

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus said: "I give you a new Commandment: Love One Another." He said this after Judas had already left to betray Him, indicating that loving is also forgiving.

Countless marriages have been graced by St. Paul's words: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others ..." Paul famously concludes: "So faith, hope, love remain ... but the greatest of these is love."

Love is the central theme of our Christian faith. Without love none of it works. We are challenged this and every day to love one another. When that love happens, the words of a famous 1960's hymn come true: "They'll know we are Christians by our love."

Yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 20 – 9:00 a.m.

**ALBERT & REGINA SCHMIDT**

Tuesday, May 21 – 9:00 a.m.

**DORIS BUEHLER** (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Wednesday, May 22 – 9:00 a.m.

**JOANNE HEPLER** (Catholic Women's Union)

Thursday, May 23 – 9:00 a.m.

**BERTHA BULLOCK**

Friday, May 24 – 9:00 a.m.

**CHARLES LORENZ** (Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Saturday, May 25 – 5:00 p.m.

**KOTCH & YARASHUS FAMILY** (Yarashus Family)

Sunday, May 26 – 8:15 a.m.

**CATHY MOONEY TROUP** (Nora C. Chiplonia)

Sunday, May 26 – 10:30 a.m.

**DOROTHY ELISON** (Catholic Women's Union)

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### SCHEDULE

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5 p.m. – Saturday – May 25<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Heidi Gorski

**Euch.Min.:** Hermine & Dan Murphy

**Servers:** Stanley & Aleksander Gorski, Reese Ketner

**Cantor:** Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Dave Smith

**Euch.Min.:** Carol Forster, Bob Bechtel

**Servers:** Ryan & Emma Seiger, Luke Schane

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Carol Lasco

**Euch.Min.:** Joe Rehnert, Sharon Snyder

**Servers:** Caroline & Christopher Hobbs, Madison Ryan

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

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## CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - IMO Frances Prokop by Peggy & Gene Ebling

**St. Joseph** - IMO Frances Prokop

by Peggy & Gene Ebling

**Tabernacle** – Special Intention

by Marianne & John Wollyung

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

2. IMO Joseph E. Rosenberger

by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

3&4. Special Intention

**Guardian Angels**

1. Special Intention by Marianne & John Wollyung

2. IMO Frances Prokop by Peggy & Gene Ebling

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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:** Tom Jefferson, Florence Yeager, Dorothy Parsick, Rachel Kujat, Paul Burns.

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### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Thank you for your support!

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

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### MEN'S GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

*Men's Gospel Reflection Group* meeting will take place on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room. This group is open to any men interested in reflecting on how the Gospel impacts their lives. All are welcome! Please call Michael Scheidel 739-1808 or Bill Gianfagna 573-0105 with any questions.

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### FLOWER DONATIONS



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.

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## PRAY THE ROSARY

Recite the rosary daily during the month of May, which is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. There is no prayer more pleasing to Our Lady and more efficacious in asking for her intercession.

## DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

We need adorers for the following hours:

Wednesday 10 p.m.

Thursday 4 a.m.

Friday 12 a.m. & 6 a.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.

**Call or text Aleece for information 570-449-7678.**

## 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.

## 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** in September 2019 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 2019 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 20, 2019.**
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 20, 2019.**

## FAMILY MATTERS

**Singles.** Our singles are very much a part of our parish family. We pray this week for all single people that the Lord sustain them and that we as a church welcome them as active members of our parish family.

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

## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS - 2019

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 nomination. 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 eligible** to be nominated for a second three-year term.

<b>John Consugar</b>	<b>Christy Joy</b>
<b>Patty O'Neill</b>	<b>Nick Quinn</b>

The following should **NOT** be nominated as they are presently serving or finishing their term:

**Term expires 2020**

**Term expires 2021**

Joseph Gerchak

Heidi Gorski

Alicia Kleman

Eric Lieberman

Al Norkus

John Pfluger

Josette Peckman

Melissa Scheetz

John Powers

Martin Smith

**President:** Paul Datte

**1st Vice-President:** Robert Bechtel

**2nd Vice-President:** Kevin McNamara

## NOMINATION BALLOT

**I Nominate:**

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the Rectory  
or Collection Basket  
by Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**May 11/12: \$ 4,204.45**

**Parish Dues: \$ 1,285.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

## Easter Flowers

In Memory of Addie & Betty Burke

by Mary Lou Roeder

## CURIOSITY SHOP/ Yard Sale

June 2019

... Watch future bulletins for dates and times ...



Look around your home for any items you wish to contribute to our next Curiosity Shop. You'd be surprised what you might find – Here are some suggestions ...

Christmas Items	Garden Flags	Toys / Games
Puzzles	Vintage Items	Jewelry
Knick Knacks	Purses	Tablecloths
Kitchen Items	Candles	CD's, DVD's
Small Appliances	Craft Books	Religious Items
Fall Decorations	Bakeware	
Thanksgiving Decorations		

### CLEAN ITEMS ONLY

NO PLASTIC  
NO EASTER/ SPRING ITEMS  
NO VHS TAPES  
NO GLASSES OR CUPS  
NO TELEVISIONS, --- NO BEDDING  
NO COMPUTERS, MONITORS, KEYBOARDS  
NO BOOKS --- NO VASES --- NO CLOTHING  
NO LARGE FURNITURE  
NO STUFFED ANIMAL TOYS  
NO LARGE CHRISTMAS TREES

### ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> ----- 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Items can be dropped off at  
 St. John's Russell Building.

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED  
 BEFORE OR AFTER THIS DATE.

Do Not Leave Articles at the  
 Door or in the Parking Lot

### ST. JOHN'S "OVER 50" CLUB



St. John's "Over 50" Club will be meeting again on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

### 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."*

## Mid-Summer Festival

This year's dates ...

Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Mark your calendars!

Our organizational meeting is ...

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

New faces are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Please bring your suggestions. All are welcome!

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

#### May

20 Mid-Summer Festival Mtg. – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
 21 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
 27 Memorial Day Mass in Cemetery – 9 a.m.  
 28 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
 30 Ascension Thursday – Masses 9 am & 5 pm.

#### June

1 Yard Sale Drop Off – 8 a.m. to noon – R.B.  
 4 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
 10 Parish Council – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
 11 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
 12 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.  
 15/16 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses  
 18 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
 19 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
 25 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – u p.m. – F.R.


\*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall

\*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

\*\* R.B. – Russell Building

### 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.



Dr. Christina DiCello  
**622-1170**  
[www.dicellochiropractic.com](http://www.dicellochiropractic.com)  
 1825 W. Market St., Pottsville

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- \* It's Effective in Catching New Neighbors' Attention
- \* It's Advertising Concentrated in Your Own Neighborhood
- \* It Develops Good Community Relationships
- \* It's Good For Developing Loyal Customers

## POTTSVILLE HOMELESS SHELTER

### “SERVANTS TO ALL”

We are asking for donations of food for our local homeless shelter. Items can be dropped off at church inside the lower 10<sup>th</sup> Street door during the months of May & June.

#### Suggestions are as follows:

- \*Items not condensed (ready to eat)
- \*Ready to eat **Canned Goods** with pop tops (easy open)
- \*Individual canned **Pasta**
- \*Individual canned **Meats**
- \*Individual canned **Spam**
- \*Individual **Cold Cereals**
- \*Individually wrapped bags of **Cookies, Chips, Pretzels**
- \*Individual packs of **Crackers**
- \*Individual packets of **Peanut Butter**
- \*Packets of **Tuna**
- \*Individual packets of **Vegetables (Libby)**
- \*Individual packets of **Fruit**
- \*Individual packets of **Apple Sauce**
- \***Protein and Granola Bars**
- \***Bottled Water**
- \***Juice Boxes**
- \***Milk Boxes**
- \***NO CHOCOLATE**

Your support is GREATLY appreciated!

**Thank you** all for all that you are doing for God's children. Without you, this work of God could not happen. You are truly His instruments. His blessings are so great that He can never be outdone in generosity.

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## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** — “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another,” Jesus commands us. Do we model Jesus’ sacrificial love in our marriage for others to see? You can learn more about loving sacrificially when you attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more info call 732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org)

**OFFICE FOR VOCATIONS** The Office for Vocations Promotion is conducting its *Seventh Annual Quo Vadis Vocation Camp and Fifth Annual Fiat Days Vocation Camp*, from **Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 18** on the campus of DeSales University. Both camps are open to young men and women from ages 14 to 18 (including the newly graduated). There are a limited number of spaces available. For more details and registration material, please see our webpage at [www.allentowndioocese.org](http://www.allentowndioocese.org).

**Early registration is \$60 before June 14. After June 14, the registration fee is \$85. Registration deadline is June 28. No registrations after the deadline will be accepted, and there are no walk-ins.**

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## WHAT’S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

1. Hail Holy Queen, \_\_\_\_\_ of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry ....”  
(a) lover (b) princess (c) child (d) Mother
  2. Only Christians can be forgiven of their sins.  
True / False
  3. The Pharisees criticized Jesus because he was friends with who?  
(a) Julius Caesar (b) carpenters (c) sinners (d) fishermen
  4. Before receiving communion, Catholics who commit serious sins should go where?  
(a) confession (b) jail (c) the Vatican (d) Jerusalem
  5. In the early church, sins were forgiven only once through baptism.  
True / False
  6. The Act of \_\_\_\_\_ is a prayer that Catholics say after confession.  
(a) “My Bad” (b) Sinners (c) Sorrow (d) Contrition
  7. The \_\_\_\_\_ Son is a parable Jesus told about a son who received unconditional forgiveness from his father.  
(a) Disobedient (b) Prodigal (c) Good Samaritan (d) Ten Commandments.
  8. Then Jesus said to the woman caught sinning, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not \_\_\_\_\_ any more.”  
(a) sin (b) eat snacks (c) cry (d) run
  9. “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who \_\_\_\_\_ against us.”  
(a) trespass (b) forgive (c) text (d) compete
  10. A dying person who is too sick to go to confession will have his/her sins forgiven through the anointing of the sick.  
True / False
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## NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

**GOLF COACH OPENING** Must have previous golf experience (professional or informal), familiarity with the rules of the USGA, and flexible schedule. Interested candidates should send résumé, certifications and all clearances to:



**Nativity BVM High School**  
**Attn: Josh Muldowney**  
**One Lawton’s Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901**

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## BULLETIN BOOSTERS

April 2019

IMO Carl Bartholomew M/M James Loeper  
IMO Harold Bartholomew IMO Charles Lorenz  
IMO Robert Berger IMO Felix & Agnes Narog  
IMO Edward Christ Dorothy Parsick  
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IMO M/M Herbert Henry IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert  
Joanne Hepler IMO Dorothy Rosenberger  
IMO Clare Houser Marcie Schnerring  
IMO Francis King IMO Margaret Zelinsky  
Living & Deceased of St. John's CYO Program

**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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**FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... A high intake of dietary fiber is associated with a wide array of health benefits,** including a reduced mortality rate, according to a massive systematic review and meta-analysis in the *Lancet* in January. Researchers analyzed data from 59 clinical trials and 185 observational studies from around the world and found that people who consumed the most fiber (at least 25 to 30 grams a day) had a 15 to 30% lower death rate and incidence of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and colorectal cancer than people who ate the least fiber (less than about 15 grams a day). High fiber intake was also linked to lower blood cholesterol, blood pressure, and body weight. The average American consumes about 15 grams of fiber a day. Similar benefits were seen for higher intakes of whole grains, which are rich in fiber.

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## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT** sponsored by St. Mary's Church in Ringtown on **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**. Registration 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; \$20 per team; please call 570-985-7311. **BLOCK PARTY ... Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 10 p.m.** Homemade Food, Beer, Basket Auction, Child Games, Bounce House, Great Bands ... Friday – New Individuals; Saturday – Another Side. Come out for a great time!

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*And now may the Lord be kind and faithful to you. I, too, will be generous to you for having done this.*

*2 Samuel 2:6*

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## ANSWERS TO

## WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

- 1.(d)** Mary gave birth to Jesus who showed God's mercy and kindness by healing sick people, forgiving sinners, including outcasts, and dying for the world.
  - 2. FALSE.** Jesus forgave people who were not his followers like the thief on the cross. The forgiveness given by Christ's death is available to anyone who seeks God's mercy. "For the grace of God has appeared, saving all."
  - 3. (c)** "The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners."
  - 4. (a)** "Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution."
  - 5. TRUE.** Some waited until their deathbed to be baptized because the early Christians weren't sure if there was any way in this life to receive forgiveness after baptism.
  - 6. (d)** A modern version of the Act of Contrition begins: "My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things."
  - 7. (b)** The father threw a party to celebrate the son's return.
  - 8. (a)** Seeking forgiveness includes trying to not sin again or put yourself in tempting situations.
  - 9. (a)** In the Lord's prayer, Jesus linked our forgiveness of others with the forgiveness of our sins by God.
  - 10. TRUE.** A special grace of this sacrament is the forgiveness of unconfessed sins in preparation for passing over to eternal life.
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## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. It is preferable that this be done **before** your baby is born. Please call Father Dave to arrange for this important preparation.

**Baptisms are celebrated the First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass.**

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