

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Last week at the Resurrection of Jesus, Mary Magdalene saw the angels inside the tomb. Then she saw the gardener and did not recognize him as Jesus until He spoke her name. This week, Thomas obeys Jesus' command to put his fingers into the nail wounds and his hand into his open side. Only then does Thomas come to full belief.

In our lives we may not recognize the subtle presence of Jesus. He may be there in an answered prayer. We may be pleased, calling it good fortune but fail to give Jesus the credit. We may be like one of those nine lepers who do not return to thank the Lord for their cleansing.

We have all heard the saying, "I'll believe it when I see it." Our Catholic faith calls us to switch this around, to place our trust in God and to say, "I'll see it when I believe it."

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – April 12 – 9:00 a.m.

DAVID DECONCINI

Tuesday, April 13 – 9:00 a.m.

RICHARD BUEHLER (Al & Kathy Norkus)

Wednesday, April 14 – 9:00 a.m.

ED SMITH (living intention)

Thursday - April 15 – 9:00 a.m.

EARL & FLORENCE TROPP

Friday – April 16 – 9:00 a.m.

IRENE A. POST

Saturday – April 17 – 5:00 p.m.

MARGARET ELISON (M/M Henry Ucke)

Sunday – April 18 – 8:15 a.m.

DECEASED OF THE BOHR FAMILY

Sunday – April 18 – 10:30 a.m.

VINCENT J. SCHULTZ (Doris Schultz)

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M. –IMO Ruth Murphy by Esther Smith

St. Joseph – IMO John & Florence Bentz

by Sterling & Joanne Hepler

Tabernacle –IMO Joyce Leinheiser by Family

Sanctuary All Sanctuary Candles

IMO Charlie Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Lisolette Lombel by Ron & Pat Lombel

2. IMO Theresa Brennan by Dave & Joan Deiter

Let us pray for all who despair of God's forgiveness, especially those who have been involved in abortion that they may trust in God's mercy and find peace again through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

SCHEDULE

Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 – Saturday - April 17th

Readers: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: John & Bernice Petock

Servers: Madeline Consugar, Paige Vandermeer, Michael Wollyung

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – April 18th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: George Forney, Justina Majestic, Michael Ambrose

Servers: Emily Witmier, Grace Casey, Michael Fetterolf

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – April 18th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Claudia Rittle, Kate Kramer, Molly Zwiebel

Cantor: Ensemble

ATTENTION

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... your 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.

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, William Flynn, Robert Kline, Jeanne Rehnert, Thomas Jefferson, Carl Bartholomew*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Holy Land: \$ 716.00; April 4th: \$ 6,813.92

Easter: \$ 12,481.00; Dues: \$ 1,736.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SECOND COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND April 17/18

.. will be taken up for the **Potluck Stand**

at this year's Mid-Summer Festival.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

A friend owes kindness to one in despair.

... Job 6:14

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.

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| 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

FAMILY MATTERS

Couples in Conflict. Sometimes couples really struggle in their marriages. We ask that you pray for our couples that are facing serious challenges in living out the vocation of their sacramental marriage. Pray that the graces of this sacrament sustain them during their struggles. For information about **RETRouvaille**, a weekend for troubled marital relationships, see the website www.retrouvaille.org.

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

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.

PLEASE NOTE: 50/50 tickets can also be purchased next weekend, April 17 & 18 in the back of church.

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 ...

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

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

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFOREHAND

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.

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

If interested in participating, please contact **David Zerbe 628-9603**.

OVER 50 CLUB

St. John's "Over 50 Club" will be meeting again now that the weather is nice. Our next get-together will take place on **Tuesday, April 13th**. We welcome and encourage new members ... anyone interested in joining our little socials ... just stop by Longinus Hall on **Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.** ... we play bingo, board games, cards, etc. and light refreshments are always available. For more information, please call the rectory 622-5470.



PARISH FESTIVAL – 2010

This year's date is **July 17th**
Mark your calendars!

Our next meeting will take place
Monday, May 10th at 7 p.m.
in the Fellowship Room

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.

DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENTS

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

World Youth Day, Young Adult Pilgrimage, Madrid, Spain ... August 14 to 22, 2011.

Young adults ages 18 to 35 are invited to join the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and young adults from around the globe in a multicultural celebration of the Catholic faith. More information is available at www.liveyourfaith.org or by calling Melissa at 277-0123. All inclusive ... \$2,098.00 from New York.

Young Adults, your voices matter! You're invited to a dinner discussion to help the Diocese hear and respond creatively to your needs in today's culture and Church. Visit us for details on our Facebook pages: Allentown Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry; Allentown Diocese Adult Faith Formation or e-mail MHartigan@allentowndiocese.org

OFFICE FOR PRO-LIFE

Do you seek healing from a past abortion experience either recent or many years ago? Call **1-866-3Rachel**, the confidential **Project Rachel Hotline**, for information about compassionate post-abortion counseling and reconciliation and **Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**

For parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth or in early infancy, please join us at the Remembrance Mass "**Forever in Our Hearts**," **Sunday, April 18th at 3 p.m.** at St. Columbkil Church, Boyertown For more information or to register, call 610-289-8900 ext. 230 for the Office of Pro-Life Activities. All families are invited. Registration is not required but requested for planning for the social which follows the Mass. You may register anonymously with just a number attending.

'THE HOPE RETREAT' for INFERTILITY

Join other couples on **Saturday, April 17th** at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton, as Certified Imago Therapist, Christine Wittman and Author and International Speaker, Neal Lozano offer a day to focus on coping with infertility, communicating with your spouse in times of trial, and discovering the good coming from God. For more information go to www.fertilitycarefriends.org/hoperetreat.html or contact Elisabeth Laskowski at 484-332-9084.

CHARITY & JUSTICE WORKSHOP

"The Gospel Message in Action – Expanding and Promoting Works of Charity and Justice" will be offered on two days in two locations, at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 20th** at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City, and **Thursday, April 22nd** at SS Simon and Jude, Bethlehem. The Rev. Keith Laskowski, M.Div., M.A., S.T.B. will be the keynote speaker. To register and reserve a seat, please call the Office for Social Action 610-289-8900 ext. 221.

DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENTS

SEMINAR

"Annulment & Remarriage in the Catholic Church" seminar sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal to be held on **Thursday, April 29th at 7 p.m.** in St. Clare of Assisi Church Hall, Mill & Hancock Sts., St. Clair. Pre-registration is recommended by calling St. Clare's Rectory 429-0701. A Tribunal judge and a marriage therapist will be on hand to help answer questions that often frighten Catholics from seeking annulments. There is no fee for the seminar.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Many signs and wonders were done ... and more than ever became believers in the Lord", Acts (1st Reading). Many couples who attend a Marriage Encounter describe the miraculous effect a weekend has had on their marriage. For information call 1-800-787-7679 or go online at www.wwme-nepa.org.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

In springtime, the thoughts of engaged couples turn to ... seating charts, invitations and other wedding plans. Put the focus back where it belongs by experiencing an Engaged Encounter Weekend! A wedding is a day – a marriage is for a lifetime. EE is sponsored by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Diocese of Allentown. For more information and the schedule of EE weekends for 2010, call Carla Neupauer at 610-289-8900 ext. 238.

RESCUE THE UNBORN

The newly formed group "Protectors of the Unborn Precious Souls" will hold their monthly meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Frackville on Tuesday, April 13th at 6 p.m. The group extends an invitation to all Schuylkill County Deanery Parish Members to attend and become a part of saving the unborn and helping the mothers who chose life over abortion.

Come join us and become the voice for these "Precious Souls" which God created. Remember there is strength in numbers.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This week, our parishioners began to receive the mailing for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the diocesan annual fundraising initiative that supports many local ministries. More information will be available in the coming weeks. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

SCHUYLKILL WOMEN IN CRISIS
24/7 HOTLINE
622-6220

FAMILY GUILD

The **Family Guild** is a small organization which sponsors activities for the elementary school students of the parish.

Through our fundraising efforts we sponsor two spiritual based programs throughout the year. The programs are the Lent Event and the Advent-ure.

The **Family Guild** also strives to make the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation a little more special for our children by purchasing gifts and providing flowers for these joyous occasions.

If you would like to become more involved within the parish and be a positive influence in the spiritual lives of our parish youth, consider joining the **Family Guild**. We always welcome a new face among us.

If interested please call the **Rectory 622-5470**.

**Our next meeting is ...
Tuesday, April 13th – 7 p.m.
in the Rectory Fellowship Room**

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... **Janet Daubert**

One more reason to handle raw poultry carefully. Fresh chicken is more contaminated with bacteria today than six years ago, according to tests by Consumers Union. Of 382 raw whole chickens from across the country, 66% had *Campylobacter* and/or *Salmonella*, compared to 49% in 2003. This is a modest improvement since 2007, however, when 80% of chickens sampled were infected with bacteria. To be safe, make sure no juices from raw poultry come in contact with other foods, wash your hands well after handling raw poultry, and cook it to at least 165 degrees

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We appreciate advertisers who support St. John's by advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize their business and let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER will take place at St. Patrick's Parish Center on **Sunday, April 11th** from 11:30 to 3 p.m. Adults \$7.00; Children \$3.00. All you can eat... take-outs available.

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.

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.

BREAKFAST sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Parish on **Sunday, April 18th** from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the parish center. Adults \$6.00; Children 12 and under \$3.00. Take-outs available.

SPAGHETTI DINNER with homemade meatballs & sauce, sponsored by St. Richard's Church in Barnesville on **Sunday, April 25th** from Noon until 3 p.m. Tickets \$8.00 Adults; \$4.00 Children under 12. Please call for tickets 467-2315. Cut-off date for tickets is April 18th.

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**.

OUTREACH

Our OutReach Program is available to provide a ride to and from Mass, transportation to physician appointments, etc. We are always in need of volunteers ... please call Margaret Glunz 622-3067

ARE YOU PLANNING A CHANGE ??

If you are making a change in ... **address, parish affiliation, e-mail, or phone number**, please call the Rectory Office. We strive to keep our records up to date.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you experience being sent by Jesus?

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

Third Sunday of Easter (April 17/18)

Reading I: Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41

Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

At Home with the Easter Season

We Appreciate Light and Growth

Jesus' parables and stories, told in his intimate and familiar style, are grounded in the senses. He speaks of sight, hearing, touch; of people's need for food, water, shelter. He speaks of Love. Jesus helps us feel the heart of the day and the laborers' fatigue; we see the farmer's ripening fields.

Time and again, the Son of God shows his own humanity through a profound understanding of human affliction and deprivation. In elegant simplicity and with words and actions meaningful to the people, Jesus reveals his absolute comprehension of human need.

In his use of light and wheat imagery, Jesus speaks of things familiar to his listeners. The farmer knows from experience that the single grain of wheat must enter the soil and die or it cannot become many grains of wheat. He knows that the sun's light must also play a part. The sun must fall on the fields for the wheat to grow from seed to harvest.

Talk about: In his descriptions of the death, germination, and growth of a grain of wheat, and of himself as the light, Jesus uses the familiar to describe the new. He introduces the people to the concept of salvation and of his own ultimate sacrificial role in it.

MASS CARDS – VARIOUS OCCASIONS

There are Sisters of St. Joseph Mass Cards available in the rectory for various occasions including Perpetual and Annual Memorial cards, Sympathy, Thank You, Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Wedding, Anniversary and Birthday, as well as Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day. The cost is \$1.50; Perpetual Memorials are \$5.00.

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."

CONGRATULATIONS



Our parish warmly welcomed **Mark Anthony** who was baptized at the Easter Vigil and also received Confirmation and Holy Communion.

We also welcomed **Dorothy Ziegler** who was received into the Church through a Profession of Faith and received Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Congratulations to Mark and Dorothy and their families!

THANK YOU DEPARTMENT

Thank you for volunteering for the Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday. You helped our parish family visualize the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper.

Paul Datte

Adrian Datte

Olivia Eagan

Madelyn Gordon

Mary Hahner

Debbie Herb

Ed Leffler

Joanne Leffler

Pat Lombel

Sarah Lombel

Patricia Lombel

Thank you to all who helped to create the decorations and decorate our church so beautifully for Easter, in particular:

Mary Bound

Bob Hahner

Father Dave

Rose Schimpf,

Sr. Maryanne

Other helping hands:

Cathy Cooper

Sandy Clauser

Members of the Choir

Members of the Dramatic Stations Crew & Cast

Thank you to those who helped clean the Church:

Josh Clauser

Michael DeColli

Maeve Ketner

Katie McDemus

Sr. Maryanne

Josette Peckman

Mary Porter

Samantha Weiss

Adalie Zanis

Thank you to the following instrumentalists who played for our 10:30 Mass on Easter morning:

Allison Darhun

Rebecca Derbes

Samantha Haas

Meghan Hahner

Miranda Hahner

Lawrence Major

Gina Mazzuca

Annie Tamalavage

Thank you to **Mary Bound** for her donation of the beautiful handmade Palm Crosses.

Then all who take refuge in You will be glad and forever shout for joy. Protect them, that You may be the joy of those who love Your name.

Psalm 5:12