

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

There is a loud clank as the three thousand year-old time capsule rolls to a stop at our feet. We remove the lid and sniff the contents. It is the reading about Job's complaints and it seems the same as our own laments today. Does nothing ever change? We're still not making progress toward a better life. We still worry all night, and then at dawn we rise to face another day on the treadmill.

The good news comes at the end when God restores Job to his greatness. We see that God tested this wise man and found him faithful. We also see that Job had the courage to move beyond the simple acceptance of God's will. We can find for ourselves in our own time if we accept and learn from the tests that God sends to us.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

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: *Mary Connell, Jerry Schoenauer, Dorothy Blum, Beth Resnick, Doug Broughton, Fred Montag, Wayne Herring, Joseph LeBlanc, Sofia Gabrielle, Mary Zambo, Paul Burns.*

Deceased: *Verna Sauers*

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule (in Chapel)

Monday thru Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Cemetery Information

John Consugar 622-2389

George Smith 544-3294

C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

Bulletin Deadline – Tuesday prior to publication

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – February 5 – 9:00 a.m.

LORETTA POLINCHOK

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Tuesday, February 6 – 9:00 a.m.

MICHAEL TIMTISHIN

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Wednesday, February 7 – 9:00 a.m.

HOWARD BLACKWELL

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Thursday, February 8 – 9:00 a.m.

EUGENIA MACALUSO (Jan Macaluso)

Friday, February 9 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICIA PICCIONI (John & Joyce Gerace)

Saturday, February 10 – 5 p.m.

LORRAINE & JOHN TASSO (Joan Bowers)

Sunday – February 11 – 8:15 a.m.

VERONICA SCHMITT (Sean Schmitt)

Sunday – February 11 – 10:30 a.m.

MARY LOUISE HORNBERGER & DOT RYAN

(Crystal Pugh)

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Tuesday – February 5

at York Terrace Nursing Home

NORMA KELLCHER (Staff & Residents)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 27/28: \$ 4,965.25

Catholic Relief Services: \$ 1,207.69

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday – 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass

Baptismal Preparation for Parents **MUST**

precede the Baptism.

Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

Outreach Program

Rectory 622-5470

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

Confidential Phone (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT

(610) 332-0442 ext. 19

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Mr.&Mrs. Robert Porter Sr.

by Mary & Bob Porter

St. Joseph -IMO Robert & Catherine Becker

by Mary & Bob Porter

Tabernacle - IMO Chris & Richard Cielinski

by Mary & Bob Porter

Sanctuary

1. IMO David Zanis by Toni & Carl Wiest

2. IMO Catherine Novak & Mary Eckinger

by McNamara Family

3. IMO Joseph Novak by McNamara Family

4. IMO George Rizzarda by McNamara Family

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Kay Santai by McNamara Family

2. IMO Frank Santai & Joseph Eckinger

by McNamara Family

SCHEDULE

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – February 10th

Reader: Christine Disabella

Euch.Min.: Donna Connors, Molly Zwiebel

Servers: Mark Disabella, Isabelle Myers,
Kaitlyn Painter

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – February 11th

Reader: Carol Lasco

Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace, Ray Petrilla

Servers: Jillian Guzick, Gabriella Quinn, Caroline Gist

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – February 11th

Reader: Evielyn Hower

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Frank Murphy

Servers: Bethany, Trinity, Izabella Reedy

Cantor: Dave Derbes

ATTENTION

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **March & April** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call or email the Rectory by Sunday, February 11th** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is the most important lesson Jesus has taught you?

Next Week's Readings

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (February 10/11)

Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT SERIES

*Make this Lent about what you do,
not what you don't do!*

Have you ever wished you had more time to think about the more important things in life? Why not make that time this year during Lent. Join fellow parishioners who will meet once a week for six weeks.

Sundays of Lent

beginning **February 11th from 4:30 to 6 p.m.**
in Longinus Hall

This experience will provide more than you can imagine; it could make this the most memorable Lent in your life. The materials for the study are free. All are welcome! Sign up this Sunday at the back of the church or by calling the rectory 570 622-5470.

St John's Adult Faith Formation Committee

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Open Hours with Jesus

"There is more time in a day than what is measured by hours and minutes. I am the Lord of all time, and time given in tribute to Me is of greater worth than time invested in the most wearying labors. I do not ask that you stop doing the tasks that are before you, but only that you put Me before all else, giving the best of your time and the greater portion to me."

Words of Our Lord In Sinu Jesus

We need adorers for the following hours:

Monday 10 p.m.; Wednesday 11 a.m.;

Thursday 4 a.m. & 8 p.m.;

Friday 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Saturday 4 a.m., 12 p.m.,

Sunday 12 a.m. & 4 a.m.

Whenever you are unable to cover your Holy Hour, for whatever reason, we are always able to get a sub.
Please call Aleece 449-7678.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Dominic & Ann Marie DeFrank** to St. John's Parish Family. Dominic is retired and Ann Marie is self-employed.



Warmly embrace the **DeFrank's** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 52 Oak Lane, Pottsville 17901.

2017 CONTRIBUTION RECORD

You can request a copy of your 2017 Contribution Record by calling the rectory ... 622-5470 ext 3.

DRAMATIC STATIONS

St. John's Dramatic Stations of the Cross recreates on stage and through song, the final days of the life of Jesus Christ.



We need men, women and children for the cast. There are many non-speaking parts for those who do not wish to assume a speaking role. People are also needed for the stage crew (props, lighting, sound, etc.) or to help distribute the costumes, etc. If you are a veteran of the Dramatic Stations Presentations, we are looking forward to your return and we ask that you please invite someone new to join you for this year's presentation. If you are new to the parish, we invite you to join us. In addition, it is a great way to meet new people. Many veterans tell us that their participation in the Dramatic Stations is a very meaningful and spiritual way for them to observe the Lenten Season. It is a wonderful family activity as well.

For further information or questions, please call

Dr. Robert DeColli at 640-1910
or the **Rectory 622-5470.**

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Thursdays – 7 to 8:15 p.m. – in church
Beginning February 15th.

GIVING TREE THANK YOU

From Catholic CharitiesThank you for your generous donations from the Giving Tree program over Christmas. The gift cards received from St. John's will greatly assist in serving the many families who come to us for help. We wish you the blessing of generosity throughout the entire New Year.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Attention All Parishioners!! Enter your favorite Chili recipe in our second Chili Cook-Off!! To register call the rectory 570-622-5470.

When: Saturday, February 24th

Time: between 3 and 5 p.m.

(Chili should be hot – temperature-wise)

Where: Longinus Hall

Judging: after 5 p.m. Mass

Bring a crock pot of chili (and the recipe if you desire) to Longinus Hall on Saturday, February 24th between 3 and 5 p.m. Our judges will begin taste testing and judging after 5 p.m. Mass. Prizes will be awarded after judging. Join the fun! Samples will be available for parishioners after the winners are announced (after 5 p.m. Mass until chili is gone).



PRAYER GROUP

Our Prayer Group meets on the second Sunday of each month after the 10:30 Mass in the Chapel. Please consider joining us as we lift up those in need of prayer. It will take only a few minutes of your time.

Prayer request can be placed in the box on side of confessional. Thanks and God bless!

For more information or questions, please contact one of the following: **Bob Hahner 570-640-4448; John Corbacio 570-640-5038**

My Prayer Request

Please place in box on side of Confessional.

FLOWER DONATIONS

Flowers at the main altar this weekend are In Memory of Robert & Catherine Becker donated by Mary & Bob Porter.

If anyone wishes to memorialize flowers in the sanctuary for the weekend Masses for a living or deceased intention, please call the Rectory 622-5470.



BEST LENT EVER

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different.

Join ***Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever***, a free email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author ***Matthew Kelley***. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you'll get short, inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness ... and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

Sign up at: DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

FAMILY MATTERS

Terminal Illness. We remember in prayer this week all those of our parish who are terminally ill and also their families. May they find the peace and comfort of heart as they face their daily challenges.

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

LENTEN DINNERS

... WELCOME ...

We are pleased to welcome new parishioners,
Ann Marie & Dominic DeFrank,
who will be overseeing our Lenten Dinners this year.

Our Original Recipes are back!!!

Full course dinners including the best home-made New England Clam Chowder, freshly baked Haddock or Salmon, or Lump Crab Cakes, a wonderful Salad Bar, choice of Macaroni & Cheese, Baked or Mashed Potatoes, choice of Vegetables, Beverages, and of course, our Delicious Homemade Desserts.... 4 to 7 p.m. at the Russell Building ... Fridays during Lent.

(No dinner on Good Friday)

Better prices for all of this cannot be found anywhere!

Adults

Baked Haddock or Salmon \$ 14.00

1 Lump Crab Cake \$ 14.00

2 Lump Crab Cakes \$ 17.00

Adult Special

Lump Crab Cake & Choice of Fish \$ 17.00

Children (under 12 only)

Baked Haddock or Salmon \$ 8.00

1 Lump Crab Cake \$ 8.00

TAKE-OUTS AVAILABLE



HOMEMADE DESSERTS NEEDED

"St. John's is famous for their delicious homemade desserts"

St. John's Food Committee is in need of your baking talents. Each year we could not succeed without your delicious desserts. If you would like to make Jello, Pudding, Pies, Cakes, or anything you can dream up, we will greatly appreciate it. Please make your favorite dessert and bring it to the Russell Building on Thursdays or Fridays during Lent.



50 / 50 CHANCES



Every Friday during Lent the Catholic Women's Union will sell 50/50 Chances at the Lenten Dinners. Drawings will take place at 7 p.m. each week.

STEWARDSHIP LIBRARY

Stewardship Displays are located at the church exits. There are many items available including CD's, Rosaries, Self-help and Informational Booklets, etc. **New Items include:** Music (lower door); Divine Mercy (main church), in addition to other great CD's or books.

LENTEN DINNERS

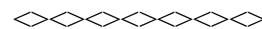
Our Lenten Dinners will begin February 16th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THURSDAYS

**Preparation for Lenten Dinners
Anytime between 9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.**

**at the Russell Building
Please call the Rectory: 622-5470**



FRIDAYS

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

If you can help on Fridays during Lent, please let us know when you are available. Students (12 and over) always welcome (excellent idea if you need service hours). New faces always welcomeperhaps you are new to the parish and are looking for a way to get involved.

Waitresses & Waiters needed 3:45 to 7 p.m.

Help Loading Dishwasher ... 4 to 8 p.m.

Clean-up ... 6:45 to 8 p.m.

Just call our Scheduler

Maeve Ketner at 570-624-1452 or 570-573-8769.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

February

- 3/4 Blessing of Throats after Masses
- 6 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 11 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 11 Confirmation Class - 6:30-8:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 13 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 14 Ash Wednesday - Masses 9 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- 14 St. John's Beneficial Society - 8 p.m. - F.R.
- 15 Dramatic Stations Practice - 7 p.m. - Church
- 16 Lenten Dinners - 4 to 7 p.m. - R.B.
- 17/18 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
- 18 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 20 Dramatic Stations Practice - 7 p.m. - Church
- 20 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 21 Catholic Women's Union - 7 p.m. - L.H.
- 21 Family Guild Mtg. - 6:30 p.m. - F.R.
- 22 Dramatic Stations Practice - 7 p.m. - Church
- 23 Lenten Dinners - 4 to 7 p.m. - R.B.
- 24 Chili Cook-Off - after 5 p.m. Mass - L.H.
- 25 Confirmation Class - 6:30-8:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 25 Adult Faith Formation - 4:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 27 Dramatic Stations Practice - 7 p.m. - Church
- 27 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 28 First Eucharist Parent Mtg. - 7 p.m. - L.H.

** L.H. - Longinus Hall

** F.R. - Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. - Russell Building

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...

POSITION AVAILABLE ... accepting applications for a **Head Track & Field Coach**. Head Coaching experience preferred for Track & Field. Interested candidates should send resumé, certifications and all clearances to:

**Nativity BVM High School
Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal
One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901
lsabol@nativitybvm.net**

GIFT CARD BINGO ... sponsored by the Green & Gold Booster Club on **Sunday, February 11th**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; Bingo begins 1 p.m. Gift Cards are from various businesses and restaurants. Refreshments available. For more information please call Diane at 570-294-0551.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER ... sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Sunday, February 11th** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish Center, 319 Mahantongo St. Adults \$8.00; Children \$3.50. Eat in or Take-outs available.

WINTER/SPRING YOUTH PROGRAMS ... available at the Pottsville Free Public Library. There are story times for toddlers and preschoolers; Creative Corners, a STEAM-themed education program school age kids; and teen advisory board and maker space for young adults. Please call 570-622-8880 or visit www.pottsvillelibrary.org.

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thank you for doing the small things, like feeding your neighbors, with great love. God bless.

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Canned Fruit
Broth	Macaroni & Cheese
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Hot Chocolate
Hot Cereal packages	Apple Sauce
Cereal – boxed	Vegetable - Canned
Beef Stew	Spaghetti
Soups	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Canned Gravy	Canned Sweet Potatoes

PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS

Please Do Not donate any nutritional drinks (Ensure, etc.)

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the 10th Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

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 570-622-5470.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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- * It Develops Good Community Relationships
- * It's Good For Developing Loyal Customers

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Ever wonder why tomatoes stored in the refrigerator lack flavor?

A new study in the journal PNAS found that keeping tomatoes below 53 degrees F (12 C) reduced the expression of several genes involved in the synthesis of flavor-imparting volatile compounds, resulting in insipid fruits. The researchers refrigerated heirloom and modern varieties of ripe red tomatoes for one to seven days. The longer the refrigeration, the greater the loss of volatile compounds. After seven days of cold, the compounds were reduced by nearly two-thirds; subsequent storage at room temperature didn't restore the compounds to normal levels. A panel of consumers judged the previously refrigerated tomatoes (after a day at room temperature) to be much less flavorful than fresh non-refrigerated fruits. The tomatoes' sugar and acid content, however, remained largely unchanged by refrigeration.