

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel, Simon the Pharisee is resentful of the sinful woman who is anointing and kissing the feet of Jesus. Jesus teaches Simon a lesson in forgiveness: the greater the sin forgiven, the greater the love expressed.

Jesus invites us to cancel debts and forgive those who have trespassed against us. Yet, our wounds may be deep. Forgiveness may seem unthinkable. We have gone to war to avenge 911, and personal hurt can easily define our very existence. But if we do not forgive, then how can we say the Lord's Prayer and truly mean it?

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – June 14 – 9:00 a.m.

JERRY & GERRY FREILER (Carol Vallese)

Tuesday – June 15 – 9:00 a.m.

GARY J. YENILAITUS

(Carol Rhoades & Mary Zambo)

Wednesday – June 16 – 9:00 a.m.

ANDREW & MAY ROSENBERGER

(Paul & Dorothy Rosenberger)

Thursday – June 17 – 9:00 a.m.

HAROLD CAMPION

(Residents & Staff of York Terrace)

Friday – June 18 – 9:00 a.m.

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM BERCHER

(Kathleen Williams)

Saturday – June 19 – 5:00 p.m.

LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF

ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY

Sunday – June 20 – 8:15 a.m.

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Sunday – June 20 – 10:30 a.m.

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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, Helen Heimbaugh, Robert Lynn.*

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M. – IMO Elizabeth L. Brahler by Diane Keese

St. Joseph – IMO Leo A. Leinheiser Sr. by Family

Tabernacle – IMO Joseph B Smith by Esther Smith

Sanctuary – All Sanctuary Candles for

IMO Carol & Harry Nygren by Joseph Christ

Guardian Angels

1. Special Intention

2. IMO Edward Keese by Diane Keese

SCHEDULE

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 – Saturday – June 19th

Readers: Sister Maryanne

Euch.Min.: Paul & Mary Ann Filiac

Servers: Jillian & Tiffany Zerbe, Paige VanderMeer

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – June 20th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace, Michael Ambrose,

Sharon Snyder

Servers: Megan McLaughlin, Alex & Daniel Beruck

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – June 20th

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Joan Albo, Justina Majestic, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Chelsea & Megan Dalton, Mary Beth Rissinger

Cantor: Ensemble

ATTENTION

All **Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers** ... you help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **July and August** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call Father Dave by Monday, June 14th** to let him know when you are **NOT** available during these months. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

MARRIED IN CHRIST

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Stephen Smith and Jessica DeFalco**, who were joined in Holy Matrimony on June 5th in the presence of Father Dave. They are called now to total dedication to each other. May their love each day draw them closer to God and to each other.



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, Birthday, and **Father's Day**. The cost is \$1.50; Perpetual Memorials are \$5.00.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Give thanks for God's forgiveness.
Whom do you need to forgive?

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READING REFLECTION

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 12/13)

Reading I: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13

Reading II: Galatians 2:16, 19-21

Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 19/20)

Reading I: Zachariah 12:10-11, 13:1

Reading II: Galatians 3:26-29

Gospel: Luke 9:18-24

God's love is always First

What an embarrassing display she made, this woman in the Gospel.

The situation was already delicate, to say the least. Jesus was at a private dinner in the house of Simon the Pharisee. Simon had honored Jesus by inviting him to his house, but at the same time had dishonored him by showing none of the usual courtesies due a guest in that culture. Scant courtesy.

As dinner proceeded, an unknown woman walked right in without asking and took up a place right behind Jesus. Still worse, she began weeping. We are not told why. Luke only reveals two things about her, that she was known as "a sinful woman," and that she loved Jesus a lot.

We are told that she "began to bathe his feet with her tears." Remarkable. Then she actually dried them with her hair. As a final gesture, she took out a lovely ornamented flask which she must have carefully brought for this purpose. She spread ointment upon his feet, with repeated kisses. She seemed completely out of control.

Simon the Pharisee said under his breath, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." In fact Jesus did know. He knew and was happy to receive her goodness. He accepted her tenderly. But to the Pharisee he gave a sharp rebuke.

When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment.

Then he showed with deft words that her actions came directly from her loving heart. Here is the important line, which I will paraphrase: "Her many sins have been forgiven; that is the reason she has shown such great love. If she had been forgiven only a little bit, her love would be small."*

Notice which one Jesus says is first. It is not that the woman loved Jesus and therefore he forgave her sins.

Just the opposite. He had already forgiven her sins, somewhere else perhaps, and therefore she loved him. God's love is always first, personal and present for each of us, no matter how sinful we are. It takes the form of forgiveness because we are all so inadequate.

Usually you and I have it backwards. We think we have to get rid of all our sins and turn into perfectly loving people in order for God to love us. But in reality we are already loved to perfection by the good Lord, and we begin to change as we slowly let that love in. We begin to recognize who we really are. We soften our hearts toward the mess or messes we have made of our lives because we see that somehow we are loved "as is."

Fr. John Foley, S. J.

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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. **Hours needing coverage:** Sunday 12am, 1am and 1pm; Wednesday 2am, 4am; Saturday 2am, 3am

Please contact: Albert 573-0036/albertjmj@comcast.net
Aleece 449-7678/aahanlon@aol.com

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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.

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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.*"

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

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CATECHIST CORNER

Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart; the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and all the apostles of prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.

Quiz Corner: (answers will come next week)

What are the names of the people in the Holy Family?

What is the name of Jesus' cousin?

Do you know the greatest commandment? (Mt. 22: 36-40)

Grade 2

Quiz Answers from last week:

Mary is the name of Jesus' mother, Joseph is the name of Jesus' father, December 25 (Christmas) is Jesus Birthday

REMAINING STEADFAST

Parents are the first educators of their children in the faith. During the summer help them get to Mass on Sunday and help them to give some community service. 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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Monday, June 21, 2010

Hosted by Carbon/Schuylkill Serra Club at Our Lady of Lords Church, Weatherly.

Mass: 6:00 p.m.; Confessions will be heard

Celebrant for Mass: Father James Bechtel

Holy Hour prayers: 6:30 to 7:30 pm ending with

Benediction. Light refreshments afterwards

CYO SPORTS



Registration forms for all St. John's CYO sports are available at the Rectory during the week 622-5470. The fee is **\$20.00** per family until **August 1st**; after this date the fee will be \$40.00. CYO sports is open to all children enrolled in Catholic



school or public school. Participants in public school must be registered for CCD in order to play CYO sports.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our graduates from high school and eighth grade. May God continue to bless and guide you in your future endeavors.



High School

Emilie Baker
Anthony Brophy
Chelsea Culbert
Randi Dermo
Jeffrey Dittmar
Christian Gardner
Jeremy Hoke
Christopher Hunt

Lauren Igo
Caitlyn McDemus
Katherine Mercuri
Kristyn Scheibelhut
Aaron Schuettler
Rachael Spector
Zachary Zemantowski

Grade School

Daniel Beruck
Emily Brinich
Hannah Corbacio
Kaitlyn Daniels
Francesca DiNicola
Angelo Disabella
Daniel Doyle
Monica Glunz
Jason Granito
Shane Grapsy
Lilley Greis
Caitlyn Herndon
Jack Hower
Kevin Igo
Samuel Kramer
Kiefer Luckenbill

Seanna McCabe
Christopher Mickey
Aaron Miller
Caren Moyer
Cassidy Nush
Austin Pfeffer
Alyssa Riegel
Jordan Skosnick
Allison Soubik
Michaela Soubik
Madison Sterner
Samuel Synnott
Brett VanderMeer
Luke Vuksta
Adalie Zanis
Tiffany Zerbe

A Hymn for the Graduate.

For the Splendor of Creation – Gustav Holst

For the splendor of creation that draws us to inquire,
For the mysteries of knowledge to which our hearts
aspire,

For the deep and subtle beauties which delight the eye
and ear,

For the discipline of logic, the struggle to be clear,
For the unexplained remainder, the puzzling and the
odd:

For the joy and pain of learning, we give you thanks, O
God.

For the scholars past and present whose bounty we
digest,

For the teachers who inspire us to summon forth our
best,

For our rivals and companions, sometimes foolish,
sometimes wise,

For the human web upholding this noble enterprise,
For the common life that binds us through days that soar
or plod:

For this place and for these people, we give you thanks,
O God.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, June 20th! - Thursday, June 24

Thank You and God Bless You!

Many thanks to all of the many parishioners that have helped our VBS Ship Sail by donating a barrel of supplies or contributed to the recent VBS second collection at Mass ... **\$930.00** ... was collected so that we can continue to offer tuition-free VBS! Thank you to all of the anonymous donors as well as the following parishioners of St. John the Baptist and St. Patrick Churches:

Edith Chipriano

Kathleen Somers

Emil Rushanon & Family

Sandy Frinzi

Chris Tray

Louise Kline

Lorraine Tasso

Dave & Diane Seward

Consugar Family

Josette Peckman

There is still time to register for VBS!



We have room in Preschool (at least age 3 and out of diapers) up through adulthood. (Children that are "twens" or teens may want to help as a "Jr. Crew Leader", a "Crew Leader". Register online at www.SaintJohnPottsville.org. If you do not have internet access, you may call the rectory at 622-5470 to register. There is something fun for everyone at VBS!

Volunteers are still needed at VBS.

Contact Tina at 640-9185 if you would consider helping in some way. **We need the following:**

- **13 more Crew Leaders (age 14 through adult)** – As a Crew Leader, you will lead a small group of 3-6 children through all ports of call at VBS, enjoying all the fun along with them. Form a family crew with your children or grandchildren or we will create a great crew for you!
- **4 volunteers for our Bible Voyage** – Give us one night and you can bring a bible story to life. No scripts to memorize, but all the materials are provided so you know exactly what will be a hit with the kids. Just 4 rotations of children for 15 minutes each on one night! This port of call is always a fun favorite – rubber snakes, water sprayers, caves and the bible brought to life.
- **4 volunteers for our Chadder's Cinema** – Give us one night at the movies! Show an 8 minute video of the latest adventures of Chadder Chipmunk and then discuss it in a fun way with children. All discussion and materials are provided, in a way that is fun for children. Repeat 4 times for one night! Prior years Chadder's Cinema included "blowing away sins" with a leaf blower and seeing God while cuddling a hamster!

- **Many other volunteer opportunities** – Sing with the band, lead the kids in a brief closing at the end of the night, help preschoolers assemble crafts, help with set-up or clean-up.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS Mission Project – KidsPeace Kid Care Packs

Every year at VBS, we select a worthy community organization to help through a Mission Project. This year at VBS we will be creating **Kid Care Packs** to donate to KidsPeace. There are times when a child needs to be placed into Foster Care. This is often a difficult time for children, as they are moved to a new home unexpectedly and with very little preparation. Often children arrive with few personal belongings and in need of basic items. KidsPeace is a local non-profit that helps place children in Foster Care and get's them the care they need. From now through June 24th, we will accept donations of new or gently worn book bags and totes. Also accepted will be notepads, writing utensils, coloring books, dental care items, books and small toys to entertain. Anything that you think a child may want to provide security and comfort during what is a tough time for them will go into creating these Kid Care Packs. Prayerfully consider how your family can support local children that need so much. Donations can be brought any night of VBS or dropped in the collection box outside of Longinus Hall.

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 !

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the assistance he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Through your generosity, with Pope Benedict we can cast the love of Christ upon the world.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 6th : \$ 6,105.84

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENTS

PRISON MINISTRY INFORMATION NIGHT

Sponsored by the Office of Prison Ministry to be held on **Wednesday, June 16th at 7 p.m.** in the Annex at St. Jerome's. Training will provide information about the ministry, the correction facilities in the diocese, coordinated programs at the facilities, and opportunities for catechesis, prayer and witness. All are welcome to attend. RSVP is requested by calling Gloria at 386-2724.

"JOURNEY WITH JESUS" SUMMER WOKSHOP

Do you ponder in your heart what Jesus is really like? Do you wish to know Him better? If these statements cause you to pause, you may be interested in a workshop this summer entitled, *"Journey With Jesus"*. Let Jesus engage you in a process of discovery as He challenges you to respond to His question: *"Who do you say that I am?"* Please consider joining us on one of three dates from 9 a.m. to 12 noon:

June 26th St. Catharine of Siena Parish Ctr, Reading

July 17 at Pius X High School, Bangor

August 21st at Notre Dame Church Hall, Bethlehem

For more information and registration, please contact The Office of Adult Formation 610-289-8900 ext. 221.

WE THE LIVING

Is a weekly grief support group offered this summer on Tuesdays from June 8th to July 27th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Chapel, 3219 Santee Road, Bethlehem. For more information please call 610-867-8409.

INSTITUTE FOR LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM

A Great Opportunity. The Diocese of Allentown offers a special program to prepare laymen and laywomen in their desire to serve God. Classes are held at the locations listed below from **September through June**. This is an excellent way to learn more about the teachings of the Catholic faith and develop skills helpful in sharing that faith with others through ministry and service. For more information and/or an application, please call 610-289-8900 ext 226 or e-mail ilm@allentowndiocese.org . Visit our website at www.liveyourfaith.org/ilm

Holy Name High School in Reading – Tuesdays

Marian High School in Tamaqua – Wednesdays

Bethlehem Catholic High School - Thursdays

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**

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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.

Adoption

Catholic Charities is accepting inquiries from married couples interested in domestic infant and/or international adoption. Please contact Patricia Reusch at 610-435-1541 ext. 334 or e-mail preusch@allentowndiocese.org

Advisory Board

Catholic Charities is seeking candidates from throughout the Diocese of Allentown to serve on the agency's Advisory Board. Please call or e-mail Lynne Shampain, Development Administrator, at 610-791-3888, ext. 310 or lshampain@allentowndiocese.org

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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING WORKSHOP

This workshop is required for all church and school volunteers, this training is an informative and important way for adults in the church to be able to help keep children safe. The training will be held on **Wednesday, June 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory Conference Room of St. Patrick Rectory**. Enter at the side of the rectory through the same door to enter the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

The training is open to anyone in the Diocese, but this is the last opportunity for new Vacation Bible School volunteers to get the training required for VBS the following week.

Registration is encouraged but not required (but it helps us have materials to accommodate everyone). Please call Tina at 570-628-0772 to register or get more information.

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FAMILY MATTERS

Miscarriages and Other Early Childhood Losses. They are forever in our hearts. These are the children who touch our hearts, but are no longer present with us physically. We pray in our parish this week for all families who have experienced the death of a child before or immediately after a birth.

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

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Romans 12

Be a living sacrifice. If your gift is to serve, serve well. Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.

The vision of Romans 12 youth service camp is to be able to share with our county the love of Jesus Christ. We feel there is a lot of need right here in our own backyard, and would like to be able to meet some of that need.

Romans 12 Service Camp is a nonprofit organization seeking to provide service in a Christ-centered atmosphere.

This group is nondenominational. We believe Jesus is our Savior.

Date: July 18-25, 2010

Base: Christmas Pines Campground in Auburn

Participants: Completion of 7th grade through college age...and adults!

Cost: \$75 a camper

Fee Includes: Overnight stays, Meals, Snacks, T-shirt, Group Photo

Please contact **Debbie Herb** at **544-5646** for the application packet and any additional information.

Application must be returned by June 29.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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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

June 16th – 7:00 p.m. – Longinus Hall

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

Injuries related to all-terrain vehicles (ATV's, three-wheeled vehicles often used recreationally) are on the rise, according to two studies in the *Southern Medical Journal*. And a higher proportion of them are occurring in people over 50. When injured, older people tend to have more severe and frequent chest injuries (compared to more head injuries in younger riders), require longer hospitalization, and have more complications and worse outcomes than younger riders. One of the studies, from West Virginia, sites a 155% increase in ATV-related deaths in people 65 and older over the last decade. Regardless of age, anyone who rides an ATV should wear a helmet and drive sober.

