

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

An artist begins to create with a few lines and strokes. Little by little, more detail appears, until finally the full picture is revealed. So it was with Easter. It came softly, not with a blare of trumpets but with a quiet gasp of astonishment. It was still dark when Mary Magdalene discovered that the stone had been rolled away. Jesus' body was gone.

Jesus told John and Peter. They did not comprehend what had happened so they went home. Mary stayed at the tomb weeping. In the muted light of dawn, Jesus began to reveal Himself to her. The two angels appeared. Then, unrecognized at first, Jesus spoke her name. As the full light of day erased all doubt, Mary Magdalene stood before the revelation, proclaiming the first Easter by saying, "I have seen the Lord."

A Blessed Easter to all of you as a parish family. Let this be your happiest Easter. May our Risen Savior bless you and your loved ones on this Easter.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave, S.Maryanne, Dr. Luis R. Visot

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – April 5 – 9:00 a.m.

CATHERINE M. POST

Tuesday, April 6 – 9:00 a.m.

BERTHA BULLOCK

Wednesday, April 7 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY YENILAITUS, 44th Anniv.

(Mary Zambo & Carol Rhoades)

Thursday - April 8 – 9:00 a.m.

GERALD BOHR (Susan & Mike Prokop)

Friday – April 9 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANK HOCK

Saturday – April 10 – 5:00 p.m.

TROPP & PETOCK FAMILIES

(John & Bernice Petock)

Sunday – April 11 – 8:15 a.m.

VERONICA B. SCHMITT, 18th Anniv.

(Schmitt Family)

Sunday – April 11 – 10:30 a.m.

PAUL & MARY GOMBOLA

(Paul & Bernice Gombola)

Tuesday, April 6th @ York Terrace Nursing Home

ALBERT & REGINA SCHMIDT

ATTENTION

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... you help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **May and June** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call Father Dave by Monday, April 12th** to let him know when you are **NOT** available during these months. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Glen Stutzman

by Brophy & Major nieces & nephews

St. Joseph – IMO Richard Lotz by Ron & Pat Lombel

Tabernacle – Special Intention by Jimmie & Joan Florida

Sanctuary

1. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

2,3,4. Special Intention by Jimmie & Joan Florida

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Geanette Reiner by Dave Reiner

2. IMO Carol Siegle by Ellen, Barbara & Millie

SCHEDULE

Second Sunday of Easter

5:00 – Saturday - April 10th

Readers: Chris Disabella

Euch.Min.: Lee Ann Smith, Virginia Visot

Servers: Angelo, Alexandra, Samantha Disabella

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – April 11th

Reader: Caitlyn McDemus

Euch.Min.: Andrew Kubick, Paul Gombola,

Janet Daubert

Servers: Samantha Weiss, Josh Clauser,

Andrew Viduszynski

Cantor: Kelly Messina

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – April 11th

Reader: Randi Dermo

Euch.Min.: Joan Albo, Kathy Vicic Mary Jean Morgalis

Servers: Ryan, Patrick, Caitlin Coyle

Cantor: Dave Derbes

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

This week we welcome **Richard and Lois Prestileo** and their daughter **Michelle**.

Richard is a barber, Lois is employed at Sch. Med. Ctr. East and Michelle is a graphic artist.

Warmly embrace them into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 146 Anderson 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, Edward Wychunas, John Woznicki, Faye Cuchara, Scott Rhoades, Roxanne Tutko, James Gombola, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, Elizabeth McAlonis, Karla Garland, Rosalia Campion, Kevin Stock, Espen Murphy, Ed Kurtek, Greg Schoffstall, Nancy Doyne.*

Let us greet Him with a song of praise, joyfully sing out our psalms. Psalm 95:2

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What in our faith do you find heard to understand?
How do you help others
to understand the Catholic faith?

READINGS

Second Sunday of Easter (April 10/11)

Reading I: Acts 5:12-16

Reading II: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

YOU'RE INVITED

"VOLUNTEER PARTY"

April 17, 2010 6:15 p.m.

All St. John's Parish Family adult volunteers are cordially invited to a **VOLUNTEER PARTY** at the Russell Building. The evening will include a catered meal by Katermade Katering.

All Committees ...	Family Guild
Building Committee	Food Committee
Catholic Women's Union	Lenten Dinners
CCD Teachers & Aides	Mardi Gras Committee
Cemetery Committee	Marriage Prep Dialogue
Children's Liturgy	Mid-Summer Festival
Choirs	Ministers of Hospitality
Christmas Bazaar	OutReach
Church Cleaners	Parish Council
Church Decorators	RCIA Catechists
CYO Board & Coaches	Readers
Dramatic Stations	Servers
Envelope Counters	Soup Kitchen
Envelope Posters	Sunday Pre-School
Eucharistic Ministers	Vacation Bible School
	Youth Advisors

Hopefully we haven't missed any areas of service, but please know that anyone who gives volunteer time to our parish, in whatever capacity, is invited to attend.



If you are a parish volunteer, please consider this announcement as your invitation to attend. However, it is very important that you let us know if you will be joining us on **April 17th**. We need an accurate count for the caterer and seating. We ask your cooperation by calling the **Rectory Office before April 12th** to give your name.

This will be the absolute deadline for reservations - no exceptions.

RSVP by April 12th

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2010

Sunday, June 20 - Thursday, June 24



Book your summer cruise today! Vacation Bible School High Seas Adventure is now online and ready for you to check it all out! Visit www.SaintJohnPottsville.org to find the link to High Seas VBS Adventure! Find music clips and see a preview video. You can volunteer online to help us as a "ship mate" and register online to get your free ticket for your family members to cruise with us this summer!

Don't miss the ship—register **ONLINE before June 6th** to get your family's free music CD! Children are placed in small crews of mixed ages and genders so that every child makes some new friends! However, if you register ONLINE, you may request that your child be placed in a crew with one special friend.



Questions? Call Tina at 640-9185 or email at tzanis@verizon.net. We hope you will join us as **We Explore the Mighty Love of God** starting on June 20th!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

50/50 RAFFLE / COVERED DISH

St. John's CWU will hold a 50/50 raffle at their Covered Dish Social on

Wednesday April 21 at 6 p.m. in Longinus Hall.

Anyone interested in raffle tickets or attending the social, please call

Kay Russell 739-2808 or Frances Lorenz 544-2837.

CURIOSITY SHOP"



Winter is over and Spring is just around the corner. Soon you will be Spring housecleaning, so look around your homes for any items you wish to contribute to this year's Curiosity

Shop at the Mid-Summer Festival. You'd be surprised what you might find – **Clean Items Only** – **No empty plastic containers** -- Here are some suggestions ...

Christmas Items	Vases	Toys
Serving Dishes	Jewelry	Gift Bags
Knick Knacks	Potted Plants	Linens
Kitchen Items	Books	Candy Dishes
Framed Paintings	Candles	Table Covers
Etc. Etc. Etc.		

A drop-off date will be in the bulletin sometime prior to the Festival.

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFOREHAND

please contact **David Zerbe 628-9603**.

PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY

St. John's is now planning a new and current Parish Picture Directory for 2010. Photos will be taken in the Spring by Olan Mills on the following dates:

May 14 & 15
May 17 & 18
June 10, 11 & 12



Appointment sign-ups will begin April 11th. Watch the bulletin for more details ...

Anyone wishing to be on the Parish Directory Committee, please call **Debbie Herb 544-5646**. Your assistance will be needed to help register our Parish Family members when they get their portraits taken.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Easter Sunday

The Risen Christ gives all people a new hope. It is truly a time for rejoicing. Our efforts with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl have also given hope and new chances to many of our sisters and brothers throughout the world. Even though our Lenten journey is over, our solidarity with the poor needs to continue all year long. Visit crs.org to stay connected with the Church's work on behalf of those in need around the world. **Please return Rice Bowls to the basket in the back of church.** Thank you.

FAMILY MATTERS

Easter. The Paschal mystery – Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again – reminds us that we are called to live a new life in Christ this Easter season. As a family we too can embrace our Paschal mystery – by dying and rising to new life in loving our neighbor – the ones we live with. Have a joy filled Easter with y our family!

You pray for my family & I'll pray for yours.

BASKETBALL FUNDAMENTALS

Basketball fundamentals for St. John's Parish girls currently in grades 1 through 5 ... join the fun, learn the game, and improve your skills. This program is offered as a recreational/learning opportunity and will run on the following dates and times at All Saints gymnasium



April 10th / April 17th / April 24th
9 to 10:30 a.m.

If interested in participating,

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWS ...

Scholarship Money Available

A substantial amount of scholarship money is available for new and current students of All Saints Catholic School, thanks to the generous contributions of local benefactors. The amount of money available for the 2010-2011 school year through the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund, EPSF, will allow all those who qualify to receive grants up to 50% of the student's tuition.

We are blessed to be giving away over \$40,000! Families who qualify can earn a base salary of \$50,000 a year plus \$10,000 for each child. For example, a family with three children can earn \$80,000 a year and still qualify. Register and apply now. Call the school for an application at 622-0106. We hope to hear from you soon!

Kindergarten & New Student Registration

All Saints Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. Some classes are filling up quickly. Don't delay. Call the school for a tour or to request a registration packet.

Thanks you for your support! Call us for a tour or visit us at www.All-SaintsCatholicSchool.net

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

Upcoming Events

Casino Day to benefit St. Joseph Center for Special Learning on **Sunday, April 25th** to Sands Casino & Resort in Bethlehem. Bus departs 9 a.m. and return 4 p.m. Cost is \$30.00 per person due no later than Friday, April 9th; Price includes \$20 free slot play and \$5.00 voucher towards lunch. Please contact Mrs. Montgomery at St. Joseph's School 622-4638 for tickets and information.

19th Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner

to be held **Friday, May 14th** at Mountain Valley Golf Course in Mahanoy City. Sign sponsorships are available in addition to golf and dinner. New levels of sponsorship available. All golf fee include lunch and steak dinner. Registration begins 11 a.m. with buffet style lunch starting 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lots of prizes! For more information please call St. Joseph Center 622-4638.

5th Annual "Dash for St. Joseph Center for Special Learning"

sponsored by The Notre Dame Club of Schuylkill County on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st** in Pottsville. Pre-registration guarantees a commemorative t-shirt for all runners. For more information or to register to run or become a sponsor, please call Bill Kern at 570-498-5991.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN - NO SUBJECT IS TABOO

Calling all Parents, Guardians and Grandparents of children 10 – 21 years old. Join us for a free event! Organized and sponsored by the Schuylkill County's VISION Mental Health Committee ... Panelists: Dr. William Gianfagna, Gretchen Whitman, Dr. Elmer Cupino ... **Sunday, April 18th from 2 to 4:30 p.m.** at the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29, Marlin (Doors open 1:15 p.m.) Free information and materials available; all discussions are designed for an adult audience, not for children. Learn how to effectively communicate with your child about concerns that they may encounter while growing up and learn how to guide them towards making wise decisions. For more information please call 622-6097.

BINGO: A Longaberger Basket & Vera Bradley Bingo will be held **Sunday, April 11th** at Holy Cross Social Hall in New Philadelphia. Doors open 12 noon; Games begin 2 p.m. Tickets: \$20.00 in advance; \$25.00 at the door. For tickets call 277-6800 or 640-7604.

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE: ... to take place **Saturday, April 17th at 7:30 p.m.** at Pottsville High School auditorium. Advance tickets are available until April 10th -- \$10.00. For more information call Bob Hahner 622-0223.

CANDLE SALE - FUNDRAISER: Blue Mountain Candle Sale to benefit two year old Espen Murphy, recently diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor ... Candles - \$13.48 each and can be ordered by contacting Brenda Flickinger 573-0297; sale ends April 26th.

PARISH FESTIVAL – 2010

This year's date is July 17th

Mark your calendars!

A planning meeting will take place

Easter Monday, April 5th

7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room ... All are welcome!

LONGABERGER BASKET WINNERS

March 24 – Ava Orłowski March 28 – Theresa Moser
March 25 – Chick Tamburelli March 29 - Julianne Steffan
March 26 - Layne Munso March 30 – Carolyn Morris
March 27 – Joanne Tucci

*Everyday I bless You; I will praise Your name forever.
... Psalm 145:2*

FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Steubenville, Ohio ... June 18 to 20, 2010

Attention all High School Youth & Parents If you are down on your faith and want some real answers, or if you just want to see what everything is about, bring a friend and sign-up. There is everything from music to games, speakers, Mass, sports, food, and hanging out outside or at the college dorms where we stay. You will love it!

We will be taking a charter bus from Pottsville to this awesome weekend opportunity! If you are going into 9th – 12th grade for Fall 2010, two thousand students from all over the east coast of the U.S. will be joining us. Because additional seats have opened, this is your last chance to sign up this year. For details, use the contact information below....

FINAL SIGN-UP – Wednesday, April 7th

Next Meeting for all Attendees / Parents

Wednesday, April 14th – 7 p.m. – Longinus Hall

Please contact Rachael Kubick 570-581-6109

ROSARY REPAIR SERVICE

When it's time to clear out the accumulated clutter from cabinets, drawers and chests, you might find a partial rosary with a missing crucifix or several beads that you could not part with because of the sentimental value.



These partial rosaries can be repaired successfully and returned to wholeness with little or almost no cost. If you have no sentimental attachment, please consider donating these partial/incomplete rosaries to the Missions, both foreign and domestic.

Thus far, I have repaired and reconstituted several hundred rosaries and forwarded them to the foreign Missions. You can place the rosary to be repaired in an envelope with my name on the outside and place it in the collection basket. If you would like it repaired and returned, please put your name and phone number on the envelope.

Rosaries / New & Repair Service

*For that special someone / occasion: Birthday,
Anniversary, Graduation, Wedding, First Communion,
Confirmation or any occasion.*

Call Paul Gombola 622-4162

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 28th: \$ 6,716.96;

Steubenville High School Retreat: \$ 504.77

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.
