

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

One perfect Sunday morning, a priest couldn't resist the urge to go fishing, so he called the bishop with a fake raspy voice, saying he had laryngitis. The bishop said he would send another priest to take his Sunday Masses.

The truant priest's first catch was the biggest fish he had ever caught. Meanwhile, up in heaven, Saint Peter turned to God and said, "This priest lied, he let down his congregation. How can you reward him with such a great catch?"

God smiled and said, "Actually, I'm punishing him. Sure, he caught a huge fish ... but who can he tell?"

In this Sunday's gospel story the nets of the apostles are filled to the bursting point. Jesus smiles from the shore. This is one fish story that will be told to everyone for centuries to come.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – April 19 – 9:00 a.m.

MARIE MURPHY (Family)

Tuesday, April 20 – 9:00 a.m.

WILLIAM & KATHRYN ROSENBERGER

Wednesday, April 21 – 9:00 a.m.

ROBERT V. SMITH (Jean Smith)

Thursday - April 22 – 9:00 a.m.

REV. FRANCIS FOX

Friday – April 23 – 9:00 a.m.

EMMA BURNS (Joe & Ann Burns)

Saturday – April 24 – 5:00 p.m.

ROBERT & AGATHA PORTER (Mary & Bob Porter)

Sunday – April 25 – 8:15 a.m.

CHARLIE & CATHERINE SCHAEFFER

(Maria Schaeffer)

Sunday – April 25 – 10:30 a.m.

JACK & PHILOMENA RYAN (Dot Ryan & Family)

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Joseph & Vera Hudok

by Becky & Jane Weiss

St. Joseph – IMO Carl Veith by Doc & Dot Bound

Tabernacle – Special Intention

Sanctuary

1. IMO Mary Hahner by Hahner Family

2. IMO Mr. & Mrs. Steve Androsko Sr. by Daughter

3. IMO Joey McGoey by Moser Family

4. IMO Dorothy Zackus by Dan Zackus

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intention

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I – Jonathan Morgalis & Ashley Stump

SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 – Saturday - April 24th

Readers: Mary Hahner

Euch.Min.: Bobbi Murray, Aaron Wachter

Servers: Lucy & Sophie Murray, Mary Beth Rissinger

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – April 25th

Reader: Paul Gombola

Euch.Min.: Doris Eiler, John Corbacio, Carol Foster

Servers: Nathan & Christian Yingling, Brent Gauntlett

Cantor: Kelly Messina

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – April 25th

Reader: Albert Nastasi

Euch.Min.: Phil Markovich, John Ventura,

Michelle Rehnert

Servers: Emily & Sam Synnott, Keifer Luckenbill

Cantor: Karen Glunz

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of: **Blake Daniel Batory and Kyleigh Corryn Batory**, twin son and daughter of Stephen and Deanna Batory. They became new creations in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and are now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity. We warmly welcome them 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: *Tina Dixon, Margie Glunz, Carolyn Foster, Edward Wychunas, John Woznicki, Faye Cuchara, Scott Rhoades, Roxanne Tutko, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, Elizabeth McAlonis, Espen Murphy, Greg Schoffstall, Nancy Doyne, William Flynn, Robert Kline, Jeanne Rehnert, Carl Bartholomew, Ed Smith, Charles Tamburelli, Bill Schenck.* Deceased: *Ed Kurtek*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 11th: \$ 5,052.80

Easter: \$ 13,315.80

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

FAMILY MATTERS

Retirement Years. The retired members of our families are so important to our communities. They share their gifts and talents – babysitting their grandchildren, volunteering in schools and at community activities. They willingly share their wisdom and time with others. Our parish salutes our retirees and their generous spirit!

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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,

This week we kickoff the **2010 Bishop's Annual Appeal**, an important diocesan fundraising initiative that benefits families all across our diocese. Just as our ministries here in our own parish are extremely important, this Bishop's Annual Appeal offers vital services like care for retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians, counseling for families and educational opportunities for young people. Together, we will make our gifts to this Appeal as one parish family in support of the needs that are so prevalent in our world today. We are an Easter people of faith, hope and charity and I thank you for your generous support of this important endeavor. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at www.adbaa.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

With gratitude,
Father Dave

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

At what times in your life do you feel Jesus' Presence most clearly?

READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter (April 17/18)

Reading I: Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41

Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 24/25)

Reading I: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14b-7

Gospel: John 10:27-30

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 baskets either at the rear or side entrance of church or donations can be brought to CCD. Thank you.

PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS

At Home with the Easter Season

We Understand the Importance of Light

We absolutely need light. We cannot function completely in the dark. We cannot live nor thrive without light.

Light is a form of energy, originating in the seething activity of the sun. The light of the sun travels through cold, dark space, reaching the earth in various energy levels, from gamma rays to visible light rays to infrared. Human beings have discovered many ways to use the various energy levels of light. X-rays reveal our bones for medical purposes. Microwave energy cooks food quickly for our convenience. Radio waves help us communicate across long distances. And it is through the energy of visible light waves that Easter lilies grow and wheat crops flourish.

Talk about: Visible light waves make possible our gift of sight. Without light, we cannot see. Close your eyes and all is dark. Injure or destroy the eye's ability to receive and process light energy, and the sense of sight is gone. It is through light – reflected from objects and entering our eyes through a wondrous, instantaneous, God-given process of biochemical and bioelectrical signals – that we see objects, the colors of the universe, the world around us.

Let us pray for the people of Haiti, that Catholics will not forget Jesus' admonition to Peter – "Feed my lambs" and "Tend my sheep."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2010

Sunday, June 20 – Thursday, June 24



Book your summer cruise today! Vacation Bible School High Seas Adventure is now online and ready for you to check it all out! Visit www.SaintJohnPottsville.org to find the link to High Seas VBS Adventure! Find music clips and see a preview video. You can volunteer online to help us as a "ship mate" and register online to get your free ticket for your family members to cruise with us this summer!

Don't miss the ship—register **ONLINE before June 6th** to get your family's free music CD! Children are placed in small crews of mixed ages and genders so that every child makes some new friends! However, if you register ONLINE, you may request that your child be placed in a crew with one special friend.

Questions? Call Tina at 640-9185 or email at tzanis@verizon.net. We hope you will join us as **We Explore the Mighty Love of God** starting on June 20th!



PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY

St. John's is now planning a new and current Parish Picture Directory for 2010. Photos will be taken in the Spring by Olan Mills on the following dates:

May 14 & 15
May 17 & 18
June 10, 11 & 12



Anyone wishing to be on the Parish Directory Committee, please call **Debbie Herb 544-5646**. Your assistance will be needed to help register our Parish Family members when they get their portraits taken.

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWS

Scholarship Money Available

A substantial amount of scholarship money is available for new and current students of All Saints Catholic School, thanks to the generous contributions of local benefactors. The amount of money available for the 2010-2011 school year through the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund, EPSF, will allow all those who qualify to receive grants up to 50% of the student's tuition.

We are blessed to be giving away over \$40,000! Families who qualify can earn a base salary of \$50,000 a year plus \$10,000 for each child. For example, a family with three children can earn \$80,000 a year and still qualify. Register and apply now. Call the school for an application at 622-0106. We hope to hear from you soon!

Kindergarten & New Student Registration

All Saints Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. Some classes are filling up quickly. Don't delay. Call the school for a tour or to request a registration packet.

Thanks you for your support! Call us for a tour or visit us at www.All-SaintsCatholicSchool.net

BASKETBALL FUNDAMENTALS

Basketball fundamentals for St. John's Parish girls currently in grades 1 through 5 ... join the fun, learn the game, and improve your skills. This program is offered as a recreational/learning opportunity and will run on the following dates and times at All Saints gymnasium



April 24th
9 to 10:30 a.m.

If interested in participating,
please contact **David Zerbe 628-9603**.

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

Upcoming Events

Casino Day to benefit St. Joseph Center for Special Learning on **Sunday, April 25th** to Sands Casino & Resort in Bethlehem. Bus departs 9 a.m. and return 4 p.m. Cost is \$30.00 per person due no later than Friday, April 9th; Price includes \$20 free slot play and \$5.00 voucher towards lunch. Please contact Mrs. Montgomery at St. Joseph's School 622-4638 for tickets and information.

Deppen Pie Sale Available flavors are apple, blueberry crumb, cherry, peach, strawberry crumb, shoofly, lemon sponge, coconut custard, rhubarb, sugar free apple. \$8.00 each. **Orders with payment due April 30th**; Delivery May 12th. Pick-up at St. Joseph Center. Call 622-4638 or stop by the school to place an order.

19th Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner

to be held **Friday, May 14th** at Mountain Valley Golf Course in Mahanoy City. Sign sponsorships are available in addition to golf and dinner. New levels of sponsorship available. All golf fee include lunch and steak dinner. Registration begins 11 a.m. with buffet style lunch starting 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lots of prizes! For more information please call St. Joseph Center 622-4638.

5th Annual "Dash for St. Joseph Center for Special Learning" sponsored by The Notre Dame Club of Schuylkill County on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st** in Pottsville. Pre-registration guarantees a commemorative t-shirt for all runners. For more information or to register to run or become a sponsor, please call Bill Kern at 570-498-5991.

8th Annual Ride for Autism to benefit St. Joseph Center will take place **Sunday, June 13th**. Registration begins 8 a.m. at 106 W. Main St. in Tremont. Scenic ride starts 11 a.m. followed by a non-alcoholic picnic at Whipporwill Dam in Frackville. Pig Roast, Raffles, 50-50 Drawing, and music by DJ Mike. \$20.00 per driver and \$20.00 per passenger. For more information call 695-3824.

OVER 50 CLUB

St. John's "Over 50 Club" will be meeting again now that the weather is nice. Our next get-together will take place on **Tuesday, April 20th**. We welcome and encourage new members ... anyone interested in joining our little socials ... just stop by Longinus Hall on **Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.** ... we play bingo, board games, cards, etc. and light refreshments are always available. For more information, please call the rectory 622-5470.



DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENTS

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

World Youth Day, Young Adult Pilgrimage, Madrid, Spain ... August 14 to 22, 2011.

Young adults ages 18 to 35 are invited to join the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and young adults from around the globe in a multicultural celebration of the Catholic faith. More information is available at www.liveyourfaith.org or by calling Melissa at 277-0123. All inclusive ... \$2,098.00 from New York.

Young Adults, your voices matter! You're invited to a dinner discussion to help the Diocese hear and respond creatively to your needs in today's culture and Church. Visit us for details on our Facebook pages: Allentown Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry; Allentown Diocese Adult Faith Formation or e-mail MHartigan@allentowndiocese.org

OFFICE FOR PRO-LIFE

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

CHARITY & JUSTICE WORKSHOP

"The Gospel Message in Action – Expanding and Promoting Works of Charity and Justice" will be offered on two days in two locations, at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 20th** at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City, and **Thursday, April 22nd** at SS Simon and Jude, Bethlehem. The Rev. Keith Laskowski, M.Div., M.A., S.T.B. will be the keynote speaker. To register and reserve a seat, please call the Office for Social Action 610-289-8900 ext. 221.

SEMINAR

"Annulment & Remarriage in the Catholic Church" seminar sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal to be held on **Thursday, April 29th at 7 p.m.** in St. Clare of Assisi Church Hall, Mill & Hancock Sts., St. Clair. Pre-registration is recommended by calling St. Clare's Rectory 429-0701. A Tribunal judge and a marriage therapist will be on hand to help answer questions that often frighten Catholics from seeking annulments. There is no fee for the seminar.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Waiting for that "Big Refund?" Try a Marriage Encounter for a marriage refund that will outlast any check! For information call 1-800-787-7679 or go online at www.wvme-nepa.org

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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER with homemade meatballs & sauce, sponsored by St. Richard's Church in Barnesville on **Sunday, April 25th** from Noon until 3 p.m. Tickets \$8.00 Adults; \$4.00 Children under 12. Please call for tickets 467-2315. Cut-off date for tickets is April 18th.

CANDLE SALE – FUNDRAISER Blue Mountain Candle Sale to benefit two year old Espen Murphy, recently diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor ... Candles - \$13.48 each and can be ordered by contacting Brenda Flickinger 573-0297; **sale ends April 26th**.

NIGHT AT THE RACES sponsored by Schuylkill Council #431, Knights of Columbus on **Saturday, May 1st** at the Knights of Columbus Council Home, 6th & W. Arch Sts., Pottsville. Admission \$10.00 per person (includes food and refreshments). Tickets available from any Knights of Columbus member or by calling Tom Kurtek 292-2963. (Come and watch the Kentucky Derby on a big screen TV)

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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

Whole grains may help control blood pressure, suggests a new Harvard study of more than 30,000 male health professionals. Men who ate the most whole grains (equal to about three servings a day) were 19% less likely to develop hypertension over 18 years than those who ate the least. An earlier study in women yielded similar results. Unlike refined grains, whole grains retain the bran and germ and thus have more fiber and nutrients, such as potassium and folate. Look for a "whole" grain listed as the first ingredient on labels of breads, cereals, pastas, and other grain products (the word "enriched" indicates refined wheat flour).

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SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We appreciate advertisers who support St. John's by advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize their business and let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin.

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**PARISH COUNCIL
NOMINATIONS - 2010**

It is now time to nominate new members to the council to fill the places of those whose term has expired. The term of office is three (3) years with the possibility of a second consecutive term

Any parishioner who is at least 21 years old is eligible for nominations. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Please put nominations in the collection or mail your nomination to the rectory. When nominating, please don't choose just the most popular people, but choose people who will work for the parish.

We wish to thank the following members who will be completing a three-year term on the Parish Council. They are, however, eligible to be nominated for a second three-year term.

**Jennifer Daubert
Ed Glunz
Rick Smith**

The following should **NOT** be nominated as they are presently serving or finishing their term:

Term expires 2011

Bill Gianfagna
Kathy Gianfagna
Noel Glunz
Mary Hahner
Jan Kurtek
Mary Porter
John Powers
Dave Steffan

Term expires 2012

Robert DeColli Jr.
Maureen Kurtek
Albert Nastasi
Tina Seiger
Mary Sitcoske

President: Debbie Herb

1st Vice-President: Bill Casey

2nd Vice-President: Eric Lieberman

Past President: Bob Hahner (cannot run until 2011)

NOMINATION BALLOT

I Nominate:

(a) _____

(b) _____

**PLEASE RETURN TO RECTORY
by Monday, May 24, 2010**

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 FESTIVAL – 2010

This year's date is July 17th

Mark your calendars!

Our next meeting will take place

Monday, May 10th at 7 p.m.

in the Fellowship Room

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: Donna Moyer, 529 S. Centre St., Pottsville. (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, Sharon Miller** at 622-0516.

50/50 RAFFLE / COVERED DISH

St. John's CWU will hold a 50/50 raffle at their Covered Dish Social on

Wednesday April 21 at 6 p.m. in Longinus Hall.

Anyone interested in raffle tickets or attending the social, please call

Kay Russell 739-2808 or Frances Lorenz 544-2837.

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS AROUND THE WORLD

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."

