

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Oh that we could say once a week or even once a month that someone “took offense” at us like they did of Jesus. It might be speaking up to family or friends when a racial slur is used or when a person is teased because of their appearance, or, or, or ----. There are numerous occasions when we often choose to be silent or to laugh politely in order not to offend.

Another option is at least to support the one who dares to offend like Jesus did. At times like these, we might intentionally recall God’s message to St. Paul, “*My grace is sufficient for you.*”

Yours in Christ,

*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 9 – 9:00 a.m.

**STEPHEN BARUKA**

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Tuesday, July 10 – 9:00 a.m.

**CHARLES LORENZ** (David & Ann Terleckas)

Wednesday, July 11 – 9:00 a.m.

**WILLIAM ELISON** (Paul & Bernadette Gombola)

Thursday, July 12 – 9 a.m.

**DOROTHY PROKOP** (Bob Frantz)

Friday, July 13 – 9:00 a.m.

**JERRY & GERRY FREILER**

Saturday, July 14 – 5:00 p.m.

**CHARLES BOWERS** (Scott Williams)

Sunday, July 15 – 8:15 a.m.

**CHARLIE & CATHERINE SCHAEFFER**

(Maria Schaeffer)

Sunday, July 15 – 10:30 a.m.

**GERALD SCHOENAUER** (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

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Tuesday – July 10<sup>th</sup>

at York Terrace Nursing Home

**ANNA ANTONIO** (Staff & Residents)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - IMO Nancy Doyne by Don & Joanne Doyne

**St. Joseph** - IMO Frank & Josephine Brozana

by Don & Joanne Doyne

**Tabernacle** - IMO Steve Prokop

by Peggy & Gene Ebling

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Family

2. IMO Dorothy A. Rosenberger by Paul Rosenberger

3. IMO Dorothy Prokop by Peggy & Gene Ebling

4. IMO Timothy Grickis by Peggy & Gene Ebling

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. IMO Edward Smith by Grandchildren

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## SCHEDULE

15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – July 14<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Heidi Gorski

**Euch.Min.:** Hermine Murphy, Gerry Schwartz,  
(Dr. Visot)

**Servers:** Patrick Ryan, Jillian Guzick, Kaitlin Painter

**Cantor:** Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Patty O’Neill

**Euch.Min.:** Joyce Gerace, Dave Smith,  
(Larry Lonergan)

**Servers:** Maggie Brennan, Samantha Heenan,  
Caroline Hobbs

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Janet Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Justina Majestic, Frank Murphy,  
(Larry Lonergan)

**Servers:** Grace, Justice, Leah Scheidel

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

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### **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.*

**Deceased:** *Candida Webber*

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### **DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION**

We have a real need for adorers to fill the open holy hours. 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:**

**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 Alece for information 570-449-7678.**

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### **BAPTIZED IN CHRIST**

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Sofia Margaret Gabrielle**, daughter of Andrew and Ashley (Smith) Gabrielle. She became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and is now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity. We warmly welcome **Sofia** into our parish community.

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## FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may have heard, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has delayed the release of the Grand Jury Report on clergy sexual abuse in six Pennsylvania dioceses, including the Diocese of Allentown. It is unknown how long the Court's order will remain in place.

I want you to know that the Diocese of Allentown has always cooperated with the Office of the Attorney General and the Grand Jury process. Neither I, nor the Diocese, nor any diocesan official has attempted to block or delay release of the Report.

I will be addressing the topic of clergy abuse in more detail after the Grand Jury Report is released. Please join me in praying for the victims and survivors, and for all those hurt by child abuse, wherever it occurs in society.

With an assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Bishop Alfred A. Schlert*

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Whom do you consider a prophet today?  
How do you honor today's prophets?

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### Next Week's Readings

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (July 14/15)

**Reading I:** Amos 7:12-15

**Reading II:** Ephesians 1:3-14

**Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13

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### 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**

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### 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.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### July

- 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

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## NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Mathematics Teacher** – Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, Mathematics Education or related field is required. Mathematics certification preferred.

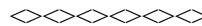
**Head Track & Field Coach** -- Head Coaching experience preferred for Track & Field.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Is your relationship as limp as a flag on a hot July day? Put some SNAP back into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. For more information, call 732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

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## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** ... sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Church in Minersville on **Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** from 4 to 7 p.m. Eat-in or take-out. Adults \$9.00; Child (under 10) \$5.00. Tickets available at church or call Jean 570-544-6853.

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## BULLETIN BOOSTERS

June 2018

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

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We appreciate advertisers who support St. John's by advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize their business and let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin.

#### **Lord-Bixler Funeral Home, Inc.**

1818 Mahantongo Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

**570-622-0230**

Terry L. Bixler, Supv.

#### Why Advertise In A Church Bulletin?

- \* It's inexpensive Advertising
- \* It's Effective in Catching New Neighbors' Attention
- \* It's Advertising Concentrated in Your Own Neighborhood
- \* It Develops Good Community Relationships
- \* It's Good For Developing Loyal Customers

### **2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE**

Total Goal: \$ 34,792.84

Amount Collected: \$ 11,134.00

Number of Donors: 100

Participation: 14.81%

IMO Carl Bartholomew	M/M James Loeper
IMO Harold Bartholomew	IMO Charles Lorenz
IMO Robert Berger	IMO Felix & Agnes Narog
IMO Edward Christ	IMO Carol Nygren
Millie Fredericks	Dorothy Parsick
Fr. Don Henry	IMO Jeanne Rehnert
IMO M/M Herbert Henry	IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert
Joanne Hepler	IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
IMO Clare Houser	Marcie Schnerring
IMO Francis King	IMO Margaret Zelinsky

Living & Deceased of St. John's CYO Program

**What is a Bulletin Booster??** Some of our newer parishioners have asked what it means to be a Bulletin Booster. We have a wonderful bulletin – it is timely and keeps us informed of what is going on within our parish family and its surroundings. Paper and supplies are needed on a weekly basis to continue this family tradition. So, if you'd like to donate toward the supplies. **\$1.00 and up ... you too can be a ... Bulletin Booster**

**FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Divorced people may be at increased risk for heart attacks and should pay special attention to their coronary risk factors,** suggests a recent study in Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes. It looked at nearly 16,000 Americans, ages 45 to 80, who had ever been married. Over the course of nearly two decades, women who had been divorced once were 24% more likely to have a heart attack than those who stayed married, and those who divorced more than once had a 77% higher risk. Remarried women still faced somewhat higher risk. Among men, only those who were divorced more than once were at elevated risk (30% higher), and remarriage seemed to reverse the risk. The researchers controlled for (and thus ruled out) many factors that could explain the increased risk, including loss of income, depression, alcohol use, and smoking, and concluded that other effects of the stress of divorce were most likely to blame.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PICTURES**

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

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**June 30/July 1: \$ 4,495.00**

**Dues: \$1,411.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

# Mid-Summer Festival

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

Our next meeting is Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – 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 Vivic*

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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
- Beauty Basket – BeeHive Salon
- 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.

## **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

## MAJOR SPONSORS

CACL Financial  
Hahner Bros. Inc.  
Lori & David Miller  
Murphy Jewelers  
Quandel Group  
Ed & Carole Quirin  
Rosenberger Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
Joe & Nancy Schlitzer

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## 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

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## FESTIVAL PATRONS

<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>
Stanley&Heidi Gorski & Sons	Vincent Albo
Larry & Sharon Lonergan	Joe & Barbara Wollyung
Dan & Hermine Murphy	<u>\$35.00</u>
Bob & Mary Porter	Anonymous
James Quandel	<u>\$30.00</u>
Carl & Toni Wiest	Dave & Alice Bechtel
J. Robert & Ellen Zane	Blankenhorn's
George & Kathy Zwiebel	Jerry & Diane Hudock
<u>\$70.00</u>	Grabowski Family
Joey Kurtek	Wartella's
<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot	Joan Bowers
<u>\$50.00</u>	Larry & Ann Butz
Dolores Brophy	Robert & Christina DiCello
John & Kathryn Carroll	Frank & Annie Murphy
Evelyn DeJesus	Robert, DeAnna, Ava
JoAnne Hepler	Orlowsky
Frances Lorenz	<u>\$20.00</u>
Bob & Irene Post	Frank & Mary Fetterolf
Nancy Steffan	George L. Post
Dianne Stoudt	<u>\$10.00</u>
	Joan Kline

## **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.

# **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 20<sup>th</sup> & July 21<sup>st</sup>.**

### **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**

