

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The issue of identity is one of the most important questions we face in life. Until we know who we are, we are not ready to share ourselves with others or to decide on our vocation in life.

We come to know Jesus first in a human way. We read the scriptures, listen to homilies, see how other believers respond to Him and their lives in faith. We ask questions. In doing this we are opening our hearts to receive the gift of faith. Like Peter in this Sunday's gospel, we are already hanging out with Jesus when the question is posed for us intimately. "Who do you say that I am?"

To receive Jesus as Peter did by acknowledging him as the "Christ, the Son of the Living God," is to receive our own identity and vocation as His follower. The gift is offered and we accept it.

Until this happens we are still without our true identity, still waiting for our real life to begin.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 22 – 9:00 a.m.

JACK SCHEETZ (Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

Tuesday, August 23 – 9:00 a.m.

EVE & RAY GRAPSY (Joan & Ray Grapsy)

Wednesday, August 24 – 9:00 a.m.

RICHARD BUEHLER (Natalie Setlock)

Thursday, August 25 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY GOBLICK (Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Friday, August 26 – 9:00 a.m.

ELEANORE FORNEY (Paul & Bernie Gombola)

Saturday, August 27 – 5:00 p.m.

JOHN & MARY LESKO (Mary Connell)

Sunday, August 28 – 8:15 a.m.

JOAN ALBO (Charles & Mary Tamburelli)

Sunday, August 28 – 10:30 a.m.

LINUS BORTZEL (Family)

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II – Michelle Grabusky & Michael McGinty



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Daniel & Darlene Young** to St. John's Parish Family. Daniel is a Correction Officer and Darlene teaches at Penn State. They have two children – **Jordan and Taylor** who attend Pottsville Area School District. Warmly embrace the **Young Family** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 2149 Woodglen Road, Pottsville

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – Special Intention by Mark & Debbie Purcell

St. Joseph – IMO John Scheetz

by Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz

Tabernacle – God's blessing on the 40th Wedding

Anniv. of Frank & Diane Kubick

by John & Juleanne Steffan

Sanctuary

1. Cantwell & Roberts Families by Sue & John Cantwell

2. Jim Cantwell by Sue & John Cantwell

3. Liv. & Dec. of the Smith Family by Mary Ann Holley

4. Liv. & Dec. of the Holley Family by Mary Ann Holley

Guardian Angels

1. Special Intention by Anonymous

2. IMO Jack Scheetz by Joanie Scheetz

SCHEDULE

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 – Saturday – August 27th

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Paul & Mary Ann Filiac

Servers: Jason, Hannah, Celena Granito

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 28th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Al Hauptly, Bill Casey, Michael Ambrose

Servers: Sam Synnott, Christian Yingling,

Daniel Beruck

Cantor: Karen Glunz

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 28th

Reader: Ian Hower

Euch.Min.: Charles Miller, Bobbi Murray, Deb Herb

Servers: Lucy & Sophie Murray, Rachel Brahler

Cantor: Suzette Joy

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST



We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Colton James Oswald**, son of Jeremy & Jodie (Forney) Oswald. He 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 him into our parish family.

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, Mary Margaret Smith, John Connell, Mary Alfonsi, Russell Joy, Jane Weiss, William Nesbitt, Dorothy Connor, Paul Rosenberger.*

Deceased: *John Beadle.*



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What image of God's kingdom speaks to you?

This 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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Authority

You are 'Rock,' and on this rock I will build my church, and the jaws of death shall not prevail against it. The Catholic Church has always looked up to today's Gospel as the cornerstone of the Petrine ministry, the special role played by the successor of Peter. Catholics believe that the Bishop of Rome exercises a special authority over the church.

Authority within the context of the People of God is a special kind of authority. The reading from Isaiah is about removal from office for abuse of authority and replacement by someone who *shall be a father*.

The purpose of authority in the church, authority at any level, is not to control the lives of others but rather to *help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world*.

Those with any authority in the church should reflect on their exercise of that authority, and those under authority should reflect on their attitude to the leaders of the church. All of us should join in praying that the Lord *grant peace and unity to your Church*.

"For the nurturing and constant growth of the People of God, the Lord instituted in His Church a variety of ministries, which work for the good of the whole body.

For those ministers who are endowed with sacred power are servants of their brethren, so that all who are of the People of God, and therefore enjoy a true Christian dignity, can work toward a common goal freely and in an orderly way, and arrive at salvation."

Vatican II, *Constitution on the Church* (1964) 18

Gerald Darring

Next Week's Readings

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (August 20/21)

Reading I: Jeremiah 10:7-9

Reading II: Romans 12-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

FAMILY MATTERS

College Students. As the new school year begins, we pray especially for our college students. May the Lord bless our family members as they begin their studies and time of learning. We ask the Lord to guide and direct them in all their efforts to grow, academically, personally and spiritually.

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

SPIRITUAL READING

"Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book." - St. John Bosco

"When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us." - St. Jerome

St. John's has a wonderful Spiritual Library in Longinus Hall just to the left as you go in. Besides Bibles, Catechisms, and the lives and works of various Saints, there are meditation books on prayer, classics of John Powell, G.K Chesterton, and various books that make the connection between our life's experience and prayer.

Spiritual Reading coupled with prayer will significantly develop your spiritual life. Some of the benefits of developing our spiritual lives include:

- We develop detachment, which leads to inner peace.
 - We learn not to let outside circumstance affect our moods and states of mind.
 - We become more patient and tolerant.
 - We learn to rise above frustration, disappointment and negative feelings.
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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!

Sessions will begin **Thursday, September 29th**.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE RETURNS THIS FALL TO ST

JOHN'S

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study at St John's will resume again this Fall on **Monday, September 19th in Longinus Hall from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm** and every Monday evening for the next 12 weeks. We look forward to the return of all those who participated in the first 12 weeks, but the best is yet to come as we get closer to the fulfillment of God's plan for salvation in the New Testament .

We still have some materials for the study and encourage anyone who is interested to join us this Fall. The study is easy and informative for beginners and non-beginners alike. So call the rectory today and find out how to join your fellow parishioners for the second half of the Great Adventure Bible study .

C. C. D. NEWS

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.

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CCD Registration

Please make sure your child is enrolled in a Religious Education Program.

\$55.00 – First Child

\$50.00 – additional Child

Please register ASAP

Registration forms are available at the rectory during the week or at the church exits on weekends.

First CCD Meeting

The first CCD class will take place on **September 11th** in the Russell Building after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. Parents need to accompany their children. Attendance will be taken. On **September 18th**, the children will go to the school building where they will begin class.

If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.

CCD – Special Needs

There will be accommodations for children with special needs this year in CCD. Please get in touch with Lucilla Kochol at 622-5470 ext. 5 if your child could use some extra support during class. All information will be kept confidential.

6th, 7th, 8th Grades

This year we will be using the third floor of the convent building for our 6th, 7th and 8th 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.

CATHOLIC WEB OF FAITH

www.savior.org

This week visit the Savior.org website. Savior.org's mission is that of increasing

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!

Assumption BVM School News...

Bishop Barres will say the opening Mass for Assumption BVM School on **Wednesday, September 7th at 9a.m.** at St. Patrick Church. All are welcome.

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

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.



Let us greet Him with a song of praise,

*joyfully sing out our psalms.
Psalm 95:2*

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

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

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.

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 FUND-RAISER

Kauffman's Chicken Barbeque

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

Date: Saturday, September 3rd (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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR MEETING

A meeting to plan this year's

Christmas Bazaar will be held

Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m.

in the Convent Building basement.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Counseling & Behavioral Health Program

... is accepting Medical Assistance/Health Choices Insurance for residents of Schuylkill County. Traditional Highmark Blue Shield and Traditional Blue Cross are accepted for residents of any county. Please contact the Schuylkill/Carbon service office at 13 Westwood Center, Pottsville, 570-628-0466.

Pregnancy and Parenting Support

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown offers services at Annunciation B.V.M. Parish in Shenandoah on **Tuesdays from 10 AM to 1 PM.** Services include pregnancy and parenting support; case management for individuals, families, and older adults; and information and referral. Walk-ins are welcome, however, appointments are encouraged. Please call Catholic

Charities at 570-628-0466 to schedule an appointment or for further information.

can be set up so that you would have a turn once a month or so. Please call the **Rectory at 622-5470.**

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.



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

*When cares increase within me,
Your comfort gives me joy.*

Psalm 94:19

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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

END-OF-SUMMER PICNIC: sponsored by St. Patrick's Church on **Sunday, September 4th** (noon to 10 p.m.) at the South Cass Fire Co. Picnic Grounds in Primrose. Delicious ethnic and picnic foods, baked goods, bingo, theme baskets, games of skill and chance Live music & entertainment.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

Know what to do after suffering a fall. Falling down can be especially hazardous to an older adult's health, and yet fewer than half of all seniors see a doctor after a fall. Those who do not seek medical attention are far less likely to engage in widely recommended actions – a review of their medications or purchasing a cane or walker – which might help prevent repeated falls.

Guidelines issued by the American Geriatrics Society recommend the following activities for reducing the risk of falling:

- *an evaluation by a health professional with counseling on how to reduce falls.
- *a review of medications
- * home modifications such as removal of small rugs or clutter that may cause a fall.

*participation in an exercise or physical therapy program to improve your strength and balance.

Consult your physician if you notice increased weakness, difficulty maintaining your balance, and/or falling.

BULLETIN BOOSTERS

August 2011

Carl Bartholomew	IMO Sophia Kapsha
Harold Bartholomew	IMO Francis King
Robert & Kathleen Berger	IMO Rita Klitsch
Doc & Dot Bound	IMO Felix & Agnes Narog
IMO Edward Christ	IMO Carol Nygren
Joe Christ	Jeanne Rehnert
Rev. Donald Henry	IMO Eugene Rehnert
IMO M/M Herbert Henry	Paul&Dorothy Rosenberger
Joanne Hepler	Mrs. Marcie Schnerring
Clare & Linda Houser	IMO Margaret Zelinsky

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**

FOOD COLLECTION

"We can do no great things, only small things with great love." ... Mother Teresa.

Thank you for doing the small things, like feeding your neighbors, with great love. God bless.

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

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the 10th Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS

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

Youth Group Update ...

New members welcome!

Weekly/Biweekly Meetings

We need everyone to help us pick a day and time that we can meet regularly either every week or every other week starting after September 5th. So email me any day (weekday or weekend) with time during the school year that works for you. We probably cannot meet everyone's needs, but we will try to meet most.

Heisler's Night

Saturday, August 27th - 5 pm @ St. John's Church.

We will attend 5 pm Mass together, then eat and play golf @ Heisler's (either mini, driving range, or both)!

We will return @ 9pm.

RSVP by Thursday August 25th.

Nun Run

5K Run/1-Mi Walk, or just come to cheer us on!

Saturday, September 17th

Meet in St. John's Parking Lot @ 7:45 am

Arrive @ Race - 8:45 am

DEADLINE to register with our group:

Saturday September 10th (\$20/person)

Please do not register online or by mail until you get in contact with us first.

Contact: Rachael Kubick rkubick3@hotmail.com or 570.581.6109

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 13/14 : \$ 4,296.00

Imp.&Rep.: \$ 1,459.50

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

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