

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The life of Mother Teresa provides us with a powerful challenge to live out the teachings in this Sunday's gospel parable. We are told to go and sit in the lowest place. That's where Mother Teresa began. She found a woman dying in the streets. "The woman was half eaten by rats and ants," Mother Teresa said. She picked her up and took her to the hospital.

The gospel tells us not to invite our friends to a banquet, but to invite beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind.

When Mother Teresa was invited to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, she insisted that the ceremonial banquet be cancelled and asked that the \$6,000 cost for the banquet be donated to the poor in Calcutta. The money saved on that one banquet would help her feed hundred for a year.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 30 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY FRANK

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Tuesday – August 31 – 9:00 a.m.

EDWARD KURTEK (Jim & Ann Mains)

Wednesday – September 1 – 9:00 a.m.

ANTHONY HOFFMAN (living intention)
(Mary Ann Holley)

Thursday – September 2 – 9:00 a.m.

ROXANE TUTKO (Mary Cheripka)

Friday – September 3 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNA FALLON (Peggy Mack)

Saturday – September 4 – 5:00 p.m.

GERMAINE SCHUETTLER (Schuettler Family)

Sunday – September 5 – 8:15 a.m.

JOSEPH & SARAH FRY

Sunday – September 6 – 10:30 a.m.

SCHAEFFER FAMILY (Helen Schaeffer)

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, Edward Wychunas, John Woznicki, Scott Rhoades, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, Elizabeth McAlonis, Espen Murphy, Greg Schoffstall, Sylvia Bercher, Jim Florida, Noah Nabholtz, Mary Margaret Smith, Paul Burns, Helen Smith.*

..... *Great and marvelous are your works,
Lord God almighty... Rev. 15:3*

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – Health & welfare of Mary Margaret Smith
by Mary Ann Holley

St. Joseph – Deceased Members of the Cook Family
by Susan Cook

Tabernacle – Health of Anthony Hoffman
by Mary Ann Holley

Sanctuary

1. Health of Agnes Trout by Mary Ann Holley

2&3. Deceased of the Cook Family by Susan Cook

4. IMO Living & Deceased Members of
St. John's Catholic Women's Union

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intention by Mary Ann Holley

SCHEDULE

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 – Saturday – September 4th

Readers: Carol Rizzarda

Euch.Min.: Joan Albo, Virginia Visot

Servers: Alex & Daniel Beruck, Christopher Wollyung

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – September 5th

Reader: Ray Petrilla

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

Servers: Taylor Ross, Adalie Zanis, Dominic Chiplonia

Cantor: Karen Glunz

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – September 5th

Reader: Mary Hahner

Euch.Min.: Paul Ziegler, John Ventura,

Mary Jean Morgalis

Servers: Claudia Rittle, Megan Powers, Kate Kramer

Cantor: Dave Derbes

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II – Marcel LeBlanc & Melissa Glunz

I – Kevin Hoy and Jennifer Holly

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 22nd \$ 5,005.11

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

This week we welcome **John & Nicole Plachko**. John is a contractor and Nicole is a hair stylist. Their children, Alexi and Julia are students at Pottsville Area.

Warmly embrace the **Plachko's** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality by writing to 1740 Elk Ave., Pottsville.



*Sing to Him, sing His praise,
proclaim all His wondrous deeds.
1 Chr. 16:9*

ADULT EDUCATION

'Sundays at the Well' – Fall 2010
"A Good Man Asks WHY?"

(The Book of Job and the Meaning of Suffering)

Ever wondered how a long God could allow there to be so much suffering in the world? Ever questioned how God could allow so much pain and suffering to affect the innocent, children or an entire nation? Do these thoughts ever make you think that there might not even be a God? Well, you are not alone. Job, in the Old Testament asked the very same questions. Join us as we explore the question of the meaning of suffering with other parishioners beginning **Sunday, September 12th in Longinus Hall from 9:15 to 10:20 a.m.** Please call the **Rectory at 622-5470** to sign up, or put your name on the sign-up sheets at the side exits of the church.

R. C. I. A.

RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their Catholic Faith. If anyone has been away from the Church for awhile, this is a great way to re-energize one's understanding and prayer life.

If you or anyone you know fit these above qualifications, please give the rectory a call! More information will follow!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus tells his host that he should invite people who can't repay him.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Aug. 28/29)

Reading I: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Reading II: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

READING REFLECTION

Elizabeth of Hungary

She was known for mismanagement
and giving away food and clothes to the poor
who bloomed as extravagantly as meadow flowers
both of which sustained her
but Louis needed roses red and white
to confirm whom his wife found
Christ
suffering and reigning and hiding in all.
- J. Janda's

Next Week's Readings

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sept. 4/5)

Reading I: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Reading II: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you Celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in the year 2010? Celebrate this special occasion with your family and renew your vows with Bishop John O. Barres at the **31st Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 26th at 3 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown. *Couples who pre-register and attend* will receive a certificate from Bishop Barres. **See the Poster at the Church exits.** Complete a registration form and mail it to: Office of Family Life Ministries, 900 S. Woodward St., Allentown, Pa. 18102, Attn: Ruth Baker or telephone 610-289-8900 ext. 239.

Deadline for registration is September 14, 2010

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Adoption: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown is accepting inquiries from married couples interested in domestic infant and/or international adoption. Please contact Patricia Reusch at 610-435-1541, ext. 325 or e-mail preusch@allentowndiocese.org.

Advisory Board: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown seeks candidates from throughout the Diocese of Allentown to serve on the agency's Advisory Board. Please call or e-mail Lynne Shampain, Development Administrator, at 610-791-3888 or lshampain@allentowndiocese.org.

Understanding Suffering & Spiritual

Companionship: a workshop for caregivers, families, parish volunteers, and professionals will be offered on **Wednesday, September 15th** at either 1:00-4:30 or 5:30-9:00 at Sacred Heart Hospital Auditorium, 421 Chew Street, Allentown. Continuing education units are available. Registration fee is \$10.00. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Hospital, Parish Nurse Coalition of the Greater Lehigh Valley, and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown. For more information and a brochure, please call Michele at 610-871-5905.

Services Offered. Catholic Charities is offering services at Annunciation BVM Parish in Shenandoah on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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 628-0466 to schedule an appointment or for further information.

Let us pray for all who suffer from the evils of slavery, human trafficking, and other abuses of human dignity, that they will know justice and freedom in this life.

Give to the Lord the glory due His name
1 Chr. 16:29

Saint John's Ministries

People Helping People (anonymously)

Can you help us by making us aware of any person or situation that could benefit from our efforts?

Please fill out form below with as much information as you can verify with first-hand knowledge. Your identification is not necessary; however, it could be helpful in our work and would be kept in strict confidence.

Do you know of a person or situation who needs assistance?

(i.e. illness, job loss, loneliness, homebound, etc.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Any first-hand information you would like to share about this person:

Your Name: _____

Phone _____

**Drop sealed form at the Rectory
or call S.Maryanne 622-5470 ext. 5**

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

A Mediterranean-style diet may help you live longer, according to a study in the *British Medical Journal*. It ranked 74,600 older men and women from nine European countries by how closely they adhered to this predominantly plant-based diet. The higher they ranked, the lower the overall death rate, even after controlling for other lifestyle factors. The diet is rich in vegetables, legumes, fruits, cereals, olive oil, and fish, but low in meat and saturated fat in general. It also includes a low-to-moderate amount of dairy and a modest amount of alcohol, mostly wine.

PNEUMONIA VACCINE

Our local Schuylkill County State Health Center will be offering a free clinic on **September 24th** for vaccination to prevent pneumococcal pneumonia. This vaccine is recommended for all adults 65 years of age and older. People of any age with certain conditions are also recommended for the vaccination. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call the Health Center at 621-3112.

FOOD COLLECTION

The American Bishops once wrote: *"We cannot celebrate a faith we do not practice ... We must ... continue to move from strong words about charity and justice effective action."*

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 |

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!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Our next Outreach meeting will be held at the Patterson Building on Thursday, September 23rd at 7 p.m.

Please Note: If you need assistance during the week of September 6 to 13, please call Jan Kurtek at 691-7264.

PINNACLE HEALTH HOSPICE

Volunteer Training Sessions

Tuesdays beginning September 14th through October 5th from 6 to 9 p.m.

Daytime Volunteer Training Sessions

Thursdays beginning September 16th through October 7th from 1 to 4 p.m.

All training sessions will be held at the Pinnacle Health Hospice office, 301 One Norwegian Plaza, Pottsville. Registration is necessary to attend.

For more information or to register, please call Linda Pretti-O'Reilly, Coordinator of Volunteers at 628-2290 or 800-222-5236 or e-mail lprettioreilly@pinnaclehealth.org

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, Wednesday, or Fridays. For more information please call: Meals on Wheels 570-624-3023 or 1-800-621-6325.

PARISH RETREAT

St. John's Parish Retreat

is scheduled for

Saturday, October 30th

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at Mariawald Retreat Center

in Shillington

*Join us at the Retreat for a day ... Take time to
leave the hectic pace of constant doing ...*

More details to follow after Labor Day

DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENT

**"Women's Day of Spirituality" Graced and Gifted-
Attention all Mothers, Daughters, Wives, Sisters,
Girlfriends.**

The Commission for Women is sponsoring the second Day of Spirituality: Graced and Gifted ... on **Saturday, October 2, 2010** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield. The Commission for Women serves as an advisory board to the Bishop of Allentown offering the woman's perspective on issues of concern to our Bishop and Church. To further promote awareness of the evolving roles of women in the church and society, the retreat day will be filled with faith-inspired talks by three accomplished speakers from our diocese, table discussion, prayer and fellowship. The Most Reverend John O. Barres will be the main celebrant and homilist at Mass. A fee of \$15 includes lunch and light refreshments. Register by September 22nd. Please send your \$15 non-refundable check, payable to the Diocese of Allentown and mail to the Secretariat for Catholic Life and Evangelization, The Commission for Women, 900 S. Woodward St., Allentown, PA 18103 or access the registration form at: <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/Catholic%20Life/flyer.pdf>. If you have any questions, call 610-289-8900.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women are invited to go on this retreat, **September 10, 11 & 12**, at St. Francis Center for Renewal in Bethlehem. This is an opportunity to find solitude, grow spiritually and refresh yourself. Take this opportunity to grow closer to Jesus without the distractions of everyday life, and to pray for yourself and others in need of your prayers. Bus transportation provided for \$20.00 payable to Adrienne Kurtak, 1960 Elk Ave., Pottsville. For more details and reservations call Adrienne Kurtak at 628-2963, Evelyn McGuire 622-8586 or Betty Lou Swartzchick 429-1713.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth ...

But store up treasures in heaven ...

For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

Matt. 19:21

CATECHIST CORNER

Quiz Corner:

Do you know the corporal works of mercy? Grade 5

Answers to last week's quiz question

Beatitudes: Grade 4

Blessed are the poor in spirit, there is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for there is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Genesis 1's Upcoming Events

Teen Mass

September 19th @ 10:30 a.m. Mass

for anyone (from all parishes) in **grades 6th – 12th**

(nothing fancy, just all teens are invited to sit on the tabernacle side of church together...we just think it may be nice to sit together!)

Friends are always welcomed...**no RSVP** needed.

Picnic @ Christy Joy's

September 19th @ 12 Noon

for anyone in grades 6th – 12th

food, entertainment, friends...something to do right after Mass! And yes, the bouncy balloon returns for all!

Friends are always welcomed.

RSVP by Sept 8th

Contact Info

Facebook: "Rachael Kubick"

Email: genesis1yg@aim.com

570 - 581- 6109

FAMILY MATTERS

Teachers. Teachers shape the lives and minds of the children of our families. We ask God to bless all of our teachers – those who teach in our schools, in our community and in our parish. May God give them wisdom and patience daily in their service to our children.

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

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED Eligibility ...

male or female, 4th grade (in Fall) to 12th grade ...

if interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

GIFT

Generations In Faith Together

Coming October 24th

Save the date for this special event.

BE A FREEDOM RIDER FOR THE UNBORN

Priests for Life invites you to take part in special nationwide pro-life activities in September and October to proclaim freedom for unborn children, who are still oppressed by abortion. At www.ProLifeFreedomRides.com you will be able to sign up for a nine week novena of prayer from September 1st to Election Day (November 2). Other activities are outlined on the web page and a special webcast will be held September 7th from 9 to 10 p.m. to provide training and motivation for these activities.

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 30th 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 hosted by St. Patrick's Church, Pottsville on **Sunday, September 5th** from Noon to 10 p.m. at the South Cass Fire Co. Picnic Grounds in Primrose. Delicious ethnic and picnic foods, homemade baked goods, handmade crafts, bingo, games of skill and chance. Live music & entertainment all day.

LABOR DAY MASS to be celebrated at Castle Green Grotto in Heckscherville on **Monday, September 6th** at 10 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship following Mass.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

DIVINE MERCY LITURGICAL SERVICE will be held at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Church in Mahanoy City on **Sunday, September 5th at 3 p.m.** and every first Sunday thereafter. Please mark your calendars. Confessions will be heard prior to the liturgy and anointing of the sick immediately after the liturgy and Benediction.

'CROSS OF PEACE' CAMPAIGN: The Catholic War Veterans Post 1051 and Auxiliary will conduct this campaign at all Masses the **weekend of September 11 & 12**. Contributions will be used to help local veterans and their families, support local charities, patients in hospitals and nursing homes, youth, and assist in CWV Welfare Programs at the State and National levels. Please be generous!

FOOD FAIR & FLEA MARKET: sponsored by St. Clare of Assisi Church in St. Clair on **Saturday, September 11th** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great homemade foods, Baked Goods, Unusual Flea Market items, 50/50 Chances, Crafts, Religious items. Free admission – everyone welcome.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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