

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Some of the best fishing stories are in the Bible. Take Jonah and the Whale, or the time Jesus told Peter to catch fish containing a coin needed to pay their taxes. One of the most moving accounts of the cost of discipleship is found at the end of John's gospel, when the Risen Jesus encounters a boatload of fishermen on the Sea of Tiberias.

The gospel writers sensed in Jesus' command to head out into deep water, an invitation to all the baptized to "go deep" if they wanted to grasp the mystery of His death and resurrection. Our own journey of faith will hold many dark nights of catching nothing followed by the experience of being caught up once again in God's love.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday – February 8 – 9:00 a.m.

LEONARD YENILAITUS, 27th Anniv.

(Mary Zambo & Carol Rhoades)

Tuesday – February 9 – 9:00 a.m.

MAUREEN KALYMUN (Kyle & Tina Stencovage)

Wednesday – February 10 – 9:00 a.m.

RAY GRAPSY SR. (Guers Family)

Thursday – February 11 – 9:00 a.m.

RITA OLEJO (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Friday – February 12 – 9:00 a.m.

CONNIE WALSH (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Saturday – February 13 – 5:00 p.m.

GEORGE S. POST (George L. Post)

Sunday – February 14 – 8:15 a.m.

MARY E. ELISON (Bill & Dot Elison)

Sunday – February 14 – 10:30 a.m.

WELLINGTON DAUBERT (Janet Daubert)

Tuesday – February 9 @ York Terrace

FRANK HOCK

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, Maryann Wychunas, Edward Wychunas, John Woznicki, Faye Cuchara, Scott Rhoades, Roxanne Tutko, James Gombola, Bill Zaharis, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, George Smith, Dorothy Connor, Elizabeth McAlonis, Andrea Hahner, Mary Sitcoske, Paul Rosenberger, Loretta Lonoskie, Francis King, Karla Garland.*

Deceased: *Benjamin Roeder, David Herb*

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Bob&Babe Becker by Mary & Bob Porter

St. Joseph – IMO Bob&Babe Becker
by Mary & Bob Porter

Tabernacle – IMO Ed & Mary Kennedy
by Kevin Kennedy

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family

2. IMO Thomas J. Burns by Peggy Smith

3. Birthday Remembrance by Dot Ryan

4. IMO Joseph & Betty Hollick

by Chris & Amanda Wright

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intention by Eileen Ward

SCHEDULE

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – February 13th

Reader: Mary Sitcoske

Euch.Min.: Joe Rehnert, Aaron Wachter, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Michael Ryan, Rachel Ryan, Molly Zwiebel

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – February 14th

Reader: Bill Casey

Euch.Min.: George Forney, Ray Petrilla, Frank Murphy

Servers: Taylor Ross, Megan McLaughlin, Grace Casey

Cantor: Karen Glunz

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – February 14th

Reader: Randi Dermo

Euch.Min.: Bobbi Murray, Albert Nastasi,

Prudence Griffin

Servers: Chelsea & Megan Dalton, Megan Powers

Cantor: Dave Derbes

ATTENTION

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... you help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **March** and **April** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call Father Dave by Monday, February 15th** to let him know when you are **NOT** available during these months. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

REMINDER

First Eucharist

Parent Meeting

has been rescheduled

Monday, February 8

6:30 to 7:30 – Longinus Hall

Children receiving First

Eucharist and Parents are

required to attend.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who inspires you to “leave everything”
and follow Jesus?

READINGS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 6/7)

Reading I: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 13/14)

Reading I: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Living the Word

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 30/31)

Living To Raise the World

The first reading is about the call of Isaiah: *Whom shall I send?* The next two readings are about the apostles, those who were sent by Jesus to carry his message and carry on his work. Who are Jesus’ apostles in our world? *Whom will God send today?*

- When God wants to send a message of love to the outcasts of this world, who will say *Here I am; send me!*
- When God wants someone to speak out in the halls of government on behalf of the voiceless, who will say *Here I am; send me!*
- When all the world marches out to war and God needs someone to march in the opposite direction, a messenger of peace, who will say *Here I am; send me!*
- As the world suffers from the ill effects of the injustice it has caused, and the Church offers a way out through its social teaching, where are the Catholics who will bring that message to the world? Who will say *Here I am; send me!*

The Christian calling has to do with what is known in Catholic social thought as the common good. Watch over your family and keep us safe in your care.

Christians are called to work for the good of the human family. It is an urgent task, requiring people who have a sense of God’s justice and are committed to peacemaking.

“We are all struggling to raise the world to a condition of greater justice, more stable peace, more sincere cooperation. We invite all of you and encourage you, from the humblest who are the underpinning of nations to heads of state responsible for each nation — we encourage you to build up an efficacious and responsible structure for a new order, one more just and honest.”

Pope John Paul I, message of August 27, 1978-Gerald Darring

DRAMATIC STATIONS

Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, February 10th – 7 p.m. – Church

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.

We look forward to seeing you at the Organization Meeting on Wednesday, February 10th – 7 p.m. in Church.

If you cannot attend the meeting but wish to participate, please call Sister Maryanne at the Rectory 622-5470 x 5.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursdays – 7 p.m. – in church beginning February 16th

R. C. I. A.

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

February 11th at St. John’s

Reconciliation & Lent – Fr. Dave, S.Catherine

February 18th at St. Michael’s

Eucharist, A Closer Look – Fr. Adam

February 25th at St. John’s

Anointing of the Sick – Deacon Luis R. Visot

PLEASE NOTE

**Last year's blessed palm
is now being collected in the
basket at the back of
church.**

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, Macaroni & Cheese 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**.



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome the following to our Parish Family ...

Carolyn Sponis and her daughters, **Carolyn and Katarina Schweikert** and her mother **Carolyn Leinheiser**. Carolyn is a self-employed beautician, Katarina is a



student at DHH Lengle and Carolyn is employed by Victoria Secret. Please welcome them by writing to 445 Adams St., Pottsville.

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 \$5.00 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, February 10th – 7 p.m.

in Longinus Hall.

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. If any member would like to donate items for the baskets or if you have an empty basket, please bring them to the meeting on February 10th and give them to Dorothy Stangl. Some suggestions: 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.**



Need a Mass Card?

There are Sisters of St. Joseph Mass Cards available in the rectory for various occasions including Perpetual and Annual Memorial cards, Sympathy, Thank You, sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Wedding,

Anniversary and Birthday etc. The cost is \$1.50; Perpetual Memorials are \$5.00.

DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENTS

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

February 7 to 14 is National Marriage Week. Sunday, February 14th is World Marriage Day. All married couples can give good example of the blessings of enduring love to a society sadly missing this idea. So let your love shine! Call 1-800-787-7679 or go online at www.wwme-nepa.org for Marriage Encounter weekend information.

PRO-LIFE OFFICE

Hurting from a past abortion? Plan to attend the **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend .. February 26-28**, through the Office of Pro-Life Activities. Within a safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment, begin or continue healing the pain of abortion. Experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register, call our toll-free confidential Hotline 1-866-3 Rachel. For a complete listing of Retreat dates and locations visit the Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org

DIVORCE and RE-MARRIAGE

In the Catholic Church

The Diocese of Allentown Marriage Tribunal and Office of Family Life offers an Information Night on this topic presented by Msgr. Thomas Koons & Dr. William Urbine. This program will answer common questions that divorced Catholics have: who should obtain an annulment?, the process to get an annulment, common myths dispelled why people do not seek annulments; as well as an opportunity for participants to ask their own questions.

Where: St. Clare of Assisi Church Hall, St. Clair

When: Thursday, February 25th at 7 p.m.

There is no fee but registration is preferred to provide informational packets. Please call 429-0701 or 429-0370

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@allentowndiocese.org

FAMILY MATTERS

Terminal Illness. We remember in prayer this week all those of our parish who are terminally ill and also their

families. May they find the peace and comfort of heart as they face their daily challenges.

You pray for my family & I'll pray for yours.
"COME AND SEE"

In the puzzle of your life, where is God?

Do you long for something more, a something that you try to fill with your current studies, job or relationships and still they are not enough?

Come and connect the puzzle pieces of your life by participating in a weekend of prayer, input, reflection and sharing with other women who desire the more of life, too!

WHEN: Friday, March 12, 2010 - 7:00 PM to Sunday, March 14, 2010 - 3:00 PM

WHO: Single women ages 18-40, who are discerning a call to religious life

Please email S. Kathy Claflin, SSJ at kclaflin@ssjphila.org for your reservation or questions.

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, February 9th – 7 p.m.
in the Rectory Fellowship Room

Sunday Pre-School Sessions continue ...

We lost some of our pre-schooler friends and we would love to have them back.

We are preparing the Pre-School children for a Lenten/Easter Journey. Sunday lessons will focus on growth, and becoming, change and transformation ending in a post-Easter liturgy performance. We look forward to working with you and your children.



Pre-School sessions are held every Sunday in Longinus Hall during the 10:30 Liturgy, *except* for the 3rd Sunday of the Month when the Children's Liturgy is held in Church and the Ensemble plays.

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

- 6 Mardi Gras – 6 to 9 p.m. – School Building
- 8 First Eucharist Parent Mtg. 6:30 p.m.-Long.Hall
- 9 Family Guild Mtg. – 7 p.m.-Fellowship Room
- 9 Choir Practice – 7 p.m. - Church
- 10 Catholic Women's Union Mtg.-7 p.m. – LH
- 10 Dramatic Stations Mtg. – 7 p.m. - Church
- 11 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room
- 15 Rectory Office closed
- 16 Choir Practice – 7 p.m. - Church
- 17 Ash Wednesday
- 18 RCIA – 7 p.m. at St. Michael's
- 19 Lenten Fish Dinner 4 to 7 p.m. – Russell Bldg.
- 23 Choir Practice – 7 p.m. - Church
- 25 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room

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.

The church is usually open for meetings and choir rehearsal on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bring a friend.

In the boys' sacristy there is a diagram of the pew floor plan with a list of tasks that need to be done. Bring a few friends and a bucket or two.

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



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.

YOU'RE INVITED

Parishioners are invited to join our 7th & 8th grade CCD class in Longinus Hall on **Sunday, February 14th from 9:15 to 10 a.m.** as we learn about putting our faith into action as one woman relates her experience of international adoption of three boys. Contact Bob

Hahner 622-0223 with any questions or for more information.

Let us pray for persons coping with mental illness, that they will have access to excellent healthcare and counseling, and be treated by all with the respect due every human being.

GENESIS I ... YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Attention High School Youth

Franciscan University Weekend Conference

In Steubenville, Ohio

Friday, June 18th to Sunday, 20th

<http://www.franciscanyouth.com/>

Mark your calendars and join us for the best summer event of your life! We are running two buses to Steubenville, Ohio for an awesome Catholic teen retreat. You must be entering 9th grade by Fall 2010 to attend. Friends are welcome! Spots fill up quickly because about 2,000 teens from all over the U.S. sign-up for this conference (p.s.there are a total of 36,000 teens attending this retreat during the entire summer). It is a great way to meet other Christians from all over the country. You'll only regret it if you don't take the plunge with us, so sign-up and pass the word on. Parents and students --- encourage others to join us!

Reserve your spot by Thursday, February 18th (limited seating available) ... by contacting Rachael at 570-581-6109 or genesis1yg@aim.com.

St. Gonzaga – Pray for Us

FOOD COLLECTION

Through our parish food collection program, twenty bags of groceries were donated to Catholic Charities in Pottsville. This food will be a great help to our local neighbors in need.

Thank you for your generosity and please continue bringing a food item with you to church. 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

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 _____

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BAKED HADDOCK OR DEILED CRAB DINNER: sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish Guild, Minersville on Ash Wednesday, **February 17th from 3:30 to 6 p.m.** This is a **take-out only dinner**. Cost \$10.00 which includes your choice of either baked fresh haddock or deiled crab with macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, homemade cole slaw, roll & butter & dessert. Only 100 deiled crab tickets and 200 Haddock tickets will be available and these will be **Pre-Sale ONLY**. No dinners available at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Parish Office 544-4741 or Cheryl Koscil 544-2558. Dinners can be picked up at the Parish Center, 538 Sunbury St., Minersville.

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT ... BE GOOD TO YOUR HEART

... sponsored by the Schuylkill Medical Center on **Friday, February 19th from 5 to 7:30 p.m.** in the Wall Auditorium, 3rd Floor. Cost \$10.00 which includes hors d'oeuvres and drinks (non-alcoholic). Enjoy each other's company ... meet new "Girlfriends". Wear RED to this fun event to raise Heart Health Awareness. Presenters are Dr. Tariq Hafiz, Cardiologist, Amanda Hollenbach, Dietitian and Crys Zimmerman, Cardiac Rehab. RSVP by Wednesday, February 10th ... Seating is limited ... make checks payable to Schuylkill Medical Center, mail to: Schuylkill Medical Center, S. Jackson St. C/O Debbie Herb, 420 S. Jackson St., Pottsville, Pa. 17901 or call Debbie at 621-5047 with any questions.

LENTEN FOOD SALES: every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, at St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish Center, 120 Oak St., Minersville. Eat-in or take-out from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. Business orders ONLY will be filled before noon. Menu includes: Bleenies, Pierogi, Haluskie, Meatless Soups, Homemade Desserts. To place large orders, call 544-5485 between 9 and 11 a.m. Fridays only.

CAPE CODE BUS TRIP: sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish, Minersville from **April 26 to 30, 2010**. Package includes Lodging, 4 breakfast, 4 dinners (including New England lobster dinner), Entertainment, Welcome Reception, Escorted tours of Hyannis, Historic Sandwich, Boston & Quincy Market, Plymouth, Plymouth Rock, Provincetown, Hyannis Harbor Cruise, National Shrine of Divine Mercy, Foxwoods Casino, Souvenir Gift, Baggage Handling, Taxes, Gratuities, R & J Motorcoach Transportation. For more information call Julie Kubich 570-544-5231.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

PIEROGI SALE: (butter & onions, butter only, or frozen raw) sponsored by St. Clare of Assisi Parish in St. Clair on Ash Wednesday, **February 17, Fridays, February 19 & 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** For more information and to order, call 429-1366 or 429-0313 or 429-1942.

LENTEN FISH & CRAB DINNER: sponsored by St. Richard's Church in Barnesville on Friday, February 19th from 3 to 6 p.m. For tickets please call Dan Metzger 467-2386. Ticket cut-off date is Sunday, February 14th

"SHRINES OF ITALY": St. Michael the Archangel Parish Ladies Guild, Minersville is sponsoring this trip from **October 18 to 28, 2010** ... Price \$2,749.00 which includes 11 days, 15 meals (9 breakfasts, 6 dinners). A presentation by a Collette Vacations representative will take place at St. Michael's Parish Center, 538 Sunbury St., Minersville, on **Monday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m.** For information and/ or reservations please contact Mary Sninski at 570-544-3046.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 31st: \$ 5,809.75

Catholic Relief Services & Haiti Collection: \$5,543.95
We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Catholic Relief Services Collection. Because of you, millions of people all over the world, especially those in Haiti, will receive vital assistance. You have truly given hope to Jesus in disguise. Please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more about the programs and projects supported by the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

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