

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's gospel is about the adulterous woman, but we might wonder about the unfaithful man in the story. John makes no mention of him even though he is equally guilty with the woman. Perhaps he was a public figure, nervously standing somewhere in the crowd, fearful that he would be found out. In his desperation to save his own skin, he may have been willing to have the righteous stone to join in this woman's condemnation.

It seems unthinkable that a woman could be stoned for adultery, but the practice of public punishment lives on even now. This past summer in the Republic of Maldives, near India, 150 women were flogged for having extramarital sex. One 18 year old fainted after receiving the hundred lashes. There were also about 50 men on the list for public lashing but many got off and many before them have escaped punishment.

Jesus in His love and compassion writes in the sand and forgives the woman. Then He lifts His eyes to us.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – March 22 – 9:00 a.m.

THOMAS WIGODA

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Tuesday – March 23 – 9:00 a.m.

MILDRED SIEMANIS (Kathy Vicic)

Wednesday – March 24 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH GERACE (John & Joyce Gerace)

Thursday – March 25 – 9:00 a.m.

REV. FREDERICK LONGINUS

Friday – March 26 – 9:00 a.m.

PETER CROUD (living intention)

(Bob & Donna Lenarz)

Saturday – March 27 – 5:00 p.m.

JOSEPH & ELIZABETH YARASHUS

(Yarashus Family)

Sunday - March 28 – 8:15 a.m.

CLAIR & MARGARET FRY (Ann Marie Ludlow)

Sunday - March 28 – 10:30 a.m.

GLENN STUTZMAN

(Brophy & Major nieces & nephews)

GERTRUDE HAWK EASTER CANDY ORDERS

Candy will be available for pick-up after all Masses the weekend of March 27 & 28 in **Longinus Hall**.

For more information or questions, please call Karen Glunz at 628-2412. Thank you.



CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Mary A. Smith by Esther Smith

St. Joseph – IMO Vincent Lescavage
by Daniel & Ann Marie Wachter

Tabernacle – IMO Imelda Kelchner
by Linda & Clare Houser

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family
2. IMO Mary Houser by Linda & Clare Houser
3. IMO Clare Houser Sr. by Linda & Clare Houser
4. IMO Joseph Dumchus by Marge Davidson

Guardian Angels

1. IMO John H. Hohman by Kathleen Hohman
2. Special Intention by Stella Capella

SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – March 27th

Reader: Mary Sitcoske, Rachael Kubick, Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Pat & Christopher Lombel

Servers: Michael Wollyung, Sarah Lombel,
Christopher Wollyung

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – March 28th

Reader: Mary Hahner, Jennifer Daubert, Bill Casey

Euch.Min.: Doris Eiler, Bobbi Murray, Carol Forster

Servers: Brent Gauntlett, Lucy & Sophie Murray

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – March 28th

Reader: Susan Hahner, Randi Dermo, Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Bill Schlitzer, Sharon Snyder

Servers: Rachel Brahler, Maeve Stoudt, Molly Zwiebel

Cantor: Suzette Joy

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, Bill Flynn, Dorothy Connor.*

Deceased: *Francis King, Richard Buehler*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 14th \$ 5,196.50: Fuel & Heat: \$ 8,058.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

Please Note: The **second collection** next weekend will be taken up for the High School Retreat to the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio

LIVING LENT AT HOME

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

READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Lent (March 20/21)

Reading I: Isaiah 43:16-21

Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Palm Sunday (March 27/28)

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Woman Caught in Adultery. The Lenten call to repentance is matched by the overwhelming compassion and forgiveness of God. The story of the woman caught in adultery shows us that Jesus does not want to condemn us, but rather to place us on the path to new life for our brothers and sisters in need.

Rice Bowl donations and containers can be returned to the table or basket in the back of church by Palm Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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:

March 21 @ Holy Cross – New Philadelphia

March 28 @ St. Vincent de Paul – Girardville



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**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A true Lenten sacrifice is forgiving one another the small hurts of daily living. Marriage Encounter helps couples build strong, forgiving relationships. For information call 1-800-787-7679 or go online at www.wwmene.org

'THE HOPE RETREAT' for INFERTILITY

Join other couples on **Saturday, April 17th** at the 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.

FAMILY MATTERS

Families with Members Who are Chronically Mentally Ill. Mental illness is so challenging and draining. Pray for the mentally ill of our parish and their families, that the Lord will provide direction and guidance to them in their time of struggle. Help us Lord not to be judgmental.

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

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

LENTEN DINNERS

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 is chancing off a variety of Theme Baskets each week at the Lenten Dinners. 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.**

Let us pray for married couples that God will strengthen them to remain faithful to each other and to bear one another's faults with generous hearts.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, March 27 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday, March 28 7:45 to 8:00 p.m.
10:00 to 10:15 a.m.
Monday, March 29 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY

Masses

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Dramatic Stations of the Cross -- 7:30 p.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Tuesday – 9:00 a.m.- Chapel
Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – Chapel

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 8 to 10 p.m.
Night Prayer – 10 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer – 9 a.m. in Chapel
Liturgy & Holy Communion – 3 p.m.
Dramatic Stations of the Cross – 7:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Solemn Blessing of Food Baskets – 12 noon in Chapel
Easter Vigil Mass – 8 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses: 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

This year's presentation is under the leadership of **Dr. Robert DeColli and Rick Smith.**

Dress Rehearsals

Tuesday, March 23rd – 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 25th – 7 p.m.



Dramatic Stations Presentations

(Preludes 7:15 p.m.)

Palm Sunday – 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday – 7:30 p.m.

THE 2010 CENSUS IS IMPORTANT

United States
Census
2010

The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and local communities based, in part, on census data. The census affects our representation in Congress and the state legislature, county and municipal voting districts. An accurate count is critical for our community. Complete the census questionnaire and be counted in 2010. Log on to www.2010census.gov for more information.

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

LONGABERGER BASKET WINNERS

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| March 10 th | Francis J. Burns |
| March 11 th | Cathy Kostick |
| March 12 th | Rich Brahler |
| March 13 th | Lucilla Kochol |
| March 14 th | Regina Haley |
| March 15 th | Amanda Wright |
| March 16 th | Joanne Wood |
| March 17 th | Bill & Kathy Gianfagna |

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

... will take place in Longinus Hall
after all Masses next weekend
March 27 & 28

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 ...

ROSARY FOR LIFE

The "Rosary for Life" has been changed for the month of March due to Palm Sunday

What: Rosary for Life

Where: In the chapel of St. John the Baptist Church

When: At 5:30 p.m. on March 25th, during adoration

Who: All are welcome, from every church

Why: Because every 23 seconds a baby is aborted

Contact: Andrew Kubick at 399-5102 or email at prayerforlife122@yahoo.com

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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- ^ It's Advertising Concentrated in Your Own Neighborhood
- ^ It Develops Good Community Relationships
- ^ It's Good For Developing Loyal Customers

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.

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



March 27th / April 10th / April 17th / April 24th
9 to 10:30 a.m.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

Sunday, June 20 - Thursday, June 24th

Save the date! Mark your Calendar! Vacation Bible School is coming. Your evenings will be filled with fun, fellowship and faith-growing, whether you are a kid or a "big kid"! Won't you join us? There is something for all your family and friends! Watch the bulletin or our website for more details soon!

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
Serving Dishes
Knick Knacks
Kitchen Items
Framed Paintings
Etc. Etc. Etc.

Vases
Jewelry
Potted Plants
Books
Candles

Toys
Gift Bags
Linens
Candy Dishes
Table Covers

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

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFOREHAND

CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Gift certificates for Giant, Waymart, and Weis Food stores are available at the rectory. Please call 622-5470 for more information. What a great gift-giving idea !!!

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."

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BREAKFAST BUFFET: sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Parish on **Sunday, March 21st** from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the parish center. Adults \$6.00; Children under 12 \$3.00. Take-outs available.

SCHUYLKILL CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT: to be held **Sunday, March 21st** here at St. John's at 2 p.m. "An Afternoon with John Rutter" will be performed. Adults \$10.00; Seniors/Students \$7.00.

HOMEMADE EASTER CANDY: Butter Cream, Coconut Cream, Peanut Butter Eggs ... \$8.00 per box ... call St. Patrick's Rectory 622-1802. **Deadline for orders is March 23rd**; pick-up orders at the parish center on Saturday, March 27 (noon to 7:30 p.m.) or Sunday, March 28th (8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

EASTER FOOD SALE: ... sponsored by ICC Catering, St. Clair. City Chicken, Filling Cole Slaw, Halupkie can be ordered by calling the Immaculate Conception Social Hall, 1 E. Caroline Ave., St. Clair, mornings only 429-0302. You can also call 429-0581 or 628-4676. **Deadline for ordering is March 26th** and pick-up is April 1st. Proceeds benefit St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

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.

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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

HEAT-N-EAT TAKE-OUT DINNER: to benefit St. Joseph Center for Special Learning on **Palm Sunday, March 28th**. Dinner is \$6.00 which includes an individual Shepherd's Pit. Pick-up at St. Joseph's Center, 2075 W. Norwegian St. from 1 to 3 p.m. (pre-paid ticket holders must pick up by 2:30 p.m.) Call St. Joseph Center 622-4638 for more info or to purchase tickets.

Why do Catholics do that?

Why do Catholics distribute palms on Palm Sunday?

To the ancient Jews, palms were a symbol of triumph often used in victory celebrations. So when Jesus made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem before his passion and death, the crowds *"took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, (even) the king of Israel"* (John 12:13)

Today we are given palms as part of the Passion (Palm) Sunday liturgy to commemorate that last trip to Jerusalem.

He who sings, prays twice.

Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God, who is our Father, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:19-20

SCHUYLKILL WOMEN IN CRISIS

**24/7 HOTLINE
622-6220**
