

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

After giving her catechism class a very thorough lesson on the Ten Commandments, the teacher quizzed her students.

“What was the first Commandment?” she asked. No one answered, so she called on a boy who was staring into space. He clearly hadn’t been paying attention to the lesson. The boy thought a bit. “The First Commandment?” he answered, “was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.”

In this Sunday’s gospel Jesus gives the disciples a new Commandment. He tells his followers to love one another as he loved us, explaining that by this love we will be known as his disciples.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday to Friday – May 3 to 7

NO MASSES

Saturday – May 8 – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – May 9 – 8:15 a.m.

Sunday – May 9 – 10:30 a.m.

All Weekend Masses are offered for the
**LIVING & DECEASED MOTHERS
OF ST. JOHN’S PARISH FAMILY**

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Martin Brophy by Dolores Brophy Fam.

St. Joseph – IMO Josephine Eberwine by Barbara Fox

Tabernacle – IMO Daniel Fox by Barbara Fox

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family
2. IMO John & Barbara Schmidt by Barbara Fox
3. Special Intention
4. Holy Souls by Barbara Fox

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Florence & Louis Fox by Barbara Fox
2. IMO Margaret & Wilfred Wachter
by Dan & Ann Marie Wachter

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, Patricia Davis, Dorothy Connor, Sylvia Bercher.* **Deceased:** *Roxane Tutko*

SCHEDULE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 – Saturday – May 8th

Readers: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Joan Albo, Christopher Lombel

Servers: Andrew Viduszynski, Taylor Ross, Christopher Wollyung

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – May 9th

Reader: Caitlyn McDemus

Euch.Min.: Michael Ambrose, Bill Elison, George Forney

Servers: Josh Clauser, Samantha Weiss, Megan McLaughlin

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – May 9th

Reader: Carol Lasco

Euch.Min.: Bill Schlitzer, Phil Markovich, Mary Modesto

Servers: Brent Gauntlett, Megan Powers, Anthony Wojciechowsky

Cantor: Dave Derbes

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III – Jonathan Morgalis & Ashley Stump

FAMILY MATTERS

Parents Parenting Their Parents. Do you feel like a sandwich? Are you parenting teens or young adults and your own parents? We ask God’s blessing, patience and stamina as you continue to be a parent and support your own parents in their journey today.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 25th: \$

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

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.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2010

Sunday, June 20th! - Thursday, June 24

Let's go cruising! Go to www.SaintJohnPottsville.org to learn about this year's Vacation Bible School. You can listen to music clips, find out about the VBS theme and even register to receive your free music CD.



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!

CCD Registration

Now is the time to register your child for next year's CCD class. There are reduced rates **until May 2nd**. The forms are at the entrances of the Church. The longer form is for new students and new first graders. The shorter sheets are for students who are presently attending class.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT MASS SLIPS OVER THE SUMMER

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All Saints Catholic School will be hosting a Protecting God's Children Seminar on **Friday, May 7th at 8AM**. If you do not have your PGCS certificate now would be a great time to do so. You must attend a Protecting God's Children Seminar to volunteer. Any questions or to sign up, please call Tara at All Saints School 622-0106.

FAMILY GUILD SCHOLARSHIP



The Family Guild of St. John's is awarding two scholarships to be awarded in the amount of **\$250.00** for any **eighth grade student** wishing to attend **Nativity BVM High School** is September 2010 and any high school graduate pursuing higher education. Criteria for Scholarship eligibility:

1. Participating member of St. John the Baptist
2. Must be applying to attend Nativity in September 2010 or applying to a school of higher learning
3. Student must submit the application form along with the completed essay to the Rectory by **May 28, 2010**
4. Essays will be judged by a panel of parish members not affiliated with the Family Guild so as to insure impartiality.
5. Essay topic: "*What has St. John's meant to me*"

Scholarship applications can be picked up at the Rectory by calling 622-5470. **Deadline is May 28, 2010**

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

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.

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

MASS CARDS - 'MOTHER'S DAY'

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What qualities do you believe are most important for Jesus' disciples?

READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 1/2)

Reading I: Acts 14:21-27

Reading II: Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 8/9)

Reading I: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Reading II: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

At Home with the Easter Season

We Reflect the Light of Jesus.

Our Catholic faith tradition and Judaic heritage are rich in the imagery of light. God provided a column of fire to give the Israelites light through the night in their journey out of Egypt (Exodus 13:21). Isaiah calls the house of Jacob to walk in the light of the Lord (Isaiah 2:5). The psalmist praises God as light and salvation, and so knows no fear (Psalm 27:1).

Paul is struck by a blinding light and is changed forever (Acts 9:1-30). The widow lights a lamp to look for a lost coin (Luke 15:8-10). In Matthew 5:15, Jesus speaks of the light that is not put under a basket but, instead, is placed on a stand to give light to the whole house – and in the same way, we let our light shine for the glory of God. The Gospel of John proclaims Jesus as the light that enlightens everyone (John 1:9). And Jesus restores the sight of the blind man whose eyes can then process the energy of light (John 9).

Talk about: We reflect Jesus' light by following his teaching and imitating his example in our lives of service, sacrifice, and love. We direct the energy of Jesus' light of love to good purpose.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Enjoy the Fruits of the Lord in the peaceful setting of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Patrick's. All are welcome to adore at any hour of the day. The chapel is ALWAYS open. Please ring the chapel door bell during the late hours between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.



Adorers are needed for the following times:

Sundays: 12 a.m - 1 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Saturdays: 2 a.m. & 3 a.m.

Wednesdays: 2 a.m.- 3 a.m. - 4 a.m.

Please call Albert Nastasi 573-0036 or the Rectory 622-5470.

May he be like rain coming down upon the fields, like showers watering the earth.

Psalm 72:6

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$300 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You can make your gift online at www.adbaa.org or pickup a pledge form at the back of Church.

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**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"This is my commandment: Love one another as I love you." Loving as Jesus calls us to in the gospel will make our joy complete. Fall in love all over again on a Marriage Encounter. For information call 1-800-787-7679 or go online at www.wvme-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-

CURIOSITY SHOP"



Now that you are into Spring housecleaning time, 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

A drop-off date will be in the bulletin sometime prior to the Festival.

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFOREHAND

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... **Janet Daubert**

If you have moderate to severe periodontal (gum) disease, you should be more aggressively screened or treated for cardiovascular disease, according to a new consensus paper from the editors of the *American Journal of Cardiology* and the *Journal of Periodontology*. This is especially true if you have any cardiovascular risk factors, such as smoking or high cholesterol. There is accumulating evidence that people with gum disease are at increased risk for cardiovascular disease, possibly because chronic inflammation is involved in both diseases.

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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

CHINESE AUCTION: sponsored by Nativity BVM High School on **Sunday, May 2nd at 2 p.m.** Doors open at 11 a.m. in the school gymnasium. Can't stay – no problem. Browse-n-Bid on Saturday, May 1st from 4 to 8 p.m. Thousands of prizes, themed baskets, grand prize is 40" Panasonic Plasma Flat Screen TV. Homemade foods, baked items, refreshments, and lots lots more.

BREAKFAST BUFFET: will take place **Sunday, May 2nd** at the Immaculate Conception Social Hall, Caroline Ave., St. Clair from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$5.00; Children under 8 \$3.00. Take-outs available. Proceeds benefit St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

SPAGHETTI DINNER at St. Patrick's Church on **Sunday, May 2nd** from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 'All-You Can Eat' ... take-outs available. Bring your own containers. Last chance for great Italian cooking and warm fellowship until September.

CHICKEN DINNER to benefit JFK Div.#2 AOH & LAHO, Pottsville, will be held **Wednesday, May 12th** from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Catholic War Veterans, 19th & Elk Ave., Pottsville. Cost \$10.00. Dinner includes chicken, filling, corn, cole slaw, roll, beverage, dessert. Dinners must be pre-ordered by May 9th. For more information please contact Bob 544-3658, Leo 622-1917, Mary Ann 622-1704. Dinner will be catered by M&M, Ashland.

MUSICAL EVENT: '***Arms Around Espen***' will be held **Tuesday, May 11th** at the Lazy Dog Coffeehouse in Minersville from 6 to 8 p.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit two year old Espen Murphy of Pottsville who was recently diagnosed with a malignant, inoperable brain tumor. The son of Douglas and Bill (Barket) Murphy, Espen is currently a patient at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Tennessee. Guest performer will be 11 year old singer Reiley Lonergan. Admission \$10.00. Tickets are required and can be obtained at the Pottsville Gymnastic Training Center, the Lazy Dog Coffeehouse or by calling 581-8617.

OUTREACH

Our OutReach Program is available to provide a ride to and from Mass, transportation to physician appointments, etc. We are always in need of volunteers ... please call Margaret Glunz 622-3067