

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's gospel reading reminds us that there is an end time coming. We hear that the sun will darken, the moon will have no light to reflect and the stars will fall from heaven. The powers in space will be driven from their courses.

Today, doomsday prophets learn of the World War III with China in 2013. Middle East tensions are rising as more nuclear nations emerge. North Korea continues nuclear tests and ballistic missile launches. In this century alone we have experienced 911 and an economic collapse that has devastated our financial security. Sometimes these things seem like signs of the final catastrophe.

But as Jesus says, "No one knows when the end will come, and when it does, we need only rejoice! We have the assurance that "The Son of Man will appear coming in the clouds with great power and glory."

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – November 16 – 9:00 a.m.

NICHOLAS & ANGELINI D'ALESSANDRO
(Mary Jo & Keith Laslow)

Tuesday – November 17 – 9:00 a.m.

BOB PHILLIPS (Family)

Wednesday – November 18 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHRYN GAYNOR (Catholic Women's Union)

Thursday – November 19 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNA TUCCI (Bob & Kathy Weachock)

Friday – November 20 – 9:00 a.m.

VINCE BOKUS (Residents & Staff of York Terrace)

Saturday – November 21 – 5:00 p.m.

DONALD F. DOYNE (Don & Joanne Doyne)

Sunday – November 22 – 8:15 a.m.

JOHN & GRETCHEN LIEBERMAN FAMILY
(Lieberman Family)

Sunday – November 22 – 10:30 a.m.

ED & ANNE CANTWELL (John & Susan Cantwell)

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Donald F. Doyne by Family

St. Joseph – Special Intention

Tabernacle – Special Intention

Sanctuary Candles All Sanctuary Candles ...

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. John's Parish

Guardian Angels

1&2. Health of Michael Oler by Eleanor Schaeffer

Let us pray for Catholic hospital and healthcare providers, that their rights of conscience to minister to

the sick and dying, in a manner in keeping with their Catholic mission, will not be violated.

SCHEDULE

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – November 21st

Readers: Carol Rizzarda

Euch.Min.: John & Bernice Petock

Servers: Taylor Ross, Michael Fetterolf,
Anthony Wojciechowsky

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – November 22nd

Reader: Bill Casey

Euch.Min.: Carol Forster, Doris Eiler, Albert Nastasi

Servers: Emilie Baker, Megan McLaughlin, Grace Casey

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – November 22nd

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Charlie Miller, Gerry Schwartz, Al Hauptly

Servers: Chelsea & Megan Dalton, Maeve Stoudt

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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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 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

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, Jane Weiss, William Schenck, Dorothy Connor.*

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: We pray for all our loved ones serving our country in the military. We ask that the Lord bless them in their efforts to promote peace and justice in the world. Bring them safely home to their families.

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READINGS

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Nov.14/15)

Reading I: Daniel 12:1-3

Reading II: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Nov.21/22)

Reading I: Daniel 7:13-14

Reading II: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does Jesus' second coming affect the way you live each day?

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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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OUTREACH PROGRAM

REACH OUT and TOUCH SOMEONE



Call Margie Glunz 622-3067

Volunteers are needed!

Call us if you need us.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Looking for a Christian Men's Group? Searching for a Group of Like-Minded Men?

Bridge Builders Men's Fellowship may be the group for you! Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and last approximately one hour followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Please consider joining our group. As the song says, "Come just as you are". **For more information call Bob Hahner 622-0223.**

**Our next meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, November 19th – 7 p.m.**

At Salem United Methodist Church, Orwigsburg.

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FAMILY MATTERS

Sexual Abuse in Families. Shh! Do we dare to talk about this ... but some members of our parish family (perhaps even our own family members) have been

sexually abused. This week we especially pray that God's love and healing will sustain all families harmed by abuse. *You pray for my family & I'll pray for yours.*

BISHOP BARRES COMING TO ST. JOHN'S

The Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Allentown, will visit St. John's Parish on **Saturday, December 5th.**

Bishop Barres will hear confessions before Mass from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. and will celebrate Mass at 5 p.m. Parishioners are welcome to greet Bishop Barres in the back of church after Mass.

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IMMIGRATION

"Regardless of their legal status, migrants, like all persons, possess inherent dignity which should be respected. Government policies that respect basic human rights of the undocumented are necessary." (USCCB, *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*)

Since their foundation in 17th Century France to the present day where they minister in 55 countries worldwide, the Sisters of Saint Joseph have dedicated themselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and a desire to move always toward profound love of God and love of neighbor without distinction. In our day and in our country this call to love "without distinction" impels us to embrace our immigrant brothers and sisters, those documented as well as those undocumented, and to advocate for humane immigration reform. We affirm the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for their public stance on immigration reform and support them in their efforts to bring a faith perspective to this national issue that is often times fueled by fear.

Below are some web resources that can assist us as a faith community in learning more about the immigration issue.

Websites: Justice for Immigrants:

<http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org>

Myths About Immigrants:

http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/files/2008/MYTHS_2.pdf

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

www.usccb.org/mrs/welcome.shtml

(For the Bishops Pastoral Statement on Immigration and a parish kit of materials)

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 8th: \$ 5,210.91

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

MONTHLY PARISH

BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 22nd

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Russell Building

Menu includes: Ham, Bacon, Sausage,
Homefries, Scrapple, Pancakes, French Toast,
Eggs to order, Beverages.
A la carte menu available.
Prices: \$4.00 to \$8.00

HELP HELP HELP

We need volunteers to help with the Parish Breakfasts. Perhaps you are new in the parish and looking for a way to become involved. We also need help clearing tables, serving drinks, etc.

Please contact **Kate or Steve Zagar 622-3193** or call the Rectory 622-5470.



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.

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWS

Have you checked out our website recently www.all-saintscatholicsschool.net?

There are links to great sites like WNEP, Saint of the Day, and Sacred Space, my favorite daily prayer site. Parents are able to check the school calendars, menu, and monthly newsletters on-line. How convenient! **We have also posted our annual report and Middle States Re-Accreditation report.** Our website isn't just for parents. It is for you too. Parishioners are an important part of the All Saints Family. Thank you for your support! Visit us at www.all-saintscatholicsschool.net.

Gift Certificates available...

No gift is more valuable than the gift of education. Gift certificates for tuition at All Saints Catholic School are available in the school office. Tuition Gift Certificates may be purchased for any student currently enrolled or

who will be enrolled for the 2010-2011 school year. Please call Mrs. Bahm for more details at 622-0106.

Thank you for your support! Call us for a tour or visit us at www.all-saintscatholicsschool.net.

gEnEsiS 1 Update

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 November 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: **Saturday, November 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 genesis1yg@aim.com or call 570-581-6109.

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.



GIFT CARDS TO BENEFIT ST. JOHN'S

Mark & Tina Seiger are selling Ribbon Gift Cards for the holidays to benefit St. John's. You can visit the site and order on-line at mseiger.ordermygift.com or call 622-3558 for more information. Your purchase will financially help our parish.

THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree will look different this year. Instead of a Christmas tree adorned with stars, we will use a small bare tree with no leaves. This will help us to visualize the season of waiting for fullness, expectation and hopefulness.

On the weekend of **November 28 /29** this barren tree will be adorned with gift tags. Please take one of the tags which has a gift suggestion written on it for our shut-ins and other needy agencies. Please wrap your gift, put the gift tag on the outside and return the package under the tree by the weekend of **December 12/13**. Please make sure you don't lose the tag as it has the person's identity number. Attach the tag through the ribbon.

PLEASE DO NOT TAPE TAG TO THE PAPER



So much is done for children, but we also have many elderly who are shut-ins. Our gifts each year are our way of reaching out to these beautiful people and saying we love them and wish them the blessings of Christmas.

GIFTS ARE DUE **DECEMBER 12/13 WEEKEND**

ADVENT-URE

... a party to celebrate Jesus' birthday ...

Date: Sunday, December 6th

Place: Russell Building

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Entertainment:

Featuring "The Pistol Puppet Team"

We will begin the Advent-ure with a light lunch. Crafts and special events complete this Advent-ure. All children ages 3 to 12 are welcome to participate. Registration is a must so that adequate supplies can be ordered for the children. Please call the Rectory to register **622-5470** or complete this form and drop in the collection basket.

Parent must accompany children.

Name _____ Age ____

Name _____ Age ____

Name _____ Age ____

**** Registration is a must **
by November 30th**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: Wednesday, December 9th

Where: Pottsville Club

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00

Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast or Top Round of Beef or One Crab Cake

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 30th to:

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

CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Gift certificates for Giant, Waymart, and Weis Food stores are available at the rectory. Please call 622-5470 for more information. What a great gift-giving idea !!!

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Our parish is collecting food items for Thanksgiving. Last year we distributed 12 baskets. Please help us reach out to the needy in our area.

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Canned Fruit
Broth	Packaged Cookies
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Jelly
Hot Chocolate	Hot Cereal packages
Apple Sauce	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Peanut Butter	Beef Stew

Soups Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce Macaroni & Cheese

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

We are accepting donations of turkeys for our Thanksgiving Baskets. We will need approximately 15. Please drop your donation off at the Rectory by November 18th.



GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE

The Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale has begun. Brochures are available in the back of church. Orders are due by December 6th. Pick-up after all Mass the weekend of December 19/20.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

All Saints School	\$50 Tuition Gift Cert, Blanket, Mug, Pen, Magnet
Beehive Salon	Beauty / Make-up Basket
Dot Bound	Crocheted Hangers
Mary Bound	Pandora Bracelet
Pam Brennan	Home Interiors Basket
Catholic Women's Union	\$25.00
CCD Teachers&Parents	Tea Basket
CYO Program	\$25.00
Mary Connell	Cake
Father Dave	Coffee Basket
Janet Daubert	Wine
IMO Julia Daubert	Crocheted Afghans & Pillows
Deegan Corporation	One Individual Tax Return
Designs by Edie	Fall Wreath
Sue Eckley	Vera Bradley Basket
Dorothy & Bill Elison	\$50.00
Farlow's Deli	Gift Certificate
Miss Kim Fetter	Foot Care Basket
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
Ric & Sue Jochems	Pamper Basket, 3 Angels
Maeve Ketner	Sign for Bazaar
Lucilla Kochol	Barbie Basket
Lucilla&Josephine Kochol	Baking Basket
Anna Kurtek	\$25.00
Maureen Kurtek	Pampered Chef Basket, Beauty Basket, Wine Glasses, Table Runner



Pat Kutch	Christmas Wreath,
Megan Lauletta	'Start from Scratch' Baking Basket
Little Peace Farm-Scheidels	Crocheted Scarves & Coaster Set
Pat Lombel/Dorothy Lotz	Basket of Gift Certificates
Frances Lorenz	Thanksgiving Basket
Justina Majestic	Basket of Gifts
Maroon's Sports Bar	Lottery/Gift Certificate Basket
Edie McDonough	T-shirt / 2-\$20.00 Gift Certificates
Kelly,Tony,Stephen Messina	Handmade Jewelry
R.J. Miske	Family Fun Night Basket
Murphy Jewelers	Christmas Designs
Bobbi Murray-Headquarters	Fashion Necklace
Nancy's Fancy Flowers	Hair Care/Beauty Basket
Nativity BVM High Sch.	Christmas Arrangement, Beverage Basket
Al & Kathy Norkus	Nativity Basket
Gene Pedriani	Wine Baskets - 2
John&Bernice Petock	Christmas CD's
	Child's Craft Basket, Gift Cert. for Schaeffer Harley Davidson

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

John & Barbara Powers	Mia Bella Gourmet Candle Basket
Ed & Carole Quirin	Lottery Tickets, Picnic Basket, Santa Sleigh Basket, Various Crafts
Carol Quirin & Carolyn Quirin Morris	Tastefully Simple Basket
Renee Reddington	Knitted Berets & Sweaters
Dot Rosenberger	Animated Snowman, Baby Basket
Dot Ryan & Maggie Maskerines	Barbie Activity Basket
Bob & Kay Russell	\$20.00
Kay Russell/Doris Schultz	Bath & Body Basket
St. John's Choirs	Crocheted Dishcloths, Ornaments
Eleanor Schaeffer	\$25.00
Pat & Missy Scheetz	Hand knitted Washcloths&Scarves
Sue Scheetz	Donna Sharp Basket
Barbara Schoenauer	Temptation Bakeware Basket
Gerald Schoenauer	First Aide Basket
Doris Schultz	Handmade Jewelry Bags, Coasters
Mark Semanchik	Baby Snugglies, Pillow Cases, Glamour Girl Basket
Suzette Joy	Mike Schmidt Signed Stat Baseball
Rosann Sitkus	Bath Basket
Bernie Sockwell	Last Will & Testament Certificate
St. Bernard's Society	Hair & Spa Basket
Dorothy Stangl	Puzzles & Jewelry
Donna Bound Steidle	Crocheted Kitchen Towel Toppers with Towels
Peggy Stoppi	\$25.00
Wayne & Diane Stoudt	Bath & Body Basket
Sun Seekers	Crocheted Pillow&Afghan, Jewelry
Lorraine Tasso	Penn State Basket
Janet Thomas	\$50.00
Luis R. & Virginia Visot	2 Manicures, Nail Polish
Waymart Store	Wine & Snack Basket
Ruth Weidler	Rainy Day Basket
Weis Markets	Wine & Wine Glass Basket
S.Maryanne Zakreski	Gift Certificate
	Handmade Lap Blanket,Care Bear Pillow
	Gift Certificate
	Framed Painting on Silk

Ellen Zane
Zimmerman, Lieberman
& Tamulonis

Yankee Candle Basket
Last Will & Testament Certificate

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Office of Youth Ministry will host a *Protecting God's Children Workshop* at their location of 47 Wiggan St., New Philadelphia, on **Monday, November 23rd** beginning at 6:30 p.m. The workshop will last approximately three hours. Registration is mandatory by calling 277-0123. **This workshop is necessary for any adult who will be working in any way with our youth.**

Upcoming Workshops

Thursday, December 3rd at St. Mary's in Kutztown
Monday, December 7th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

St. John's Catholic Women's Union was founded in 1926 and is still active and a viable organization, whose purpose is service and friendship.

We meet every month on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall. We have a short business meeting and refreshments are served. During the year we have interesting programs which include a Chinese Auction, Fall Harvest Sale, Halloween fun, Christmas Party, Pizza Sale, Pie Sale, etc. We have a wonderful group of women of all ages and interests. Monies raised through our various projects are given to St. John's Church to be used wherever needed. If you would like to join us, please complete the following form. Please join us. All women of St. John's Parish are welcome!

St. John's Catholic Women's Union Membership

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Drop in the collection basket or mail to : Donna Moyer, 529 S. Centre St., Pottsville. (Dues are \$2.00 per year, make check payable to St. John's CWU)

If you have any additional questions, please contact the **Catholic Women's Union President, Sharon Miller** at 622-0516.

**Our next meeting is ...
Wednesday, November 18th – 7 p.m.
in Longinus Hall.**

A 'Christmas Silent Auction' will be featured.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

..... Janet
Daubert

People who eat the most red meat (averaging at least 5 ounces a day) are about one-third more likely to die prematurely than those eating little or no red meat, according to a 10-year study of more than half a million members of AARP. This was true even when factors such as education, weight, smoking, physical activity, and other major dietary variables were controlled for. The greatest increase in mortality rate was for cardiovascular disease, followed by cancer. High consumption of processed meat had a similar effect. In contrast, people who ate the most poultry and fish had a slightly decreased mortality rate.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

HEALTHY HOLIDAY RECIPES at the Schuylkill Medical Center, East Norwegian St, Pottsville on **Wednesday, November 18th at 6 p.m.** in the Wall Auditorium, 3rd Floor, Main Building. Free of charge. Please call Debbie Herb 621-5047 to register, as attendees will sample the prepared recipes.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FOOD Orders are being taken for City Chicken, Halupkie, and Bread Filling. **Deadline is November 18th with pickup November 24th.** Call 429-0302 or 429-0581 or 628-4676. Orders are also being taken for Christmas Candy. Proceeds benefit the St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT The Broad Mt. Chapter 159th Engineer Combat Battalion Veterans WWII will conduct this project for our active duty service men and women for the 2009 Christmas season. Please send the names and addresses of any active duty person to the following address ASAP so they can be sent a Christmas card from "home". Thank you for supporting our troops **Russell Ruch, 709 N. 7th St., Pottsville, Pa. 17901**

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RENEWING THE EARTH

Did you know that the United States has 35 percent of the world's automobiles and consumes 17 million barrels of oil per day, half of which is import every day?

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