

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Henry Ward Beecher was a nineteenth century writer, clergyman, social reformer and speaker. In one of his many popular quotations he said, "It's not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich." In this Sunday's first reading the poor widow gave the prophet Elijah the last of her food. She thought she would soon starve to death but by giving it up, she experienced a great reward. From heaven today that widow is no doubt amazed that we are still talking about her.

The Paparazzi's flashing cameras may record the comings and goings of the glitzy "rich and beautiful people" of our day, but we can be sure the memory of them will disappear as fast as smoke in the breeze.

Another of Beecher's sayings gives us further reassurance "every charitable act is a stepping stone toward heaven."

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – November 9 to Friday – November 13

NO MASS

Saturday – November 14 – 5:00 p.m.

DOROTHY CONNELL (John Connell)

Sunday – November 15 – 8:15 a.m.

**LIVING & DECEASED OF ST. JOHN'S
BENEFICIAL SOCIETY**

Sunday – November 15 – 10:30 a.m.

CARL & ADA HAHNER (Children)

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M. – IMO Emily Leinheiser by Family

St. Joseph – IMO Thomas C. Selinko by Family

Tabernacle – IMO Josephine Cavanaugh
by Ed Hahner & Family

Sanctuary Candles

1. IMO Joseph Kapsha by Sophia Kapsha

2,3,4. IMO Carol & Harry Nygren by Joe Christ

Guardian Angels

1. Special Intention

2. IMO George L.Klassen Jr. by Pat & Charlene Klassen

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, Francis King, Maryann Wychunas, Edward Wychunas, Donald Bound, Matthew Mazakas, Loretta Lonoskie, John Woznicki, Faye Cuchara, Dot Elison,, Joseph Tuite, Eleanore Forney, Loretta Raybould, Scott Rhoades, Charles Foster,, Jane Weiss, William Schenck.*

SCHEDULE

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – November 14th

Readers: Mary Sitcoske

Euch.Min.: Paul & Mary Filiac, (Dr.Visot)

Servers: Alex & Daniel Beruck, Adalie Zanis

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – November 15th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Michael Ambrose, Ray Petrilla,
George Forney

Servers: Jason, Hannah, Celena Granito

Cantor: Kelly Messina

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – November 15th

Reader: Ian Hower

Euch.Min.: Paul Schlitzer, Paul & Debbie Herb

Servers: Rachel Brahler, Molly Zwiebel, Ben Hower

Cantor: Ensemble

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Grace Elizabeth Lapachinsky**, daughter of Scott and Heidi (Wagner) Lapachinsky. 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 here into our parish family.



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

November 12th – at St. John's

The Church ... S. Maryanne

November 19th – at St. John's

The Mass ... Father Dave

December 3rd – at St. Michael the Archangel

Catholics and Prayer ... S. Catherine Therese

December 10th – at St. Michael the Archangel

Mary and the Saints ... S.Catherine Therese

FAMILY MATTERS

Domestic Abuse. Please pray today for those suffering from domestic abuse. We pray that they be given the strength to seek the help they need to sustain them during their struggles. We also pray that the Lord protect them and keep them safe during this difficult time.

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

READINGS

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Nov.7/8)

Reading I: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Reading II: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Nov.14/15)

Reading I: Daniel 12:1-3

Reading II: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What inspires you to be generous?

PRACTICAL CONNECTIONS WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Today's liturgy reveals some important facts about the poor.

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "*Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.*"

1) The poor are blessed because they have a greater recognition of their need for God. The two widows in the readings give up everything, totally trusting in the Goodness of the Lord.

2) The poor are therefore more generous than others. Jesus made it very clear that *this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury.* Recent studies in the United States reveal the same phenomenon: relative to their resources, lower income people are the most generous.

3) The poor may or may not have society on their side, but there is no doubt where God stands: *The Lord secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, sets captives free, gives sight to the blind, raises up those that were bowed down, protects strangers, and sustains the fatherless and the widow.*

Those among us who are not poor receive the challenge to be poor in spirit. We pray at the start of this liturgy for *freedom of spirit ... so that we may more willingly give our lives in service to all.*

In teaching us charity, the Gospel instructs us in the preferential respect due to the poor and the special situation they have in society: the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others."

Pope Paul VI, *Octogesima Adveniens* (1971) 23

Gerald Darring

http://liturgy.slu.edu/32OrdB110809/reflections_justice.html

BISHOP BARRES COMING TO ST. JOHN'S

The Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Allentown, will visit St. John's Parish on **Saturday, December 5th.** Bishop Barres will hear confessions before Mass from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. and will celebrate Mass at 5 p.m. Parishioners are welcome to greet Bishop Barres in the back of church after Mass.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

Creighton Model Fertility Care System is a method of monitoring reproductive and gynecological health. A FREE Introductory Session will be held **Wednesday, November 18th at 7 p.m.** at St. Jerome's Parish in Tamaqua. Please consider coming to learn more about this system. Registration is required by calling Kristin Osenbach, BSW at 570-952-1063.

Annulment Information Evening Do you want more information on annulments? Are you divorced and remarried outside of the church? You are invited to an information night on the annulment process on **Monday, November 9th from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Bethlehem. Presentation will be by Msgr. Thomas Koons of the Allentown Diocese Tribunal. He will explore common myths and misconceptions about the process of annulment. All are welcome. For information contact Deacon Bill Urbine at 610-289-8900.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Won't you consider adding your voice to our choir to make our liturgies even better?

We are in need of voices, both male and female. Please consider adding yours.

Experience or reading music is not necessary, only your desire to sing and enjoy the liturgy from another perspective. We rehearse each **Tuesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Longinus Hall.**

No auditions, all are welcome and **NEEDED!**

Contact **Dave Derbes** Choir Director **622-8804** or email daderbes@yahoo.com or the **Rectory 622-5470** for more information.



ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWS

Have you checked out our website recently www.all-saintscatholicschool.net?

There are links to great sites like WNEP, Saint of the Day, and Sacred Space, my favorite daily prayer site. Parents are able to check the school calendars, menu, and monthly newsletters on-line. How convenient! **We have also posted our annual report and Middle States Re-Accreditation report.** Our website isn't just for parents. It is for you too. Parishioners are an important part of the All Saints Family. Thank you for your support! Visit us at www.all-saintscatholicschool.net.

Gift Certificates available...

No gift is more valuable than the gift of education. Gift certificates for tuition at All Saints Catholic School are available in the school office. Tuition Gift Certificates may be purchased for any student currently enrolled or who will be enrolled for the 2010-2011 school year. Please call Mrs. Bahm for more details at 622-0106.

Thank you for your support! Call us for a tour or visit us at www.all-saintscatholicschool.net.

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, November 10th – 7 p.m.
in the Rectory Fellowship Room**

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

MONTHLY PARISH

BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 22nd

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Russell Building

Menu includes: Ham, Bacon, Sausage,
Homefries, Scrapple, Pancakes, French Toast,
Eggs to order, Beverages.
A la carte menu available.
Prices: \$4.00 to \$8.00

HELP HELP HELP

We need volunteers to help with the Parish Breakfasts. 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.



PECANS ARE BACK

1 lb. Mammoth Halves ... \$8.00

12 oz. Chocolate Covered Gift Package ... \$8.00



... available at St. John's Christmas Bazaar or call Frances Lorenz 544-2837. Proceeds benefit St. John's Catholic Women's Union.

ADVENT-URE

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 6th** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for an exciting Advent program for all children of the parish ages 3 to 10. Lunch is included and one parent must attend with child. More details to follow

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Retirement Years. The retired members of our families are so important to our communities. They share their gifts and talents. They willingly share their wisdom and time with others. Our parish salutes our retirees and their generous spirit!

Let us pray for all who serve in government, that they will be open to the light of the Holy Spirit and strive in all their actions to defend the lives of every human being, especially the unborn, the elderly, and the poor.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 1st: \$ 6,045.00; Dues: \$ 1,481.00

All Saints Day: \$1,095.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BREAKFAST sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's on **Sunday, November 15th** from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the parish center. Adults \$5.00; Children \$3.00. Take-outs available.

HEALTHY HOLIDAY RECIPES at the Schuylkill Medical Center, East Norwegian St, Pottsville on **Wednesday, November 18th at 6 p.m.** in the Wall Auditorium, 3rd Floor, Main Building. Free of charge. Please call Debbie Herb 621-5047 to register, as attendees will sample the prepared recipes.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FOOD Orders are being taken for City Chicken, Halupkie, and Bread Filling. Deadline is November 18th with pickup November 24th. Call 429-0302 or 429-0581 or 628-4676. Orders are also being taken for Christmas Candy. Proceeds benefit the St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT The Broad Mt. Chapter 159th Engineer Combat Battalion Veterans WWII will conduct this project for our active duty service men and women for the 2009 Christmas season. Please send the names and addresses of any active duty person to the following address ASAP so they can be sent a Christmas card from "home". Thank you for supporting our troops
Russell Ruch, 709 N. 7th St., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

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 _____

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... . **Janet**

Daubert

When restaurants post calorie information, people make better choices, concludes a survey of 755 residents of New York City, where a menu label law for chain restaurants went into effect last year. About 90% of those surveyed read the nutrition information and were surprised at how high the calories were. More important, 71% chose lower-calorie foods. 51% stopped ordering certain items, and 62% sought restaurants with healthier options. Similar legislation has been passed in California and Seattle and is pending elsewhere.

gEnEsiS 1 Update

Thanksgiving Day Mass Participation

Who? Any of St. John's members 6th-12th grade

What? Participate in Thanksgiving Day Mass (Read & bring up gifts & Collection)

Where & When? St. John's on **November 26 at 9 am**

RSVP: Thurs November 19

To participate, the practice party is @ Debbie's on **Mon. Nov 23rd @ 7pm.**

Children's Advent Liturgy Volunteer

Who? Anyone in 6th-12th grade & adult helpers

What? Actors or Actresses, Readers, Gift Distributors

Where & When? St. John's on **December 13 @ 10:am**

RSVP: Saturday, November 28

To participate, the practice date is **Nov 29 after 10:30am Mass** in the church.

Christmas Dinner & Show Volunteers

(sponsored by the Aethia Club @ PAHS)

Who? Anyone in 6th-12th grade & adult helpers

What? Actors or Actresses, Servers, Kitchen Helpers, and Cooks

Where & When? PAHS on December 19 @ 5:30pm

Actors & Actresses practice TBA.

Christmas Ice Skating Party & Soup Kitchen

Who? Anyone in 6th-12th grade & adult helpers

What? Ice Skating @ Reading Bodyzone followed by Soup Kitchen volunteering

Where & When? Meet in St. John's Parking Lot (Time TBA); then Soup Kitchen @ 4pm

For more information, if you need a ride, or to sign-up for any event above, e-mail Rachael at

genesis1yg@aim.com or call 570-581-6109.

CALLING ALL BAKERS, CANDY MAKERS

Baked Goods and Candy are needed for our Baked Goods Stand at the Christmas Bazaar. All donations are most appreciated!



DESSERTS NEEDED We are grateful

for any dessert you would be willing to make to be served with our Hot Roast Beef Platters – Jello, Pudding, Tapioca, etc.

RENEWING THE EARTH

"We in the developed world ... are obligated to address our own wasteful and destructive use of resources as a matter of top priority." (U.S. Catholic Bishops, *Renewing the Earth*).

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

11th Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 14th – 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 15th – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A **Light Lunch** will be served on Saturday at lunchtime. After the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, **Hot Roast Beef Dinners** will be served. Take-outs available.

Light Lunch Menu

Hot Dog
Mashed Potatoes
Sauerkraut
Dessert & Beverage

Roast Beef Dinner

Hot Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable
Cole Slaw
Dessert & Beverage

A la Carte

Homemade Soups, Barbecue, Hot Dogs,
Sauerkraut, Dessert, Beverages
(Prices will be posted)

(Preview weekend – November 7 & 8)

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We wish to thank the following for their donations ...

All Saints School \$50 Tuition Gift Cert, Blanket,
Mug, Pen, Magnet

Beehive Salon Beauty / Make-up Basket

Dot Bound Crocheted Hangers

Mary Bound Pandora Bracelet

CCD Teachers&Parents Tea Basket

Mary Connell Cake

Father Dave Coffee Basket

Janet Daubert Wine

Jennifer Daubert Snack Basket

IMO Julia Daubert Crocheted Afghans & Pillows

Deegan Corporation One Individual Tax Return

Sue Eckley Vera Bradley Basket

Dorothy & Bill Elison \$50.00

Farlow's Deli Gift Certificate

Miss Kim Fetter Foot Care Basket

Marie Flynn Knitted hats, scarves, ponchos

Karla Garland Red Hat Society Basket &

Dog Basket

Giant Food Store Gift Certificate

Anne Goba Nativity Set

Missy Hahner Assorted Cookie Tray

Mary Beth Harvey Christmas Quilt Throw

Heaven & Earth Salon Vera Bradley Notebook &Pen

Joanne Hepler \$50.00

Dolly, Joanne, Debbie Kitchen Gadget Basket

Diane Herring Bountiful Baking Basket &

Beauty Basket

Jacob Herring Cleaning Supplies Bucket

Ric & Sue Jochems Pamper Basket, 3 Angels

Maeve Ketner Sign for Bazaar



Lucilla Kochol Barbie Basket
Lucilla&Josephine Kochol Baking Basket
Anna Kurtek \$25.00

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Maureen Kurtek Pampered Chef Basket,
Beauty Basket, Wine Glasses,
Table Runner

Pat Kutch Christmas Wreath,
'Start from Scratch' Baking Basket

Megan Lauletta Crocheted Scarves & Coaster Set

Little Peace Farm-Scheidels Basket of Gift Certificates

Pat Lombel/Dorothy Lotz Thanksgiving Basket

Frances Lorenz Basket of Gifts

Justina Majestic Lottery/Gift Certificate Basket

Maroon's Sports Bar T-shirt / 2-\$20.00 Gift Certificates

Edie McDonough Handmade Jewelry

Murphy Jewelers Fashion Necklace

Bobbi Murray-Headquarters Hair Care/Beauty Basket

Nancy's Fancy Flowers Christmas Arrangement,

Beverage Basket

Nativity BVM High Sch. Nativity Basket

Al & Kathy Norkus Wine Baskets - 2

Gene Pedriani Christmas CD's

John&Bernice Petock Child's Craft Basket, Gift Cert. for

Schaeffer Harley Davidson

John & Barbara Powers Mia Bella Gourmet Candle Basket

Ed & Carole Quirin Lottery Tickets, Picnic Basket,

Santa Sleigh Basket

Carol Quirin & Carolyn

Quirin Morris Tastefully Simple Basket

Renee Reddington Knitted Berets & Sweaters

Dot Rosenberger Animated Snowman, Baby Basket

Dot Ryan & Maggie

Maskerines

Nativity High School Barbie Activity Basket

Bob & Kay Russell Nativity High School Basket

Kay Russell/Doris Schultz \$20.00

St. John's Choirs Bath & Body Basket

Eleanor Schaeffer Crocheted Dishcloths, Ornaments

Pat & Missy Scheetz \$25.00

Sue Scheetz Hand knitted Washcloths&Scarves

Barbara Schoenauer Temptation Bakeware Basket

Gerald Schoenauer First Aide Basket

Doris Schultz Handmade Jewelry Bags, Coasters

Mark Semanchik Baby Snugglies, Pillow Cases,

Rosann Sitkus Glamour Girl Basket

Bernie Sockwell Mike Schmidt Signed Stat Baseball

Bath Basket

St. Bernard's Society Last Will & Testament Certificate

Dorothy Stangl Puzzles & Jewelry

Donna Bound Steidle Crocheted Kitchen Towel Toppers

Peggy Stoppi with Towels

Wayne & Diane Stoudt \$25.00

Sun Seekers Bath & Body Basket

Janet Thomas Crocheted Pillow&Afghan, Jewelry

Luis R. & Virginia Visot Penn State Basket

Waymart Store \$50.00

Ruth Weidler 2 Manicures, Nail Polish

Handmade Lap Blanket,Care Bear Pillow

Weis Markets
S.Maryanne Zakreski
Ellen Zane

Gift Certificate
Framed Painting on Silk
Yankee Candle Basket