

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's first TV show began in 1951. It was called "Life is Worth Living." The following year, the program won an Emmy. Accepting the award, Sheen said, "I feel it is time I paid tribute to my four writers – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John." Time Magazine called him "the first tele-evangelist." The New York Archdiocese could not meet the demand for tickets. The show drew thirty million viewers per week. "Life is Worth Living" is now being rebroadcast on EWTN, bringing him to a new generation. In 2002 the official case for the Archbishop's canonization was opened.

In this Sunday's gospel the parable of the seed tells what happens to seeds sown on footpaths, rocky ground, among thorns, and finally on good soil. The seed is the word of God and when it falls on the good soil of the one like Archbishop Fulton Sheen the yield is exceedingly great.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 11 – 9:00 a.m.

JOAN ALBO (John & Mary Jean Morgalis)

Tuesday, July 12 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICIA DAVIS (Marion & Tom Messina)

Wednesday, July 13 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY YENILAITUS (Carol Rhoades)

Thursday, July 14 – 9:00 a.m.

JERRY & GERRY FREILER (Carol Vallese)

Friday, July 15 – 9:00 a.m.

CLAIR & MARGARET FRY (Ann Marie Ludlow)

Saturday, July 16 – 5:00 p.m.

CHARLES BOWERS (Joan Bowers)

Sunday, July 17 – 8:15 a.m.

GLADYS VICIC (Vince & Joan Albo)

Sunday, July 17 – 10:30 a.m.

JACK RYAN (Dot Ryan & 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, Greg Schoffstall, Mary Margaret Smith, John Connell, Joe Christ, Marie Melinchok, Mary Alfonsi, Eugene Farley, Kate Blackwell, Karla Garland, Otto Pfeffer, Sylvia Bercher, Rita Montag. **Deceased:** Eugene Farley



WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 3rd : \$ 5,179.13; Dues: \$ 1,633.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M. –

All Candles

St. Joseph –

In Memory of Nancy Doyne

Tabernacle

Requested by ...

Sanctuary

Don & Joanne Doyne

Guardian Angels

& Jane Sunday

SCHEDULE

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 – Saturday – July 16th

Readers: Adalie Zanis

Euch.Min.: Paul Ziegler & Bobbi Murray

Servers: Lorne Zanis, Lucy & Sophie Murray

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 17th

Reader: Caitlyn McDemus

Euch.Min.: Rachael & Andrew Kubick, Al Hauptly

Servers: Josh Clauser, Samantha Weiss,

Andrew Viduszynski

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – July 17th

Reader: Ian Hower

Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb, Prudence Griffin

Servers: Chelsea & Megan Dalton, Mary Beth Rissinger

Cantor: Ensemble

CEMETERY NEWS

Look out for closed gates !!

At various times during the coming week the gates into the cemetery may be closed. The reason for this is because of maintenance being done to the roadways. In order for the repairs to be fully effective, no traveling can be allowed on them for at least 24 hours. We appreciate the efforts of Maurice Lord, who will be doing this work and trust that you will do so likewise. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

FAMILY MATTERS

Elderly Family. The elderly are integral members of our parish family. We ask God to keep them in His protective care as they live out their "golden years" with His grace.

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

SECOND COLLECTION – July 16/17

Next weekend we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**, where great needs remain. This Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more and please be generous in next week's Collection.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does faith influence what you see and hear?

This Week's Readings

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (July 9/10)

Reading I: Isaiah 55:10-11

Reading II: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Respecting Creation The parable of the sower is a story about the fruitfulness of the earth. It assures us that the harvest will come in spite of the many obstacles that stand in the way. In the end, the rocks and birds and trampling feet cannot nullify the fact that *the seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

Paul talks about the salvation of the world, pointing out that *the world itself will be freed from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.*

Meanwhile, *all creation groans and is in agony:* we pollute the clear air and the fresh water; we drive plants and animals to extinction; we clear-cut forests and we strip-mine, leaving ugly scars in the land.

The opening prayer calls on us *to reject what is contrary to the gospel.* Isn't it contrary to the "good news" to waste and destroy God's creation? The Creator has *greatly enriched the land.* How dare we impoverish it!

"The commitment of believers to a healthy environment for everyone stems directly from their belief in God the Creator, from their recognition of the effects of original and personal sin, and from the certainty of having been redeemed by Christ. Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God."

Pope John Paul II, *World Day of Peace Message* (1990) 16.

Gerald Darring

Next Week's Readings

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (July 16/17)

Reading I: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Reading II: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL

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.

FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS Sign-ups for Nativity's 2011-2012 Junior High Football Team for boys entering grades 7 or 8 in our local feeder schools will take place on Thursday, July 14th at 6 p.m. in front of Nativity School. Please phone Coach Klazas at 622-8110 for more information.

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!

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.
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MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

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Dr. David Harvey	Goldfish
Dot Moran	Duck Pond Prizes

INDOOR YARD SALE



St. John's Catholic Women's Union will host an *Indoor Yard Sale* on Saturday, July 23rd ... 8 to 12 noon at the Russell

Building. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. Food items and baked goods will be available.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

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ROMANS 12

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY SERVICE CAMP

ATTENTION YOUTH AND ADULTS!!!!

Romans 12 - LOCAL MISSION TRIP
Be a living sacrifice. If your gift is to serve, serve well. Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.

Anyone (youth 7th grade through college and Adults) interested in **Romans 12 Local Mission Trip** please call Debbie Herb at 544-5646 / 691-8874 or Ron Schultz at 385-3256 for additional information, application, schedule, etc. (GOOGLE ROMANS 12 CAMP - APPLICATION FORMS ON LINE). **Mark Your Calendar... July 24 to 27** at Christmas Pines Campground in Auburn. Cost is only \$75 which includes camping, meals, snacks, entertainment, T-shirt, and group picture. Limited number of spots will fill up quickly.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

St. John's Parish

Total Goal: \$26,120
 Amount Collection: \$9,336.00
 Number of donors: 119

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

DESIGNER WIG FASHION SHOW: for cancer patients sponsored by Doris Chizmar Designer Wigs and Hair Replacement Center, St. Clair on **Wednesday, July 13th** at Christy Joy Catering Hall, Bulls Head Road, Pottsville, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Refreshments and light snacks offered and door prizes. Please call for reservations to 429-0303 and ask for Doris.

POLISH FESTIVAL: sponsored by the Polish National Alliance, Council 171 on **Sunday, July 17th** at the Schnecksville Fire Co. Pavilion, Rt. 309, Schnecksville. For more information please contact Michael Pierzga 610-759-2775 or Joseph Janik 610-252-7428.

SUMMER FESTIVAL: at All Saints Church, 17 N. Cleveland St. in McAdoo on **Friday, July 22nd** from 4 to 9 p.m. and **Saturday, July 23rd** from 12 to 9 p.m. Ethnic foods, Bake Sale, Moon Bounce, Games, Prizes, Raffles, Entertainment. Come join us for a great time!

BEEF & BEER: Come and support Nativity's Green Wave Football Team on **Saturday, July 23rd** at the Catholic War Vets. Tickets \$25 per person or \$45 per couple available by calling Mike Mellon 628-9539 or gasman92@comcast.net or Tom Palamar 622-5636 or tpalamar512@comcast.net or any football player.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: at St. Ambrose Church, Schuylkill Haven on **Sunday, July 31st** from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Parish Complex. Delicious food, the "Irish Lads" from 1 to 4 p.m. and "Sensations" from 5 to 8 p.m. Pot Luck stand, bingo, raffles, and more.

SHRINE BUS TRIP: sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Parish Ladies Guild on **Saturday, September 10, 2011** ... stops at St. Katherine Drexel Mission Center, Penn's Landing, St. John Neuman Shrine. Cost is \$80.00 inclusive; \$25 deposit by August 1st. For more information please call Mary Sninski 544-3046.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN

Annual solemn novena to St. Ann begins **Sunday, July 17th to Tuesday, July 26th** at the National Shrine of St. Ann in Scranton. Mass and Novena services each day 8 and 11:45 a.m. and 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Novena service and homily only at 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before and after each Novena service. For more information call St. Ann's 570-347-5691 or visit www.stannsmoasterybasilica.org



CCD REGISTRATION We have received about half of the registrations for 2011/2012. All 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 at the church exits.

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 **\$20.00** per family until **August 1st**; after this date the fee will be \$40.00. 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. 

**** ATTENTION ****

CYO VOLLEYBALL

Sign-up Deadline

St. John's CYO Volleyball

Monday, July 25th

Practice will begin August 1st

2nd to 8th grade eligible to play Volleyball

Registration forms are available at the rectory during the week or in the back of church on weekends. Please call Chris Zerbe 628-9603 or Lucilla Kochol 622-0979 or St. John's Rectory 622-5470.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... **Janet Daubert**

Taking bisphosphonate drugs for osteoporosis for more than five years increases the risk of unusual fractures of the upper leg, a large Canadian study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* recently confirmed. These drugs include alendronate (brand name Fosamax) and ibandronate (Boniva). In most cases the fractures occurred when women were just walking or standing. The risk was very small, however: each year about one in 1,000 women who took these drugs for more than five years suffered such a fracture. This risk was far outweighed by the continued reduction in typical osteoporotic fractures. The drugs' labels have warned about this risk since last year.

