

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The Greek word "Eureka" means "I found it," and many scientists have shouted it upon realizing their discoveries. They're probably taking their cue from the ancient Greek scholar Archimedes, who shouted "Eureka!" when he noticed that the water level rose when he stepped into his bath, and suddenly understood that the volume of water displaced must be equal to the volume of his submerged foot. This meant that the volume of any other object could be exactly calculative. He was so eager to share his discovery that he leaped out of his bathtub and ran through the streets naked.

For the disciples in today's gospel, that night on the mountain was an even greater "Eureka" moment. Jesus was transfigured. In the blinding light they discovered who Jesus really was.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday of Lent

Monday – March 1 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN TASSO (Lorraine Tasso)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

March 2, 3, 4 – NO MASS

Friday – March 5 – 9:00 a.m.

ALICE MORAN

Saturday – March 6 – 5:00 p.m.

FRANK S. BROZANA (Don & Joanne Doyne)

Sunday – March 7 – 8:15 a.m.

CHARLES SR. & MATILDA SCHAEFFER

(Eleanor Schaeffer)

Sunday – March 7 – 10:30 a.m.

CATHERINE DALTON (Dalton & Hoy Families)

SCHEDULE

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – March 6th

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Dan & Hermine Murphy

Servers: Tiffany & Jillian Zerbe, Madeline Consugar

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – March 7th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb, Mike Ambrose

Servers: Taylor Ross, Macaeda Herring,

Andrew Viduszynski

Cantor: Karen Glunz

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – March 7th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Charlie Miller, Rachael & Andrew Kubick

Servers: Maeve Stoudt, Chelsea & Megan Dalton

Cantor: Dave Derbes

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Dorothy Muldowney by Esther Smith

St. Joseph – Ferack & Ambrosia Family Members
by Valentine Ferack

Tabernacle – IMO Robert Zuppert by Carol Zuppert

Sanctuary – All Sanctuary Candles

IMO Berger & Vernay Families by Bob & Kay Berger

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Berger & Vernay Families by Bob & Kay Berger

2. IMO John & Mary Heller by Mimi Modesto

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What role does silence play in your Lenten journey?

READINGS

Second Sunday in Lent (February 27/28)

Reading I: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Reading II: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Second Sunday in Lent (March 7/8)

Reading I: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us for Stations of the Cross each Wednesday during Lent at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. All are invited to prayerfully remember the Lord's Passion and Death.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Second Sunday of Lent – The Transfiguration

Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

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, James Gombola, Bill Zaharis, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, Elizabeth McAlonis, Francis King, Karla Garland, Rosalia Campion, Dr. Luis Visot, Mildred Costello, Roxanne Tutko, Kevin Stock.*

Deceased: *Mary Anne Wychunas*

LIVING LENT AT HOME

DRAMATIC STATIONS

St. John's Dramatic Stations of the Cross recreates on stage and through song, the final days of the life of Jesus Christ.

We need men, women and children for the cast. There are many non-speaking parts for those who do not wish to assume a speaking role. People are also needed for the stage crew (props, lighting, sound, etc.) or to help distribute the costumes, etc.. If you are a veteran of the Dramatic Stations Presentations, we are looking forward to your return and we ask that you please invite someone new to join you for this year's presentation. If you are new to the parish, we invite you to join us. In addition, it is a great way to meet new people. Many veterans tell us that their participation in the Dramatic Stations is a very meaningful and spiritual way for them to observe the Lenten Season. It is a wonderful family activity as well.



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursdays – 7 p.m. – in church

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

In liturgical celebrations each person who ministers helps the flow of the liturgy. Our ushers and greeters attend and welcome all who come to the service. Their presence to each one helps those who come to feel welcomed. Our readers provide service to the Word of God, so that we can hear and receive the Word deeply. The Eucharistic Ministers have the great privilege of giving us the Body and Blood of Christ; The altar servers assist the main Minister of the Liturgy, Fr. Dave. Members of the choir also exercise a genuine liturgical function. They serve with devotion that is so *important for the entire congregation. They set the mood for us to hear the gospel and receive the gift of salvation.*

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 _____



LENTEN PROGRAMS AT ST. JOHN'S

Sundays at the Well

Sundays from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in Longinus Hall
'From Ashes to Easter'

Topics each week will be based on the
Readings for the Sundays of Lent

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Chapel

Encountering the Merciful Savior

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Chapel

Family, Food, Faith

Sunday, February 28th at 5:30 p.m. in Longinus Hall

Feed the Whole Person ... Body, Mind, Spirit

Communicate your values as you

break bread and share good times together.

Make mealtime matter.

Cooking Demo; meal and recipes will be provided.

Snackin' on Faith

Sunday, March 14th at 5:30 p.m. - Longinus Hall

Snack sharing and game playing as a community.

(RSVP by March 8th - call the Rectory 622-5470)

BAPTISMS

There will be no celebration of Baptism during Lent, Baptisms will resume after Easter.

Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. The Lenten Liturgy disposes the faithful to celebrate the Paschal mystery. Through reminders of their own baptism and through penitential practices, another way to emphasize the nature of Lent as a season of preparation for baptism is to refrain from baptizing infants during this time (except, of course, in the case of an emergency). Instead, full participation in the liturgies of Lent, provides a way for the parents and Godparents of infants to receive appropriate formation. The infants would then be baptized during the Easter Season. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the observance of Lent is meant to bring back the fervor that should flow continually from the grace of baptism and restore us to baptismal innocence and reconcile us to God and the community.

FAMILY MATTERS

Mothers-In-Law. Good St. Peter got Jesus to pray with his mother-in-law and heal her. We pray in thanksgiving for the goodness and caring shown by all moms-in-law. Without them, we wouldn't have ever known our beloved.

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

LENTEN DINNERS

Our Reputation is Well Known!

Full course dinners including the best home-made New England Clam Chowder, freshly baked Haddock or Salmon, or Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes, a wonderful Salad Bar, choice of Macaroni & Cheese, Baked or Mashed Potatoes, choice of Vegetables, Beverages, and of course, our Delicious Homemade Desserts... 4 to 7 p.m. at the Russell Building ... every Friday during Lent.

Adults

Baked Haddock or Salmon \$ 11.00

1 Crab Cake \$ 11.00

2 Crab Cakes \$ 13.00

Adult Special

Crab Cake & Choice of Fish \$ 14.00

Children (under 12 only)

Baked Haddock or Salmon \$ 7.00

1 Crab Cake \$ 7.00



TAKE-OUTS AVAILABLE

HOMEMADE DESSERTS

*"St. John's is famous for
their delicious homemade desserts"*

St. John's Food Committee is in need of your baking talents. Each year we could not succeed without your delicious desserts. If you would like to make.



Jello, Pudding, Pies, Cakes, or anything you can dream up, we will greatly appreciate it. Please make your favorite dessert and bring it to the Russell Building on Thursday's or Friday's during Lent.

NEEDED: Waitresses /Waiters



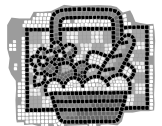
We need volunteers to help with the Lenten Dinners. If you can volunteer one Friday or a couple of Fridays - anything would be great! You can ask anyone who has helped in the past, we always have a great time each Friday. Perhaps you are new in the parish and looking for a way to become involved.

We also need help clearing tables, serving drinks, etc.

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Catholic Women's Union will once again chance off a variety of Theme Baskets each week at the Lenten Dinners beginning February 19th. We are asking for donations for these baskets. Some suggestions include ... paper products, canned goods, tea towels, soaps, lotion, hair products, etc. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Please contact **Dorothy Stangl 624-7106** with your donation.



DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENTS

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young adults (20s and 30s), your voices matter! You're invited to a dinner discussion to help the diocese 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 or e-mail MHartigan@allentowndioocese.org

WORLD YOUTH DAY YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We the Living: This support group is an eight-week program that includes prayer, sharing and discussion. Sessions are **continuing through March 9th** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Contact Beth Dague, Parish Nurse, at 610-867-8409.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Planning a wedding? Don't let winter's icy grip get your down! Reserve your spot now on an upcoming Engaged Encounter Weekend to prepare for your lifetime together that starts *after* the big day! Engaged Encounter is sponsored by the office of Family Life Ministries of the Diocese of Allentown. For more information and the schedule of weekends for 2010, call Carla Neupauer at 610-289-8900 ext. 238.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Our citizenship is in heaven ...", (Philippians). A Christian Marriage is a journey of spouses to heaven. Let Marriage Encounter help you stay focused on the ultimate destination of our earthly journey. Call 1-800-787-7679 or go online at www.wvme-nepa.org for Marriage Encounter weekend information.

XAVIER SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

Do you know someone who has poor vision or is blind? Do you know someone who has trouble holding a magazine or a book? The Xavier Society for the Blind has religious material in Braille, large print and audio CD's at no charge. For more information, call (212) 473-7800 or 800-637-9193. Visit us on the web at www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

Let us pray for all Christians that we may learn to see each other as persons with whom we will one day share God's joy in heaven.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

Get your Vacation Bible School music early! Come to our **VBS Launch Meeting** and get a free music CD! Be the first to find out about this year's VBS theme! We need your input and ideas! Give us an hour of your time and talents and help us launch the best VBS yet! *Free babysitting* provided onsite for your kids so you can attend the meeting.

We need your input.

We need your prayers.

We need your time.

Won't you join us for this launch meeting? Questions? Can't attend but want to help? Call Tina at 628-0772 or 640-9185 or email tzanis@verizon.net

St. John the Baptist & St. Patrick Churches
Vacation Bible School Launch Meeting

When: Wednesday, March 10th
Time: 6 to 7 p.m. (no longer)
Where: St. Patrick's Parish Hall

FAMILY GUILD "LENT-EVENT"

St. John's Family Guild will host the annual Lent-Event on **Sunday, March 14th** beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a light lunch. This year we will feature "*Spiritual Magic*" by *Sister Virginia Stephanie Bator*. All children of the parish are welcome to attend this event. **Registration is a must!** Please call the Rectory 622-5470 to register.

LITTLE SAINTS PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 6th – 9 to 11 a.m.

Little Saints is accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. We offer 2, 3, and 5 day programs. Children must be 3 by October 15th. For more information please call 622-0106. Little Saints is located in the All Saints School Building.



LONGABERGER BASKET & POTTERY CALENDARS



Calendars are available for purchase in the back of church on weekends or at the Rectory during the week. Calendars are **\$5.00 each** and a drawing will take place each day for the month of **March**. Each participant will have 31 chances to win because all winners' tickets are returned to the drawing. This is a great fund-raiser that the Family Guild hopes will elicit your participation and enthusiasm.

The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

... Numbers 6:24-26

PARISH COUNCIL

St. John's Parish Council will meet

Monday, March 8th – 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.

There are two ways that any parishioner may raise a question or concern or make recommendations.

1. Parishioners may approach any Parish Council Member listed below and ask that a question, concern, etc. be brought up at the meeting.
2. Parishioners may write their concerns, etc. and put it (them) in the suggestion box provided in the rear of the church. These may be signed or unsigned. They will then be brought up at the Council meeting.

Elected Members

Bill Casey
 Jennifer Daubert
 Robert DeColli Jr.
 Bill Gianfagna
 Kathy Gianfagna
 Ed Glunz
 Noel Glunz
 Mary Hahner
 Bob Hahner
 Debbie Herb
 Jan Kurtek
 Maureen Kurtek
 Eric Lieberman
 Albert Nastasi

Elected Members

Mary Porter
 John Powers
 Tina Seiger
 Mary Sitcoske
 Rick Smith
 Dave Steffan
Appointed Members
 Lucilla Kochol
 Rachael Kubick
 arol Lasco
 Frances Mickey
 Joe Rehnert

SUNDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

... sponsored by the Schuylkill Deanery Holy Name Society during the Lenten Season at 7 p.m., including Benediction. Large print stations books provided. The schedule is as follows:



February 28 @ St. Richard's - Barnesville
March 7 @ St. Casimir's - Shenandoah
March 14 @ St. Patrick's - Pottsville
March 21 @ Holy Cross – New Philadelphia
March 28 @ St. Vincent de Paul - Girardville

CHURCH CLEANING CLUB

We are looking for folks who would be interested in helping to keep the Church clean... **on your time.**

The time spent in Church cleaning the area where the congregation sits can be a time of work and prayer in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Call S. Maryanne for a brief orientation. Call the rectory with your time and we will open the Church.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

28 Sundays at the Well – 9 to 10:15 a.m. - LH
 28 Family , Food, Faith – 5:30 p.m. – LH

March

2 Choir Practice – 7 p.m. - Church
 3 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Chapel
 4 RCIA – 7 p.m.
 4 Exposition & Confessions – 5 to 7 p.m. - Chapel
 5 Lenten Dinner – 4 to 7 p.m. – Russell Bldg.
 7 Sundays at the Well – 9 to 10:15 a.m. - LH
 9 Choir Practice – 7 p.m. – Church
 9 Family Guild Mtg. - 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room
 10 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Chapel
 11 RCIA – 7 p.m. – St. Patrick's
 11 Exposition & Confessions – 5 to 7 p.m. - Chapel
 12 High School Retreat Mtg. – 7:30 p.m. – L.H.
 12 Lenten Dinner – 4 to 7 p.m. – Russell Bldg.
 14 Sundays at the Well – 9 to 10:15 a.m. - LH
 14 Snackin' on Faith – 5:30 p.m. – Longinus Hall
 14 Lent Event – 11:30 a.m. – Russell Bldg.

FOOD COLLECTION

Another 18 bags of groceries were sent from our food pantry to Catholic Charities, Pottsville, for distribution.

"We can do no great things, only small things with great love." ... Mother Teresa.

Thank you for doing the small things, like feeding your neighbors, with great love. God bless.

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 either at the rear or side entrance of church or donations can be brought to CCD. Thank you.

PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS

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

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according o His purpose." ... Rom. 8:28

High School Alumni Online Community

Are you an alumni of a Catholic High School in the Diocese of Allentown?

Have you been looking to reconnect with your classmates, but just don't know how?

Well now you can thanks to the Catholic high school alumni online communities!!

Visit your high school's website and follow the link to the alumni online community:

Allentown Central Catholic High School

www.acchs.info

Bethlehem Catholic High School

www.bethlehemcatholicchs.org

Notre Dame High School

www.notredamehseastonpa.org

Pius X High School

www.piusxhs.org

Holy Name High School

www.gohnhs.org

Central Catholic High School, Reading

www.cchscardinals.org

Nativity BVM High School

www.nativitybvm.net

Marian Catholic High School

www.mariancatholicchs.org

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

Tanning beds are even more dangerous than previously thought, says the International Agency for Research on Cancer, which recently reclassified indoor tanning devices as "carcinogenic to humans" – the highest cancer risk category, equal to that of cigarettes. According to the agency's report, people who start using tanning beds or sunlamps before age 30 increase their risk of melanoma, the deadliest skin cancer, by 75%. Like sunlight, tanning devices are a source of ultraviolet radiation, a known cause of skin cancer. And they do no protect skin against damage from future sun exposure, as many people may think.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 21st: \$ 6,091.85; **Imp.&Rep.:** \$1,726.00

Black & Indian Mission: \$600.00

Ash Wednesday: \$1,681.36

Fuel & Heat: \$ 7,118.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving

ROSARY FOR LIFE

When: Sunday, February 28th
(and every fourth Sunday of the month)

Time: 9:15 a.m.

Where: here at St. John's Church

Who: All are welcome from all churches

Why: because every 23 seconds a baby is aborted

Contact: Andrew Kubick 399-5102 or

email prayerforlife122@yahoo.com

FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

Steubenville, Ohio June 18 to 20, 2010

Still Needed: Prayer Sponsors
Donations (fron individual or groups)

Upcoming: **Initial deposit** of \$30.00 is due
Thursday, March 11th.

Meeting – Thursday, March 12th –
7:30 p.m. in Longinus Hall for all high
school students who are attending and
their parents.

**Contact Rachael Kubick for questions, 570-581-6109
or email genesis1yg@aim.com**

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

COMMUNION BREAKFAST FOR MEN: sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick Church to be held at the Parish Center on **Sunday, March 14th**. Mass 9:30 a.m. followed by breakfast, then highlighted with a talk by Mark Houck entitled "Unleashing the Warrior Within". Cost is \$10.00. For more information contact John Sutter 622-6816 or Brian Barket 622-0646.

PIEROGI SALE: sponsored by St. Clare of Assisi Church, St. Clair all Fridays in Lent and Holy Thursday. \$5.00 per dozen (butter & onions, butter only, or frozen raw). Advance orders only can be placed Wednesday prior to pickup. Pierogie orders can be picked up at Hancock St. church basement entrance from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 429-1366 or 429-2305 or 429-0313 or 429-1942.

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."
