

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

New requirements for accurate food labeling may yield surprises for many consumers. For example, some “all-natural” deli meats have ingredients that are clearly additives or have been injected with beef or chicken broth, which not only increases their sodium levels to unnatural less-healthy levels, but the water inflates the weight of the product increasing the price.

We always want the real thing. Imitation crab and “cheese food” labels don’t fool us. The Canaanite woman in this Sunday’s gospel wanted the real thing too. She knew without a doubt that Jesus was the one who could cure her daughter, who was possessed by a demon. She wouldn’t take no for an answer and continued to shout after Jesus until he listened.

Yours in Christ,  
*Father Dave*

---

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, August 15 – 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE & SADIE POST (George L. Post)

Monday, August 15 – 5:15 p.m.

CLAIR & MARGARET FRY (Ann Marie Ludlow)

---

Tuesday, August 16 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN M. TASSO (Lorraine Tasso)

Wednesday, August 17 – 9:00 a.m.

SADIE E. POST (George L. Post)

Thursday, August 18 – 9:00 a.m.

MARGARET & LAWRENCE ELISON

Friday, August 19 – 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE HAHNER JR. (Hahner Family)

Saturday, August 20 – 5:00 p.m.

DONALD & NANCY DOYNE

(Don & Joanne Doyne & Jane Sunday)

Sunday, August 21 – 8:15 a.m.

FRAN & DOROTHY PURCELL

(Deborah & Mark Purcell)

Sunday, August 21 – 10:30 a.m.

ANNE CANTWELL MALARKEY

(John & Susan Cantwell)

---

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**I** – Michelle Grabusky & Michael McGinty

**III** – Krista Lisowski & Seth Stump



---

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **George Harig** to St. John's Parish Family. George is employed at Elite Sportswear. Warmly embrace George into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 916 W. Market St., Pottsville 17901

## CANDLE INTENTIONS

**B.V.M** – IMO Mary Tamburelli Hilbert

by Herb Tamburelli

**St. Joseph** – IMO Fran & Dorothy Purcell

by Mark & Debbie Purcell

**Tabernacle** – IMO John M. Tasso by Lorraine Tasso

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family

2. IMO Marion & Rex Roberts by Sue & John Cantwell

3. IMO Anne & Ed Cantwell by Sue & John Cantwell

4. IMO Ann Uckele by Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz

**Guardian Angels**

1. IMO Ann Uckele by Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz

2. Special Intention by Mary Ann Holley

---

## SCHEDULE

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. – Monday – August 15th

**Reader:** Mary Ann Schweikert

**Euch.Min.:** Bill Schweikert

**Servers:** Justin Steffan, Andrew Viduszynski,

Lorne Zanis

5:15 p.m. – Monday – August 15th

**Reader:** Ray Petrilla

**Euch.Min.:** Albert Nastasi

**Servers:** Jason, Hannah, Celena Granito

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 – Saturday – August 20th

**Reader:** Mary Sitcoske

**Euch.Min.:** John & Bernice Petock

**Servers:** Allison Darhun, Madeline Consugar,

Dominic Chiplonia

**Cantor:** Chic Tamburelli

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 21<sup>st</sup>

**Reader:** Jennifer Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Carol Forster, Doris Eiler, Gerry Schwartz

**Servers:** Ty Daubert, Stephen Messina,

Connor McNamara

**Cantor:** Kelly Messina

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 21<sup>st</sup>

**Reader:** Janet Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Mary Modesto, Justina Majestic,

Carol Lasco

**Servers:** Megan Powers, Emily Witmier, Maeve Stoudt

**Cantor:** Ensemble

---

## ATTENTION

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **September and October** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call Father Dave by Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** to let him know when you are **NOT** available during these months. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where does it hurt? How can God heal the hurt?

---

---

### This Week's Readings

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time** (August 13/14)

**Reading I:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

**Reading II:** Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

**Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

**Finding God.** The God of revelation is a hidden and mysterious God. The disciples experienced this God on the Sea of Galilee: they were caught in a storm while Jesus was up on a mountain by himself praying. The Gospel says they were terrified when they saw him walking on the water.

Elijah thought he would experience God in a strong and heavy wind, or in an earthquake, or in a fire. Instead he found God in *a tiny whispering sound*.

We keep thinking that God will be found in the great and powerful, and we wonder why so many people seem never to find God.

Our sights have to be lowered, so to speak, from the powerful to the powerless, from the rich to the poor, from the satisfied to the suffering, from the oppressors to the oppressed. We have to listen carefully for the tiny whispering sounds of alienation and powerlessness.

*Lord, let us see your kindness.* Let us see it in all the little people who follow you, carrying their crosses of daily sacrifice, suffering, humiliation, and victimization.

“Though in the Gospels and in the New Testament as a whole the offer of salvation is extended to all peoples, Jesus takes the side of those most in need, physically and spiritually.

The example of Jesus . . . calls for an emptying of self, both individually and corporately, that allows the Church to experience the power of God in the midst of poverty and powerlessness.”

U.S. Bishops, *Economic Justice for All* (1986) 52  
*Gerald Darring*

### Next Week's Readings

**21st Sunday of Ordinary Time** (August 20/21)

**Reading I:** Isaiah 22:19-23

**Reading II:** Romans 11:33-36

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

---

---

## FAMILY MATTERS

**Parents Parenting their Parents.** Do you feel like a sandwich? Are you parenting teens or young adults and your own parents? We ask God's blessing, patience and stamina as you continue to be a parent and support your own parents in their journey today.

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

---

---

## PARISH RETREAT

**Third Annual St. John's Parish Retreat**

is scheduled for

**Saturday, October 8th**

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

**at the St. Francis Retreat House**

**in Easton with Fr. Andrew Gehringer**

. [www.stfrancisretreathouse.org](http://www.stfrancisretreathouse.org)

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a day with your fellow parishioners. Come and be refreshed with a day of music, an inspiring speaker, time for prayer, walking the beautiful grounds and lunch. All provided free of charge.

Save the date on your calendar and sign-up by calling the Rectory 622-5470 or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Hope you will join us this year!

... **St. John's Adult Formation Team**

---

---

## 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!

---

---

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ....

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to help out at Schuylkill Medical Center, S. Jackson St. here in Pottsville. If anyone could volunteer one day a week or month (or anything in-between) to assure our Catholic patients will continue to receive Communion on a regular basis. We especially need people to volunteer on weekends. Anyone who is trained for this ministry can call the Pastoral Care Department at 621-5449.

---

---

### 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:** *Margie Glunz, John Woznicki, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, Espn Murphy, Greg Schoffstall, Mary Margaret Smith, John Connell, Joe Christ, Mary Alfonsi, Russell Joy, Jane Weiss, William Nesbitt, Florence Yeager, Eileen Lynn, Dorothy Connor, Vincent Cavanaugh, Paul Rosenberger, Harold Bartholomew, Michael Janesco, John Beadle.*

---

---



## CONFIRMATION 2012

### *The Importance of the Family in developing your child's faith.*

**For those parents who have children who will be receiving Confirmation next year.**

Faith lived and celebrated in the family makes a lasting impression. You can help prepare your son/daughter for full Christian living through the following activities:

#### **Prayer and Worship**

- Read the Sunday Scripture readings listed in the bulletin the week before together as a family.
- Attend Sunday Liturgy as a family. Plan to attend Mass on a special occasion, like an anniversary or birthday.
- Pray together as a family.

#### **Community**

- Help out at a parish social function or participate in it.
- Support a parishioner who needs encouragement, sympathy or material help.

#### **Service**

- Volunteer as a family to serve at a soup kitchen or to clean the home of an elderly person.
- Offer to do someone's chores at home to help them out.
- Include in your family prayers those in need in the world.

*Thank you for giving Christian witness  
to your children.*

**Service Forms are online! Get them signed and complete the form ASAP. Return to the Rectory!**

**CCD REGISTRATION** We have not received all the registrations for 2011/2012. Registrations received now will need to pay **a late fee of \$5.00.** Please register ASAP so we can order the correct amount of books on time.

**\$55.00 – First Child**

**\$50.00 – additional Child**

**Registration forms are available at the church exits or at the Rectory during the week.**

#### **CYO SPORTS**

Registration forms for all St. John's CYO sports are available at the Rectory during the week; please call 622-5470 ext.3. The fee is **\$40.00** per family. CYO sports are open to all children enrolled in Catholic school or public school. Participants in public school must be registered for CCD in order to play CYO sports.



## **LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP ??**

**For September 2011 we need help with ....**

#### **CCD Teachers**

Someone who would enjoy teaching First Grade or Sixth Grade on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10:15.

#### **CCD Aides**

Adult aides to help CCD teachers on Sundays mornings from 9 to 10:15.

If interested please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or call 622-5470.

#### **I am interested in:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ teaching First Grade or Sixth Grade during **Sunday CCD** from 9 to 10:15 a.m.
- \_\_\_\_\_ assisting (aide) the **CCD** teachers on Sundays from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

#### **CCD NEWS ....**

This year we will be using the third floor of the convent building for our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade CCD classes.

To help in renovating this space, we are in need of 2 ceiling fans or donations toward their purchase. If you can help in any way, please call the rectory 622-5470 ext. 3. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### **NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL**

**NIGHT AT THE READING PHILLIES** at First Energy Stadium on **Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**. This is the last Coal Region Night of 2011. Game time 7:15 p.m.; Gates open 5 p.m. Seating open 6 p.m. Live music by Pottsville own MIXX from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and after Post Game fireworks. Nativity Pre-Game parade at 6:15 p.m.; seats in Red Sections 8 & 9 in the Main Grand Stand behind home plate. Tickets \$9.00 each are available at Nativity 622-8110.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES** Nativity BVM High School is currently offering positions for a Spanish Teacher and Girl's Soccer Coach. Please call 622-8110 and refer to job openings.

**NATIVITY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP** ...Application forms, for incoming freshman only, are now available at Nativity BVM High School. Students must have a parent who is a graduate of Nativity BVM High School. For more information, please call 544-2550.

#### **CATHOLIC WEB OF FAITH**

[www.cathmed.org](http://www.cathmed.org)

The Catholic Medical Association serves our Lord by upholding the principals of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**Holy Family Adult Day Care** in Orwigsburg has openings for new participants over age 60 needing supervised care. Stimulating activities and compassionate assistance provide many benefits for your loved one. Please contact Linda Herb for details or to schedule a visit, 570-366-2924.

**Adoptive Parents.** Catholic Charities offers prospective adoptive parents a range of services from home studies to post adoption support. Please contact Patricia Reusch at 610-435-1541, ext. 325 or 1-800-330-8001.

**Office of Pro-Life.** Do you seek healing from a past abortion experience either recent or many years ago? Call 1-866-3 Rachel, the confidential Project Rachel Hotline, for information about compassionate post-abortion counseling and reconciliation and Rachel's Vineyard Retreats.

---

### INSTITUTE FOR LAY MINISTRY

The following courses offered through the Institute for Lay Ministry is an opportunity for adult Catholics to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith. Courses may be audited and are 6 weeks in length. Integral to each session is prayer, course content, faith sharing and large or small group discussion, which provide participants with an opportunity to integrate the course material with their life experience. If interested, please contact the Office of Adult Formation at 610-289-8900 x 226 or e-mail [mhartigan@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mhartigan@allentowndiocese.org).

#### Liturgy:

**7:00 to 9:30pm @ Marian High School –  
Wednesdays, September 7 to October 12**

This course provides an introduction to the theology and pastoral practice of the Church's Liturgy, the source and summit of Christian life. Participants will explore various parts of the Mass to understand them more fully.

#### Sacraments:

**7:00 to 9:30pm @ Marian High School –  
Wednesdays, October 26 - December 7**

This course is an introduction to the history, theology and celebration of the Church's Sacraments. Participants will better understand these central rituals of the Christian faith and be led to celebrate them in a full, conscious and active way.

#### Catholic Morality:

**7:00pm-9:30pm @ Marian High School –  
Wednesdays, October 12 – November 16**

This course provides a basic introduction to the fundamental teachings of Catholic morality and its foundations in Sacred Scripture, tradition and natural law. Participants will examine virtue, conscience formation and apply moral theology to contemporary moral issues in the areas of health care, sexuality and social justice.

---

## 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: Sue Jochems, 2200 Mahantongo St., Pottsville 17901 (Dues are \$5.00 per year, make check payable to St. John's CWU)

If you have any additional questions, please contact the **Catholic Women's Union President, Carole Quirin** at 429-0789.

### **Our Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 17th**

**7:00 p.m. – Longinus Hall**

---

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION FUND-RAISER

### **Kauffman's Chicken Barbeque**

**Tickets:** \$7.00 --- includes ½ chicken, baked potato, applesauce and roll.

**Date:** Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> (Labor Day weekend)

**Place:** St. Clair WalMart Parking Lot

Please contact any Catholic Women's Union member or call Sharon Miller 622-0516 or Donna Moyer 622-9631.

---

## YOU CAN SAVE PRE-BORN BABIES BY JUST BEING THERE!

The late John Paul II, said "the Christian must defend life!" He also said in Denver Colorado, "Woe to you if you do not go out to the public square and marketplace and defend life." If you want to do God's Will and defend life at Allentown

Women's Center, please call Joseph or Nathaniel Kubick at 622-0115 or 628-3053 for free transportation.

## CHILDREN PRE-SCHOOL

**Sunday Pre-School** will begin soon. Classes are held in Longinus Hall during 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday. All parish children ages 3 to 6 (and not yet in 1st grade) are eligible for this program. The children are given an opportunity to interact with other children while learning about God through stories, music, activities and games. The children will also be provided with a small snack each week. A **\$12.00 Registration Fee** to cover the costs of the lessons, supplies, and snacks is required for each child upon registration. *All children attending classes must be registered.* Any questions, please contact the Rectory 622-5470. **Please drop Registration Form and Fee in the collection basket or send to the rectory as soon as possible.**



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy takes place at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in Longinus Hall. During this time, children in grades 1, 2, 3 listen to the Sunday Readings in their own words and try to apply the words of Jesus to their own lives.



*All children attending classes must be registered.*

We would like to broaden and expand our program, so we need greeters, storytellers, musicians, as well as those who want to aid in these areas.

The Gospel **needs you** -- will you say yes? For more information, call the **Rectory 622-5470.**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

**\* \$10.00 Registration Fee must accompany form\***

**Please drop in the collection basket or send to the rectory as soon as possible.**

## SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Response: I can help in the following ways:

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Aide \_\_\_\_\_ Greeter  
\_\_\_\_\_ Musician \_\_\_\_\_ Snacks \_\_\_\_\_ Storyteller

**\* \$12.00 Registration Fee must accompany form\***

## VOLUNTEERED NEEDED

We are looking for some volunteers for **Weekly Pre-School and Children's Liturgy** during the 10:30 Mass. The format for Pre-School will be the same as Children's Liturgy. The children will be down in Longinus Hall from the beginning of Mass for age appropriate activities for Pre-School (ages 3 to 6) and for Children's Liturgy (grade 1 through grade 3) around the readings of the week. The experience will last until the time of the Offertory when the children will join their parent's and the volunteers can also return to Mass. If you are a parent of children in this age group, we ask you to consider helping out. If enough sign up, rotations can be set up so that you would have a turn once a month or so. Please call the **Rectory at 622-5470.**



## BAPTISMS

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of:

**Vincent Calvin Welker,**

son of Ronald and Christine (Hoy) Welker

**Gwenyth Mary Lieberman,**

daughter of Scott Burcek and Lauren Lieberman

**Carson James Herring,**

son of Gerry Shappell and Leslie Herring

**Carson Guy Killian,**

son of Guy and Jennifer (Sborz) Killian

**Olivia Marie Drumheller,**

daughter of Archie and Susan (Brahler) Drumheller

They became new creations in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and now joined to us by the gift of faith, hope and charity.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**August 7th : \$ 5,914.50; Dues: \$1,796.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. Please call Father Dave to arrange for this important preparation.

**Baptisms are celebrated the First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass.**

## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Schuylkill Council #431 on **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Adults \$7.00; Children \$4.00; walk-in or take-outs available. Free delivery to high-rises at 12:30 p.m., just call 628-3333. Proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus Charity Fund to help defray the cost of their free Thanksgiving Day meal for the needy and shut-ins of our community.

**SCHUYLKILL DAFFODIL DAYS:** is selling chances for a tax deductible donation of \$25 to win a 2011 Jeep Compass. **Drawing is August 17<sup>th</sup>** (winner need not be present). Winner is responsible for taxes on prize. To donate, contact the Schuylkill Unit at 544-2561 or 622-4763.

**SHRINE BUS TRIP:** sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish Ladies Guild on **Saturday, September 10th** ... stops at St. Katherine Drexel Mission Center, Penn's Landing, St. John Neuman Shrine. Cost is \$80.00. For more information please call Mary Sninski 544-3046.

**EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE:** 7-night Catholic cruise with Fr. Brendan Murphy from **December 11 to 18, 2011** on the Carnival Pride out of Baltimore, Md. Ports of call include Port Canaveral, Nassau, and Freeport. Prices begin at \$1169 (two passengers). Daily Mass & rosary offered. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen 860-399-1785 or dpaytc@aol.com

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

### HAHNER BROS. ROOFING & SHEET METAL WORK

*-Third Generation Family Owned -*

\* RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL  
• FULLY INSURED • FREE ESTIMATES



• REPAIRS • NEW ROOFS  
• BUILT-UP ROOFS  
• SHINGLES  
• GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS  
• SIDING • SHEET METAL  
• CARLISLE RUBBER ROOFING

12 N. 22nd St. Pottsville

## Why Advertise In A Church Bulletin?

- \* It's inexpensive Advertising
- \* It's Effective in Catching New Neighbors' Attention
- \* It's Advertising Concentrated in Your Own Neighborhood
- \* It Develops Good Community Relationships
- \* It's Good For Developing Loyal Customers

## MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

This year's net profit was

**\$ 17,293.71**

Once again, a special "Thank You"  
to all who made the day a huge success!

## FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

**Is the hot, hot summer getting to you?** If you exercise or work outdoors in hot weather beware of signs of heat-related illness: headache, dizziness, rapid pulse, nausea, confusion. The number of heat-related exertional injuries treated in emergency rooms more than doubled in the last decade, according to a recent study in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Men are more than twice as likely as women to be affected. While nearly half of all serious heat injuries occur in people under 20, especially during sports, rates for older groups have been rising. For people age 40 to 59, yard work and exercise are the riskiest activities; for those 60 and older, golf and yard work.

**Best advice:** Don't overdo, take frequent breaks, drink plenty of water, rest in the shade and schedule activities during cooler times of the day when possible.

## OUTREACH MINISTRY

REACH OUT and TOUCH SOMEONE

Call Margie Glunz 622-3067

Call us if you need us.

Volunteers are needed to prepare meals for parishioners who are in need. Please call the above number to volunteer.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers Needed – The Schuylkill County Meals on Wheels Program needs YOU! Please help the senior citizens in the Pottsville area remain in their homes by helping to prepare or delivering a hot, nutritious meal at noontime on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. For more information, please call "Meals on Wheels" 624-3023 or 800-621-6325.

## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED Eligibility

male or female, 4th grade (in Fall) to 12th grade ...  
if interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

