

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's gospel speaks loudly to women who have hosted Thanksgiving Day dinners stuck in the kitchen getting the meal ready, while everyone else sits in the living room talking and laughing. A friend spoke of how she had spent days shopping and preparing the turkey and then set the table with the finest china. An extra guest arrived and all were seated awaiting grace in a beautiful moment of "family." Then, surveying the table she realized there was no place for her to sit. She would have to grab a few bites in the kitchen all by herself. Though Jesus would identify time with family as the "better part," he surely would have blessed the selfless cook who made the magnificent meal.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, July 22 – 9:00 a.m.**

**KATHY NORKUS** (Verna Sauers)

**Tuesday, July 23 – 9:00 a.m.**

**JOSEPHINE KOCHOL** (Babe Murphy)

**Wednesday, July 24 – 9:00 a.m.**

**JOHN B. LIEBERMAN IV** (Tony & Ann Gaburick)

**Thursday – July 25 – 9:00 a.m.**

**EARL & FLORENCE TROPP**

**Friday, July 26 – 9:00 a.m.**

**SAMIRA RIZK** (Ron, Pat, Sarah Lombel)

**Saturday, July 27 – 5:00 p.m.**

**MATT & MARK NORKUS** (Al & Lynda Norkus)

**Sunday, July 28 – 8:15 a.m.**

**CHARLES LORENZ**

(Rita & Ellen Foley/Jason & Jared Fedor)

**Sunday, July 28 – 10:30 a.m.**

**THERESA RINALDO** (Jessica & Mike Brennan)



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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:** *Tom Jefferson, Rachel Kujat, Paul Burns, Lorelei Oswald, Jean Hill, Sue Klem Moore, Rebecca Weiss, Pat Thomas, Mildred Ditzler.*

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### BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the glorious baptism day of **Jake Thomas Wartella**, son of David and Leanne (Mull) Wartella. He 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 him into our parish family.



## CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - Special Intention by Mary Jean Morgalis

**St. Joseph** - Special Intention

**Tabernacle** – IMO Emily Leinheiser, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
by Family

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family

2. Special Intention

3&4. IMO Virgen Julia Lebron by Visot's

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

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## SCHEDULE

### 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**5 p.m. – Saturday – July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Tyler Cooper

**Euch.Min.:** Frank Murphy, Matthew Kuna

**Servers:** Brooke Siket, Luke Garvey, Joshua Cooper

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

**8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Jeff Naffin

**Euch.Min.:** Dave Smith, Matthew Kuna

**Servers:** Dylan & Ryan Schreffler, Sophia Palmieri

**Cantor:** Debbie Purcell

**10:30 a.m. – Sunday – July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Evielyn Hower

**Euch.Min.:** Charles Miller, Matthew Kuna

**Servers:** Aleksander & Stanley Gorski, Gabriella Quinn

**Cantor:** Ensemble

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When do you make time for the "better part"  
spending moments with the Lord?

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## Next Week's Readings

**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (July 27/28)

**Reading I:** Genesis 18:20-32

**Reading II:** Colossians 2:12-14

**Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13

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## MEN'S GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

***Men's Gospel Reflection Group*** meeting will take place on **Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room.** This group is open to any men interested in reflecting on how the Gospel impacts their lives. All are welcome! Please call Michael Scheidel 739-1808 or Bill Gianfagna 573-0105 with any questions.

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## 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.



**THE AMAZING PARISH**  
**THE FLOW OF COMMUNICATION DIAGRAM**

**PARISH FAMILY**

Parish  
Council

Parish  
Leadership  
Team

WEEKLY  
MEETINGS

Pastor

**GOALS:**

1. Better serve the needs of the parish.
2. Increased lay participation in decision making.
3. More openness to the ideas of the parish family.
4. Better communication between Pastor/Parish Leadership Team and the Parish Family.
5. More focus on the parish's unique mission.

**DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION**

We need adorers for the following hours:

Wednesday 12 a.m., 1 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 p.m.

Thursday 4 a.m.; Friday 6 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.**

**EVENING OF PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS**



Join us here at St. John's on **Sunday, August 4 from 7 to 8 p.m.** for a *Eucharistic Holy Hour* to pray for our priests serving in the Diocese of Allentown. This evening of prayer will include a Rosary for priests and litany prayer for the intercession of Saint John Marie Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests. We hope you can join us!

**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**

'An Encounter in the Silence' on **Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** at Saint Clare of Assisi Church in St. Clair. An evening of Eucharistic Adoration, sacred music and a Reflection presented by Seminarian Keaton Eidle. Light refreshments to follow.

**CCD REGISTRATION**

**DEADLINE – August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Now is the time to register your child for next year's CCD class. **There are reduced rates until August 1<sup>st</sup>.** 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: \$50.00 First Child**

(after August 1<sup>st</sup> - \$60.00)

**All Other Children: \$45.00 per Child**

(after August 1<sup>st</sup> - \$55.00)

**CCD PROGRAM**

Our CCD Program is in need of a **First Grade Teacher** for the 2019-2020 school year. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in our school building. No experience necessary, just a desire to pass on our faith to our youth. All volunteers must have all required clearances including Protecting God's Children. For more information, call Lucilla Kochol at the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 5.



**COFFEE & DONUTS**

Join us for Coffee and Donuts  
on **Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** in Longinus Hall  
after 8:15 & 10:30 Masses.

All are welcome! Please join us!



**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN  
WORKSHOP**

... will be held at Nativity BVM High School

**Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 p.m.**

Please call 570-622-8110 to register ...

**FAMILY MATTERS**

**Actions Speak Louder than Words.** "Go out and preach the Good News. And, if necessary, use words!" We ask that this week we all share with our families the Gospel daily – through our actions. Pray that the Lord give us the strength to do this even when we are most exasperated.

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

**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

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## MISC. SPONSORS

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Catholic Women's Union	\$ 25.00 – Ice Cream
Steve & Jan Kurtek	\$ 25.00 – Ice Cream
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Bob & Mary Porter	\$100.00 – Coke
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Barbara Krupa	\$ 40.00 – Bleenie Mix
Rick & Kelly Painter	\$ 40.00 – Bleenie Mix
Mary Lou Roeder	\$ 40.00 – Bleenie Mix
Theresa Skrobak	(2) \$ 80.00 – Bleenie Mix
John & Bernice Petock	\$ 50.00 – Pizza
St. John's CYO Program	\$ 50.00 – Pizza

# Mid-Summer Festival

## SPECIAL'S TABLE

### Donated Baskets to date:

**\$100.00 Money Frame** --- Nora Chiplonia & Chris Zanis  
**Cabela's Gift Card Frame** --- Martin & Linda Smith  
**Decorative Porch Items Bskt.** --- Rosann Sitkus  
**Fall Bskt.** – Chris Black  
**Fun in the Sun Bskt.** --- Sandy Frinzi  
**Gift Cards** --- Carole Quirin  
**Italian Bskt.** --- John & Patty O'Neill  
**Lottery Frame** --- Prezelski's  
**Salon Beauty Products Bskt.** --- Shanna Deibert  
**Spring Fling Bskt.** --- Chris Black  
**Toy Bskt.** --- Lorraine Gurlavage  
**Tea Time Bskt.** --- Frances Lorenz  
**Vera Bradley Bskt.** --- Ken & Tammy Cooper  
**Vera Bradley Bskt.** --- Brian & Sue Eckley  
**Wine Bskt.** --- Lorraine Gurlavage  
**Wine & Snack Bskt.** --- Kathy & George Zwiebel  
**Wine & Afghan Bskt.** --- Joe & Eleanor Orzechowski

Basket should be completed and wrapped.  
 Baskets can be dropped off at the Russell Building  
 Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.  
 Baskets CANNOT be dropped off at the rectory.

# Mid-Summer Festival

## FESTIVAL PATRONS

<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Laurita Buehler</b>	<b>Alice &amp; Dave Bechtel</b>
<b>Friends of St. John's</b>	<b>The Blankenhorn's</b>
<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>Jim Brentari</b>
<b>Gorski Family</b>	<b>Robert Burns Masonry</b>
<b>Sharon &amp; Larry Lonergan</b>	<b>Martha Golden</b>
<b>Neil &amp; Frances Manus</b>	<b>Grabowski Family</b>
<b>Danny &amp; Hermine Murphy</b>	<b>Jerry &amp; Diane Hudock</b>
<b>John &amp; Bernice Petock</b>	<b>Herm Minnig</b>
<b>Mary &amp; Bob Porter</b>	<b>Babe Murphy</b>
<b>Chuck Rinaldo &amp; Family</b>	<b>Nabholz Family</b>
<b>Kathy &amp; George Zwiebel</b>	<b>Dorothy &amp; Joe Stangl</b>
<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>&amp; Erika Seasock Stangl</b>
<b>Luis R. &amp; Virginia C. Visot</b>	<b>Wartella's</b>
<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>Joe &amp; Barbara Wollyung</b>
<b>Dolores Brophy</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Datte Family</b>	<b>Joan Bowers</b>
<b>Dr.&amp;Mrs. Carl Forster</b>	<b>Joe &amp; Kathy Brahler</b>
<b>Paul &amp; Teresa Gauntlett</b>	<b>Susan Cook</b>
<b>Joan M. Grapsy</b>	<b>Janet Daubert</b>
<b>Bill &amp; Denise Hauptly</b>	<b>Peggy Ebling</b>
<b>Rita Lotz</b>	<b>Mildred &amp; John Fredericks</b>
<b>Pat &amp; Phil Markovich</b>	<b>Paul &amp; Bernadette Gombola</b>
<b>DeAnna &amp; Robert Orlowsky</b>	<b>Carl &amp; Kathy Hughes</b>
<b>Bob &amp; Irene Post</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Chris Maccarone</b>
<b>Headquarters Salon</b>	<b>Florence Miller</b>
<b>Scheibelhut Family</b>	<b>Mary Lou Roeder</b>
<b>Mary Sitcoske</b>	<b>Martin &amp; Linda Smith</b>
<b>Peggy Smith</b>	<b>Carmel &amp; Tim Yingling</b>
<b>Dianne Stoudt</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Tamalavage Family</b>	<b>Barbara Jean Krupa</b>
<b>J. Robert &amp; Ellen Zane</b>	<b>St. John's Beneficial Soc.</b>
<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>Christine Tray</b>
<b>Fred J. Brahler</b>	<b>Mr.&amp;Mrs. Michael Tyson</b>
<b>John &amp; Patricia Kutch</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>John &amp; Catherine Pasierb</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Mary Fetterolf</b>
<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>Kathleen Hohman</b>
<b>Frances Lorenz</b>	<b>Bruce Krupa</b>
<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Michelle Lescavage</b>
<b>Vince Albo</b>	<b>Dorothy &amp; Leo Lotz</b>

## VIGIL CANDLES

Due to increasing prices ... the large vigil candle price is now **\$3.00**. The small vigils will remain at \$.25.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 14/15: \$ 3,880.25

Imp. & Rep.: \$1,307.00

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

## CURIOSITY SHOP/ Yard Sale

September 6 & 7, 2019



Look around your home for any items you wish to contribute to our next Curiosity Shop. You'd be surprised what you might find – Here are some suggestions ...

Christmas Items	Garden Flags	Toys / Games
Puzzles	Vintage Items	Jewelry
Knick Knacks	Purses	Tablecloths
Kitchen Items	Candles	CD's, DVD's
Small Appliances	Bakeware	Religious Items
Fall Decorations	Thanksgiving Decorations	

### CLEAN ITEMS ONLY

NO PLASTIC

NO EASTER / SPRING ITEMS

NO VHS TAPES

NO GLASSES OR CUPS

NO TELEVISIONS --- NO BEDDING

NO COMPUTERS, MONITORS, KEYBOARDS

NO BOOKS --- NO VASES --- NO CLOTHING

NO LARGE FURNITURE

NO STUFFED ANIMAL TOYS

NO LARGE CHRISTMAS TREES

### ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> ----- 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Items can be dropped off at the Russell Building

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED  
BEFORE OR AFTER THIS DATE.

Do Not Leave Articles at the  
Door or in the Parking Lot

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Peter Wojcik** and his daughter, **Brye**, to St. John's Parish Family. Warmly embrace them into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 211 N. 20<sup>th</sup> St., Pottsville, Pa. 17901



### MISSION APPEAL THANK YOU

Dear Fr. Dave and Parishioners of St. John's, Thank you for the warm welcome extended during my recent Mission Appeal as well as your generous support of the Lexington Diocese.

It was a joy to meet you and join you in your celebration of Mass. Being in Pottsville was well worth the long drive.

May God bless you, Sr. Pat Cataldi, CPS

## NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

**GOLF COACH OPENING** Must have previous golf experience (professional or informal), familiarity with the rules of the USGA, and flexible schedule.

**SCIENCE TEACHER** Part-Time - Bachelor's Degree in Science is required. Chemistry Certification preferred.

**CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE** Part-Time- 25 hours per week, flexible hours

Interested candidates should send résumé, certifications and all clearances to:

Nativity BVM High School  
One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901

### 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

to be held Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Valley Golf Course. Registration and Buffet Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. **Cost is \$90.00** per golfer and includes: Breakfast Buffet, Greens Fees, Cart, Gifts, Refreshments, various contests and Mt. Valley Picnic. **Cost of \$25.00** per person for Mt. Valley Picnic **ONLY**. To register or become a sponsor, contact: Athletic Direction Josh Muldowney at 570-622-8110 or Daniel Lisella at 570-622-8110 or email [nativitybvmgolfers@gmail.com](mailto:nativitybvmgolfers@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your support!



**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED** Hosting an international student is an incredibly rewarding experience! Families who open their hearts and homes to international students create lifelong bonds and gain a better understanding of the world around them. Host Family reimbursement paid monthly. For more information contact **Allyson Seibert 484-223-9797** or **Stephanie Burleson 407-404-3311**.

## ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL ...

**TEACHER OPENING** Assumption BVM School is interviewing for a qualified educator with active teaching credentials for a 5<sup>th</sup> grade position.

**COOK POSITION** Assumption BVM School is accepting applications for a part time cook for the school cafeteria.

If interested in either position listed above, please submit letter of interest, résumé, and PA Background clearances to **Mrs. Teresa Keating, Assumption BVM School, 112 South 7<sup>th</sup> St., Pottsville, Pa. 17901**

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS** will be held on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1825 West Turner St. in Allentown at 3:00 PM. We cordially invite couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 60 plus years of marriage to this special event. Please refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form by email at [MFLF@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:MFLF@allentowndiocese.org) or register at [www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass). The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Natural Family Planning, 2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The registration **deadline is September 9, 2019**. Questions, call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.

**WE'RE HAVING A BABY SHOWER** Catholic Charities is in urgent need of **NEW** infant SUMMER clothing! Boys' and girls' infant clothing sizes newborn to 12 months. Clothing may be dropped off or mailed to any of our three Service Locations:

**Schuylkill/Carbon Counties**

**13 Westwood Center, Pottsville, PA 17901**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**MARRIAGE Encounter** "Martha, you are anxious about many things; Mary has chosen the better part", - JESUS! To be sure your marriage is anchored in Jesus try a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to deepen your love for each other. For info call 1-732-904-9636 or [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**5K RUN / 1K WALK & ROLL** Join St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville will be hosting this event on **Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** in Schuylkill Haven. We need volunteers, as well as participants! If you are interested, please contact Aubrey at [apeters@stjosephctr.com](mailto:apeters@stjosephctr.com) or call (570) 622-4638.

**PARISH FESTIVAL** St. Joseph the Worker Parish Festival to be held at St. Ann's Picnic Grove, 49 N. Line St., on **August 2, 3, 4**. Homemade ethnic foods, Baked Goods and more. Live music daily; Basket Auction; Raffle Drawing. Join us!!

**FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... A sleepless night can increase pain sensitivity**, a recent study for UC Berkeley researchers in the *Journal of Neuroscience* has found. Twenty-five healthy young adults spent two nights, a week apart, in a sleep lab – one night they were allowed to sleep well, one night they were kept awake. The day after each night, the researchers applied gradually increasing levels of heat to the participants' legs while their brain activity was monitored by MRI scans. After the sleepless night, participants reported feeling more pain at lower temperatures compared to when they had slept well. Moreover, after the sleepless night, the scans showed that activity in pain-sending regions of the brain was amplified, while regions that manage pain and activate pain relief were disrupted. These findings "highlight sleep as a novel therapeutic target for pain management," especially for patients in hospitals, where sleep is often disrupted and pain common, the study concluded.

## ST. PATRICK PRE-SCHOOL ...

St. Patrick Preschool at Assumption BVM is accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year! We offer 2, 3, and 5 day classes - both full and half day. Please email us at [saintpatricks.prek@gmail.com](mailto:saintpatricks.prek@gmail.com) or contact us at the school office 570-622-0106.

## SERVANTS TO ALL

*Servants to All* will be holding a fundraising event called "**Mix and Mingle – A Community that Cares for the Homeless**", which will be hosted by Service Access & Management, Inc. on **Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pottsville location, 590 Terry Reiley Way, Pottsville. Ticket cost is \$20.00, which includes drinks and appetizers. Tickets are available at Servants to All, 4 S. Centre St., Pottsville. We hope you will consider joining us for this important fundraiser!





