

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The church bulletin announced, "Potluck Supper Sunday at 5 p.m. prayer and medication to follow."

They obviously meant "Meditation." In this Sunday's gospel for Pentecost, the disciples probably weren't having a potluck supper, but they surely needed prayer and meditation after the Risen Jesus suddenly appeared in their midst. There He was, even though the doors were locked, as they huddled fearfully in the upper room.

We all have our locked rooms. We invite Jesus to appear in the midst of our lives to quiet our fear. "The Summons", a popular hymn, one that we sing here in church, tells us: "Let me turn and follow you and never be the same."

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – May 24 – 9:00 a.m.

ROXANE TUTKO (Mary Ann & Joe Stencovage)

Tuesday – May 25 – 9:00 a.m.

EDWARD KURTEK (Jim, Kate, Derek, Karli Blackwell)

Wednesday – May 26 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCES PROKOP (Gene & Peggy Ebling)

Thursday – May 27 – 9:00 a.m.

DANIEL FOX (Al & Kathy Norkus)

Friday – May 28 – 9:00 a.m.

CARL WEISS (Weiss Family & Children)

Saturday – May 29 – 5:00 p.m.

BURNS & CONNELL FAMILIES

(Francis & Mary Burns)

Sunday – May 30 – 8:15 a.m.

HARRY & KATHRYN BARTHOLOMEW

FAMILY (Charles & Frances Lorenz)

Sunday – May 30 – 10:30 a.m.

EARL & FLORENCE TROPP

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Lawrence P. Butz III

by Ann & Larry Butz

St. Joseph – Parishioners of St. John's

Tabernacle – IMO George L. Klassen Jr.

by Pat & Charlene Klassen

Sanctuary –

1. IMO Joseph Wollyung Sr. by His Family

2,3,4. IMO Carol & Harry Nygren by Joe Christ

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intention

FAMILY GUILD SCHOLARSHIP

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

SCHEDULE

The Most Holy Trinity

5:00 – Saturday – May 29th

Readers: Maryanne Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Bobbi Murray, Bill Schweikert

Servers: Sophie & Lucy Murray, Paige VanderMeer

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – May 30th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Janet Daubert, Bill Casey, Mike Ambrose

Servers: Grace Casey, Josh Clauser, Michael Wollyung

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – May 30th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Debbie Guers, Paul & Debbie Herb

Servers: Emily Witmier, Casey & Paige Guers

Cantor: Dave Derbes

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I – Ryan Ventresca & Michelle Lynn

II – Jonathan Hughes & Tanya Romig

III – 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, Nancy Doyne, Rosalia Campion.*

REMAINING STEADFAST

Parents are the first educators of their children in the faith. It is essential that your children receive continual education by making sure they are enrolled in CCD if not enrolled in a Catholic School. During the summer help them get to Mass on Sunday and help them to give some community service. CCD Registration is still open. Please have your children fill out the Mass slips and put them in the collection basket.

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have you experienced the Holy Spirit's help in keeping Jesus' word?

READING REFLECTION

Pentecost (May 22/23)

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11

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

Gospel: John 10:19-23

Most Holy Trinity (May 29/30)

Reading I: Proverbs 8:22-31

Reading II: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Through Our Daily Lives

When the Spirit came upon the church on the day of Pentecost, the Christian community was endowed with different gifts so that there would be different ministries and different works. All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit, but that Spirit is manifested in different gifts, ministries, and works.

Our church is indeed blessed with different gifts.

- We have in our own age seen the wonderful gift of enlightened leadership embodied in Pope John XXIII.
- We have seen the gift of martyrdom embodied in Archbishop Oscar Romero.
- We have seen the gift of contemplation joined with commitment to justice embodied in Thomas Merton.
- We have seen the gift of commitment to the poor embodied in Dom Helder Camara.
- We have seen the gifts of voluntary poverty and nonviolence embodied in Dorothy Day.

To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the *common good*.

What matters is not the nature of the gift but that through the gift the Spirit is working to renew the face of the earth. We do not have to be heroes, like the people named above. Through our ordinary daily lives the Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

“The laity, dedicated to Christ and anointed by the Holy Spirit, are marvelously called and equipped to produce in themselves ever more abundant fruits of the Spirit.

For all their works, prayers, and apostolic endeavors, their ordinary married and family life, their daily labor, their mental and physical relaxation, if carried out in the Spirit, and even the hardships of life, if patiently borne—all of these become spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

Vatican II, Constitution on the Church (1964) 34
Gerald Darring

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, You promised to send the Holy Spirit to Your apostles and Disciples.

Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of Your grace and love.

Grant us the **Spirit of Fear** of the Lord that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward You.

the **Spirit of Piety** that we may find peace and fulfillment in the service of God while serving others

the **Spirit of Fortitude** that we may bear our cross with You and, with courage, overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation

the **Spirit of Knowledge** that we may know You and know ourselves and grow in holiness

the **Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten our minds with the light of Your truth.

the **Spirit of Counsel** that we may choose the surest way of doing Your will, seeking first the Kingdom.

Grant us the **Spirit of Wisdom** that we may aspire to the things that last forever.

Teach us to be Your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with Your Spirit.

Amen.

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.



CATHOLIC WEB OF FAITH

www.vatican.va

This week visit the Holy See, Vatican website. Visit the Vatican museums, the library and the secret archives. Home site for the Vicar of Christ on earth.

FAMILY MATTERS

Media Portrayal of Family. Does your family look like the families portrayed on TV or in movies? Do they reflect your family values – what you teach and what you do in your family? Is it time to talk to your children about what they are watching on TV and in the media? Tell them what you believe about your Catholic family.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 16th: \$ 5,178.00; Dues: \$1,371.00

Ascension: \$1,035.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

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**

OUTREACH PROGRAM

REACH OUT and TOUCH SOMEONE



**Call Margie Glunz 622-3067
Volunteers are needed!
Call us if you need us.**

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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 !

OVER 50 CLUB

St. John's "Over 50 Club" will be meeting again on **Tuesday, May 25th**. 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.



All wisdom comes from the Lord and with Him it remains forever. The sand of the seashore, the drops of rain, the days of eternity: who can number these?

Sirach 1:1-2

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

"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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Total Parish Goal:	\$ 25,102.00
Pledges & One-Time Gifts:	\$ 6,488.00
Number of Donors	66

Next week, we will begin our diocesan phone-a-thon in order to reach out to members of our parish community who have not yet made a gift to the 2010 BAA. In order to save our volunteers many hours, please respond with your gift decision in the next week. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so by placing your pledge in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal online at www.adbaa.org. Thank you for your support!

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWS...

Thousands of students from the Diocese of Allentown could lose their Catholic school scholarships. We need YOUR help to restore funding for our families. Contact your state legislator now to show your support. A few simple clicks can save millions of dollars in scholarship money. Visit www.operationrestorepa.org.

Thank you for your support! Call us for a tour or visit us at www.all-saintscatholicsschool.net.

THANK YOU

Thank you to All Saints School for their donation of \$500.00 towards the new lights in church. The student Council and the children made our lighting project their special fundraising project for this school year. St. John's Parish Family thanks them for all their efforts in raising this money.

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.

**Looking for a Christian Men's Group?
Searching for a Group of Like-Minded Men?**
Bridge Builders Men's Fellowship may be the group for you! Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and last approximately one hour followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship. Please consider joining our group. As the song says, "Come just as you are". **For more information call Bob Hahner 622-0223.**

**Our next meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, May 27th – 7 p.m.**

At Salem United Methodist Church, Orwigsburg

Then we, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all ages we will declare Your praise.

.. Psalm 79:13

DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENTS

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

"Lord send out your spirit and renew the face of the Earth ..." exclaims Psalm 104 for this Pentecost Sunday. Allow the Spirit to renew your marriage on 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

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.

Let us pray for all who work to advance respect for human life: that they remain humble instruments in God's hands and always bear witness to the Lord's love and mercy.

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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.

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.

CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Gift certificates for **Giant, Waymart, and Weis Food** stores are available at the rectory. Please call 622-5470 for more information. What a great gift-giving idea !!!

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."

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

Good news about statin drugs: They may decrease the risk of cataracts. In a large Israeli study recently in the *Annals of Epidemiology*, people age 45 to 75 who were taking statins to improve their cholesterol levels had a nearly 40% lower risk of cataracts compared to non-users; the risk was not reduced in people over 75.

Bad news about statins: They may slightly increase the risk of type 2 diabetes. A recent analysis in the *Lancet*, which pooled data from 13 large clinical trials, found that statin users had a 9% higher risk of developing diabetes over a four-year period, and the risk increased with age. An accompanying editorial pointed out that the cardiovascular benefits of statins far outweigh this small increased risk, but recommended that doctors monitor blood sugar in older statin users.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

PRAYER CIRCLE

As part of St. John's Outreach Program, several parishioners have joined together to form a prayer circle.

We would like to join you in your prayer for yourself, another person, or other requests.

We will hold ourselves accountable to remember your intention on a daily basis.

Believing in the power of intercessory prayer and knowing the comfort it brings to have others' prayer joined to our own, we hope you will call when you have need.

By calling the contact person listed below with your request, the prayer circle will begin. Nothing more is required. Let us pray for one another.

Carol 739-2059

BULLETIN BOOSTERS

May 2010

Carl Bartholomew	IMO Rita Klitsch
Harold Bartholomew	M/M James Loeper
Robert & Kathleen Berger	Marie Melinchok
IMO Edward Christ	IMO Agnes & Felix Narog
Joe Christ	IMO Carol Nygren
Rev. Donald Henry	Jeanne Rehnert
IMO M/M Herbert Henry	IMO Eugene Rehnert
Joanne Hepler	H. David Reiner
IMO Marie Homrighausen	Paul&Dorothy Rosenberger
Clare & Linda Houser	Mrs. Marcie Schnerring
IMO Sophia Kapsha	John & Juleanne Steffan
IMO Francis King	IMO Margaret Zelinsky

What is a Bulletin Booster?? Some of our newer parishioners have asked what it means to be a Bulletin Booster. We have a wonderful bulletin – it is timely and keeps us informed of what is going on within our parish family and its surroundings. Paper and supplies are needed on a weekly basis to continue this family tradition. So, if you'd like to donate toward the supplies. **\$1.00 and up** ... you too can be a ... **Bulletin Booster**

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