

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Baptism is the third welcoming ceremony for a newborn child. The first was at birth, when the parents embrace the new child into their lives. The second was when the rest of the family greeted their newest member. Third is the Rite of Baptism, when the child becomes part of the larger church family.

It is always a joyful experience when a baptism takes place, especially if the entire family is present.

This Sunday's gospel on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord tells us that Jesus' heavenly Father was there at Jesus' baptism. When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and a dove descended. The Father spoke: *"You are my own dear Son and I am pleased with You."*

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO A. Martha Cook by Susan Cook

St. Joseph – Successful surgery for RJ by Nancy

Tabernacle – IMO Margaret A. Carl by Susan Cook
Sanctuary

1. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

2. IMO Phyllis Gurecki by Ted Gurecki Jr.

3. Special Intention

4. Special Intention by Bob & Irene Post

Guardian Angels

1&2. For Ryan by Margaret

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule (in chapel)

Monday thru Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Cemetery Information

George Smith 544-3294

Frances Mickey 544-6089

C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic

CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday prior to publication

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – January 11 – 9:00 a.m.

VINCENT & CAROLINE SMITH (Helen Hufnagle)

Tuesday – January 12 – 9:00 a.m.

GRACE JOY (York Terrace Residents & Staff)

Wednesday – January 13 – 9:00 a.m.

THOMAS SHELHAMER

(York Terrace Residents & Staff)

Thursday – January 14 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPHINE CAVANAUGH (Hahner Family)

Friday – January 15 – 9:00 a.m.

MARGUERITE MINCHOFF (LeBlanc Family)

Saturday – January 16 – 5:00 p.m.

PARENTS OF PETE & JUDY (Daubert)

MESERAVAGE (Judy & Pete Meseravage)

Sunday – January 17 – 8:15 a.m.

THELMA M. MILLER (Bill & Dot Elison)

Sunday – January 17 – 10:30 a.m.

JOSEPH MISTISHEN

(York Terrace Residents & Staff)

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST



We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Jordan Marie Szeliga**, daughter of Andrew and Jacqueline (Wood) Szeliga of 15 Sharon Drive, Pottsville. She

became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and is now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity. We warmly welcome her into our parish family.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory at least 6 months in advance

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass

Baptismal Preparation for Parents **MUST**

precede the Baptism.

Please contact Sister Maryanne for an appointment

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Outreach Program

Margaret Glunz 622-3067 / Rectory 622-5470

SCHEDULE

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – January 16th

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Bill Schweikert, Bobbi Murray

Servers: Josh Clauser, Lucy & Sophie Murray

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – January 17th

Reader: Caitlyn McDemus

Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb, Michelle Rehnert

Servers: Stephen Messina, Samantha Weiss,
Michael Wollyung

Cantor: Karen Glunz

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – January 17th

Reader: Ian Hower

Euch.Min.: Al Hauptly, Kathy Vicic, Katie Zwiebel

Servers: Mary Beth Rissinger, Emily Witmier,
Dominic Chiplonia

Cantor: Ensemble

Memorial Poinsettias

In Memory of: Jack Ryan, Jack & Marguerite Pugh

Donated by: Jim & Donna Pugh

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, Ben Roeder, Roxanne Tutko, James Gombola, Jeanne Rehnert, Linda Ralston, Thomas Williams, Jason Walters, Bill Zaharis, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, Mary Zambo, Greg Schoffstall.

Deceased: Sophia Kapsha, Jean Marsicano

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you “proclaim peace” in your life,
as Jesus did?

READINGS

Baptism of the Lord (January 9/10)

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reading II: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 16/17)

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-5

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Christmas: \$ 20,564.00

January 1st: \$1,811.00

January 3rd: \$ 6,626.76; **Dues:** \$ 1,459.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving

Reflection on Christ’s Mission, our Mission

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

Is. 42: 6-7

The Spirit descends on Jesus after he was baptized. It is the Spirit that anoints Jesus *to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness, and to bring to the poor the good news of salvation.* This news is also the *good news of peace:* The Spirit comes in the form of a dove.

There is a gentleness about the dove that has earned for this bird a universal association with peace. But the dove also has a wail that reminds one of the wail of someone suffering, as in poverty or childbirth. The dove, therefore, joins together the themes of justice and peace, of compassion for the poor as well as harmony among people.

http://liturgy.slu.edu/BaptismLordC011010/reflections_justice.html

When Christ identified his family, he included all persons as his sisters and brothers. Thus, from its beginnings the Catholic Church has promoted Christ’s teaching that we are all related as people of God, regardless of color, culture, immigration status, citizenship or ethnicity.

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/nmw/index.shtml>

FAMILY MATTERS

Struggling Families. Is your family the “Holy Family of the Year?” All families struggle at times. We pray for all families that are experiencing difficulties in the “speed bumps of life”.

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION

On **Monday, January 18th**, our third grade children will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the first time.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers as they learn to grow in acceptance of the great gift of God’s forgiveness given to us in this important sacrament.

FIRST COMMUNION EVENT

Children who will be receiving First Holy Communion this year will have their First Communion Event, along with their parents, on **Sunday, February 7th from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in the School.**



THANK YOU DEPT.

Christmas Eve Liturgies

Our Christmas Eve Liturgies were enhanced with instrumentalists. We thank the following parishioners for sharing their talent with us ...

Instrumentalists

Bob Behtel	Megan Hahner
Allison Darhun	Miranda Hahner
Kelly Derbes	Sarah Hahner
Alexandra Disabella	Lawrence Major
Angelo Disabella	Gina Mazzuca
Samantha Haas	Annie Tamalavage
	Marianne Wollyung

Choir Members

Michelle Ambrose	Russell Joy
Katie Blackwell	Lucilla Kochol
Fred Brahler	Sue Phillips
Joe Brahler	Joe Piel
Mary Bound	Barb Powers
Kathy Buehler	Butch Scheetz
Deborah Chitwood	Pat Scheetz
Janet Daubert	Sue Scheetz
Dave Derbes	Bernice Sockwell
Maryanne Filiac	Chic Tamburelli
Barbara Fox	Sister Maryanne
Karen Glunz	

Ensemble

Ed Brahler	Rick Smith
Dave Derbes	Mary Synnott
Bob Hahner	Marianne Wollyung
Luke Rissinger	Dave Zerbe

Christmas Pageant & Choir

We thank **Pat Lombel, Laura Kramer, and Sandy Clauser** who coordinated the Christmas Pageant and Children's Choir for the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. The following children were in the Christmas Pageant and Choir:

Cora Alvarez	Isabelle Myers
Dominic Alvarez	Madison Ryan
Laila Alvarez	Megan Ryan
Arianna Carr	Grace Scheidel
Cooper Chiplonia	Justice Scheidel
Elizabeth Hoover	Leah Scheidel
Katie Kramer	Brooke Siket
Nicholas Kramer	Samantha Weiss
Sarah Lombel	Ella Zanis

Church Decorating

Our thanks to the following for decorating the church for our celebration of Christmas:

Ed Brahler	Herring Family
Mary Bound	Bernie Sockwell
Anne & Peter Butz	Rose Schimpf
Debbie Chitwood	Barbara Wollyung
Dot Ellison	S. Maryanne
Bob Hahner	Father Dave

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

January 7th at St. John's

Introduction to the Sacraments – S. Maryanne

January 14th at St. John's

Baptism and Confirmation – Dr. Luis R. Visot

January 21st at St. John's

Introduction to Catholic Moral Teaching – Fr. Dave

January 28th at St. John's

Specific Topics in CMT – Karen Powers & Bill Gianfagna

DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENTS

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We the Living: This support group is an eight-week program that includes prayer, sharing and discussion. Sessions will be held Tuesdays beginning January 19th and continuing through March 9th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For further information contact Beth Dague, Parish Nurse, at 610-867-8409 ext. 15.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you worn out from the holidays? Why not give yourselves a Get-Away Weekend! Meals prepared! Time away from it all! A chance to talk to and listen to that special someone who loves you! Try a Marriage Encounter. Register now for your Valentine's Day weekend .. February 12-14 .. in Bethlehem. Call 1-800-787-7679 or go online at www.wwme-nepa.org for information.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

If your New Year's resolution is to build a strong foundation for your upcoming wedding, you need an Engaged Encounter Weekend! Don't just plan for the day – prepare 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 weekends for 2010, call Joe or Mim Allison at 610-282-3083.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Holy Family of the Year. We pray this week for the intercession of our Holy Family --- Jesus, Mary and Joseph to intercede for all families. Whether we struggle as family or not we ask to see Jesus' presence in our families' everyday lives.

Let us pray for all baptized Christians that we live out our baptismal call to be witnesses to the truth of the Gospel and God's love for human life.

IN MERCY AND JUSTICE

Because all human beings are created according to God's image, they possess a basic human dignity which calls for the utmost reverence On the societal level this calls for responsibility by society to provide adequate health care which is a basic human right

Health care is so important for full human dignity and so necessary for the proper development of life that it is a fundamental right of every human being.

(From Health & Health Care 1981, USCC)

Support health care reform that respects the life and dignity of all people from conception to natural death. Get the long-standing teachings of the Church and the latest updates on health care reform --- visit www.usccb.org/healthcare.

PRO-LIFE OFFICE: 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.

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 _____

FREE CAREGIVING SESSIONS

PinnacleHealth Homecare & Hospice is offering an ongoing opportunity to network with other caregivers, learn about area resources, and take a welcomed "break" from your daily care-giving role. The free sessions will be held on the **First Monday of every month** from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Lazy Dog Bistro Coffeehouse, 18 E. Sunbury St. in Minersville. If you would like more information, contact Lori Rossochacy at 628-2290 or 800-222-5236.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ... The Schuylkill County **Meals on Wheels** Program needs **YOU**. Please help the senior citizens in the Pottsville area remain in their homes by helping to prepare or delivering a hot, nutritious meal at noontime on Mondays, Wednesday, or Fridays. For more information please call: Meals on Wheels 570-624-3023 or 1-800-621-6325.

This is why you must know, and fix in your heart, that the Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. Deuteronomy 4:39

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

FOOD COLLECTION

St. John's 7th & 8th grade CCD students will continue throughout the year to collect food donations from our parishioners. This will be an ongoing service project. 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 either at the rear or side entrance of church or donations can be brought to CCD. Thank you.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

Women who eat lots of meat are not at higher risk for breast cancer, according to a new study of 120,000 post-menopausal members of AARP. Several studies have linked diets high in animal fat – and red and processed meats, in particular – to breast cancer, but the evidence has been inconsistent. Unfortunately, it's been hard to pinpoint any dietary changes that will reduce the risk, except for a diet that helps with weight control, since obesity increases the risk of postmenopausal breast cancer.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BREAKFAST: All You Can Eat Breakfast sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Parish will be held on Sunday, January 17th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the parish center. Menu includes eggs made to order, bacon, ham, sausage, home fries, pancakes, coffee, juice and dessert. Cost \$5.00 Adults; \$3.00 Children 12 and under. Take-outs available.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Did you know that while many endangered animal species are protected, 1.6 million children in the United States lose their lives to abortion annually?

MARDI GRAS

"Come Together as a Family"

Mark your calendar for a relaxing, fun-filled evening by planning to attend St. John's

**Saturday, February 13th
6 to 9 p.m. - Russell Building**

Everyone is welcome and we especially invite new parishioners. This is not a fund-raiser, it is a "mixer", a wonderful time for our new parishioners and present parishioners to meet.

Organizational Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend this organizational meeting to help plan this year's Mardi Gras

**Monday, January 11th – 7 p.m.
in the Fellowship Room**

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, January 26th – 7 p.m.
in the Rectory Fellowship Room**

LONGABERGER BASKET & POTTERY CALENDAR

The **Family Guild** will be sponsoring the **Longaberger Calendar for March 2010**. The members of the Guild would like to extend the opportunity to any parishioner to sponsor a basket or make a donation toward a basket. If you are interested, please call **Jen Daubert 622-8760** or the **Rectory 622-5470**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 11 Mardi Gras Mtg. – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room
- 14 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room
- 17 Hospitality Sunday after Masses – Longinus Hl.
- 18 First Reconciliation – 7 p.m.
- 21 Men's Fellowship – 7 p.m. – Rectory
- 21 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room
- 25 Parish Council Mtg. – 7 p.m. – Longinus Hall
- 26 Family Guild Mtg. – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room
- 28 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room

February

- 4 RCIA – 7 p.m. – at St. Pat's
- 7 First Communion Event – 9 a.m. – School
- 9 Family Guild Mtg. – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room
- 11 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room
- 13 Mardi Gras – 6 to 9 p.m. – Russell Building
- 17 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – LH
- 18 RCIA – 7 p.m. at St. Michael's
- 25 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWS ...

Theme Basket Auction

... hosted by All Saints Catholic School on **Sunday, January 31st** from noon until 2 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish Center. Browse and Buy on Friday, January 29th from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, January 30th from 3 to 6 p.m. All are welcome!

Post-Christmas Recycling Fundraiser

You can recycle your unwanted electronics and support Catholic education in your community! Donate your used cell phones, ink jets, laptops, i-pods, digital cameras, and digital video cameras. We will collect these items until Valentine's Day. You may drop these items at the school.

Don't forget! We collect cell phones and ink cartridges smaller than the palm of your hand all year long.

Thank you for your support! Call us for more information at 622-0106 or visit us at www.AllSaintsCatholicSchool.net.

CYO BASKETBALL

Scheduled Games

Biddy Girls

Wednesday, January 13th @ All Saints – 5:30 p.m.
St. John's vs St. Ambrose

Saturday, January 16th @ All Saints – 9:15 a.m.
St. John's vs Immaculate Heart

RENEWING THE EARTH

"Did you know that more than a billion people lack safe water to drink?"

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. It is preferable that this be done **before** your baby is born. Please call Sister Maryanne to arrange for this important preparation.

Baptisms are celebrated the First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass.

BURIAL PLOTS

Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's need .. we want to remind our parishioners and friends that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services whenever that need occurs.

1 Grave	\$ 400.00
2 Graves	\$ 800.00
3 Graves	\$1,200.00
4 Graves	\$1,600.00
6 Graves	\$2,400.00

(All include Perpetual Care)

For further information contact:

George Smith	544-3294
Fran Mickey	544-6089

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

If you or someone you know has been ill or in the hospital and unable to attend Mass, please call the Rectory and inform Father or Sister of your condition.

We don't always know if a person has been ill or hospitalized until after the fact! We are willing to visit and or make arrangements for Holy Communion once your condition is known.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and helping us be of service to you.

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.

WELCOME VISITORS

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.
If you are visiting our beautiful church,
please know you are most welcome!
If you have questions about our parish,
please see the designated parishioners at
the exits or any parishioner.
If you are interested in joining our parish
family, please call the rectory 622-5470.*

YOUTH GROUP - GENESIS I

Update: Wednesday, December 30th we enjoyed ice skating at the BodyZone in Reading followed by shopping and dining at the Berkshire Mall, then home to help at the Soup Kitchen.

Upcoming Meeting: A planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. New and old members and volunteers are welcome. Please contact Rachael via e-mail at rachael3764@yahoo.com or call 581-6109.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

... will take place in Longinus Hall after all Masses the weekend of January 23/24.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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