enter Campaign ID: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church into the search box
- 4- Click on the "Fundraisers" tab at the top
- 5- Find my name: Sandy Frinzi
- 6- Click the "Support Now" button
- 7- Shop!

You will also be setting up your delivery date and time to your front door.

#### **OTHER IMPORTANT CHANGES:**

- 1- GIFT CERTIFICATES , AT THIS POINT IN THE NEW FUNDRAISING SET UP ARE "NOT" AVAILABLE
- 2- THE FREE ITEM, ICE CREAM OR PIZZA THAT WAS OFFERED FOR \$150 IN SALES OR 2 ITEMS FOR \$275 IN SALES IS "NO LONGER" IN EFFECT.

#### **VERY IMPORTANT BENEFICIAL ADDITIONS:**

E-certificates, [e for e-mail] are available in the amount of \$25 only and limited to 1 per person. We will earn \$10 back on each \$25 e-certificate sold. That's a great deal for us! This should help make it easy to top our \$3000 goal, remember we won't have the advantage of the extra truck sale purchases.

We make 20% on all food sales up to and including Jan 1, 2014 ORDERS.

We will make 5% on ALL SALES for ONE FULL YEAR when ordering and CHOOSING to give the CHURCH the bonus of leaving us, the church, AS YOUR BENEFACTOR.

Upon delivery of you order to your door, you may receive, if not, request, a catalog for your future orders. Remember we can earn 5% by being your benefactor for one full year!

How to pay has no changes: Cash, Check payable to Schwan's food, credit card, EBT- electronic food stamp card, payable upon delivery.

If you have any questions or concerns please DO NOT hesitate to contact me: Sandy @ 570-739-1630 or Schwan's @ 1-855-870-7208. Please always remember to use our Campaign ID: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Fundraiser ID: to be announced and or Sandy Frinzi with any and all transaction you have with Schwan's so we get the full and proper credit due.

***Current customers ... order as usual but you must use our ID references for us to get credit for the sales! We have 45 days for 20% and one year until November 2014 for the 5%.***

Thank you and God bless you and your efforts! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Oh, let us not forget Thanksgiving! Gobble, gobble!

**Sandy Frinzi**

