

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

It is a challenge to teach about the oceans to students living on flat planes in the middle of a country, especially if they have not had the opportunity to travel to the coast line. You might try to have them imagine a familiar lake as if it were for hundreds and hundreds of miles to the right and left and straight across.

In the same way, Jesus uses parables – as his stories – to help people understand the ways of God. Preachers are challenged to do that every Sunday. Each of us is also challenged to come up with our own as if stories to share our faith with family and friends. It is possible we might appreciate the Sunday preaching more when we try to do it ourselves.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – June 18 – 9:00 a.m.

JOE & JESSIE RITZEL (Joan Ritzel)

Tuesday, June 19 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS & MARY BURNS

Wednesday, June 20 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES LORENZ (John & Mary Jean Morgalis)

Thursday, June 21 – 9 a.m.

LOUIS FERNANDO (Ann McKeown)

Friday, June 22 – 9:00 a.m.

TONY VICIC (Kathy Vicic)

Saturday, June 23 – 5:00 p.m.

MARGARET GLUNZ, 2nd Anniv. (Glunz Family)

Sunday, June 24 – 8:15 a.m.

FRAN & DOROTHY PURCELL

(Mark & Deborah Purcell)

Sunday, June 24 – 10:30 a.m.

FRANCIS & JANE MOONEY (Nora Chiplonia)

SCHEDULE

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

5 p.m. – Saturday – June 23rd

Reader: Heidi Gorski

Euch.Min.: Hermine & Dan Murphy

Servers: Stanley & Aleksander Gorski, Riley Doyle

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – June 24th

Reader: Bob Bechtel

Euch.Min.: Carol Forster, Jeff Naffin

Servers: Luke Schane, Ethan & Ryan Grabowski

Cantor: Eileen Forney

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – June 24th

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Alexi & Julia Plachko, Victoria Wagner

Cantor: Dave Derbes

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Mary Casey Wagner by Teresa Carestia

St. Joseph - IMO Dorothy A. Rosenberger
by Paul Rosenberger

Tabernacle – Special Intention

Sanctuary

1. IMO Charles Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

2. IMO Charlie Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

3&4. IMO Joseph Tuite by M/M Frank Savini

Guardian Angels

1. Special Intention

2. IMO Margaret Glunz, 2nd Anniv. by Glunz Family

ATTENTION - SCHEDULE

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 Sunday, 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, Frederick Hossler.*

Mary Lou Roeder, Joe Brahler.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where do you see the Kingdom of God growing?

Next Week's Readings

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (June 23/24)

Reading I: Isaiah 49:1-6; **Reading II:** Acts 13:22-26

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II – Jeff Naffin & KatelynnMallon

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION
“Couldn't you watch even one hour with me,” Our Lord asks in Matthew 26:40. Where churches are locked during the day, our adoration chapel is open 24/7! We will never know in our lifetime the value of spending an hour in the Presence of Our Lord.

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.

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

A Father's Day Blessing

May God bless you and guide you
in your very special role as a father.
May it always be a joy and a privilege.
May you treasure your children
from their birth through adulthood,
as unique and precious gifts from God.

Thank you for the times
you have embraced them,
comforted them, forgiven them
and loved them without measure.

May God reward your fatherly love with good
health, peace of mind, contentment in your
work and joy in your times of leisure.

And may God bless all our fathers
who have gone to their rest.

May they find comfort in the arms of
our heavenly Father. Amen.

A FATHER'S LOVE

"A father is respected because he gives his children leadership; Appreciated because he gives his children care; Valued because he gives his children time; Loved because he gives his children the one thing they treasure most --- himself"

FAMILY MATTERS

Father's Day – those suffering the loss of parents. Dads are really important in our lives. It's hard to lose a dad – no matter what the age. We pray today in our parish especially for all the dads and grandfathers who have died. We ask the protection and direction of St. Joseph for us, just as he cared for the Holy Family.

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

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

We congratulate the following who graduated from high school this year. We thank you for your faithful and loyal service in serving with various ministries at the altar.

SERVERS:

Caitlin Coyle, Ty Daubert, Madelyn (Lindsay) Garvey, Rileigh McPhillips, Sophie Murray

FAMILY GUILD SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following recipients who were awarded the Family Guild Scholarship this year ...

Nativity BVM High School --- **Ty Daubert**

Assumption BVM Grade School --- **Helena Fredericks**

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our graduates from high school and eighth grade. May God continue to bless and guide you in your future endeavors.

High School

*Michael Botto
Madison Buckingham
Braden Burns
Caitlin Coyle
Derek DaSilva
Ty Daubert
Elias Doyle
Olivia Eagan
Madelyn (Lindsay) Garvey
Liliana Golden
John Guzick*

*Maecada Herring
Joseph Manus
Bayley McClure
Rileigh McPhillips
Stephen Messina
Sophie Murray
Cole Painter
Megan Skosnick
Stephen Wollyung
Maria Womer*

Grade School

*Jayce Adamick
Laila Alvarez
Quinn Bosack
Riley Cassidy
Hayden Daubert
Helena Fredericks
Alyssa Gauntlett
Haley Gauntlett
Caroline Gist
Jillian Guzick
Camryn Hauptly
Avarey Herring*

*Nicholas Kramer
Grant Lapachinsky
Bennett McNamara
Kaitlyn Painter
Benjamin Piccioni
Julia Plachko
Richard Prezelski
Taleah Ruben
Alyssa Sheriff
Brooke Siket
Evan Woodward
Taylor Welsh*

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Madelyn (Lindsay) Garvey, daughter of Timothy and Alyssa Garvey, who graduated from Schuylkill Haven High School as class Valedictorian.

We congratulate Joseph Manus, son of Joseph and Frances Manus, who graduated from Nativity BVM High School as class Valedictorian.

We congratulate Caitlin Coyle, daughter of Timothy & Catherine Coyle, who graduated from Pottsville Area High School as class Salutatorian.

We congratulate Stephen Wollyung, son of Michael & Allison Wollyung, who graduated from Minersville Area High School as class Salutatorian.

May God continue to bless and guide you in your future endeavors.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PICTURES

First Holy Communion pictures are here!
They are available at the rectory
during the week.

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.

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.



ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

*Women of all ages are invited to join
the Catholic Women's Union.*

Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women's Union by joining us on **Wednesday, June 20th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall**. Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Spring Covered Dish Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed.



For more information call: Joan Deiter at 622-1381 or St. John's Rectory: 622-5470.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

June

- 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.

July

- 3 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 10 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 11 St. John's Beneficial Society – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 17 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 18 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 18 Festival Set-Up – 6 p.m.
- 19 Festival Set-Up – 6 p.m.
- 20/21 Mid-Summer Festival 5 to 9:30 p.m.
- 22 Festival Take-down – after 8:15 Mass
- 24 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 31 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...

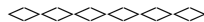
POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

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
One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901



VOLLEYBALL CAMP ... Camp is for girls 3rd to 8th grade **July 23 to July 26** at Nativity High School. Cost is \$50.00 which includes individual instruction, team concepts, competitions, t-shirt. Brochures available at Nativity High School. Please call Jennifer Daubert for more information at 622-8110.



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.

Mid-Summer Festival

Friday, July 20th & Saturday, July 21st
5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

Mark your calendars!

Our next meeting is Monday, June 25th – 7 p.m.
in the Rectory Fellowship Room.



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

Maureen & Rebecca Derbes, Maureen Kurtek



SPECIAL'S 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!



Donated Baskets to date:

- 1862 Basket – Joan Scheetz
- Bath Basket – Lorraine Gurlavage
- Beer & Snack Basket – Sandy & Joe Frinzi
- Cul-de-Sac Basket --- Lucilla Kochol
- Dairy Queen Gift Cards – Linda & Martin Smith
- Doll/Toy Basket – Rosann Sitkus
- Halloween Basket --- Chris Black
- Lottery --- Ed & Carole Quirin
- Summer Afghan/Yankee Candle/Wine Basket
--- Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski
- Summer Dishware Bskt. – Kathy & George Zwiebel

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.

Mid-Summer Festival

MAJOR SPONSORS

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FESTIVAL PATRONS

\$100.00
George & Kathy Zwiebel
\$70.00
Joey Kurtek
\$60.00
Luis R. & Virginia Visot
\$50.00
Frances Lorenz

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 9/10: \$ 3,956.78
Parish Dues: \$1,413.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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.

POTTSVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Youth Programs

@ the Pottsville Free Public Library.

The summer programming session at the Pottsville Free Public Library began **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.

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 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Wives remind your husband today that he is still "#1" in your life! Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend to renew your love for each other. For more information, please call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

RETROUVAILLE *Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!* Does the distance between you seem wide?

Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. **Retrouvaille** is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. **Our next program will be at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA: August 17-19.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

LASAGNA DINNER: ... sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish, Minersville, on **Sunday, June 24th** from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Parish Center, 120 Oak St., Minersville. Donations \$10.00 includes Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Butter. Eat-in or take-out. **Advanced Tickets ONLY** by calling 544-2211. Thank you for your support.

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.



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN THE VILLE:

... presented by the City of Pottsville at the Lions Club Amphitheater ... **Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m...**

Free Admission

July 8th --- Boys Upstairs (Party Band)

July 22nd --- The New Individuals (60's, 70's, 80's)

August 5th --- Tom as Garth (Garth Brooks Tribute)

August 19th --- Sapphire (Best of the 80's)

CHARLIE'S PIZZA & SUB TICKETS: ...

Knights of Columbus Schuylkill Council 431 is selling sub tickets as a Council Fundraiser.... \$4.00 each.Contact Council Member Greg Wagner or Dave Donlin for your tickets/information. Support the Knights of Columbus programs by purchasing tickets soon.

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & ROME: ...

sponsored by St. Clare of Assisi Parish, St. Clair from October 6th to 15th, 2018... Cost is \$4,300 (double occupancy) ... We're celebrating the 10th anniversary of the founding of St. Clare of Assisi as a parish. We will visit Assisi and see St. Clare's home as well as the holy sites of our Catholic Faith in Rome. Our pilgrimage was specifically designed by our pastor to include sites not normally visited on tours of this nature. We need a total of 25 people to make this a reality. For more information and a flyer, call 570-429-0701, or visit <http://bit.ly/FrGlosserItaly>

**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

Friday & Saturday, July 20 & 21 -- 2018

5 – 9:30 p.m. each night

DEDICATED WORKERS NEEDED

Your help is needed for the big job of set-up on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** evenings before the Festival, **Friday** morning to prepare the grounds for the festivities, and **Sunday** for clean-up. Your help in these areas is essential. If you can help, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the back of Church or call the Rectory at 622-5470 or simply show up on **Wednesday at 6 p.m., Thursday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m.** Thank you!

FOOD COMMITTEE

The Food Committee needs volunteers to help prepare food for this year's Festival ...
If you would like to help, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

FESTIVAL DESSERTS

Cakes - Pies- Cupcakes - Cookies - etc. - etc. - etc. -
If you are interested in making your favorite dessert for the Festival ---
just drop it off at the Russell Building on **July 20th & July 21st.**

POT LUCK STAND

We need prizes, lots and lots of prizes!!! **NO USED ITEMS PLEASE** Donations of **NEW** items such as small appliances, household articles, toys, games, books, etc. as well as monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. Prizes can be left at the rectory and donations can be placed in the collection basket or at the rectory -- marked "**POT LUCK**". For more information, please contact **Maureen Derbes 691-6098** or **the Rectory 622-5470 ext. 3.**

ADVANCED TICKET SALES

Why stand in line for tickets when you could be enjoying yourself ... **Advanced Food & Game Tickets** will be available before and after all Masses the weekends of **July 7/8 and July 14/15.** Purchase \$9.00 worth of tickets in **ADVANCE** and receive \$1.00 worth of tickets **FREE!**

FESTIVAL SPONSORS NEEDED

Coke Sponsor - \$ 100.00 each	Bleenie Mix - \$ 40.00 a bucket
Pizza Sponsor - \$ 50.00 each	Ice Cream - \$ 25.00 each
Clown Sponsor - \$ 50.00 each	



FESTIVAL WISH LIST

Mustard – Ketchup - Sour Cream

(A container will be in the back of church Perishable items can be dropped off at the Rectory)