

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem has many historical parallels in which public acclaim precedes tragedy and violence. We remember August 28, 1963, when 250,000 Americans arrived in Washington where they heard a man named King proclaim, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal." Just three months later, President John F. Kennedy was dead and within five years, Martin Luther King Jr. had also been killed.

Even as He was entering the city to shouts of "Hosanna," Jesus had less than a week to live.

To this end, I would hope that you would accompany our Lord to the Last Supper, to the Garden, to Calvary and the Tomb, by faithfully attending the Holy Week services and receiving Holy Communion on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. As we begin this Holy Week may it bring you all the special graces and blessings of the Holy Season.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – March 29 – 9:00 a.m.

REV. FRANCIS FOX

Tuesday, March 30 – 9:00 a.m.

JAMES BURNS (Joe & Ann Burns)

Wednesday, March 31 – 8:00 a.m.

ANNA SHAFFLE (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

### Holy Thursday - April 1

7:00 p.m. – Mass – Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 p.m. – Night Prayer

### Good Friday – April 2

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer (Chapel)

3:00 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy - Communion

### Holy Saturday – April 3

12 Noon – Blessing of Food Baskets

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass & Service

### Easter Sunday – April 4

8:15 a.m. - Parishioners of St. John's

### Sunday – April 4

10:30 a.m. - Parishioners of St. John's

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## 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 28 @ St. Vincent de Paul – Girardville

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## SCHEDULE - HOLY WEEK

7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday – April 1st

**Reader:** Janet Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Paul & Mary Ann Filiac,

Dan & Hermine Murphy

**Servers:** Emily & Sam Synnott, Keifer Luckenbill

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

3:00 p.m. – Good Friday – April 2nd

**Readers:** Carol Rizzardi, Lucilla Kochol, Paul Gombola

**Euch.Min.:** Joe Rehnert, Paul Ziegler

**Servers:** Allison Darhun, Amanda Nastasi

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

8:00 p.m. – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – April 3rd

**Readers:** Sr. Maryanne, Mary Sitcoske, Ian Hower

Carol Lasco

**Euch.Min.:** Aaron Wachter, Gerry Schwartz,

Katie Zwiebel

**Servers:** Dominic Chiplonia, Michael Fetterolf,

Taylor Ross, Megan Powers

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

8:15 a.m. – Easter Sunday – April 4th

**Reader:** Janet Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Sharon Snyder, John Corbacio,

Michelle Rehnert

**Servers:** Alex & Daniel Beruck, Stephen Messina

**Cantor:** Karen Glunz

10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday – April 4th

**Reader:** Albert Nastasi

**Euch.Min.:** Charlie Miller, Debbie Guers, Al Hauptly,

Phil Markovich, John Ventura Frank Murphy

**Servers:** Christopher Hunt, Paige & Casey Guers

**Cantor:** Suzette Joy

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## 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,*

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does your parish help innocent people who suffer today?

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## READINGS

Palm Sunday (March 27/28)

**Reading I:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Reading II:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel:** Luke 22:14-23:56

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*The Lord is my strength and my shield ... with my song I praise my God.* Psalm 28:7

**DRAMATIC STATIONS  
OF THE CROSS**

Cast Members

Choir Members

**CHURCH DECORATING**

Please join us to decorate the church for Easter  
**Saturday, April 3rd at 8:30 a.m.**

*Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose love endures forever.*  
Psalm 107:1

**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.



**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to this special Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land.

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN YOUR SUPPORT.**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

March 21<sup>st</sup> \$ 5,994.90; Imp.&Rep.: \$ 1,436.00

**Fuel & Heat: \$ 8,278.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*



## Keeping a Holy Week

There is only one week of the year we call "holy." The week is so named because it calls us to holiness and it commemorates the last holy days of Jesus' life. In this week we remember our Christian roots and look forward to our reunion in resurrection in the fullness of God's reign.

"Holy Week" calls us to holiness. It calls us to the cross. It calls us to enter into the great mystery of Jesus' death-resurrection. Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, is the time when we gather together to proclaim the Lord's Passion, a passion we all share as we move from the sufferings of one day to the next. Holy Week begins with the proclaiming of the Passion and culminates with the Alleluia proclamation of Easter.

But Holy Week does not exist in a vacuum. Everything that has been done during the weeks of Lent builds up to this week. The "From Ashes to Easter" Program has prepared the community to enter into the fullness of the mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. We've been invited to share prayer and faith. We've also shared ways to live out Lent through the Catholic Update and Operation Rice Bowl. There have been opportunities for involvement in Dramatic Stations, regular stations, the sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. We are invited to remember all that God has done through Jesus in all of these invitations.

Participants in the *Ashes to Easter* process have been given an opportunity to experience the Paschal Mystery in a fuller way. The symbols, the readings, and the experience of community during the last five weeks, called us to conversion and newness of life. All parish members are invited to participate as fully as possible in the church's commemoration of Christ's death-resurrection.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

#### Palm Sunday

**The Passion.** This week we walk with Jesus through his passion, death, and resurrection. We begin to experience the sacrifice he made for us and how we are also called to give our life for others. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl has helped us walk with our sisters and brothers who daily take up the cross of poverty. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we unite ourselves in the one human family that is God's creation.

**Please return your Rice Bowl donations and containers to the basket in the back of church as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

## FEAST OF DIVINE

**Sunday, April 9, 2010**

- 2:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2:15 The Rosary – Glorious Mysteries
- 2:40 Readings from the Divine Mercy Diary
- 2:30 to 4:00 CONFESSIONS
- 3:00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3:15 Talk on Divine Mercy
- 3:30 Testimony
- 3:45 VENERATION & Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image  
(Bring Divine Mercy items you want blessed)
- 4:00 Benediction

**MASSSES: Saturday 5:15 pm, Sunday 8:15&10:30 am**

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

### 50/5 RAFFLE / COVERED DISH

St. John's CWU will hold a 50/50 raffle at their Covered Dish Social on

**Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## LONGABERGER BASKET WINNERS

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| March 18 - Kathy Zwiebel   | March 21 - Dot Rosenberger |
| March 19 - Cathy Cooper    | March 22 - DeAnna Orlowski |
| March 20 - Janet Firestone | March 23 - Noel Glunz      |

## FAMILY MATTERS

**Families with Children with Disabilities.** Often those children with disabilities in our families give to us the gifts of great love and warmth. We ask you Lord to shower your blessings on these children of our parish and on their families.

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

## 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.

## 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](http://www.All-SaintsCatholicSchool.net)

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## ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

### Upcoming Events

**Casino Day** to benefit St. Joseph Center for Special Learning on **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** 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 9<sup>th</sup>; 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.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner

to be held **Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Dash for St. Joseph Center for Special Learning"

sponsored by The Notre Dame Club of Schuylkill County on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** 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.

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## 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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:tzanis@verizon.net). We hope you will join us as **We Explore the Mighty Love of God** starting on June 20<sup>th</sup>!

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## 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 27<sup>th</sup> / April 10<sup>th</sup> / April 17<sup>th</sup> / April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.**

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

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## FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

**To consume more Vitamin C, think beyond the orange.** Americans get more vitamin C from oranges and orange juice than from any other food. But the following contain even more C than an orange: 1 cup of strawberries, 1 bell pepper (red and yellow ones have the most), 1 kiwifruit, 1 cup of broccoli or brussel sprouts, or half a papaya. Get vitamin C from foods, not pills, since foods come with many other healthful compounds, some of which work together.

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## PARISH FESTIVAL – 2010

This year's date is **July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Mark your calendars!**

Our next planning meeting will take place

**Easter Monday, April 5th**

7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room ... All are welcome!

**NEIGHBORING EVENTS**

**ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER** You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass followed by Veneration of the first-class relic of St. Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics and of all who are sick on **Monday, March 29th at 5 p.m.** at the Simon Kramer Institute Chapel in New Philadelphia. To register, please call 277-6218. Light refreshments will be served.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FOOD COLLECTION**

From October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 Catholic Charities, Pottsville, served 58 households which included 105 adults and 90 children. From January 1, 2010 through March 1, 2010 they served 32 households which included 60 adults and 55 children.

Thank you for doing your part to our neighbors in need.

**Items Needed:**

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| 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**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**Counselor/Therapist Needed.** Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown, is seeking a part-time Counselor/Therapist for the Schuylkill/Carbon Office at 13 Westwood Road, Pottsville. An LCSW is preferred. Please send a résumé to John Boyne, LCSW, Counseling & Behavioral Health Program Administrator, Catholic Charities, 530 Union Blvd., Allentown, Pa. 18109. EOE.

**Foster Families Needed.** Diocese of Allentown is seeking families to foster medically fragile children, siblings, and teen mothers with infants. An **Information Meeting** will be held at 10 a.m. on **Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** at Catholic Charities, 13 Westwood Road, Pottsville. Please register by April 12 with Barbara Ivaska at 628-0466 ext. 306 or Patricia Reusch 800-330-8001 or e-mail [preusch@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:preusch@allentowndiocese.org)

United States® **UNITED STATES CENSUS 2010**  
**Census 2010** UNDERWAY

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. It shows state population counts and determines representation in the U.S. House of Representatives. Funding for critical community services and the location of schools, hospitals, senior centers and other facilities all depend on accurate census data. With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes just 10 minutes to complete. Complete the Census questionnaire and be counted in 2010. Log on to [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov) for more information.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>. Watch the bulletin for more details ...

