

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Yours in Christ,  
*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – October 12 – 9:00 a.m.

MARIE MURPHY (Family)

Tuesday, Oct. 13 to Thursday, Oct. 14 – NO MASS

Friday – October 16 - 9:00 a.m.

ELIZABETH DORNSIFE (Rita Lotz)

Saturday – October 17 – 5:00 p.m.

BARBARA WEISS (Mike Weiss)

Sunday – October 18 – 8:15 a.m.

R.J. POST (Sandi Post)

Sunday – October 19 – 10:30 a.m.

JOE & PHILOMENA RYAN (Dot Ryan & Family)

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### CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Vito Sitkus by Rosemary Malocu

St. Joseph – IMO Vita Sitkus by Rosemary Malocu

Tabernacle – Special Intention by Mary Jean Morgalis

Sanctuary Candles

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family

Guardian Angels

1. For Babe by Margaret Pauly

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 4th: \$ 6,178.46; Dues: \$1,692.00

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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### SCHEDULE

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – October 17th

**Readers:** Albert Nastasi

**Euch.Min.:** LeeAnn Smith, Aaron Wachter

**Servers:** Amanda Nastasi, Allison Darhun, Lucy Murray

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 18th

**Reader:** Caitlyn McDemus

**Euch.Min.:** Mary Modesto, Andrew & Rachael Kubick

**Servers:** Samantha Weiss, Josh Clauser,

Megan McLaughlin

**Cantor:** Kelly Messina

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 18th

**Reader:** Ian Hower

**Euch.Min.:** Gerry Schwartz, Al Hauptly,

Mary Jean Morgalis

**Servers:** Megan Powers, Benjamin Hower,

Alexander Koinski

**Cantor:** Ensemble

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This week we welcome the following to St. John's Parish Family ....

Warmly embrace these families into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality.

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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, Rosalia Campion, Margaret Pfluger, Francis King, Maryann Wychunas, Edward Wychunas, Donald Bound, Matthew Mazakas, Loretta Lonoskie, John Woznicki, Faye Cuchara, Dot Elison, Jean Hill, Dolores Brophy, Joseph Tuite, Eleanore Forney, Loretta & Harold Raybould.* Deceased: *Yolanda Welsh*

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### ATTENTION

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **November & December** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call Father Dave by Monday, October 19th** to let him know when you are **NOT** available during these months. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

# PARISH RETREAT

## "Give Yourself the Gift of Time"

Come to the St. John's Parish Retreat ....

**When:** Saturday, October 24th

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Where:** Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading

Get together with your friends in the parish for a relaxing day in a beautiful setting with great speakers including Father Fred Ardinger and Sister Maryanne Also, there will be time for prayer and reflection. It's a great way to grow in your spiritual life.

It's **FREE** ! Lunch and light refreshments will be provided. Carpooling available if you don't wish to drive.

**We are limited to 50 people so please sign up by calling the Rectory 622-5470 or sign-up in the back of church this weekend. Deadline for sign-ups is October 5th!**

*Join us at the Retreat for a day ... Take time to leave the hectic pace of constant doing ...*

*"Mariawald is like a Spa for the Soul."*

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Of what does your wealth consist?  
How does your wealth serve the poor?

### READINGS

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time** (October 10/11)

**Reading I:** Wisdom 7:7-11

**Reading II:** Hebrews 4:12-13

**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time** (October 17/18)

**Reading I:** Isaiah 53:10-11

**Reading II:** Hebrews 4:14-16

**Gospel:** Mark 10:35-45

## FAMILY MATTERS

**For the Family Who has Lost Faith.** It's painful at times to have a loved one reject or belittle the faith that we have nurtured in them. We turn to St. Monica, Augustine's long-suffering mom, for consolation and HELP! We, as a parish pray that the lost sheep will return to the flock. We pray also for their family that they will not despair or give up on their loved ones.

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

## PRACTICAL CONNECTIONS WITH THE WORD OF GOD

### FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

For parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth or in early infancy, please join us at the **Remembrance Mass on Sunday, October 18th at 3 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church**, Rev. Msgr. Edward O'Connor will be the celebrant. For more information, or to register, call 610-289-8900 x 230 for the Office of Pro-Life Activities. All families are invited. (Registration is *not required* but *requested* for planning for the social al, which follows the Mass. You may register anonymously with just a number attending).

### R. C. I. A.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. 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**

**October 15th - at St. John's**

*Scripture ... Dr. Luis R. Visot*

**October 22nd - at St. John's**

*Places and Practices ... Father Dave*

**October 29th - at St. Michael the Archangel**

*Who is Jesus? ... Father Adam Sedar*

### The "ARMATA BIANCA"

(A Youth Prayer Hour)

**Who can attend?** Anyone under 18 or the young at heart!

**When:** Every second Sunday of the month from 9 to 10 a.m.

**What do we do?** Adoration, Prayer, Rosary, and Reading the Bible.

**Where:** The Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel (next to St. Patrick's Church).

It is a time for the youth or young at heart to pray and adore in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Come for a half hour or the entire time. Contact Rachael Kubick at 581-6109 or [rachael3764@yahoo.com](mailto:rachael3764@yahoo.com). Future dates are:

**October 11th, November 8th, December 13th**

"SUNDAYS AT THE WELL"

**Returns this Fall !**  
**October 11, 18, 25, November 1**  
**9:15 to 10:15 a.m.**

**in the Chapel in Longinus Hall**  
**All Adults are invited to ...**

***Foundational Topics of Christianity***

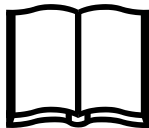
For all those who are new to the parish, the "Sundays at the Well" are St. John's adult classes offered to enliven and strengthen your faith. Join us to experience interesting topics listed below. After a DVD Presentation there will be insightful and practical discussions that will deepen the meaning of your daily life.

Topics will include ... **Conversion and the Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love.**

Sign up at the exits to the church or call the Rectory at 622-5470.

**MASS INTENTION BOOK**

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2010 will open **Wednesday, October 14th**. Masses can be scheduled beginning at **9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room** of the Rectory. Scheduling will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to the backlog of Masses we already have from the past year, each person will be able to schedule **three Masses only** - additional Mass requests may be sent to the Missions. The remaining dates will be used to schedule previously requested Masses as well as keep dates open for those who will be deceased in the year 2010.



**PLEASE NOTE**

The Mass Intention Book for 2010 will be open for **one week only - October 14 to 21** - all Masses must be scheduled during this week. No scheduled Mass Intentions will be taken after **October 21st**

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

**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."*

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

The **11th Annual Christmas Bazaar** will be here before you know it ... **November 14 & 15.**

*Preview weekend -- November 7 & 8*

We can use new and or unused items for our baskets. We can use almost anything, big or small and not necessarily Christmas items, although those are always appreciated.



***Please drop your items off in Longinus Hall marked "Christmas Bazaar" by October 24<sup>th</sup>.***

If you or your family would like to donate a basket, we would like to know the theme as soon as possible before **October 24th.**

**So many families donated baskets last year that it was wonderful to see the spirit of St. John's shine through. Of course, if you have craft items that you've made, we'd love to have them as well!**

Thanks for your support and prayers.

As always, monetary donations are greatly appreciated and helping hands at the Bazaar are always welcome. If you can help or you have questions, please call **Pat Scheetz 622-7973 or the Rectory 622-5470.**



For those who may not know, most of our Bazaar operates like a Chinese Auction. We do have some crafts and of course, **FOOD!**

This is a great way to get involved in a fun fundraiser for the parish and to meet other people. If interested, please call **Pat Scheetz 622-7973 or the Rectory 622-5470.**

**WINE / CHEESE / SNACK BASKETS**



If you would like to donate wine, cheese, or snacks for our Wine/Snack Baskets for this year's Christmas Bazaar, please drop off your donation at the Rectory during the week.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY**

*"We have set our hope on the living God"* (1 Tim.4:10)  
Students in grades 6 – 12 are invited to participate in WYD 2009 on **Saturday, October 24th** from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students will gather in three diocesan locations for prayer, Catholic Social Teaching and hands-on service. Visit [www.liveyourfaith.org](http://www.liveyourfaith.org) for registration materials. (Sponsored by the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and supported by the Strengthening Our Future in Faith Campaign)

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

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

Dot Bound	Crocheted Hangers
Father Dave	Coffee Basket
Marie Flynn	Knitted hats, scarves, ponchos
Joanne Hepler	\$50.00
Diane Herring	Bountiful Baking Basket
Jacob Herring	Cleaning Supplies Bucket/Basket
Ric & Sue Jochems	Pamper Basket, 3 Angels
Pat Kutch	Christmas Wreath, Baking Basket
Frances Lorenz	Basket of Gifts
Edie McDonough	Handmade Jewelry
Kathy Norkus	Wine Baskets
Gene Pedriani	Christmas CD's
John&Bernice Petock	Child's Craft Basket
Renee Reddington	Knitted Berets & Sweaters
Dot Rosenberger	Animated Snowman
Kay Russell/Doris Schultz	Bath & Body Basket
	Crocheted Dishcloths
	Christmas ornaments
Barbara Schoenauer	Handmade Jewelry Bags
	Baby Snugglies, Coasters,
	Pillow Cases
Janet Thomas	Rainy Day Basket
Ruth Weidler	Handmade Lap Blanket
	Care Bear Pillow



## COACHES CLINIC

You must attend a Coaches Clinic and Protecting God's Children to be eligible to coach any CYO sports. For more information and a registration form, please call the Rectory 622-5470. The next Clinic is scheduled for:

**Sunday, October 18th – 1 to 4 p.m.**  
at Sts. Peter & Paul in Leighton

## CYO J.V. VOLLEYBALL

Scheduled Games



## MONTHLY PARISH BREAKFAST

**Sunday, October 11th**

**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

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Emergency Food Pantry** is in need of non-perishable food such as peanut butter, soup, tuna, pasta, sauce and cereal. Donations are accepted at the Schuylkill/Carbon

Office, 13 Westwood Center, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call Dave 628-0466.

**Counseling & Behavioral Health Program** is accepting Medical Assistance/Health Choices Insurance for residents of Schuylkill County. Traditional Highmark Blue Shield and Blue Cross are accepted for residents of any county. Please contact the Schuylkill/Carbon service office at 13 Westwood Road, Pottsville 628-0466.

**Immigration Program** assists with legalization of status, family reunification, and citizenship. Please call for service in English or Spanish, 610-435-1541 in Allentown or 610-376-7144 in Reading.

**Financial and Legal Issues about Nursing Homes and Long Term Care**, a free workshop for consumers and caregivers at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Center, 541 Sunbury St., Minersville on Wednesday, **October 14th from 6:30 to 9 p.m.** For registration and directions please call 628-0466 by October 12th.

**Parenting Education Class** at St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish School, 301 Heffner St., Minersville on **October 16th from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Lunch provided. Topics include child development stages, nutrition, health and safety, parenting stress management. For more information, directions, registration, please call Mary or Jule Ann before October 14th at 628-0466.

## RENEWING THE EARTH

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## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**CASH BINGO** sponsored by Nativity Green & Gold to benefit all sports programs at Nativity. Bingo will take place on **Sunday, October 11th** in the school gym. Doors open 11:30 a.m. ; Games begin 1 p.m. \$20.00 for 20 games, 4 special games. Refreshments available for purchase.

**CHINESE AUCTION** sponsored by St. Ambrose Parish will be held **Sunday, October 18th**. Doors open 9:30 a.m. Auction begins 2 p.m. If you cannot attend, you can Bid & Browse on Saturday, October 17th from 4 to 8 p.m. Great food, fun, prizes. For more information, please call Donna Wills 366-3604.

**ALL-YOU-CAN EAT BREAKFAST** sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Parish on Sunday, October 18th from 8 am to 12:30 pm in the parish center. Adults \$5.00; Children under 12 \$3.00. take-outs available.

**5K WALK / RUN** Dare to be aware. Diabetes doesn't have to be scary ... **Saturday, October 31st** at Bubeck Park, Stoyer's Dam in Schuylkill Haven. Pre-

Registration is encouraged. First 100 registered receive a free event T-shirt. For more information contact Debbie Herb, Co-ordinator of Community Education 621-5047.

**BUS TRIP:** to see the Broadway hit show "ANNIE" at the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg on **Saturday, November 7th**. Starring in the show is Pottsville's own Reiley Lonergan who has been cast as the lead part – little Orphan Annie. Cost \$40.00 per person. Space is limited, first-come, first-serve basis. Show runs November 5 to 22. For reservations or further information, call 581-8617 or email [reiley@comcast.net](mailto:reiley@comcast.net). A great show for all ages.

**NEW YORK BUS TRIP:** sponsored by St. Patrick's Church, Pottsville on **Wednesday, November 18th** to see Irving Berlin's White Christmas. Cost \$180 which includes transportation, show and dinner. For reservations and information, please call St. Patrick's Rectory 622-1802.



**Win \$10,000 in time for Christmas:** St. Peter's Church in Reading is selling raffle tickets good for a chance to win one of 101 cash prizes worth \$25,000 with the grand prize \$10,000. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. For your chance send a stamped self-addressed envelope along with \$20.00 per ticket to St. Peter Church, 322 S. 5th St., Reading, Pa. 19602. **Drawing is December 5th** and winners need not be present.

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<p><b>WELCOME VISITORS</b></p> <p><i>Thank you for worshipping with us today.</i></p> <p><i>If you are visiting our beautiful church, please know you are most welcome!</i></p> <p><i>If you have questions about our parish, please see the designated parishioners at the exits or any parishioner.</i></p> <p><i>If you are interested in joining our parish family, please call the rectory 622-5470.</i></p>
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**FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES**

**Are you Separated / Divorced? Need time to reflect and pray?** Join us for an Evening of Reflection and Discussion for the Separated & Divorced on **Monday, October 19th from 7 to 9 p.m.** at Assumption BVM Jubilee Center in Bethlehem. Our theme is *Drawing Closer to God – During Challenging Times*. To register call Ruth Baker 610-289-8900 ext. 239 or email at [Rbaker@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:Rbaker@allentowndiocese.org)

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**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**

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**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.

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**OVER 50" CLUB**

St. John's "Over 50 Club" will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 13th** at 1 p.m. We welcome and encourage new members. We play bingo, board games, cards, etc. and light refreshments are always available. For more information, please call the rectory 622-5470.

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**FROM OUR PARISH NURSE**

.... . **Janet**

**Daubert**

**Death rates from cancer in the U.S. have continued to decline.** The American Cancer Society's latest annual report shows that between 1990 and 2005, mortality rates decreased by 19% among men and 11% among women. If these rates had not improved, an additional 650,000 cancer deaths would have occurred in the U.S. during those 15 years. The decline is attributable to a reduction in smoking rates, increased screening (especially for colon cancer), and improved treatments.

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**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Practice continuing acts of thoughtfulness.**

*Experienced grief?*

*Struggled through it and now want to help others?*

We would like to offer assistance from the caring parishioners of St. John's Parish Family in promoting healing through understanding, support and encouragement. Light the darkness for the grieving by reinvesting in life. If interested please call **Beth Smith 628-3859**. (Please leave a message if no answer)

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**HOSPITALITY WEEKEND**

*Light snacks on Saturday night!*

*Coffee and Donuts on Sunday morning!*

**Saturday & Sunday, October 17 & 18**

We invite parishioners to get together after all Masses on this weekend. Please take the time to stop by Longinus Hall and enjoy each other's company.



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**ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES**

Please drop your All Souls Day envelope in the collection as soon as possible so your intentions can be placed on the altar for All Souls Day. Additional envelopes for your intentions can be found at the church exits.

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## THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Our parish is collecting food items for Thanksgiving. Last year we distributed 12 baskets. 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

If anyone wishes to donate a Turkey for this collection, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

Kindly place your donations in the baskets at the rear and side entrances of the church. Thank you.

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## 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!

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### 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 \$2.00 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, October 21st – 7 p.m.  
in Longinus Hall.**

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**CD'S FOR SALE ...** Three professionally made CD's, (Pop, Country, Gospel/Country) created by Charlie "Chic" Tamburelli are available for sale ... \$15.00 each; 2 for \$25.00; 3 for \$30.00. Anyone interested in purchasing these CD's can call Charlie at 544-5573.

