

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Peter denied Christ three times. Jesus rose on the third day. Jesus told Peter three times to “feed my sheep”

So many things come in three’s: Faith, Hope and Charity. The Magi, past, present and future. Priest, Prophet and King. What is it about three that’s so powerful?

The triangle has been described as the most durable shape there is. It’s three sides and three angles make it a “perfect” figure that will never collapse into another form. Circles might become ovals, for example – but even if you compress them, triangles will always be triangles.

The greatest triangle of all, the Trinity, is what we celebrate today: Our belief that God is three persons in one. We remind ourselves of this mystery every time we cross ourselves and say, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – May 31 – 9:00 a.m.

DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN’S PARISH

Tuesday – June 1 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS & ELIZABETH ROSENBERGER

(William & Barbara Rosenberger)

Wednesday – June 2 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY BERCHER (Kathleen Williams)

Thursday – June 3 – 9:00 a.m.

GARY YENILAITUS (Carol Rhoades & Mary Zambo)

Friday – June 4 – 9:00 a.m.

ETHEL DINGER (Catholic Women’s Union)

Saturday – June 5 – 5:00 p.m.

VERONICA B. SCHMITT (Schmitt Family)

Sunday – June 6 – 8:15 a.m.

DOROTHY PURCELL (Mark & Deborah Purcell)

Sunday – June 6 – 10:30 a.m.

MARTIN & ANNA HEFFRON

(Paul & Bernie Gombola)

Tuesday – June 1 @ York Terrace Nursing Home

SPECIAL INTENTION

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.



His mercies are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:23

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M – IMO Marie Veith by Doc & Dorothy Bound

St. Joseph – Special Intention

Tabernacle – IMO George Klassen Jr.

by Pat & Charlene Klassen

Sanctuary –

1&2. IMO of St. John’s Parishioners

who gave their lives for our country.

3. IMO Living & Deceased Members of

St. John’s Catholic Women’s Union

4. Special Intention

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO John & Philomena Carroll by Family

SCHEDULE

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

5:00 – Saturday – June 5th

Readers: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Aaron Wachter, Katie Zwiebel,

Dan & Hermine Murphy

Servers: Rachel Brahler, Molly Zwiebel,

Madeline Consugar

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – June 6th

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace, George Forney, Paul

Gombola, Gerry Schwartz, John Corbacio

Servers: Brent Gauntlett, Allison Darhun

Andrew Viduszynski

Cantor: Kelly Messina

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – June 6th

Reader: Rachael Kubick

Euch.Min.: Bobbi Murray, Charlie Miller, Paul Ziegler,

Mary Jean Morgalis, Andrew Kubick, Frank Murphy,

John Ventura

Servers: Ryan, Patrick, Caitlin Coyle

Cantor: Suzette Joy

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II – Ryan Ventresca & Michelle Lynn

III – Jonathan Hughes & Tanya Romig

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, Sylvia Bercher, Thelma Brennan, Nancy Doyne, William Flynn, Jim Florida, Rosalia Campion, Matthew Mazakas* Deceased: *Joseph Hostina, Patricia Davis*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Describe the ways you relate to each person of the Blessed Trinity.

READING REFLECTION

Most Holy Trinity (May 29/30)

Reading I: Proverbs 8:22-31

Reading II: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (June 5/6)

Reading I: Genesis 14:18-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

The Kenosis of God

(In 2002), in a presentation entitled "Being Missionaries to our own Children", Michael Downey posed this question: How do we speak of God inside a culture that's pathologically distracted, distrusts religious language and church institutions, and yet carries its own moral energy and virtue?

That's a key question today, when so many of our own children, siblings, and friends no longer go to church and are challenging our religious beliefs. They certainly fit Downey's description: Distracted, distrustful of religious language and church institutions, yet carrying a lot of moral energy in their own way. Where do we go with that?

Downey's answer? Among other things, he suggests that we need an image of God and of Jesus that can show what God does in these situations. What image of Jesus might be helpful here?

Downey's suggestion: The image of Christ as the kenosis of God; Jesus as divine self-abandonment; God as emptying himself in the incarnation. What does this mean?

Scripture says that, in Christ, God offers a love so pure, so self-effacing, so understanding of our weaknesses, so self-sacrificing and "self-emptying", that it's offered without any demand, however veiled, that it be recognized. God, like a good mother or father, is more concerned that his children are steered in the right direction than that he, himself, be explicitly recognized. God, like any parent, takes a huge risk in having children. To have children is to leave yourself painfully vulnerable. It's also to be called upon for an understanding, a patience, that, literally, can empty you of self. That's as true of God as of any mother or father.

What are the qualities of this "self-emptying"?

To "self-empty" in the way Jesus is described as doing means being present without demanding that your presence be recognized and its importance acknowledged; it means giving without demanding that your generosity be reciprocated; it means being invitational rather than threatening, healthily solicitous rather than nagging or coercive; it means being vulnerable and helpless, unable to protect yourself

against the pain of being taken for granted or rejected; it means living in a great patience that doesn't demand intervention, divine or human, when things don't unfold according to your will; it means letting God be God and others be themselves without having to submit to your wishes or your timetable. Not an easy thing at all, that's why we've sung Jesus' praises for two thousand years for doing it, but that's the invitation.

When a mother or father sits down at table with the family, she or he doesn't need, want, nor expect, to be the centre of attention. What he or she does need and want is that the family be happy, respect each other, respect what the family values, shows concern that everyone is on the right track in his or her life and that each knows what's ultimately sacred, moral, and most important, This is even more true of God, whose love, understanding, patience are beyond our own

Fr. Ron Rolheiser

PICTURE DIRECTORY

Thank you to everyone who was a hostess/host for picture registration. Also, thanks to all who were photographed, we really appreciate it. **For those who are still interested in scheduling an appointment and have been told all time slots are full, please call 800-866-2263.** Olan Mills will keep a list and if a dozen or more are interested, we will be able to add on another picture date (we filled nine picture dates!).

Upcoming picture dates are **June 10, 11, 12, 29, and 30.**

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.

CURSILLO. Anyone who has made a Cursillo Weekend in the past, please contact Dr. Luis Visot at 622-87898.

In green pastures You let me graze; to safe waters You lead me.
Psalm 23:2

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers those who, during the past year, have completed their pilgrimage of faith on earth.

May 2009 - May 2010

Gerald Bohr	Elizabeth Ketner
Richard Buehler	Francis King
Patricia Davis	Loretta Lonoskie
Ethel Dinger	Helen Madenfort
Charles Foster	Rita McBride
Daniel Fox Sr.	Dorothy Mlynek
Margaret Fry	Ruth Pfeiffenberger
Emma Gregg	John Poppert
Frank Hill	Emily Sidler
Carol Hohman	Roxane Tutko
Patrick Hohman	John Winicaites
Sophia Kapsha	Mary Ann Wychunas
Edward Keese	



MEMORIAL DAY – May 31st

This special day is set aside as a day of remembering and a day of prayer. In a reflection, *The Harvest of Justice is Sown in Peace*, the U.S. Bishops challenge us to work for peace: "In our advocacy and citizenship efforts, we are called to use the resources of our faith and the opportunities of our democracy to help shape a U.S. foreign policy clearly committed to human life and human rights. Through legislative networks and broader participation in the political process, Catholics can take our principles of peacemaking into the public arena, where they can help shape an active and constructive U.S. role in the world." To join the diocesan Legislative Advocacy Network, or request resources on building peace, please call the Office for Social Action 610-289-8900 x 231.



FAMILY MATTERS

Honoring Veterans. In our families, over the years many have served in the military. Too many have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country's freedom. Today we give thanks to God for all those families who have had loved ones die for the cause of freedom. We salute also our veterans and thank them for their service.

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

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."

BURIAL PLOTS

Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's need .. we want to remind our parishioners and friends that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services whenever that need occurs.

1 Grave	\$ 400.00
2 Graves	\$ 800.00
3 Graves	\$1,200.00
4 Graves	\$1,600.00
6 Graves	\$2,400.00

(All include Perpetual Care)

For further information contact:

George Smith	544-3294
Fran Mickey	544-6089

Cemetery Regulations

The following are guidelines established by St. John's Cemetery Committee:

- Shrubs are not permitted on cemetery grounds except those authorized by cemetery authorities
- Flowers or plants may be planted in the ground, but must remain within 12 inches of base of memorial.
- All artificial decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day.
- All decorations except those flowers or plants planted in the ground, must be removed by **July 1st**
- Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden.
- All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in receptacle for waste materials.

CATHOLIC WEB OF FAITH

www.pacatholic.org

This week visit the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference website supporting government respect and promotion of the dignity and rights of all. Review the Issues of Concern.

MASS CARDS – VARIOUS OCCASIONS

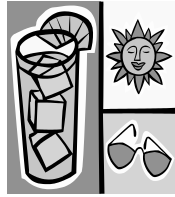
There are Sisters of St. Joseph Mass Cards available in the rectory for various occasions including Perpetual and Annual Memorial cards, Sympathy, Thank You, Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Wedding, Anniversary and Birthday, as well as Easter, Mother's Day and **Father's Day**. The cost is \$1.50;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

*We shall steer safely through every storm
so long as our heart is right,
our intention fervent,
our courage steadfast,
and our trust fixed on God*

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 17, 2010

Your help is needed in all areas from food prep, stands, grounds set-up and take-down, etc. This is a major fund-raiser for our parish and is essential to keeping our parish alive and well into the future. Consider getting involved this year by either donating your time, talent or treasure. Sign-up papers are in the back of church each weekend or call the Rectory 622-5470 to volunteer.



**Our next meeting is 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 ...

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| 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**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 23rd : \$ 5,665.80;

Vacation Bible School: \$930.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

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, June 1st**. 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 things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:3

PARISH COUNCIL

St. John's Parish Council will meet

Monday, June 7th – 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.

There are two ways that any parishioner may raise a question or concern or make recommendations.

1. Parishioners may approach any Parish Council Member listed below and ask that a question, concern, etc. be brought up at the meeting.
2. Parishioners may write their concerns, etc. and put it (them) in the suggestion box provided in the rear of the church. These may be signed or unsigned. They will then be brought up at the Council meeting.

Elected Members

Bill Casey
Jennifer Daubert
Robert DeColli Jr.
Bill Gianfagna
Kathy Gianfagna
Ed Glunz
Noel Glunz
Mary Hahner
Bob Hahner
Debbie Herb
Jan Kurtek
Maureen Kurtek
Eric Lieberman
Albert Nastasi

Elected Members

Mary Porter
John Powers
Tina Seiger
Mary Sitcoske
Rick Smith
Dave Steffan
Appointed Members
Lucilla Kochol
Rachael Kubick
Carol Lasco
Frances Mickey
Joe Rehnert

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

Happy Memorial Day! Create *Memories* for your marriage with a Marriage Encounter weekend. 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

WELCOME VISITORS

*Thank you for worshipping with us today.
If you are visiting our beautiful church,
please know you are most welcome!
If you have questions or are interested in
joining our parish family, please call the
rectory 622-5470.*

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

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.

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWS ...

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

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

St. John's OutReach Ministry provided the following volunteer services during the past two months:

- Prepared and delivered seventeen meals to a convalescing parishioner
- Transportation to parishioners for seven medical appointments
- Mailed seven get-well cards and one sympathy card

Provided light housekeeping and grocery shopping for one parishioner

*Happy the people who know You, Lord, who walk in the
radiance of Your face.* Psalm 89:16

FOOD COLLECTION

Three million children die each year from hunger related causes. 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

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BREAKFAST: An All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet will be held Sunday, June 6th at the Immaculate Conception Social Hall in St. Clair from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$5.00 Adults; \$3.00 Children under 8. Take-outs available. Proceeds benefit St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

BLOCK PARTY: sponsored by St. Mary's, 82 N. Center St. in Ringtown on Friday, June 11th and Saturday, June 12th from 5 to 11 p.m. each night. Homemade Foods, Hot Wings, Games, Live Music Nightly from 7 to 10 p.m. Horseshoe Tournament on Saturday at 9 a.m.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

People with high cholesterol in midlife are at increased risk for dementia later in life, suggests a four-decade study of 9,800 members of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program of Northern California. Those with cholesterol levels above 240 in their forties were 57% more likely to eventually develop Alzheimer's disease than those with desirable levels (below 200). And even those with borderline high levels (200 to 239) had an increased risk of vascular dementia, the second most common type of dementia. Some studies have found that cholesterol-lowering drugs may reduce the risk of both cognitive decline and dementia.

SERRA CLUB

The Carbon/Schuylkill Serra Club announces a dinner to honor the newly ordained Priest for the Allentown Diocese. The reception and dinner is sponsored by the Serra Clubs of the Allentown Diocese and will be held at the Lehigh Valley Holiday Inn Conference Center, Route 100, Fogelsville on Wednesday, June 23rd. Reception is 6 p.m. followed by a dinner at 6:45 p.m. For further information call St. Jerome's Rectory, Tamaqua 668-2301. Deadline for tickets is June 1st.

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.

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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.

