

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Shaking the dust from one's feet when leaving a place probably meant not even getting inside the front door. Not welcome, not heard, no washing of feet happened there. Today, we might say, "Been there, done that" and never going back.

A more positive take on this might be – shake off our disappointment, sense of failure or supposed insult. If we don't hang on to the negative feeling or take it too personally, we might be able to approach that person or group with an open heart at a later time. If we are really about doing God's work, what do we have to lose?

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 16 – 9:00 a.m.

MICHAEL MELINCHOK (Jean Stidham)

Tuesday, July 17 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH & JESSIE RITZEL (Joan Ritzel)

Wednesday, July 18 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNA KURTEK (Paul & Bernie Gombola)

Thursday, July 19 – 9 a.m.

JOHN & LORRAINE TASSO

Friday, July 20 – 9:00 a.m.

CLAIR & MARGARET FRY (Ann Marie Ludlow)

Saturday, July 21 – 4:00 p.m. (TIME CHANGE)

RICHARD SETLOCK (Natalie Setlock & Family)

Sunday, July 22 – 8:15 a.m.

ED MONTAG (M/M Stephen Bobiak)

Sunday, July 22 – 10:30 a.m.

ELLEN SCHLITZER (Stencovage Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – For Susan Gaffney & Carrie O'Donovan
by Bernice Petock

St. Joseph - IMO Matthew Norkus, 25th Anniv.
by John, Barb, Megan Powers

Tabernacle - IMO Robert Lotz by Rita Lotz
Sanctuary

1. IMO Catherine Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer
2. IMO Dottie & Doc Bound by John & Mary Bound
3. IMO Marie & Carl Veith by John & Mary Bound
4. IMO Ursula Klassen by Family

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Robert Lotz by Rita Lotz

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.



SCHEDULE

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 p.m. – Saturday – July 21st

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Dominic Chiplonia, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Vincent & Michael Prestileo, Olivia Tokonitz

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 22nd

Reader: Bob Bechtel

Euch.Min.: John Corbacio, Nicholas Quinn

Servers: Gabriella Quinn, Madison & Caden Wright

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – July 22nd

Reader: Tyler Cooper

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Phil Markovich

Servers: Emma, Anna, Livia Lieberman

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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, Carol Heacock.*

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 Aleece for information 570-449-7678.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do your possessions help your discipleship?
Hinder It?

Next Week's Readings

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (July 21/22)

Reading I: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 2:13-18; **Gospel:** Mark 6:3-34

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 7/8: \$ 4,184.00

Improvements & Repairs: \$1,349.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

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, July 18th 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.

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**

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL ...

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.

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.



UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

July

- 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PICTURES

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

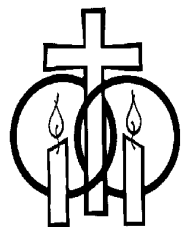
DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – “Jesus sent them out two by two,” (today's Gospel). Have you ever realized that by your Sacrament of Marriage Jesus has sent you out to be witnesses of God's love? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend to strengthen your love. For more information, 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 info or to register for one of our weekends, visit at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

MARRIED IN CHRIST

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Katelynn Ann Mallon** and **Jeffrey A. Naffin**, who were joined in Holy Matrimony last weekend 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.



NEIGHBORING EVENTS

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.



SPAGHETTI DINNER ... sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Church in Minersville on **Thursday, July 19th** 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.

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>

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Too much sugar may be bad for your mood, suggests a British study in *Scientific* reports, which tracked the diets and health of 8,000 people, none of whom were being treated for mental illness at the start. Compared to men who consumed the least sugar (less than 40 grams a day) from sweets such as cakes, candies, and ice cream as well as sugary beverages, men who consumed the most sugar (more than 67 grams a day) were 23% more likely to be diagnosed with depressive symptoms over a five-year period. For perspective, a 12-ounce can of soda has about 40 grams of sugar. No association was seen in women, however, perhaps because of their smaller number in the study, gender differences in depression pathology, or chance.

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.

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FAMILY MATTERS

Couples in Conflict. Sometimes couples really struggle in their marriages. We ask that you pray for our couples that are facing serious challenges in living out the vocation of their sacramental marriage. Pray that the graces of this sacrament sustain them during their struggles. For information about RETROUVAILLE, a weekend for troubles marital relationships, see the website www.retrouvaille.org.

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."

Mid-Summer Festival

Our next meeting is Monday, July 16th - 7 p.m.
in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

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 Chipionia & 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.

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.
- 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

MAJOR SPONSORS

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MISC. SPONSORS

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| 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 |
| Catholic Women's Union | \$ 25.00 – Ice Cream |
| Rosann Sitkus | \$ 25.00 – Ice Cream |
| Jeff & Linda Zwiebel | \$ 25.00 - Ice Cream |
| Chuck & Mary Rinaldo | \$ 50.00 - Clown |

FESTIVAL PATRONS

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| <u>\$100.00</u> | <u>\$35.00</u> |
| Flynn Family | Anonymous |
| Friends of St. John's | <u>\$30.00</u> |
| Stanley & Heidi Gorski & Sons | Dave & Alice Bechtel |
| Larry & Sharon Lonergan | Blankenhorn's |
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| George & Kathy Zwiebel | <u>\$25.00</u> |
| <u>\$70.00</u> | Joan Bowers |
| Joey Kurtek | Jim Brentari |
| <u>\$60.00</u> | Larry & Ann Butz |
| Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot | Robert & Christina DiCello |
| <u>\$50.00</u> | Tom & Cindy Elison |
| Dolores Brophy | B. Lecher |
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| JoAnne Hepler | Robert, DeAnna, Ava Orłowsky |
| Frances Lorenz | JP & Barb Powers |
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| Bob & Irene Post | <u>\$20.00</u> |
| Nancy Steffan | Frank & Mary Fetterolf |
| Dianne Stoudt | George L. Post |
| <u>\$40.00</u> | <u>\$10.00</u> |
| Vincent Albo | Kathleen Hohman |
| Joe & Barbara Wollyung | Joan Kline |

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

Friday & Saturday, July 20 & 21 -- 2018

5 – 9:30 p.m. each night

DEDICATED WORKERS NEEDED SET-UP AND TAKE-DOWN



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

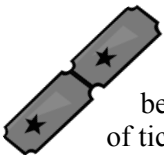
The Food Committee needs volunteers to help prepare food for this year's Festival ... Food Preparation will take place **Wednesday & Thursday** beginning at **9 a.m.** at the Russell Building. If you would like to help, please call the Rectory 622-5470.



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.**

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 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

