

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Just before ascending, Jesus spoke powerful words to his disciples that echoed down to us today: *"I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."* Two millenniums later that promise has reached more than 1.2 billion followers in the Catholic Church. Still, few have become clothed with power from on high. Perhaps some are waiting for a dramatic revelation.

You may recall a small urge rising up in you – perhaps the Spirit prompting you to say, *"I can do that!"* Your clothing from on high comes only when your courage and resolve move you into action. God never asks too much. Small things count. God has plenty of time.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 3 – 9:00 a.m.

BILL KETNER

(Mary Ann Schweikert & Jo Gallagher)

Tuesday, June 4 – 9:00 a.m.

ADONA BUTLER (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Wednesday, June 5 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES DAUBERT (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Thursday – June 6 – NO MASS

Friday, June 7 – 9:00 a.m.

GRETA DERBES (Babe Murphy)

Saturday, June 8 – 5:00 p.m.

MARGARET KASINECZ (Kasinecz Family)

Sunday, June 9 – 8:15 a.m.

VERONICA B. SCHMITT (Shawn Schmitt)

Sunday, June 9 – 10:30 a.m.

CATHERINE BORTZEL

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Tuesday – June 4th

at York Terrace Nursing Home

HELEN CHISTAKOFF (Staff & Residents)



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, Rachel Kujat, Paul Burns. **Deceased:** Michael Mazzuca, Charles Becker

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.



CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Josephine & Frank Brozana

by Don & Joanne Doyne

St. Joseph - IMO Veronica B. Schmitt

by William Schmitt Family

Tabernacle – IMO John & Philomena Carroll by Family

Sanctuary

1. IMO Joyce Leinheiser by Family

2. IMO James Barone by William Schmitt Family

3. IMO M/M Albert Schmitt by William Schmitt Family

4. IMO Bette Ann Miller by William Schmitt Family

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Marian & Alex Kriston by Joan Grapsy

SCHEDULE - PENTECOST

5 p.m. – Saturday – June 8th

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Bill Gianfagna, Molly Zwiebel

Servers: Luke Garvey, Olivia Tokonitz, Brooke Siket

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – June 9th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Mike Ambrose, Bob Bechtel

Servers: Evan & Gavin Woodward, Cooper Chiplonia

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – June 9th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Frank Murphy

Servers: Josh Cooper, Ava Orłowsky, Riley Doyle

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

ATTENTION

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **July & August** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call or email the Rectory by Friday, June 14th** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I know that Jesus is with me always?

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 25/26: \$ 4,156.40 ; Pot Luck: \$ 472.05

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

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

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My Prayer Request

Please place in box on side of Confessional.

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. & 1 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.

FAMILY MATTERS

Seminarians Preparing for Priesthood. We pray for all families whose sons are preparing for the priesthood. May they continue to support their children in the journey to being a servant leader in our parish communities. We pray also for vocations to marriage and religious life.

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

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.

WE WELCOME OUR SEMINARIAN



We welcome to our parish a seminarian from the diocese, **Matthew Kuna.** Matthew will

arrive here at St. John's this week and will be here until August. He has completed his first year of Theology at St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. Matthew is from the Allentown area and he and his family are members of St. Thomas More Parish in Allentown. His summer assignment here will be to help with various aspects of parish life.

When you see Matthew, please give him a warm St. John's welcome. We are happy and honored to have Matthew with us!

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 10th 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.

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.

THE AMAZING PARISH

Our bishop has asked St John's Parish to be part of a fantastic, nationwide Catholic program called the "Amazing Parish" (see amazingparish.org).

The goal is to help each parish become the best it can be and fulfill the mission of the church, by getting others to know Jesus and discover His great love for us!

Over the past six years the Amazing Parish, a non-profit Catholic management company, has helped over 1,300 parishes become 'amazing parishes', by getting lay people more involved in the short and long term decisions on how to run the parish and most effectively use its resources.

Each parish must form a **Parish Leadership Team** (PLT) to work with the Pastor. Father Dave has asked **Josette Peckman, Evelyn DeJesus, Bill Gianfagna and Bob Hahner** to volunteer for this leadership team. The diocese funded a 2 ½ day Amazing Parish Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, which took place May 13 to 15.

What will the PLT be doing for the next three months?

The team will meet weekly with Father Dave with three tasks in mind:

Pray together for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for each other.

Work hard at building the team in a healthy and effective way so they can best serve all of the members of St John's Parish Family and support our Pastor.

Practice living a life of active discipleship so we can personally share Jesus with others.

During the next four months, Father Dave and the Parish Leadership Team, will receive direct phone calls, video support and coaching from an experienced member of the national Amazing Parish Staff. The Amazing Parish Staff has an in-depth experience working with parishes from all over the country and with parishes both large and small.

They will guide us to determine what St. John's unique contribution is to the overall mission of the church, St. John's parishioners, and the community of Pottsville. It will also strategize how to better carry out that contribution. Our goal is ultimately for St. John's to become an even more vibrant, growing and evangelizing parish family.

Please pray for the Parish Leadership Team and feel free to speak to Father and any of the team members to learn more about the process.

The Parish Leadership Team

... *Great and marvelous are your works.
Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways
O King of Nations.Rev. 15:3*

HEALING OUR CHURCH

During Lent and early Spring, approximately 30 St John's parishioners participated in the six week session **Healing Our Church** program that was developed by Renew International. Participants had time for discussion, sharing of feelings, prayer, fellowship and learning about the sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church. On May 13 there was also an opportunity for **Healing Our Church** participants from throughout the Schuylkill County parishes to attend a meeting with Bishop Schlert that was held at St Clare of Assisi Church. Bishop Schlert commented on feedback he had received from participants during the program and answered questions that were presented at that meeting. The completion of this program is just the beginning of a process for healing within the church with the focus of session 6 being "A Way Forward". Participants expressed a renewed call to discipleship and recognition that we are "the Church". Rather than giving in to discouragement, we are encouraged to walk the way forward as a family of faith.

COFFEE & DONUTS

**Sunday, June 9th in Longinus Hall
after 815 and 1030 Masses.**

Participants would like to help assure that we feel connected as a St John's Parish Family of faith and will be reorganizing "Coffee and Donuts". All parishioners are invited to spend some time with the folks at Mass who are part of our faith family. Join us!!



CCD REGISTRATION

DEADLINE – August 1st

Now is the time to register your child for next year's CCD class. **There are reduced rates until August 1st.** 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 August 1st - \$60.00)

All Other Children: \$45.00 per Child
(after August 1st - \$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.

Mid-Summer Festival

This year's dates ...

Friday, July 19th & Saturday, July 20th

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, June 11th** at 7 p.m.
in the Rectory Fellowship Room

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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.

Items will be accepted at the **Russell Building** from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** on the following dates:

Thursday, June 6

Thursday, June 13

Wednesday, June 19

Thursday, June 27

Tuesday, July 2 Last Drop Off

ITEMS CANNOT BE DROPPED OFF AT RECTORY

As always, thank you very much for your help and support.

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Special's Table

Would you like to donate a basket for our Special's 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 17th or Thursday, July 18th.
Baskets CANNOT be dropped off at the rectory.

*I call to God Most High,
to God Who provides for me.
... Psalm 57:3*

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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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

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

BLEENIE SALE sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Ashland (courtyard, alongside the Church) on **Saturday, June 8th** from noon til 6 p.m. or sell out. **Take out only!** ** No pre-orders will be accepted. Prices: \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00; 9 for \$12.00. Please call the Parish Office for more information 875-1521.

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."