

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Can you name the five senses? Sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch, of course.

But on one of the old "Hollywood Squares" TV shows when comic, Charlie Weaver, was asked, "Which of your five senses tends to diminish when you get older?" He answered, "my sense of decency."

To lose any of our senses would be terrible. Losing our sight would be devastating. Blind Bartimaeus had been plunged into a night of eternal darkness with no hope of ever seeing again. Yet from his darkness he could see the light of Jesus that day as the Teacher approached him on the road to Jericho.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – October 26 – 9:00 a.m.

CHRISTINE S. JOYCE (Alice C. Joyce)

Tuesday, Oct. 27 – 9:00 a.m.

JIMMIE CAVANAUGH (Hahner Family)

Wednesday, Oct. 28 – 9:00 a.m.

CARL WEISS (Mike Weiss)

Thursday, Oct. 29 – 9:00 a.m.

R.J. POST (Bob, Irene, Sandi & Sheri Post)

Friday – October 30 – 9:00 a.m.

WILLIAM WIXTED (Betty Ketner)

Saturday – October 31 – 5:00 p.m.

BARBARA WEISS (Weiss Family)

Sunday – November 1 – 8:15 a.m.

R.J. POST (Sheri Post)

Sunday – November 1 – 10:30 a.m.

ROBERT FITZPATRICK (Family)

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Barbara Schmidt by Barbara&Daniel Fox

St. Joseph –IMO John Schmidt by Barbara&Daniel Fox

Tabernacle – IMO Jimmie Cavanaugh by Hahner Fam.

Sanctuary Candles

1. IMO Joseph Dumchus by Marge Davidson
2. IMO Veronica B. Schmitt by the Schmitt Family
3. IMO Albert & Elizabeth (Rosenberger) Schmitt by son Hic Schmitt
4. IMO the departed siblings of William R. Schmitt by his Family

Guardian Angels

1. In Honor of William Schmitt's 75th Birthday by Shawn, David & Geri, Kathy & Walt
2. In Honor of William Schmitt's "Special Birthday" by his four grandchildren – Alex, Andrew, Veronica, and Victoria

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When does being Jesus' disciple require courage?

SCHEDULE

Feast of All Saints

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – October 31st

Readers: Carol Rizzardi

Euch.Min.: Pat & Christopher Lombel

Servers: Sarah Lombel, Megan Ryan, Christopher Wollyung

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – November 1st

Reader: Paul Gombola

Euch.Min.: S. Maryanne, John Ventura, Bill Casey

Servers: Grace Casey, Nathaniel & Christian Yingling

Cantor: Karen Glunz

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – November 1st

Reader: Mary Hahner

Euch.Min.: Prudence Griffin, Debbie Guers,

Phil Markovich

Servers: Mary Beth Rissinger, Casey & Paige Guers

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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, Scott Rhoades, Charles Foster, Dorothy Connor, Jane Weiss.*

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 at St. Jerome's school cafeteria in Tamaqua 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., and discussion beginning at 9 a.m. 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.

RENEWING THE EARTH

"Our Christian way of life, as saints like Benedict, Hildegard, and Francis showed us, is a road to community with all creation." (U.S.Catholic Bishops, *Renewing the Earth*).

"SUNDAYS AT THE WELL"

October 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 ... **Hope** on October 25th
Love on November 1st

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 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

READINGS

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

Feast of All Saints (Oct.31/Nov.1)

Reading I: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Reading I: Wisdom 3:1-9; **Reading II:** Romans 4:5-11

Gospel: Romans 6:3-9

DIRECTIVES FOR THE FLU SEASON

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.

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 _____

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.

FAMILY MATTERS

Newly-Married. Choosing sacramental marriage today is counter-cultural. We give thanks today for all those in our parish who have chosen the vocation to married life. We pray that the Lord bless these couples over the years of their marriage.

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

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Interfaith Marriages – about fifty percent of all engaged Catholics marry someone of another faith. We ask you, Lord, to provide special grace to sustain these marriages as they practice their religious traditions.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Preview weekend – November 7 & 8

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.**

WINE / CHEESE / SNACK BASKETS



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

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.

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.

CYO VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to St. Stephen's Varsity Volleyball Team for winning the District IV Championship. Two participants from St. John's are members of the squad. They are **Caren Moyer** and **Tiffany Zerbe**. They will compete in the Diocesan Championship scheduled for Sunday, November 8th at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Catholic High School.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Dot Bound	Crocheted Hangers
CCD Teachers&Parents	Tea Basket
Father Dave	Coffee Basket
Janet Daubert	Wine
Jennifer Daubert	Snack Basket
Deegan Corporation	One Individual Tax Return
Sue Eckley	Vera Bradley Basket
Dorothy & Bill Elison	\$50.00
Farlow's Deli	Gift Certificate
Marie Flynn	Knitted hats, scarves, ponchos
Karla Garland	Red Hat Society Basket & Dog Basket
Giant Food Store	Gift Certificate
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/Basket
Ric & Sue Jochems	Pamper Basket, 3 Angels
Maeve Ketner	Sign for Bazaar
Lucilla Kochol	Barbie Basket
Anna Kurtek	\$25.00
Pat Kutch	Christmas Wreath, 'Start from Scratch' Baking Basket
Megan Lauletta	Crocheted Scarves & Coaster Set
Little Peace Farm-Scheidels	Basket of Gift Certificates
Frances Lorenz	Basket of Gifts
Edie McDonough	Handmade Jewelry
Bobbi Murray-Headquarters	Hair Care/Beauty Basket
Nativity BVM High Sch.	Nativity Basket
Kathy Norkus	Wine Baskets
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
Renee Reddington	Knitted Berets & Sweaters
Dot Rosenberger	Animated Snowman, Baby Basket
Dot Ryan & Maggie	Barbie Activity Basket
Maskerines	Fashion Necklace
Murphy Jewelers	Bath & Body Basket
Kay Russell/Doris Schultz	Crocheted Dishcloths, Ornaments
Sue Scheetz	First Aide Basket
Barbara Schoenauer	Handmade Jewelry Bags
Rosann Sitkus	Baby Snugglies, Coasters,
Donna Bound Steidle	Pillow Cases, Glamour Girl Basket
Wayne & Diane Stoudt	Puzzles & Jewelry
Janet Thomas	Crocheted Pillow&Afghan, Jewelry
Luis R. & Virginia Visot	\$50.00
Ruth Weidler	Rainy Day Basket
Weis Markets	Wine & Wine Glasses
	Handmade Lap Blanket
	Care Bear Pillow
	Gift Certificate



NEIGHBORING EVENTS

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.

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. A great show for all ages.

DANCE FOR DIABETES Rock and Roll Dinner Dance on **Saturday, November 7th** at the Pottsville Zone. Dinner 6 to 8 p.m. Beer & Soda included during dinner. Featuring MIXX from 7 to 11 p.m. Advance tickets \$20.00; at the door \$22.00. All proceeds benefit Schuylkill County Diabetes Organization. Please call 544-5657 for more information.

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.



ALL SCHOOLS REUNION All former teachers, teachers, friends of the former parochial schools of the Panther Valley which include Our Lady of the Valley, St. Ann, St. Michael and SS Peter & Paul schools in Lansford; St. Mary and SS Cyril & Methodius in Coaldale; Sacred Heart in Nesquehoning; St. Joseph and St. Stanislaus in Summit Hill and the alumni of Our Lady of the Angels in Lansford are invited to attend an All Schools Reunion on **Saturday, November 28th** at Penn's Peak in Jim Thorpe. For reservations, register online at www.oloa.net or call the ALOAA school office 570-645-7101. Cost is \$50.00 per person

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.



**DIAKON VOLUNTEER HOME CARE
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.**

**PORNOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK
October 25 to November 1st**

Pornography Awareness Week highlights awareness to the problem of pornography in our society. Morality in Media (MIM), interfaith organization established to combat obscenity, has been promoting the White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Campaign in conjunction with this week. You can take part by wearing or displaying a white ribbon during the week. MIM also created a special kit that includes resources in promoting a decent society. For additional information, please call the Office of Social Action 610-289-8900 x 231.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Today on World Priest's Day we gratefully thank all our priests for their untiring service to marriage, families, and individuals as members of our Parish Community. We love our priests! A Marriage Encounter weekend provides the tools for a loving relationship as couples, priests, and religious. Register today for the upcoming weekend, November 6-8 at St. Francis Friary, Easton, by calling 800-787-7679 or online at www.wvme-nepa.org.

BULLETIN BOOSTERS

October 2009

Carl Bartholomew	Marie Melinchok
Harold Bartholomew	IMO Agnes & Felix Narog
Robert & Kathleen Berger	IMO Carol Nygren
IMO Edward Christ	Jeanne Rehnert
Joe Christ	IMO Eugene Rehnert
Rev. Donald Henry	H. David Reiner
IMO M/M Herbert Henry	Paul & Dorothy Rosenberger
Joanne Hepler	Mrs. Marcie Schnerring
IMO Marie Homrighausen	IMO Steve Sitkus
Sophia Kapsha	IMO Vito Sitkus
Francis & Grace King	IMO Margaret Zelinsky
IMO Rita Klitsch	

What is a Bulletin Booster?? Some of our newer parishioners have asked what it means to be a Bulletin Booster. We have a wonderful bulletin – it is timely and keeps us informed of what is going on within our parish family and its surroundings. Paper and supplies are needed on a weekly basis to continue this family tradition. So, if you'd like to donate toward the supplies. **\$1.00 and up** ... you too can be a ... **Bulletin Booster.**

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."

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... . Janet

Daubert Consuming three or more alcoholic drinks a day is never a good idea, but it is especially dangerous if you take any over-the-counter pain relievers. Combining alcohol with aspirin, ibuprofen (such as Advil or Motrin), or related pain relievers may promote stomach bleeding. Acetaminophen (such as Tylenol) combined with alcohol may promote severe liver damage. Long-term, frequent use of acetaminophen can by itself damage the liver, but combining it with alcohol greatly increases the risk.

ST. JOHN'S T-SHIRTS

T-shirts are still available ... they are gray in color and the church is featured on the front with the logo "St. John's Parish Family". Most sizes are available ... **\$10.00 each.** They can be purchased at the rectory during the week. If you have any questions, please call the rectory 622-5470.



LEAVE A LEGACY OF FAITH

Help to ensure the future of our Catholic faith through Estate Planning. There are several types of plans and many of these have wonderful benefits for donors. Please contact our office for more information. If you have already left the Diocese of Allentown a parish, school or Catholic Charities a gift in your Will, please let us know so that we may include you in our **Diocesan Legacy Society.**

For additional information, contact the Diocesan Office of Development at P.O. Box F, Allentown 18101 or phone (610) 871-5200 ext. 215.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS will take place in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend, October 31/November 1.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 11th: \$ 5,066.50; Missions \$ 1,234.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

Let us pray for those who are blind to the genuine dignity of each and every human person, that the Lord may enlighten their minds and hearts to recognize the inherent worth of every person.

