

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

There is a sign posted on the fence along a rural highway. Beyond the fence is a ranch house in the distance; further down, beyond the house lies a valley with a grove of trees nestled next to a small stream. The sign indicates that the property owners must be church-going people. It says: *“Prayer is the best way to meet the Lord.”* Underneath that line, it says: *“Trespassing is faster!”*

In this Sunday’s gospel, Jesus shows the disciples that while it might be nice for him to continue to pray, teach and heal, he must instead go to Jerusalem and be killed. Jesus’ call to trespass against the conventions of the day in order to bring to new life to all humankind.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 29 – 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE BOBINIS (Chuck, Justina, Kelly Majestic)

Tuesday, August 30 – 9:00 a.m.

COLLEEN GRAVER (Brothers & Sisters)

Wednesday, August 31 – 9:00 a.m.

NANCY DOYNE (Mr.&Mrs. William Dukmen)

Thursday, September 1 – 9:00 a.m.

ANTHONY VICIC (Kathy Vicic)

Friday, September 2 – 9:00 a.m.

DANIEL FOX SR. (Family)

Saturday, September 3 – 5:00 p.m.

ROBERT & AGATHA PORTER (Mary & Bob Porter)

Sunday, September 4 – 8:15 a.m.

ELEANORE FORNEY (Family)

Sunday, September 4 – 10:30 a.m.

GERMAINE SCHUETTLER (Schuettler Family)

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III – Michelle Grabusky & Michael McGinty

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO John Scheetz by Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz

St. Joseph – Special Intention by Mary Ann Holley

Tabernacle – Special Intention by Mary Jean Morgalis

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family

2,3,4. IMO Maryann Wychunas by Helen Heimbaugh

Guardian Angels

1. Special Intention by Stella Cappella

2. IMO Mary Dalton by Mildred Costello

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 21st : \$ 5,262.17

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SCHEDULE

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 – Saturday – September 3rd

Reader: Carol Rizzardi

Euch.Min.: Leeann Smith, Virginia Visot

Servers: Jillian Zerbe, Daniel Beruck,
Christopher Wollyung

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – September 4th

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Gerry Schwartz, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Allison Darhun, Dominic Chiplonia,
Andrew Viduszynski

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – September 4th

Reader: Mary Hahner

Euch.Min.: Prudence Griffin, John Ventura,

Mary Jean Morgalis

Servers: Madison Buckingham, Claudia Rittle,
Megan Ryan

Cantor: Dave Derbes

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S



This week we welcome **Darrell & Heather Hable** to St. John’s Parish Family. Darrell works for Hershey Foods and Darlene is a substitute teacher. Their children, Livia and Logan attend Pottsville School District. Warmly embrace the **Hable Family** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John’s Hospitality by writing to 515 Main St. in Pottsville.

FAMILY MATTERS

School Year Beginning. As we begin this new school year our parish prays that parents will support their children’s efforts to reach their full potential. We pray that their children give their best effort in their studies, to develop their relationships with friends, and grow in their faith life.

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

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, Harold Bartholomew, Regina Haley, Kay Boran.*

Deceased: *Rita Montag*



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What obstacles do you encounter in your discipleship?

This Week's Readings

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (August 27/28)

Reading I: Jeremiah 10:7-9

Reading II: Romans 12-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Next Week's Readings

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (September 3/4)

Reading I: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Reading II: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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**.

As of now we have the following candidates for St. John's Parish:

Peggy Jane Higgins, Alicia Kelman, Jill Prestilio, Matthew Shoener, Jeremy Wise.

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.

The Adult Formation Team

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

C. C. D. NEWS

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 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.

Website for Religious Articles **clearlycatholic.com**

Visit this website to purchase religious articles and gifts. Free shipping over \$50.00 ... enter St. John the Baptist Church name when ordering/checking out and St. John's will get 15% of your total purchase price.

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Casting all your cares upon Him; for He careth for you.
1 Peter 5:7

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County Emergency Management at (570) 622-3739 for
more information.

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*Let us greet Him with a song of praise, joyfully sing out
our psalms.* *Psalm 95:2*

C O N F I R M A T I O N

In order to best prepare our 6th, 7th and 8th grade children for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, we will be holding special classes in the homes of "host" families /catechists.

There are seven special classes. Three are in November and four will continue in January. These classes are geared toward the immediate preparation for the sacrament.



Parents of Confirmation candidates or any adult parishioners may volunteer for these special sessions.

Confirmation Sessions

1. Are led by adult volunteers in their homes;
2. Have 7 to 8 children in each "small group";
3. Run for 7 weeks beginning in November and continuing in January;
4. Have the Sacrament of Confirmation as its Content;
5. Are 1 hour and 15 minutes in length.

Volunteer Confirmation Catechists:

1. Are responding to their own Baptismal and Confirmation call;
2. Have a Teacher's Manual and Guide;
3. May choose day and time for classes;
4. Have an opportunity to have a real impact on a young adult's formation;
5. Will have the blessing of meeting and; journeying with 7 to 8 young persons in their homes.

If you are interested, please call the rectory and speak with Lucilla Kochol so that training and materials can be discussed.

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September 11, 2011

This September will mark the ten year anniversary of 9/11 and we ask you to take time to remember those lost as well as time to make sure you are prepared for future emergencies. September is *National Preparedness Month* (NPM), which was founded after 9/11 to increase preparedness in the U.S. It is time to prepare yourself and those in your care for an unexpected emergency. Lehigh County Emergency Management/Citizen Corps encourages you to: Make a Plan, Get a Kit and Be Informed. For more information on NPM and for help getting prepared, visit Ready.gov or contact Schuylkill

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!**

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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 e-mail 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.

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

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@allentowndioocese.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.

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 Singles

Catholic Singles of the Lehigh Valley will be hosting an afternoon of Reflection and Fellowship on Sunday, **September 11th from 3 to 5 p.m.** in the Jubilee Center at Assumption BVM Church, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Colesville 18015 (south of Bethlehem, near the Promenade Shops). For those interested, dinner following at Copperhead Grill on Route 378 near Route 309. For more information contact Maryann at cslv@me.com or by phone, Rosalie at 610-797-1970 or visit us on the web at <http://web.me.com/cslv>. Catholic Singles of the Lehigh Valley is open to any Catholic 40 years and older who is widowed, divorced or never married.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

This Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will take place for our diocese on **Wednesday, October 5th**. It is a special time of grace and indulgency for all the Faithful of the Diocese. Bishop Barres will lead the Pilgrimage and hopes you will join him for this grace-filled event. A Pilgrimage is a time of devotion and evangelization. Make a sincere effort to join our Bishop for this special event. This year's event is in conjunction with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our Diocese. Special guest speakers are Rev. Angelus M. Shaughnessy, OFM. CAP (Righteous B.)

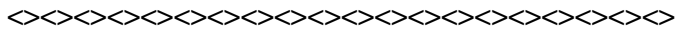
"Harvest of Faith – Strength for the Journey"

– A conference on spiritual gerontology for older adults

on **Wednesday, October 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fogelsville. The day includes a Mass celebrating the 50th Jubilee of the Diocese of Allentown. Registration fee is \$10 with deadline of October 14. Free bus transportation is available. For questions, please call 610-791-3888 ext. 305 or visit www.catholiccharityAD.org.

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

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Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
Genesis 1:3
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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.

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.

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL NEWS ...

Nativity High School will host a presentation by Janene Holter from the Attorney General's Office on **Monday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m.** The presentation will include information from "Operation Safe Search" and "Stick and Stones" which discuss internet safety and cyber bullying. All are welcome! Please contact the school office for more information ... 622-8110

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

This workshop will be held at Nativity High School on **Thursday, September 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** Please contact the school office to register ... 622-8110.

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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION FUND-RAISER

Kauffman's Chicken Barbeque

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

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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. PAULINE VISITAINER You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass followed by Veneration of the first-class relic of St. Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics and of all who are sick on **Monday, August 29th at 5 p.m.** at the Simon Kramer Institute Chapel in New Philadelphia. To register, please call 277-6218. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

LABOR DAY MASS at Castle Green Grotto, 950 Valley Road, Minersville/Heckscherville Hwy on **Monday, September 5th at 10 a.m.** Refreshments after Mass; bring lawn chairs; parking available at Grotto. For more information, contact Bob 544-3658

SHRINE BUS TRIP sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish Ladies Guild, Minersville, to St. Katherine Drexel Shrine and John Neuman Shrine on **Saturday, September 10th** with lunch at Penn's Landing on the floating restaurant Moshulu. Price \$80.00; deposit \$25.00. Contact Mary Sninski at 544-3046 for information and reservations.

NITE AT THE RACES sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Minersville on **Saturday, September 17th**. Doors open 6 p.m.; Races start 7:30 p.m. Admission \$5.00 (includes refreshments and food). Tickets available at the parish office 544-4741 or by calling Debbie 544-2070 after 5 p.m.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:3

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

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

If you can't multitask as well as you used to, it's not your imagination. The ability to switch between tasks decreases with age. In a new study in *Psychology and Aging*, talking on a cell phone impaired the ability of older people (age 59 to 81) to cross a street (under computer simulation) more than that of college students. Meanwhile, research from the University of California, San Francisco, has revealed a neural basis behind the slowdown. Both older and younger people were shown an image on a screen, which was interrupted by a second image; they were then asked to recall the previous image. As seen on brain scans taken during the experiment, those over 60 had more difficulty disconnecting from the distraction and reactivating the neural networks needed to return to the first task.

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