

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Immigrants who receive citizenship must take the Naturalization Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America. The oath requires the new citizen to absolutely and entirely renounce allegiance and fidelity to any foreign power; to support and defend the country against all enemies; and to bear true faith and allegiance. The new citizen also promises to bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by law. The oath concludes that they do all this without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion. Other countries likely have similar requirements for citizenship.

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus give us a more simplified yet challenging version of his requirements for discipleship, our Christian citizenship, as it were. Jesus makes this demand on all of us: *"Whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."*

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 3 – 9:00 a.m.

ALESANDRO ALPHONSI (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Tuesday – July 4 – 9:00 a.m.

HAROLD & CARL BARTHOLOMEW
(Ron & Pat Lombel)

Wednesday, July 5 -- NO MASS

Thursday – July 6 – NO MASS

Friday – July 7 – 9 a.m.

EDWARD SEROKA (John & Joyce Gerace)

Saturday, July 8 – 5 p.m.

DOROTHY A. ROSENBERGER (Paul Rosenberger)

Sunday – July 9 – 8:15 a.m.

CARL BARTHOLOMEW

(James & Alexander Cuomo)

Sunday – July 9 – 10:30 a.m.

EDWARD SMITH (Smith Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Frank Brozana by Don & Joanne Doyne

St. Joseph - IMO Dorothy A. Rosenberger

by Paul Rosenberger

Tabernacle - For Beth Orłowski

Sanctuary

1. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Family

2&3. IMO Timothy Grickis by Peggy & Gene Ebling

4. IMO Jane Weiss by Diane Fiorillo

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Edward Smith by Grandchildren

SCHEDULE

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – July 8th

Reader: Patti O'Neill

Euch.Min.: Molly Zwiebel, Bill Gianfagna

Servers: Patrick Ryan, Aliyah & Nathan Peckman

Cantor: Dave Derbes

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 9th

Reader: Jennifer Daubert

Euch.Min.: George Forney, Dave Smith

Servers: Ty & Hayden Daubert, Samantha Heenan

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – July 9th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Phil Markovich, Sharon Snyder

Servers: Aidan Cassidy, Evielynn Hower,

Victoria Wagner

Cantor: Melody Newhard Kirk

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: Fred & Magdalene Maskerines, Mary Connell, Raydell Wychunas, Caitlin McGarry, Jerry Schoenauer, Mary Zambo, Carol Heacock, Paul Burns, Dorothy Blum, Dorothy Elison, Carl & Toni Wiest.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Brian & Laken Riccella** and their children, **Madison, Juliann and Eliza** to St. John's Parish Family.



Warmly embrace the **Riccella's** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 302 Forestwood Drive, Pottsville, Pa. 17901

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

Total Goal: \$ 35,309.04

Amount Collected: \$ 10,699.00

Number of Donors: 94

Participation: 13.93%

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 24/25: \$ 4,237.25

Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,470.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed

Monday & Tuesday -- July 3 & 4

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is there someone carrying a cross who needs your help?

Next Week's Readings

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (July 8/9)

Reading I: Zechariah 9:9-10

Reading II: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Open Hours with Jesus

Adoration is prayer that prolongs the celebration and Eucharistic Communion and in which the soul continues to be nourished: it is nourished with love, truth, peace; it is nourished with hope, because the One before whom we prostrate ourselves does not judge us, does not crush us, but liberates and transforms us.

Pope Benedict XVI

We need adorers for the following hours:

Wednesday 12 & 1 a.m. & 9 a.m.

Saturday 1 & 4 & 9 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 Albert 573-0036 or Aleece 449-7678.

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PICTURES

First Holy Communion pictures are here!

They are available at the rectory during the week.

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

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.

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.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL NEWS ...

GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL CAMP: to take place **July 17, 18, 19, 20** at Nativity High School for girls 3rd to 8th grade. Cost \$45.00. Brochures available at Nativity High School. Please call Mrs. Jennifer Daubert 622-8110 for more information.

POSITION AVAILABLE: Nativity is accepting applications for **Dean of Students** for the 2017-18 school year. This is a year-round position. Duties include all aspects of Discipline, Student Record Keeping, Attendance, Coordination of Student Life, Supervision of Maintenance and others. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree and Teacher Certification required. Interested candidates please send résumé, certifications and all clearances by July 5th to:

Nativity BVM High School

Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal

One Lawton's Hill

Pottsville, Pa. 17901

Mid-Summer Festival

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Ed & Natalie Glunz	\$40.00 --- Bleenies
Jim & Donna Pugh	\$40.00 --- Bleenies
Mary Lou Roeder	\$40.00 --- Bleenies
Theresa Skrobak	\$80.00 --- Bleenies (2)
Bob & Mary Porter	\$100.00 -- Coke
Catholic Women's Union	\$25.00 --- Ice Cream
Peggy Ebling	\$25.00 --- Ice Cream
Greg & Lauren Poleschuck	\$25.00 --- Ice Cream
St.John's CYO Program	\$50.00 --- Pizza

FESTIVAL PATRONS

<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
Friends of St. John's	Vincent Albo
Stanley & Heidi Gorski	<u>\$30.00</u>
John M. Grapsy	Dave & Alice Bechtel
Dr. Richard Greco	Jerry & Diane Hudock
Neil & Frances Manus	Frances Lorenz
Al & Kathy Norkus	Wartella Family
Mary & Bob Porter	Romayne Yingling
<u>\$80.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
Grabowski Family	Ann Blankenhorn
<u>\$75.00</u>	Joe & Kathy Brahler
Ellen & Jay Zane	Jim Brentari
<u>\$60.00</u>	Susan Cook
Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot	Janet Daubert
<u>\$50.00</u>	Doyle Family
Dorothy Elison	Justina Mitchell
Joey Kurtek	Butch & Sue Scheetz
M/M John Kutch	<u>\$20.00</u>
Bill & Bernie Lecher	Anonymous
Dorothy & Leo Lotz	Joan Bowers
McNamara Family	Mary Lou Roeder
Nancy Steffan	Martin & Linda Smith
Albert & Kathleen Nastasi	Dorothy & Joe Stangl
Christine Tray	<u>\$10.00</u>
Wehr's Auto Service Inc.	Catherine & Charles Bowers
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Joe & Barbara Wollyung	M/M John Mestishen
	<u>\$5.00</u>
	Margaret Pauly

Our Next Meeting is scheduled for ...
Thursday, July 6th - 7 p.m.
 in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

Mid-Summer Festival



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.

If you would like us to pick up your donation, please call us ... (Pat) 570-544-5266, (Maureen) 570-581-8307, or (Kathy) 570-622-2326. You can also drop them off at the rectory. As always, thank you very much for your support and help...

Pat Zaharis, Maureen Kurtek, Kathy Vicic.

BASKET SPECIALS

Art Basket --- Theresa McCabe
 Baking Basket --- Janet Daubert
 Black & White Party Basket – Karla's Kreationz
 Breakfast Basket – Chuck & Mary Rinaldo
 Fall Basket --- Chris Black
 Gardening Basket --- Rosann Sitkus
 Gift Certificates – Ed & Carole Quirin
 Hair Care Basket --- Shanna Deibert/the Looking Glass
 Lottery Basket --- Nora Chiplonia, Chris Zanis
 Lottery Frames --- Prezelski Family
 Monetary Donation --- Frances Lorenz
 Sport/Snack Basket --- Sandy Frinzi
 Summer Afghan/Yankee Candle/Wine Basket
 --- Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski
 Summer Dishware Basket --- George & Kathy Zwiebel
 Vera Bradley Basket --- Ken & Tammy Cooper
 Wine Basket – Lori Pontician
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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...

If you have sleep problems and take prescription medications, ask your doctor if one of the drugs could be the cause. In a recent study in *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, investigators assessed 74 research reviews involving 88 drugs and found that 19 of them increased sleep problems. Moreover, they found that the package inserts (as compiled in the widely used Physicians' Desk Reference) were correct about sleep-related effects for only 60 % of the drugs. Don't stop taking medication without first consulting your doctor.

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.

Suggestions are as follows:

- *Ready to eat **Canned Goods** with pop tops (easy open)
- *Items not condensed (ready to eat)
- *Individually wrapped bags of **Cookies, Chips, Pretzels**
- *Individual packs of **Crackers**
- *Individual small jars of **Peanut Butter**
- *Individual packets of **Peanut Butter**

*Protein and Granola Bars

*Bottled Water

*Juice 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.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

YOUNG ADULT LISTENING SESSION Rome Wants to Know What You Think! Pope Francis has dedicated the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be focused on the theme of "*Youth [ages 16-29] Faith, and Vocational Discernment.*" The Synod will take place in October of 2018, but to prepare for it, the Church needs to hear from you! Join us on **July 12, 2017 from 7 to 9 p.m.** at **Roma Pizza**, 116 W Market St. in Pottsville.

POSITION AVAILABLE Schuylkill Employment opportunity: A **teaching position** is available at Trinity Academy, Shenandoah, beginning the 2017-2018 school year. It is departmentalized Grs. 5-7 L.Arts, Grs. 5-6 Reading, Gr. 6 Religion, Gr. 7 Soc St., Gr. 6 Home Room.

Those interested in applying should send résumé, attention Sue Klinger by July 2. Teacher application & other pertinent information is available on the Diocesan website.

FAMILY FUN DAY
KNOEBELS AMUSEMENT PARK
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH
SAVE THE DATE !!
... MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW ...

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

July

- 11 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 12 St. John's Beneficial Society – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 12/13 Mid-Summer Festival Set-Up – 6 p.m.
- 14/15 Mid-Summer Festival 5 to 9:30 p.m.
- 16 Mid-Summer Festival Take-Down – 9 a.m.
- 18 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 19 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 25 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

August

- 1 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 6 Family Fun Day at Knoebels Park

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

PILGRIMAGE sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Minersville on **Sunday, August 6th** to the Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Bally (the oldest church in the Diocese of Allentown) followed by a tour of the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. For reservations and info, call 570-527-0453. Cost is \$25.00.

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MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

Friday & Saturday, July 14 & 15 -- 2017

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 14th & July 15th**.

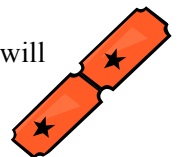
POT LUCK STAND

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 **Pat Zaharis 544-5266, Maureen Kurtek 581-8307, Kathy Vivic 622-2326.**



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 8/9**. Purchase \$9.00 worth of tickets in **ADVANCE** and receive \$1.00 worth of tickets **FREE!**



FESTIVAL SPONSORS NEEDED

Coke Sponsor - \$ 100.00 each (1 Needed)	Bleenie Mix - \$ 40.00 a bucket (2 Needed)
Pizza Sponsor - \$ 50.00 each (4 Needed)	Ice Cream - \$ 25.00 each (1 Needed)
Clown Sponsor - \$ 50.00 each (5 Needed)	

FESTIVAL WISH LIST

Sour Cream

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