

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

“Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him.” Was there only one person carrying a jar of water in the city that day as they prepared to eat the Passover meal? The disciples and the man didn’t even seem to have a conversation. They just followed him.

What might this strange detail of Jesus’ directive suggest to us? If the man was a servant (probably) it could remind us that servant leadership is often more effective when expressed in actions rather than just in words. Also, both the carrier of the jar and the disciples are out in the city when they meet. Let’s grab our jars and get out there!

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – June 4 – 9:00 a.m.

WILLIAM B. MILLER (Florence Miller)

Tuesday, June 5 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH J. STEFICEK (Joan Steficek & Family)

Wednesday, June 6 – 9:00 a.m.

STEVE PROKOP (Dorothy Prokop)

Thursday, June 7 – 9 a.m.

CATHERINE BORTZEL

Friday, June 8 – 8:00 a.m. (TIME CHANGE)

GEORGE HAHNER SR. (Ed Hahner)

Saturday, June 9 – 5:00 p.m.

SAMKAVITZ & ORZECOWSKI FAMILY

(Joe & Eleanor Orzechowski)

Sunday, June 10 – 8:15 a.m.

DARLENE HAESELER (Pat Trabosh)

Sunday, June 10 – 10:30 a.m.

JOHN & MARGARET KASINECZ

(Kasinecz Family)

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Tuesday – June 5

at York Terrace Nursing Home

ANNA ANTONIO (Staff & Residents)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you show gratitude for the Eucharist?

Next Week’s Readings

10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (June 9/10)

Reading I: Genesis 3:9-15

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III – Michael Hummel & Tiffany Reedy

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO John H. Hohman by Kathleen Hohman

St. Joseph - IMO Joseph J. Gallagher
by Kathleen Hohman

Tabernacle – Special Intention

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Family

2. IMO Joyce Leinheiser by Family

3&4. Special Intention

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Helen LaScala by Diane & Bill Schweikert

2. Special Intention

SCHEDULE

10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – June 9th

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Noah Lecher, Riley Doyle, Joshua Steffan

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – June 10th

Reader: Patty O’Neill

Euch.Min.: Dave Smith, Bob Bechtel

Servers: Cooper Chiplonia, Allegra Hossler, Julia Botto

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – June 10th

Reader: Ian Hower

Euch.Min.: Charlie Miller, Mary Modesto

Servers: Anna, Livia, Emma Lieberman

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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 Monday, June 17th** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

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, Angela Pfeil Hamm, Theresa Tuite, Bob Lynn, Anastasia Bulino, Margaret Curry, Frederick Hossler. **Deceased:** Mary Alfonsi

MARRIED IN CHRIST

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Stephanie Ann Crighton** and **Shane M. Frank Jr.**, who were joined in Holy Matrimony last weekend 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.



**WE WELCOME OUR
SEMINARIAN**



We welcome to our parish a seminarian from the diocese, **Robert “Bobby” Rienzo.**

Bobby arrived here at St. John’s last week and will be here until July 18th. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, and has completed his first year of Pre-Theology at St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. Bobby is from Macungie in 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 Bobby, please give him a warm St. John’s welcome. We are happy and honored to have Bobby with us!

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.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

We will never know, in our lifetime, the value of spending an hour with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Commit to an hour of adoration and “experience the peace” of being in His presence.

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.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

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)

FAMILY MATTERS

Graduation Time. Today’s graduates need support and courage to face the challenges of life. So, let us pray today for all our graduates: Elementary, High School and College that our Lord will guide them in their endeavors as they seek further knowledge, schooling or employment.

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

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.

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 the Rectory 622-5470.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 26/27: \$ 4011.34

Vacation Bible School: \$ 420.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

RED, WHITE, & BLUE MASS All Police, Firefighters, First Responders, Legal Professionals, Health Care Workers, & their Families are invited to join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert as he celebrates the First

RED, WHITE, & BLUE MASS

Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm

at Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, 18th and Turner Sts. in Allentown. Please wear your uniforms.

Reception to follow in the Parish Activities Center

RSVP: rwbmass@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We receive the Eucharist and then we share Christ with our spouse and others. Begin your sharing of Christ on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! For info call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

CHAIR YOGA ... Come join us ...

We have a St. John's Group ... every Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. on the first floor of the old Pottsville Hospital School of Nursing building, presented by Michelle D'Agostino, Penn State Yoga Instructor.



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.

POTTSVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

TEENS: Are you looking for summer job opportunities? Come to the Pottsville Free Public Library to learn about PA CareerLink's Youth Work Experience program with Tommie.

Ann McShaw, Youth CareerLink Specialist.
Tuesday, June 5th @ 6pm. Ages 14-18.

Summer Youth Programs

@ the Pottsville Free Public Library.

The summer programming session at the Pottsville Free Public Library **begins June 11**. There's Summer Quest for school-age kids. We also have story times for toddlers and preschoolers; Family Night, and Lunch at the Library for school age kids; and programs for young adults. Please call 570-622-8880 ext. 12 or visit www.pottsvillelibrary.org.

*Above all, give praise to your Creator,
Who showers His favors upon you.
... Sirach 32:13*

WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

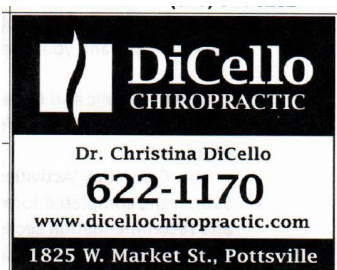
1. What is the sacrament that welcomes people into the Catholic Church?
(a) First Communion (b) Baptism (c) First Reconciliation (d) Matrimony (marriage)
2. The apostles never did what we do at Mass.
True / False
3. How often can a person receive Holy Communion?
(a) only on Sunday (b) Christmas and Easter (c) 10 times a day (d) once a day
4. Sacraments are the supernatural way we encounter _____.
(a) Christ (b) the saints (c) other Catholics (d) Pope Francis.
5. What sacrament is how Catholics receive mercy and forgiveness for their sins?
(a) Holy Communion (b) Matrimony (c) Reconciliation (d) Ordination
6. The first Christians celebrated baptisms and the Eucharist.
True/False
7. Which is one of sacraments of initiation?
(a) Holy Orders (b) Marriage (c) Confirmation (d) Confession
8. If a person is baptized in a mainline Protestant community, it is recognized by the Catholic Church.
True / False
9. "I baptize you in the name of the _____, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
(a) bishop (b) Church (c) Trinity (d) Father
10. Which is the only sacrament that is not celebrated by an ordained bishop, priest, or deacon?
(a) Holy Orders (b) Matrimony (c) Reconciliation (d) Anointing of the Sick
11. "He took _____, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body" (Mark 14:22).
(a) jars of wine (b) crackers (c) dinner (d) bread
12. The sacrament of the anointing of the _____ is celebrated with seriously ill or dying people.
(a) bread and wine (b) water (c) sick (d) Communion hosts
13. _____, deacons and bishops are ordained when they receive the sacrament of holy orders.
(a) priests (b) nuns (c) monks (d) married couples.
14. Chrism is the holy _____ that is used at baptisms, confirmations, and ordinations.
(a) oil (b) water (c) clothes (d) candle

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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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... If you're trying to keep your aging bones strong, yogurt may be your best dairy choice, suggests a recent study in *Osteoporosis International*. Researchers correlated the intake of dairy and other foods with bone mineral density in 4,300 older people in Ireland and found that yogurt (but not milk or cheese) was associated with higher bone mineral density (BMD) and other markers of bone health. After adjusting for body weight, physical activity, overall diet quality, and other factors related to bone health, they found that each additional weekly serving of yogurt was associated with higher BMD and thus a reduced risk of osteopenia and osteoporosis. Some previous research, including the Framingham Offspring Study, also linked fermented milk products like yogurt to stronger bones.

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."

ANSWERS TO

"WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?"

- 1.(b) "through baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission."
2. **False.** They worshipped at the synagogue and heard God's word from the Old Testament. They received the Body and Blood Christ at the Last Supper
3. **(d)** Many Catholics attend daily Mass to grow closer to the Lord. Receiving Communion more than once a day is unnecessary.
4. **(a)** Every liturgical action, especially the sacraments, is an encounter between Christ and the Church community. The Holy Spirit makes us into the one Body of Christ despite all racial, cultural, or social differences.
5. **(c)** Baptism, anointing of the sick and the Eucharist also forgive sins, but going to confession is where Catholics normally seek God's mercy.
6. **True.** Paul's letters (1 Corinthians 11:23-26) and the Acts of the Apostles (2:42;8:26-39) tell stories of the first disciples baptizing new Christians and gathering for Mass.
7. **(c)** "Christian initiation is accomplished through: baptism, which is the beginning of new life; confirmation, which is its strengthening; and the Eucharist, which nourishes the disciple with Christ's Body and Blood for his/her transformation in Christ"
8. **True.** The normal minister of baptism is a bishop, priest, or deacon. However, anyone, even a non-Christian in extreme circumstances, can baptize if they use water, invoke the Trinity, and intend the same things as the Catholic Church intends for baptism.
9. **(d)** The Trinity is unique to Christianity; one God, three persons – Father, Son, and Spirit.
10. **(b)** in the Roman Catholic rite of marriage, the couple celebrates the sacrament. The priest serves as the Church's witness.
11. **(d)** All four Gospels describe how Jesus told his disciples to eat the bread that is his Body.
12. **(c)** "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the leaders of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.
13. **(a)** Men ordained to serve the Church act as another Christ to the faithful.
14. **(a)** Every parish receives a year's worth of chrism (perfumed oil) from the local bishop during Holy Week.

*... great and wonderful are your works,
Lord God Almighty ... Rev. 15:3*