

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The English writer, Edward Bulwer-Lytton, once observed: *"There is nothing so agonizing to define skin of vanity as the application of a rough truth."*

The apostles James and John, in their vanity, want to sit with Jesus on His throne in the Kingdom. Jesus tells them the rough truth that they do not know what they are asking, and that furthermore, it is God who makes the seating arrangements. Jesus goes on to say that if you want to be great, you must be the servant of the rest.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – October 19 – 9:00 a.m.

ROBERT ZUPPERT (Helen Tronosky)

Tuesday, Oct. 20 – 9:00 a.m.

LEONARD YENILAITUS

(Mary Zambo & Carol Rhoades)

Wednesday, Oct. 21 – 9:00 a.m.

ALEX KRISTON (Kriston Family)

Thursday, Oct. 22 – 9:00 a.m.

SCOTT OLENICK (John & Robyn Consugar)

Friday – October 23 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH NAWROCKI (Kathy Vicic)

Saturday – October 24 – 5:00 p.m.

TROPP & PETOCK FAMILIES

(John & Bernice Petock)

Sunday – October 25 – 8:15 a.m.

R.J. POST (Bob & Irene Post)

Sunday – October 25 – 10:30 a.m.

GARY YENILAITUS, 2nd Anniv.

(Carol Rhoades & Mary Zambo)

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Theresa Brennan by Joan & Dave Deiter

St. Joseph – IMO Robert Schaeffer by Helen Schaeffer

Tabernacle – Parishioners of St. John's

Sanctuary Candles All Sanctuary Candles for...

IMO Francis Sauers by Verna Sauers

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intention

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 11th: \$ 5,873.06; Imp.&Rep.: \$ 1,670.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SECOND COLLECTION

OCTOBER 24/25

The second collection next weekend, **October 24/25** will be taken up for this year's **Christmas Bazaar**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SCHEDULE

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – October 24th

Readers: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Joan Albo, Kathy Gianfagna

Servers: Samantha, Alexandra, Angelo Disabella

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 25th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Doris Eiler, Mike Ambrose, Carol Forster

Servers: Daniel & Alex Beruck, Dominic Chiplonia

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 25th

Reader: Randi Dermo

Euch.Min.: Frank Murphy, Alison Foura, Justina Majestic

Servers: Tiffany Zerbe, Chelsea & Megan Dalton

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, Rosalia Campion, Margaret Pfluger, Francis King, Maryann Wychunas, Edward Wychunas, Donald Bound, Matthew Mazakas, Loretta Lonoskie, John Woznicki, Faye Cuchara, Dot Elison,, Joseph Tuite, Eleanore Forney, Loretta Raybould, Noel Glunz, Scott Rhoades. Deceased: James Rumbold*

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.

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.

REMEMBERING ON ALL SOUL'S DAY

Please join us on **Monday, November 2nd** for an All Soul's Day morning of prayer, reflection, and worship. The program will include a presentation by Carol Barron M.S., discussion and Mass to be held at St. Jerome's school cafeteria from 9 a.m. until noon. Mass in church at 11 a.m. To register contact Ruth Baker at 610-289-8900 x 239. Program is sponsored by Office of Family Life Ministries & Catholic Charities of Allentown.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What do you want most from Jesus today?

READINGS

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 24/25)

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Reading II: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

PRACTICAL CONNECTIONS WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Mark 10: 45

Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt.

But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Like all of us ordinary human beings, James and John seek glory for themselves.

Jesus surprises them—and us—by responding that true glory comes only from a life lived and given for others.

Sharing in Jesus' glory demands drinking his cup of suffering, being baptized into his death, and becoming the slave of all. Who would think that glory comes out of self-giving, suffering, and dying?

Joyce Ann Zimmerman, ed.

<http://liturgy.slu.edu/29OrdB101809/theword.html>

"SUNDAYS AT THE WELL"

October 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

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.

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

October 22nd – at St. John's

Places and Practices ... Father Dave

October 29th – at St. Michael the Archangel

Who is Jesus? ... Father Adam Sedar

November 5th – at St. John's

Introduction to the Creed ... Dr. Luis R. Visot

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

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 _____

Need a Mass Card?

There are Sister of St. Joseph Mass Cards available in the rectory for various occasions including Perpetual and Annual Memorial cards, Sympathy, Thank You, sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Wedding, Anniversary and Birthday etc. Cards will also be available for the holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter. The cost is \$1.50, Perpetual Memorials are \$5.00.

SSJ Villa Chances

Take a chance to win up to \$10,000. The Sisters of St. Joseph at the SSJ Villa are the beneficiaries of this chance drive. Tickets will be available at the rectory. They will also be sold at the doors of Church during the Weekend of October 24-25. Thank you for your generosity! S. Maryanne

.... *The Lord will give grace and glory ... Ps. 84:11*

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 24th.

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.

HAYride! (without the hay)

(sponsored by Pine Creek Country Gardens)

Who can attend? Anyone in 6th-12th Gr + any chaperones (Friends Welcome!)

Where? Pine Creek Country Gardens (if weather permits)

When? Oct 25th @ 6pm

Menu: Hotdogs and marshmallows on the campfire!

RSVP: October 18th @ 8pm



Above all, give praise to your Creator, who showers His favors upon you.

... Sirach 32:13

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Dot Bound	Crocheted Hangers
CCD Teachers&Parents	Tea Basket
Father Dave	Coffee Basket
Deegan Corporation	One Individual Tax Return
Janet Daubert	Wine
Sue Eckley	Vera Bradley Basket
Marie Flynn	Knitted hats, scarves, ponchos
Karla Garland	Red Hat Society Basket
Giant Food Store	\$20.00 Gift Certificate
Joanne Hepler	\$50.00
Diane Herring	Bountiful Baking Basket
Jacob Herring	Cleaning Supplies Bucket/Basket
Ric & Sue Jochems	Pamper Basket, 3 Angels
Lucilla Kochol	Barbie Basket
Anna Kurtek	\$25.00
Pat Kutch	Christmas Wreath,
	'Start from Scratch' Baking Basket
Frances Lorenz	Basket of Gifts
Edie McDonough	Handmade Jewelry
Bobbi Murray-Headquarters	Hair Care/Beauty Basket
Kathy Norkus	Wine Baskets
Gene Pedriani	Christmas CD's
John&Bernice Petock	Child's Craft Basket
John & Barbara Powers	Mia Bella Gourmet Candle Basket
Ed & Carole Quirin	Lottery Tickets
Renee Reddington	Knitted Berets & Sweaters
Dot Rosenberger	Animated Snowman, Baby Basket
Kay Russell/Doris Schultz	Bath & Body Basket
	Crocheted Dishcloths
	Christmas ornaments
Sue Scheetz	First Aide Basket
Barbara Schoenauer	Handmade Jewelry Bags
	Baby Snugglies, Coasters,
	Pillow Cases
Donna Bound Steidle	Crocheted Pillow&Afghan, Jewelry
Wayne & Diane Stoudt	\$50.00
Janet Thomas	Rainy Day Basket
Ruth Weidler	Handmade Lap Blanket
	Care Bear Pillow
Weis Markets	\$10.00 Gift Certificate



CALLING ALL BAKERS, CANDY MAKERS

Baked Goods and Candy are needed for our Baked Good. Stand at the Christmas Bazaar on **November 14th & 15th** 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.

Let us pray for all those who build a culture of life by caring for the sick and the suffering, that they may have hearts like Jesus, who willingly made himself the servant of all.

**2010 MASS INTENTION BOOK
PLEASE NOTE**

The Mass Intention Book for 2010 will be closed on
October 21st
all Masses must be scheduled before this date No
Mass Intentions will be taken after October 21st.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

When: Sunday, October 25th
(and every fourth Sunday of the month)
Time: 9:15 a.m.
Where: here at St. John's Church
Who: All are welcome from all churches
Why: because every 23 seconds a baby is aborted
Contact: Andrew Kubick 399-5102 or
email prayerforlife122@yahoo.com

**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:

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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 |

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.

FAMILY MATTERS

**Families Caring for Their Frail Elderly – the sick
and dying.** When a family member is very sick or dying
it is a very difficult and challenging time. We pray that
the Lord sustain our parish families who are caring for
their loved ones during these times.

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

RENEWING THE EARTH

"The option for the poor embedded in the Gospel and the
Church's teaching makes us aware that the poor suffer
most directly from environmental decline and have the
least access to relief from their suffering." (U.S.Catholic
Bishops, *Renewing the Earth*).

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!

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.

A Halloween Auction will be featured

Please bring a Halloween item to be auctioned

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.

**Looking for a Christian Men's Group?
Searching for a Group of Like-Minded
Men?**

Bridge Builders Men's Fellowship may be the group
for you! Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and last approximately
one hour followed by a time of refreshments and
fellowship. Please consider joining our group. As the
song says, "Come just as you are". **For more
information call Bob Hahner 622-0223.**

**Our next meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, October 22nd – 7 p.m. – St. John's
FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At Baptism each of us becomes a missionary, called by our Lord to share our faith with those around us ... and to be part of the Church's mission to the world.

Jesus Himself, before He returned to the Father, promised His followers the Holy Spirit and charged them with being His "witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

That mission is now addressed to each one of us. We are to support, in prayer and sacrifice, the work of missionaries who bring the "Good News" of Jesus in faraway places ... to Africa and Asia, to the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

On this World Mission Sunday, the Catholics of the world unite at Mass to recommit ourselves to the Baptismal vocation to be missionaries. As we pray and respond here at home, we are replicating what is also taking place in every parish and chapel all over the world. Your generosity through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will reach those who await the "Good News" of Jesus, who long to experience His hope and love.

More than 1,150 young churches in the Developing World count on your generous response this World Mission Sunday. Please continue to pray that all of us in the Diocese of Allentown may be eager and effective witnesses of Jesus, as He asked us to be.

The Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania encourage the clergy and faithful to observe the necessary standard precautions to protect the health of others during this flu season, and especially with the risks related to H1N1 Influenza (swine flu). The Bishops additionally direct the following for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and for flu prevention:

- **The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is generally suspended. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.**
- **The exchange of the sign of peace is to be offered without any physical contact. If the priest celebrant chooses to extend the invitation for the sign of peace, the faithful, instead of a handshake, may bow to the persons nearby.**

These directives issued by Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania are effective Sunday, October 18th, until determined otherwise by the local Bishop.

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.

OFFICE FOR SOCIAL ACTION

Workshop on Parish Hospitality

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

The *Welcoming Parish* will be the theme of this workshop on **Thursday, October 22nd at 7 p.m.** at St. Katharine Drexel, 120 E. Abbott St., Lansford, You are invited to share and discuss ideas and practices to help parishes reach out to "newcomers" and those affected by parish restructuring. To reserve a seat for the workshop please call Office for Social Action 610-289-8900 x 244 by October 20th.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Total Goal:	\$21,244
Pledges & Gifts	\$ 9,897
Amt. Collected	\$ 9,426
Number of Donors	127

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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

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.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

... Revelation 22:21

DIRECTIVES FOR THE FLU SEASON

CHRISTIAN SKATE NIGHT is scheduled for the 4th Saturday of each month until further notice... next week **Saturday, October 24th** -- 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. at the Roller Roost II in Pottsville. FREE. For more information please contact Judy@Schuylkill County BIC.org or 544-1715.

NIGHT AT THE RACES sponsored by Schuylkill Council 431, Knights of Columbus & St. Clair Lions to benefit the Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, to be held **Saturday, October 24th** at the Pottsville Knights of Columbus Home, 6th & W. Arch Sts. in Pottsville. \$10.00 per person includes Beef & Brew & Refreshments; Doors open 6 p.m.; Races begin 7:30 p.m. Tickets available from any member or by calling Tom Kurtek 292-2963.

ROAST BEEF DINNER at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Center Cafeteria, Minersville, on **Sunday, October 25th** from 11 am to 2 pm. Adults \$9.00 ; \$5.00 children 10 and under. Tickets available before and after all Masses or call the Parish Office 544-4741.

ORGAN & CHORAL CONCERT to be held **Sunday, October 25th** at 3 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 W. Arch St. in Pottsville to commemorate their 175th Anniversary. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Room.

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.

FREE DAY IN NEW YORK sponsored by Nativity BVM High School's Alumni Assoc. on **Saturday, November 7th**. Bus leaves Nativity at 7 a.m.; Depart New York 7 p.m. Cost \$35.00. Reservations or information, please call Greg Wagner 622-1859.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR sponsored by St. Ambrose Church on **Saturday, November 7th** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parish Center. Handmade crafts, ornaments, homemade baked goods, food, soups, Pictures with Santa. Chances can be purchased for a Stained Glass Lamp, Hand-Crocheted Afghan, Doll House.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Eligibility ... male or female, 5th grade to 12th grade ... if interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

Holiday Fundraiser - Butter Braids

Experience the Wow! of Butter Braids. Each 1 lb. 6 oz. braided pastry (icing included) will serve eleven people. Just allow your frozen pastry to thaw and rise until about double in size, then bake for a fabulous, homemade tasting pastry ... Apple, Caramel Rolls, Cherry, Cinnamon, Raspberry, Cream Cheese, Blueberry, Strawberry, Bavarian Crème ... **\$12.00 per pastry**. To place an order, contact Janet Daubert, Team Coordinator, at 366-3656 or the DVHC Office at 624-3014.

Order deadline is November 2nd.
Delivery date is November 14th.

ROSARY REPAIR SERVICE



When it's time to clear out the accumulated clutter from cabinets, drawers and chests, you might find a partial rosary with a missing crucifix or several beads that you could not part with because of the sentimental value.

These partial rosaries can be repaired successfully and returned to wholeness with little or almost no cost. If you have no sentimental attachment, please consider donating these partial/incomplete rosaries to the Missions, both foreign and domestic.

Thus far, I have repaired and reconstituted several hundred rosaries and forwarded them to the foreign Missions. You can place the rosary to be repaired in an envelope with my name on the outside and place it in the collection basket. If you would like it repaired and returned, please put your name and phone number on the envelope.

Rosaries / New & Repair Service

For that special someone / occasion:

*Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation,
Wedding, First Communion, Confirmation,
or any occasion*

Call Paul Gombola 622-4162

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... . Janet

Daubert Ounce for ounce, kiwifruit has more vitamin C than an orange and more potassium than a banana. It also supplies some folate, vitamin E, and lutein, a carotenoid that may help keep eyes healthy. This furry fruit, also called a Chinese gooseberry, is actually a large berry and, like all berries, is rich in fiber.

DIAKON VOLUNTEER HOME CARE

