

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

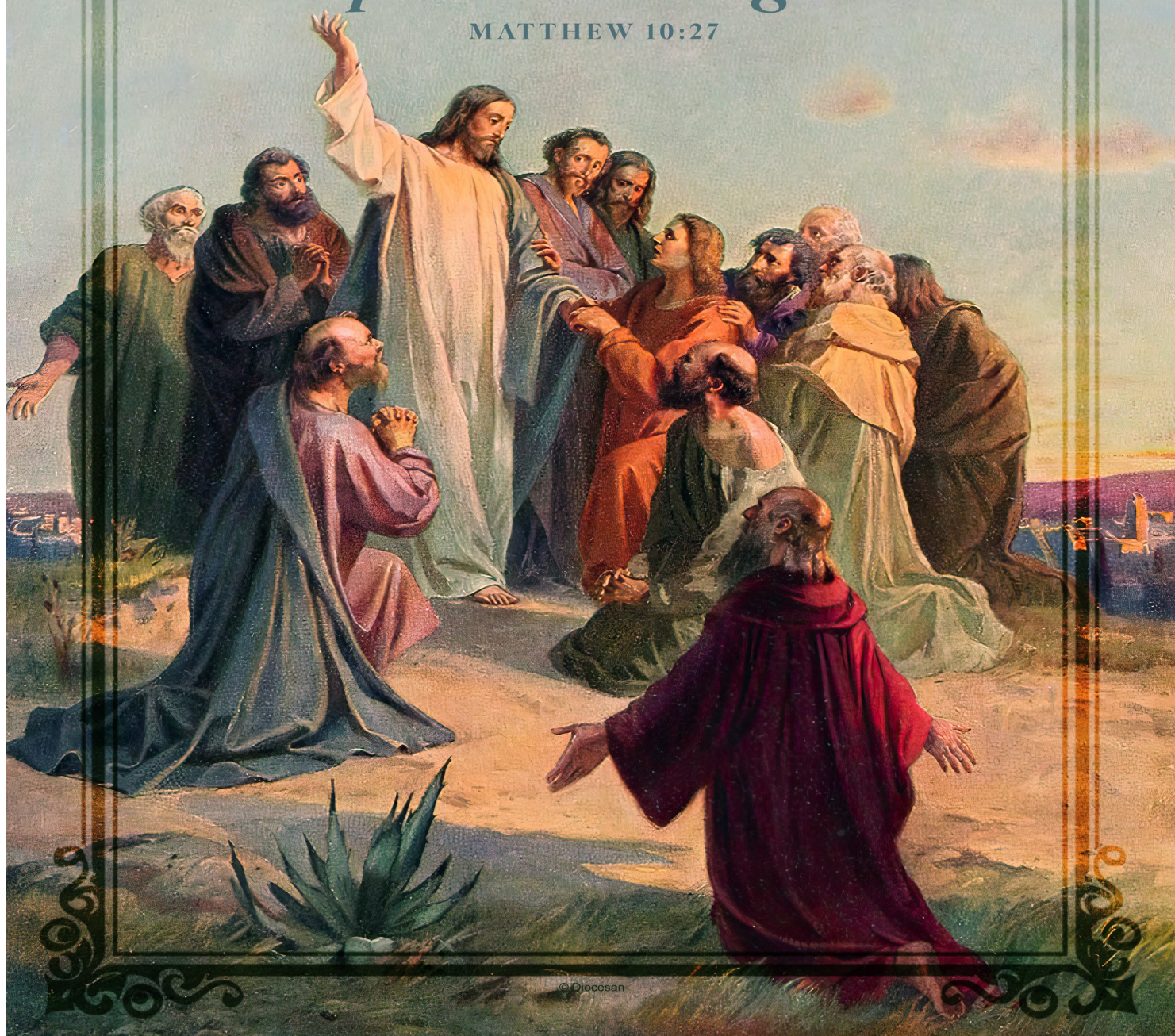
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June 21, 2026

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*What I say to you
in the darkness,
speak in the light*

MATTHEW 10:27



Pastor..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*
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Cemetery Information..... (570) 622-5470

C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday prior to publication

New Parishioners

Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15 to 4:45 p.m..
 Sundays 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m..
 or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.
 Baptismal Preparation for Parents must precede the Baptism.
 Please contact Father Bobbin for an appointment.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., N.C.C.,L.P.C. (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services

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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

1-800-276-1562 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

Diocese of Allentown Website

www.allentowndioocese.org



Eucharistic Adoration

We offer opportunities to spend time in prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament ...

- ◆ A holy hour in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This is a simple holy hour without any formal prayer or Benediction. It is not necessary to come for the entire hour. Just stop by as you desire.
- ◆ A holy hour in the **main church on the eve of First Friday** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will be a formal holy hour ending with Benediction. Father will be available for Confessions.

Communion for the Homebound

If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor who is a member of St. John is confined to home, a nursing home or assisted living facility because of illness, age, or disability and would like to receive Holy Communion` on a monthly basis, please call the rectory. We traditionally visit the sick and homebound on or around the first Friday of the month. Please help us meet the spiritual needs of our homebound parishioners.

Pray

We remember in prayer those who are ill or recently deceased. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

For our Sick: *Sherri Post, Tom Jefferson, Kathy Vicic, Charles Reber, Cecelia Burns.*

"Note: We will keep names on the prayer list for a period of three months. Please let us know if you would like your name or your family member's name to remain on the list longer."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 20

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased
Fathers of St. John's
Parish Family

Sunday, June 21

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased
Fathers of St. John's
Parish Family

Sunday, June 21

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased
Fathers of St. John's
Parish Family

Monday, June 22

6:30 p.m. Joseph & Orlando
Mirabella
(Chris Maccarone)

Tuesday, June 23

9:00 a.m. John & Lorraine Tasso

Wednesday, June 24

6:30 p.m. St. John's Parish Family
(Time Change)

Thursday, June 25

9:00 a.m. Charles Lorenz
(Frances Lorenz)

Friday, June 26

9:00 a.m. Charles & Matilda
Schaeffer
(Eleanor Schaeffer)

Saturday, June 27

5:00 p.m. William & Mary Bercher
(Scott Williams)

Sunday, June 28

8:15 a.m. Jerry Hudock
(Diane Hudock & Children)

Sunday, June 28

10:30 a.m. Post, Legase, Lynn Family
(Sandi, Sheri, RJ Post)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

This year we have been looking at the seven sacraments. We discussed the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Now we move on to the two Sacraments of Healing: Confession and Anointing of the Sick.

Life is difficult and we need help to overcome our failings and deal with the challenges of life. Jesus walks with us and heals us spiritually, physically, emotionally, and in every dimension of our lives. We encounter the healing presence of Jesus in two sacraments in particular. Let's first look at the sacrament of Confession.

Confession, also called Reconciliation or Penance, is an encounter with the risen Jesus in which He forgives our sins. Jesus gave us this sacrament on the evening of Easter Sunday when He appeared to the Apostles (John 20:19-23). Confession is the usual way our sins are forgiven after Baptism. Can God forgive our sins outside of Confession? Yes, it is possible. But when we go to Confession we know for certain we're forgiven. Jesus gave us this sacrament and He desires that we use it. We must take Confession seriously. It is not something minor or peripheral to Catholic life. It is not simply a personal devotion. It is very much at the heart of Catholic life.

In the coming weeks we'll take a closer look at how the sacrament works and some of the common questions about Confession.

In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin

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.

Next Week's Readings

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(June 27/28)

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Reading II: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Peter's Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity.

Boyer's Food Market's Caring & Sharing Program Is Moving Into the Boyer's App

Boyers Food Market has implemented a new Customer Rewards Program which will provide rewards, discounts, digital coupons, and support their preferred Caring Sharing program. *The physical key tags are no longer part of the Caring & Sharing program.* You'll need to load the "My Boyer's X-tra Savings" app on your phone.

You must be signed in to your My Boyer's X-tra Savings account to pick a non-profit. Sign in through the Boyer's mobile app, then choose your group from the Caring & Sharing list. Our parish is identified as "***Saint John The Baptist Church***" on the list of participating organizations. If you need a walkthrough, watch the short how-to-video for step-by-step instructions on picking your preferred non-profit. Found at <https://www.boyersfood.com/community.php> You can change and assign a different charity at any time.

Flowers at the Altar

The flowers at the altar this weekend are donated ...
In Memory of Charles Lorenz
by Frances Lorenz



Church Cleaning Crew—Thank You

We thank our Church Cleaning Group for doing a wonderful job cleaning our beautiful church including Longinus Hall and the Chapel. Your time, effort, and dedication are greatly appreciated. Because of your generosity, our church remains a welcoming and beautiful place for worship. May God bless you for your service. Those volunteering their time and talent this month: *Michelle Ambrose, Sandy Frinzi, Phyllis Hess, Ray Petrilla, Theresa Skrobak.*

The more the merrier — newcomers are always welcome — please call the rectory if interested or just show up at our next cleaning in July.

Diocese News & Events

RETROUVAILLE: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **July 31 - August 2nd** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Cruise to the Caribbean with St. Ambrose (Schuylkill Haven) on **August 19 to August 29** — Departing from NYC and traveling on the Norwegian Escape, we will be visiting San Juan, Puerto Rico; Philipsburg, St. Maarten; the U.S. and British Virgin Islands; and Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. There are cabin options for everyone. Optional bus transportation from St. Ambrose will also be available for an additional fee. For more information or to sign up, please reach out to Debbie Minnich at 484-934-1350.

Neighboring Events

Sidewalk Sale. Hosted by the Society of Mary Queen of Peace Chapel, 730 N. Centre St. in Pottsville, on **Saturday, June 20th** from 8 a.m. until noon. Lots of household goods, decorations for all occasions, books and other assorted items priced to sell. Food for sale as well. Also the Omaha Steaks Meat Raffle Gift Card ticket winner will be drawn.

Weekly Collection

June 13/143,855.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes at the rectory, by mail and online giving.

Please **DO NOT** use **TAPE** or **STAPLES** to seal your offertory envelopes, or **CUT** your envelopes.

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Donald F. Doyne
by Don & Joanne Doyne
2. IMO Frank Brozana
by Don & Joanne Doyne

St. Joseph

- 1&2. IMO Charles Schaeffer
by Eleanor Schaeffer

Sanctuary

- IMO Bertha & John Kralick
by Christine Maccarone

Guardian Angels

- 1&2. IMO John Wollyung
by Barb Wollyung & Family
- 3&4. IMO Charlie Schaeffer
by Maria Schaeffer

Liturgical Min. Schedule

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27— 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

EM: Heidi Gorski, John O'Neill

Server: Heidi Gorski

Cantor: Dave Derbes

June 28— 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn

EM: Bill Gianfagna, Bob Bechtel

Servers: Cole & Cooper Felty

Cantor: Vincent Prestileo

June 28—10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Sean Crane

EM: Joseph Palmieri, John Crane

Servers: Jackson Daubert

Sophia Palmieri

Cantor: Dave Derbes



The Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist June 24th

On December the 25th, we celebrate the big one—the birthday of Jesus, the Word of God made flesh. The Church actually does not celebrate the birthday of the saints, except that of Jesus' mother and one notable exception.

Since we celebrate the birthday of the Word, we also celebrate the birthday of the **Voice**. We're referring to Jesus' cousin of course, John the Baptist, the Voice crying out in the wilderness.

John plays a unique role in the history of salvation. We call him the Baptist. Eastern Christians call him the Forerunner. Only Luke's gospel tells us of the marvelous circumstances surrounding his birth. But each of the four gospels tells us of his essential work in preparing the way for Jesus. But they also tell us something further— that John was a model of the key virtue of **humility** extolled by the first Beatitude of the Sermon on the Mount—**Blessed are the Poor in Spirit**.

Nativity BVM High School — Celebrates 70th Commencement Exercises

Nativity BVM High School celebrated its 70th Commencement Exercises on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. A total of 47 graduates walked across the stage, celebrated for their academic achievements, service, and personal growth. Collectively, the Class of 2026 was offered more than \$12 million in scholarships, grants, and aid—accepting nearly \$4 million to support their future academic endeavors.

Leading the Class of 2026 was Valedictorian Ryan Grabowski, who delivered a powerful speech reflecting on family and faith. Grabowski will attend Messiah University on an Army ROTC scholarship, a testament to his academic excellence and leadership skills.

Salutatorian Chloe Zulick also addressed her classmates, reflecting on the journey they've shared and the promise that lies ahead. Zulick will attend Alleghany College. In total, five members of the 2026 graduating class will be entering the armed forces.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Jennifer Daubert, a proud member of the Class of 1991, for her outstanding accomplishments and unwavering support of Nativity BVM. The ceremony also paid special tribute to Jack Connolly, who was honored for his 10 years of service in Catholic education, and Liz Brensinger, School Counselor, as she prepares to relocate.

Girl's Basketball Camp ... On **June 22-24**; Grades 3-5 from 3 to 5 p.m.; Grades 6-8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost \$60 per child. For more information contact Coach Reed 570-718-0706.

Girl's Volleyball Camp ... On **July 20-23**; Grades 3-5 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8 from 6:30—8 p.m. Cost \$85 per child. Camp includes individual instruction, team concepts and competitions. For more information contact Coach Jennifer Daubert 570-622-8110.

All camps take place in the gym at Nativity BVM High School ... 570-622-8110

Host Families Needed

Your family can make a global impact from the comfort of home! Consider hosting an international exchange student this upcoming school year.

- > Your family can learn about another culture first-hand!
 - > Students will attend Nativity BVM. They have insurance and spending money.
 - > Families, single people, and empty-nesters can host!
 - > You will receive a monthly stipend and continuous support from a local coordinator.
- Please contact Maureen Challenger mchallenger@nativitybvm.net for more information!

Attention Catholic Scouts

Joseph Zawisza, Catholic Religious Emblems Coordinator for Orwigsburg Troop 624, will be running both the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII award programs during the summer. If you are interested in earning either of these awards or would like more information, please contact the St. Ambrose parish office at 570 385 1031.

Patronal Feast Day

Join us for Mass on **Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 p.m.** for the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Mass will be followed by an informal social in Longinus Hall.

Coffee & Donuts

All are invited to join us for coffee and donuts in Longinus Hall after Masses next **Sunday, June 28th**. Come enjoy fellowship and conversation with fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayers and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to your call. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshiping 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.

*God Bless
Our Fathers*

Summer Festival

Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

2026 Summer Festival season is here! We are so very excited to get the word out on all the new and great things that we have in store!

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 weekend of **July 4/5; July 11/12**. Purchase \$9.00 worth of tickets in **ADVANCE** and receive \$1.00 worth of tickets **FREE!**



Pot Luck Stand

We are in need of Potluck Prizes for our Summer Festival stand!

We are almost less than 4 weeks away and WE NEED ABOUT 100 PRIZES yet!!!

There are a few easy ways to help donate. We have an Amazon wish list again this year. Go to Amazon.com/registries, search St John The Baptist Potluck, when purchasing an item it will default to ship to Fred Maley- you may send your items there for convenience or if you would prefer to ship to your own address and place item in the donation bin in the back of the church. Any questions, concerns, or to arrange drop off please call Shanna 570-617-4769.

If you'd like an even easier route, and have a smart phone or tablet, open your camera and hold over top and focus on the QR code box - a small link will pop up- tap on it and it will take you right to our Amazon wish list!

Gift cards are also a fantastic way to help! Any denomination and anyplace you love! They can be placed in the collection basket or please call Shanna Deibert 570-617-4769 to arrange for drop off or pick up. Thank you again for your continued generosity!!



Dedicated Workers Needed

Festival Stands.



There are a variety of stands that need help Games of Chance, Children's Games, Food Service, Ticket Stands, etc. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church ... add your name and phone number to one of the many areas.

Set-Up and Take-Down

Your help is needed for the big job of set-up on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** evenings before the Festival, and **Friday** morning to prepare the grounds for the festivities, and **Sunday** for clean-up and take-down. Your help in these areas is essential. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church.

Music Entertainment

Friday, July 17th, we are so blessed to have our very own **Dave Derbes** once again entertain us. Dave is a festival staple bringing all our acoustic favorite relaxing tunes. Join us in kicking off a great weekend of friends, family and fellowship.



Saturday, July 18th, back by popular demand—"Michele & the Lost Boys". We are so excited to welcome back the former members of the band Sapphire—Michele, Eric, Bill and Jim. They will bring all our favorite hits from the 50's, 60s, 70s, 80s. Enjoy their amazing acoustic music in our shaded seating area or out on the dance floor. So many toe tapping tunes from 6 to 9 p.m. **Bar** area will be open until 9:30 p.m. both nights! We have the coldest beer, great wine selections and a variety of Smirnoff and wine coolers.



Bakers Needed

Desserts/Baked Goods needed—If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop off at the Russell Building on July 17th or 18th.

Summer Festival

Specials 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!

(Baskets should be **completed** and **wrapped**. Baskets can be dropped off at the Russell Building on Wednesday, July 15 or Thursday, July 16. Baskets **CANNOT** be dropped off at the rectory.)



Food Committee

We need volunteers to help prepare food for this year's Festival If you would like to help, please call the Rectory or add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheets in the back of church.

Festival Patrons

\$500.00

Ed & Carole Quirin
Maria Rowlands

\$250.00

Paul & JoAnna Buber

\$100.00

Dave & Alice Bechtel
Sandy & Joe Frinzi
Lieberman & Tamulonis Law
Joseph Liptok
Frances Lorenz
Dan & Hermine Murphy
Mary B. Porter
Bill, Kelly, Brady, Briar Rowlands

\$75.00

Fetterolf Family

\$50.00

Joan M. Bowers
Kathy Brahler
Tom & Cindy Elison
Stan & Geri Grabowski
Heenan Family
Patricia Kutch
Eric & Jennifer Lieberman
John & Susan Minnichbach

Festival Patrons

\$50.00

John & Bernice Petock
Robert & Irene Post
David & Mary Ann Shoopack
Robert & Gretchen Witman

\$40.00

Mary Beth Harvey

\$30.00

Joe & Eleanor Orzechowski
Wartella Family

\$25.00

Jim Brentari
Janet Daubert
Barbara Ann Dietz
Greg Lieberman Family
Hal J. Messer
Jack & Aggie Messner
Frances Brahler Mickey
Bruno M. Tassone

\$20.00

Ron & Donna Dermo
Natalie Setlock
Rick & Michelle Stone
Christine Tray

\$10.00

Mary Ann Schweikert

Festival Sponsors

Hahner Bros. Inc. — Chance Books

Festival Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor one or more of the following — please drop in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

Band Sponsor \$100.00 each

Coke Sponsor \$ 50.00 each

Ice Cream \$ 25.00 each

Pizza Sponsor \$ 50.00 each

Band (1) - Paul & JoAnna Buber
Bleenie Mix (1) — Paul & JoAnna Buber
Bleenie Mix (9) - Frank Angelo
Coke (2) - John Bosche

Special Basket Table

Amika Hair Care -Shanna Deibert/Linda Murphy
Bath & Body - Barb Munster
Christmas in July - Lucilla Kochol
Dog Bskt. - Linda & Bob Stock
Family Fun Nite - Ann Blankenhorn
Italian - Cathy Cooper
Lottery - Nora Chiplonia
Picnic - John & Patty O'Neill
Wine - Luis R. Visot
Wine - Gianfagna's (2)
TBD - Rosann, David, Tyler Wilson
TBD - Sandy & Joe Frinzi

Thought of the Day

As you open your heart to His Word, you will find that it opens your eyes to His presence, transforming your life from the inside out.