

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus deeply desired us to be one with Him in the Spirit, but this oneness is a gift. Although such unity is the most blessed of all blessings for human beings, it has not been and never will be forced upon us. More than ten times in this portion of Jesus' prayer, He uses the phrase "*That they may be ...*" thus indicating that our oneness with Jesus is conditioned by our willingness to welcome him into our lives.

Jesus continues to pray for the unity of believers in Him and with one another, and as He prays that the world might be impacted for good by our presence. In a world that continues to idealize independence and competitiveness, Jesus' vision of the mutual care of all peoples is a work in progress. It continues to challenge the church to listen to Jesus' prayer as we expect Him to listen to ours.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – May 17 – 9:00 a.m.

SAMUEL CHIODO (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Tuesday – May 18 – 9:00 a.m.

STELLA SHEVOKIS (John & Joyce Gerace)

Wednesday – May 19 – 9:00 a.m.

SOPHIA KAPSHA (Walter & Helen Boris)

Thursday – May 20 – 9:00 a.m.

PAUL GAUNTLETT (Daniel Conville)

Friday – May 21 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES FOSTER (Carolyn Foster)

Saturday – May 22 – 5:00 p.m.

JACK SCHEETZ (Pat, Amy, Missy Scheetz)

Sunday – May 23 – 8:15 a.m.

THERESA HOLLEY & BABY ZOIE MARIE
(Mary Ann Holley & Deborah Purcell)

Sunday – May 23 – 10:30 a.m.

FRANCIS N. MOONEY (Mooney Family)

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Mary F. Smith by Esther Smith

St. Joseph – IMO Joseph E. Rosenberger
by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

Tabernacle – Special Intention

Sanctuary – All Sanctuary Candle

IMO of Carol & Harry Nygren by Joseph Christ

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Thomas C. "Tucker" Selinko II by Family

2. Special Intention

They are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness. Lamentations 3:23

SCHEDULE PENTECOST

5:00 – Saturday – May 22nd

Readers: Mary Sitcoske

Euch.Min.: John & Bernice Petock

Servers: Jillian & Tiffany Zerbe, Christopher Hunt

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – May 23rd

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Kathy Gianfagna, Doris Eiler, Carol Forster

Servers: Emilie Baker, Macaeda Herring,

Dominic Chiplonia

Cantor: Karen Glunz

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – May 23rd

Reader: Ian Hower

Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic, Prudence Griffin, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Celena, Jason, Hannah Granito

Cantor: Suzette Joy

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I – Jonathan Hughes & Tanya Romig

II – Stephen Smith & Jessica DeFalco

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, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, Elizabeth McAlonis, Espen Murphy, Greg Schoffstall, William Flynn, Ed Smith, Sylvia Bercher, Patricia Davis, Thelma Brennan, Jim Florida, Joe Hostina.*

CCD REGISTRATION All registrations for 2010/2011 **have not been received.** All registrations received after May 2nd will need to pay **a late fee of \$5.00.**

\$55.00 – First Child

\$50.00 – additional Child

Registration forms are at the church exits.

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT
MASS SLIPS OVER THE SUMMER**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 9th: \$ 5,835.00; Dues: \$1,502.83

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SECOND COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND MAY 22/23

will be taken up for this year's

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does your parish promote the unity of all Christians? Your family?

READING REFLECTION

Seventh Sunday of Easter (May 15/16)

Reading I: Acts 7:55-60

Reading II: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Pentecost (May 22/23)

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 10:19-23

Unity

“That they may be one, as we are one—I living in them, you living in me—that their unity may be complete.” This is the prayer of Jesus which we recall on this Sunday between Ascension and Pentecost. The goal of the entire paschal mystery, and Jesus’ wish for all of us, is unity: that we may be one as Jesus and his Father are one.

Today’s world is more characterized by division than by unity. We face off against each other as rich and poor. North and South, white and black, African and Oriental, Jew and Arab, Christian and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, male and female, young and old, suburban and inner city, conservative and liberal.

Every once in a while, a Stephen comes along, someone so dedicated to the principles which can bring us together that he is willing to surrender his life for the cause. And of course, we gladly take it. Better to sacrifice a Martin Luther King or an Oscar Romero than to lose our favored position in society!

Come, Lord Jesus! Come with the life-giving water that will wash away our divisions and make our unity complete.

Gerald Darrin

COMMISSION OF PASTORAL MINISTERS

Special congratulations to **Rick & Beth Smith**, members of our community, who have completed the Ministry Formation Program offered through our Diocese and will be commissioned as Pastoral Ministers this afternoon at the Cathedral in Allentown.

CATHOLIC WEB OF FAITH

www.ncea.org

This week visit the National Catholic Education Association website. It serves to advance the educational and catechetical mission of the Catholic Church.

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

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

Total Parish Goal: \$ 25,102.00
Pledges & One-Time Gifts: \$ 5,878.00
Number of Donors 57

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2010

Sunday, June 20th! - Thursday, June 24

Help us SET SAIL this summer at High Seas Expedition VBS! Vacation Bible School can't be successful without the generous donation of time and materials from our parishioners. Please support us so that we can help Explore the Mighty Love of God again this summer!



A display is placed outside of Longinus during the month of May. Take home a barrel that shows the item we need to borrow or have donated. Return that item (with the barrel taped to it) by the end of May. Thanks for your support!

We need to know if you can help us. Now is the time we are looking to fill in the more than 50 volunteer spots at VBS. If you can volunteer for VBS this summer even in a small way, please call us, or better still, volunteer online at www.SaintJohnPottsville.org



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!

2010 Adult Vacation Bible School

Want to tell God how you really feel? Want to tell Him about the longings of your heart and soul? Perhaps you need to complain a little about the way your life is going? Then join us for our Adult Vacation Bible School series - "The Psalms - Moods of the Soul". Let the psalmists show us the way and discover the emotional range of the Psalms from praise to complaining to calling for justice on your enemies.

Sunday June 20- 24 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Bring the children and grandchildren to enjoy the children's program and then STAY for yourself and explore the satisfaction of reading and praying the Psalms in your life right now!

Discover the emotional range of the Psalms- Ever New, Ever Now.

Call the rectory 622-5470 to sign up today!

FAMILY GUILD SCHOLARSHIP

The Family Guild Scholarship Applications are due **May 28, 2010.**

FAMILY MATTERS

Long Term Illness. In your prayers this week, lift up to God all those of our parish who are experiencing long term or chronic illness. We also ask God's guidance and support for their families. May they all find peace and comfort of heart as they face their daily challenges.

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

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL - 2010

This year's date is **July 17th**

Mark your calendars!

Our next meeting will take place

Monday, June 14th - 7 p.m.

in the Rectory Fellowship Room

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION FUND-RAISER

St. John's Catholic Women's Union is currently fund-raising with **DELICIOUS Joe Corbi's Products.** They are well-known for their Pizza Kits, Chee-Zee Bread and homemade Cookie Dough.



If interested in ordering, pick up a brochure in the back of church today. Orders can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to Donna Moyer, 529 S. Centre St., Pottsville 17901. **Orders and money are due by Sunday, May 23rd.** Delivery date is Wednesday, June 9th at the Russell Building from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information please call Donna Moyer 622-9631. *We appreciate your support!*

ROSARY FOR LIFE

When: Sunday, May 23rd

(and every fourth Sunday of the month)

Time: 9:15 a.m.

Where: here at St. John's Church

Who: All are welcome from all churches

Why: because every 23 seconds a baby is aborted

Contact: Andrew Kubick 399-5102 or

email prayerforlife122@yahoo.com

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 to effective action."*

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

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**

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Mayday! Mayday! You're getting married and you haven't yet reserved a spot with your fiancé on an Engaged Encounter Weekend! It's not too late to plan for your lifetime together that starts *after* the big day. EE is sponsored by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Diocese of Allentown. For more information and the schedule of EE weekends for 2010, call **Carla Neupauer at 610-289-8900 ext. 238**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Don't let spring showers dampen your relationship. *Watch your love bloom* with a Marriage Encounter. For information call 1-800-787-7679 or go online at www.wwme-nepa.org

RETROUVAILLE ... is a Catholic based program to help marriages that are stressed or in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped countless married couples in all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. Retrouvaille can help your marriage too. The next program will be held at St. Joseph in the Hills Malvern Retreat Center, Malvern, Pa. on **August 13-15, 2010**. All calls are confidential. For more information call 1-800-470-2230 or 1-215-766-3944 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Will be available in Longinus Hall
After all Masses the weekend of **May 22 & 23**

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

Upcoming Events

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Counselor/Therapist. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown is seeking a part-time counselor/therapist for the Schuylkill/Carbon Office at 13 Westwood Road, Pottsville. An LCSW is preferred. Please send a résumé to John Boyne, LCSW, Counseling & Behavioral Health Program Administrator, Catholic Charities, 530 Union Blvd., Allentown, Pa. 18109 EOE.

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 Road, Pottsville 628-0466.

Temporary Protected Status (T.P.S.). Nationals of Haiti can apply for T.P.S. by calling 610-451-1541 in Allentown or 610-376-7144 in Reading to schedule an appointment. Applicant's approved for T.P.S. will receive an Employment Authorization Document (work permit) and will be able to apply for a Social Security Card and Driver's License.

Catholic Business Owner's Alliance (CBOA): Membership in this new Diocesan organization is open to all persons who are business owners/partners, presidents, principals or corporate officers in a business and who are registered in a parish within the Diocese of Allentown. Membership is also open to regional heads of larger organizations. The inaugural meeting is scheduled for May 25th with Bishop Barres. For more information and to download an application form, please look for the link on the diocesan home page www.allentowndiocese.org.

ATTENTION

Franciscan University Weekend Trip Participants

ALL Forms: Youth Registration, Youth Liability, and Diocesan Youth Forms **MUST** be submitted by **Wednesday, May 19th** to Rachael (either drop off at rectory or send to Rachael Kubick, 1720 West End Ave., Pottsville, Pa. 17901). Thanks ahead of time!

GENESIS 1 UPDATE

We would like to have a movie night for ALL teens (grades 5-12th) on a Friday or Saturday night in May (preferably) or before June 12th. Rather than having a meeting to discuss one event, just let Rachael know by Monday, May 17th what dates work best.

Contact Info: Rachael Kubick 570.581.6109 or email: genesis1yg@aim.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney, founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 and envisioned a council in every parish to support the growing needs of its pastor and parishioners. Father Loeper would like to further Father McGivney's vision by starting a new Knights of Columbus Council here and compliment the other Councils in the area. If you are a Catholic man, 18 years or older or are already a member and are interested in forming a parish council here at St. John the Baptist, please contact John Matulevich at jmat@ptd.net or 429-1596.

MASS CARDS – VARIOUS OCCASIONS

There are Sisters of St. Joseph Mass Cards available in the rectory for various occasions including Perpetual and Annual Memorial cards, Sympathy, Thank You, Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Wedding, Anniversary and Birthday, as well as Easter, Mother's Day and **Father's Day**. The cost is \$1.50; Perpetual Memorials are \$5.00.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... **Janet Daubert**

Weight loss can reverse some heart and blood vessel abnormalities caused by obesity. That's the finding of a new two-year study in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, which tracked cardiovascular changes in 60 obese people as they lost weight via diet and exercise. Though the most weight was lost in the first 6 months (22 pounds on average), the greatest improvement in heart function – a decrease in heart muscle thickness, an increase in pumping and relaxation of the heart, and reduced thickness of the carotid artery wall – was seen between 6 and 12 months. Some benefits were sustained at two years, even though the participants had regained much of their weight.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS



Mass on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 31st** will take place in St. John's Cemetery, 20th & Mahantongo Sts. at **9 a.m.** If inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

CHINESE AUCTION to be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 W. Arch St., Pottsville on **Saturday, May 15th** Shop N'Drop 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. & 7:30 to 9 p.m. and **Sunday, May 16th** from 1 to 3 p.m. Drawings begin at 3 p.m. Great Prizes – Homemade Food – 50/50 Cash Drawing. All proceeds will go to help with medical expenses for Wendy Nabholtz who is fighting breast cancer and needs our help. For more information please call 640-9346.

HEALING SERVICE Mrs. Eileen George, world renowned for her talks on healing, will be at Holy Cross Church, New Phila. on **Thursday, May 20th, Friday, May 21st, Saturday, May 22nd**. Services will be held at 7 p.m. each evening. All are invited to attend.

PLANT SALE Penn State Schuylkill Master Gardeners invite gardeners of all levels to attend this Plant Sale on **Friday, May 21st from 12 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 22nd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at First United Church of Christ, Schuylkill Haven. Various plants and shrubs will be featured and reasonably priced. In addition, Master Gardeners will be available for questions.

SPAGHETTI DINNER to be held at Most Blessed Trinity Parish, Tremont, on **Saturday, May 22nd** from 2 to 6 p.m. Adults \$7.00; Children (7 to 12) \$3.50; Under 6 Free. Limited tickets at door; to reserve tickets call 345-3507 or 345-3277 or the Church Rectory 695-3648... sponsored by The Trinity Guild.

SPAGHETTI DINNER sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish, Minersville on **Sunday, May 23rd 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Parish Center, 120 Oak St, Minersville. Eat-in or take-out. Adults \$7.00; Children \$4.00. Tickets available at the door or by calling Helene O'Connor 544-5302 or Mary Strenkoski 544-9062.

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL TALENT SHOW

Based on the popular television hit "America's Got Talent", All Saints Catholic Elementary School students will be having their very own "ALL SAINTS HAS TALENT" show this **Sunday, May 16th, 2010** at 2:00 p.m. in the All Saints School gymnasium. JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR TALENTED CHILDREN. We'd love to see you there!! (please enter at the 7th street entrance door).

But our God is in the heavens; he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Ps. 115:3

"CURIOSITY SHOP"



It's time once again for St. John's Curiosity Shop so look around your homes for any items you wish to contribute to this year's Curiosity Shop at the Mid-Summer Festival. You'd be

surprised what you might find – **Clean Items Only** – **No empty plastic containers** -- Here are some suggestions ...

Christmas Items	Vases	Toys
Serving Dishes	Jewelry	Gift Bags
Knick Knacks	Potted Plants	Linens
Kitchen Items	Books	Candy Dishes
Framed Paintings	Candles	Table Covers

DROP-OFF DATES

Items can be dropped off at our NEW LOCATION
St. John's School Building
side entrance between Russell Building & School
ONLY

on the following dates:

Saturday – July 3 – 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Wednesday – July 7 – 6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday – July 10 – 9 to 12 noon

**NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED
BEFORE OR AFTER THESE DATES.**

**Do Not Leave Articles at the
Door or in the Parking Lot**

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.

Let us pray for our political leaders that they have the courage and wisdom to lead our country in a manner that respects the dignity of all human life.

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.

Our Next Meeting

May 19th – 7:00 p.m. – Longinus Hall

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

If you or someone you know has been ill or in the hospital and unable to attend Mass, please call the Rectory and inform Father or Sister of your condition.



We don't always know if a person has been ill or hospitalized until after the fact! We are willing to visit and or make arrangements for Holy Communion once your condition is known.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and helping us be of service to you.

ARE YOU PLANNING A CHANGE ??

If you are making a change in ... **address, parish affiliation, e-mail, or phone number**, please call the Rectory Office. We strive to keep our records up to date.

