

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Do you ever think of yourself as being sent? Sure, we've been sent to the store or to take out the garbage. But in this Sunday's gospel, Jesus says that he sends us just as the Father sent Him. We are sent to be like Jesus.

The gospels portray Jesus most often going out to people in the surrounding towns and villages. He didn't wait for people to come to Him. For us that might mean going out of our comfort zone: to greet a stranger; to sit with a sick or dying person.

Parishes are so often used to people coming to them to join their community. What would it mean for parish communities to go out seeking others in their towns and neighborhoods – sent as the disciples were sent?

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – May 21 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCES PROKOP (Peggy & Gene Ebling)

Tuesday, May 22 – 9:00 a.m.

JOAN PAVAO (Joe & Ceil Burns)

Wednesday, May 23 – 9:00 a.m.

WILLIAM ELISON (John, Cathy, Hannah Kostick)

Thursday, May 24 – 9 a.m.

CATHERINE BORTZEL

Friday, May 25 – NO MASS

Saturday, May 26 – 5:00 p.m.

KOTCH & YARASHUS FAMILY (Yarashus Family)

Sunday, May 27 – 8:15 a.m.

MARTIN & ANNA HEFFRON

(Bernadette & Paul Gombola)

Sunday, May 27 – 10:30 a.m.

CATHERINE DALTON

(Calvin & Janet Hoy / Jack & Lois Dalton Families)

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th 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.

PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have you experienced the Spirit's guidance and inspiration?

Next Week's Readings

MOST HOLY TRINITY (May 26/27)

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Reading II: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM

All Candles

St. Joseph

In Memory of

Tabernacle

Vincent & Agnes Smith

Sanctuary

Requested by

Guardian Angels

Mary Ann Holley

SCHEDULE --- MOST HOLY TRINITY

5 p.m. – Saturday – May 26th

Reader: Robert Wollyung

Euch.Min.: Carol Lasco, Molly Zwiebel, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Patrick Ryan, Isabelle Myers, Alyssa Sheriff

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – May 27th

Reader: Bob Bechtel

Euch.Min.: Jeff Naffin, Ray Petrilla, (Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Ryan & Emma Seiger, Luke Schane

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – May 27th

Reader: Tyler Cooper

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Bobbi Murray,

(Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Rileigh McPhillips, Lauren & Kelly Goodman

Cantor: Ensemble

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: Paul Burns, Dominic DeFrank, Angela Pfeil Hamm, Theresa Tuite, Bob Lynn, Anastasia Bulino. **Deceased:** Cathy Bowers

BANNES OF MARRIAGE

Stephanie Crighton & Shane Frank

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2018 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.

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

St. John's Total Goal: \$ 34,792.84

Amount Collected: \$ 6,840;

Number of Donors: 59;

Participation: 8.74%

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS - 2018

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. Some are, however, eligible to be nominated for a second three-year term.

Nora Chiplonia (not eligible)

Janet Daubert

Dr. Robert DeColli (not eligible)

Paul Filiac

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

Term expires 2019

John Consugar
Christy Joy
Kevin McNamara
Patty O'Neill
Nick Quinn

Term expires 2020

Joseph Gerchak
Alicia Kleman
Al Norkus
Josette Peckman
John Powers

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 Thursday, May 31st**



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.

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 2018 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 2018 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 21, 2018.**
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 21, 2018.**

CCD REGISTRATION

DEADLINE - June 30th

Now is the time to register your child for next year's CCD class. **There are reduced rates until June 30th.** If you have not received a form in the mail, please call the rectory or pick one up in church. The forms are at the entrances of the Church. The longer form is for new students and new first graders. The shorter form is for students who are presently attending class.

Registration Fee: \$50.00 First Child
(after June 30th - \$60.00)

All Other Children: \$45.00 per Child
(after June 30th - \$55.00)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Assumption BVM School is looking for your help in collecting "Box Tops." Many of the products you already have in your home, has a BOX TOP on it. All you need to do is clip them out and place them in the drop-off box in the rear of the church. With each box top collected our school earns cash to update needed materials. We are no longer collecting "Campbell Soup" labels.

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.



FAMILY GUILD SCHOLARSHIP

Mid-Summer Festival

Friday, July 20th & Saturday, July 21st

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Mark your calendars!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 30th – 7 p.m.
in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

New faces are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Please bring your suggestions. All are welcome!



POT LUCK STAND



Attention Parishioners !!! Once again we are asking for your help in making this year's Pot Luck Stand a success. You have been very generous in the past and we are very grateful for your donations. Please save all those

unwanted items that you received for Birthdays, Christmas, etc. They will make great prizes for our Pot Luck Stand.

NEW & UNUSED ITEMS ONLY.

You can also drop them off at the rectory. As always, thank you very much for your support and help...



Specials Table



Would you like to donate a basket for our Specials Table at the Festival?

We are asking for 15 Baskets.

A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church suggestions are listed. Basket minimum value should be approximately \$30 - \$50. Gift Certificates are always accepted and greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Basket should be completed and wrapped.
Baskets can be dropped off at the Russell Building
Wednesday, July 18 or Thursday, July 19
Baskets CANNOT be dropped off at the rectory.

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Mathematics Teacher – Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, Mathematics Education or related field is required. Mathematics certification preferred.

Head Track & Field Coach -- Head Coaching experience preferred for Track & Field.

Interested candidates should send résumé, certifications and all clearances to:

Nativity BVM High School
Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal

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, Christmas.
- 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 receptacles in Cemetery.

FAMILY MATTERS

Health Care Professionals. God bless all those who assist us in caring for our health. They are our neighbors, friends, and even family members. We pray that God will continue to assist them in their efforts to provide healing and comfort in body and spirit.

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

WORD OF LIFE

“Even among terminally ill patients, a request to die is nearly always a cry for help ... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

“Every Suicide is Tragic,” www.bit.ly/every-suicide-tragic

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 12/13: \$ 4,291.30

Monthly Dues: \$ 1,283.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

DO REMEMBER ...

Do remember your parish in your last will and testament ... an act of thanksgiving for all God's gifts to you. Future generations will be the beneficiaries of your kindness, even as we have benefited from our generous ancestors.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

May

- 19/20 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
22 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
28 Mass at St. John's Cemetery – 9 a.m.
29 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
30 Mid-Summer Festival Mtg. – 7 p.m. – F.R.

June

- 5 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
11 Parish Council Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
12 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
13 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
16/17 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
19 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
20 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
26 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our Lady of Guadalupe, we pray that you will lift up ardent adorers, of The Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel, igniting in them a joyful and burning love for the Eucharistic Face of Jesus Christ.

We need adorers for the following hours:

Monday 10 p.m.;

Tuesday 9 & 10 a.m.

Wednesday 11 a.m.;

Thursday 4 a.m. & 5 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.

Please call Aleece 449-7678.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

PIEROGI & HALUPKIE SALE: sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish in Minersville. Pre-orders only ... take-out only ... Pick up at Parish Center, 120 Oak St., Minersville on Thursday, **May 24th** from 3 to 7 p.m. and Friday, **May 25th** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Pierogi \$7.00 dozen; Cooked Halupkie 6 for \$12.00

WILDWOOD ITALIAN STYLE - JERSEY:

SHORE: ... sponsored by St. Matthew's Travelers' Adventures from **September 24 to 27**. For more information please call Julie 544-5231 or Millie 628-5413.

ST. JOHN'S "OVER 50" CLUB

St. John's "Over 50" Club will be meeting again on **Tuesday, May 22nd**

. 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.

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.

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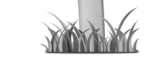
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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...

Older people who take antidepressants, sleeping pills, or anti-anxiety medication are at elevated risk for fractures and should discuss fall-prevention measures with their doctors. In a recent study in the *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology*, researchers analyzed blood samples from 250 Norwegians (average age 84) hospitalized for hip fractures and found that two-thirds were taking prescription antidepressants or benzodiazepines (prescribed for anxiety or insomnia). They were more than twice as likely to be taking such drugs than people their age in the general population. In general, anti-anxiety or sleeping pills should be used only occasionally and short, if at all, in older people – at most for a week or two. The American Geriatrics Society advises doctors, "Don't use benzodiazepines or other sedative hypnotics in older adults as first choice for insomnia, agitation, or delirium."

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.



the Rectory 622-5470.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ...

Volunteers are needed to help at the Pottsville Soup Kitchen at the 504 Building on Mahantongo St. St. John's Group volunteers once a month. If you are interested, please call

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.

BULLETIN BOOSTERS

May 2018

IMO Carl Bartholomew	M/M James Loeper
IMO Harold Bartholomew	IMO Charles Lorenz
IMO Robert Berger	IMO Felix & Agnes Narog
IMO Edward Christ	IMO Carol Nygren
Millie Fredericks	Dorothy Parsick
Fr. Don Henry	IMO Jeanne Rehnert
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**

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.”

WHY DO CATHOLICS PRAY THE ROSARY?

The Rosary is a simple prayer adapted from the complex set of prayers of medieval monks. It's a powerful prayer because in it, we ask Mary – whose prayers are never refused – to pray for us. In addition, through the mysteries of the Rosary, we meditate on the life of Jesus, which always bears fruit. For example, the fruit of the mystery of the Annunciation is humility. Praying the Rosary opens us to graces that help us be more Christ-like.

ROSARY REPAIR SERVICE

When it's time to clear out the accumulated clutter from cabinets, drawers and chests, you might find a partial rosary with a missing crucifix or several beads that you could not part with because of the sentimental value. These partial rosaries can be repaired successfully and returned to wholeness with little or almost no cost. If you have no sentimental attachment, please consider donating these partial/incomplete rosaries to the Missions, both foreign and domestic. Thus far, I have repaired and reconstituted several hundred rosaries and forwarded them to the foreign Missions. You can place the rosary to be repaired in an envelope with my name on the outside and place it in the collection basket. If you would like it repaired and returned, please put your name and phone number on the envelope.

Rosaries / New & Repair Service

For that special someone / occasion: Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Wedding, First Communion, Confirmation or any occasion.

Call Paul Gombola 622-4162

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	Canned Vegetables
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.