

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Two phrases in the gospel this Sunday might challenge us in practical ways: First, "Jesus had crossed again to the other side." His "Crossing over" brought him into two situations in need of healing. "Crossing over" might be a reminder to us to go out of our way to help someone or, perhaps, positioning ourselves to look at a situation from another's point of view, even an opposing one.

Second, "who has touched my clothes?", shows us a Jesus who is aware of his surroundings not out of fear but in readiness to respond to those in need. As individuals and faith communities we are challenged by Jesus to be alert, welcoming, listening, healing and forgiving.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 2 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS PORTLAND (Ron, Pat, Sarah Lombel)

Tuesday, July 3 – 9:00 a.m.

NO MASS

Wednesday, July 4 – 9:00 a.m.

NO MASS

Thursday, July 5 – 9 a.m.

LUCILLA MAE FANELLI (Lucilla Kochol)

Friday, July 6 – 9:00 a.m.

ALESANDRO ALFONSI (Julie Semanick)

Saturday, July 7 – 5:00 p.m.

DOROTHY A. ROSENBERGER, 5th Anniv.
(Paul Rosenberger)

Sunday, July 8 – 8:15 a.m.

DOROTHY PROKOP (David & Joy Prokop)

Sunday, July 8 – 10:30 a.m.

EDWARD SMITH (Grandchildren)

SCHEDULE

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – July 7th

Reader: Robert Wollyung

Euch.Min.: Molly Zwiebel, Bobby Rienzo

Servers: Lukas, Connor, Bennett McNamara

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 8th

Reader: Jennifer Daubert

Euch.Min.: George Forney, Bobby Rienzo

Servers: Ty, Hayden, Jackson Daubert

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – July 8th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Bobby Rienzo

Servers: Aidan Cassidy, Kelly & Lauren Goodman

Cantor: Dave Derbes

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM-IMO Mary Wollyung by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

St. Joseph - Special Intention

Tabernacle - IMO Frances Prokop

by Peggy & Gene Ebling

Sanctuary

1. In thanksgiving by Bob and Irene Post

2. IMO R.J. Post by Bob & Irene Post

3. IMO Harry & Kathryn Bartholomew

by Frances Lorenz

4. IMO Charles J. Lorenz, 2nd Anniv. by Frances Lorenz

Guardian Angels

1. Health of Sandi Post by Bob & Irene Post

2. IMO Carol Siegle by Ellen, Millie and Barb

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, Candida Webber.

MARRIED IN CHRIST

We extend our warmest congratulation to **Michael & Tiffany Hummel** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on June 15th 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.



DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

We need adorers for the following hours:

Tuesday 9 & 10 a.m.

Thursday 4 a.m. & 5 a.m.; Friday 12 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.

CCD REGISTRATION

Now is the time to register your child for next year's CCD class. 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: \$60.00 First Child
All Other Children: \$55.00 per Child

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 23/24: \$4,240.78

Improvements & Repairs: \$1,465.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What story about Jesus astounds you?

Next Week's Readings

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (July 7/8)

Reading I: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

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.



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.

FAMILY MATTERS

Fourth of July – let freedom ring. We give thanks to God today for the many rights and responsibilities that come with our freedom as citizens. As a parish family we give thanks to God for our freedoms, especially our right to worship on this Independence Day.

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

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.”

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

July

3 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

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| 10 | Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 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

SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you to the following who volunteered their time and talent here at St. John's. Our volunteers make our parish family special!

Joyce Gerace, Lucilla Kochol, Cathy Satterwhite, Mary Ann Schweikert, for helping with the parish mailing for our Mid-Summer Festival.

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.



DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER *Happy 4th of July *! *!*
Keep the fireworks and sparkle in your relationship with a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend. For more information, please call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

Mid-Summer Festival

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

Our next meeting is **Monday, June 25th – 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.

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

Maureen & Becky Derbes, Maureen Kurtek, Kathy Vicic

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SPECIAL'S TABLE

Donated Baskets

1862 Basket – Joan Scheetz
Basket of Cheer – Nativity Green & Gold
Bath Basket – Lorraine Gurlavage
Beer & Snack Basket – Sandy & Joe Frinzi
Coach Purse Basket – Sue & Brian Eckley
Coffee & Tea Basket – Consugar Family
Cul-de-Sac Basket --- Lucilla Kochol
Dairy Queen Gift Cards – Linda & Martin Smith
Doll/Toy Basket – Rosann Sitkus
Gift Card Basket – Nora Chiplonia & Chris Zanis
Halloween Basket -- Chris Black
Lock & Lock Basket – Rita Lotz
Lottery -- Ed & Carole Quirin
Lottery -- Prezelski Family
Summer Afghan/Yankee Candle/Wine Basket
-- Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski
Summer Dishware Bskt. – Kathy & George Zwiebel
Wine/Snack Basket – Joan Bowers

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.

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

MAJOR SPONSORS

Hahner Bros. Inc.

**Murphy Jewelers
Rosenberger Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Joe & Nancy Schlitzer**

MISC. SPONSORS

Mary & Bob Porter \$100.00 - Coke
John & Pat Kutch \$ 50.00 - Pizza
St. John's CYO Program \$ 50.00 - Pizza
Marie & Robert Doyle \$ 40.00 - Bleenie Mix
Theresa Skrobak (2) \$ 80.00 - Bleenie Mix
Jeff & Linda Zwiebel \$ 25.00 - Ice Cream

FESTIVAL PATRONS

\$100.00

Larry & Sharon Lonergan
Mary & Bob Porter

James Quandel

George & Kathy Zwiebel

\$70.00

Joey Kurtek

\$60.00

Luis R. & Virginia Visot

\$50.00

Frances Lorenz

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 8th.**
- Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden.
- All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in receptacles in Cemetery.

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

Bleenie Mix - \$ 40.00 Bucket

Coke Sponsor - \$ 100.00 each

Ice Cream - \$ 25.00 each

Pizza Sponsor - \$ 50.00 each

Clown Sponsor - \$ 50.00 each

