

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Where is the deserted place that Jesus invited you to come away to in this Sunday's gospel? It may be a very ordinary space like the porch, or the bench under a tree in the park, or in the backyard. Often what makes the space deserted is the time of day – either early morning, during a child's nap time or later at night. It is likely that we have to create the deserted quality by turning off phones and other devices.

It's not surprising that there is a little twist in the gospel. When Jesus and the disciples reached their deserted place, the crowd is already there waiting for them. This requires patience and resolve: Patience with a crowd and resolve to keep creating deserted places.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 23 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN & FLORENCE BENTZ

(Joanne & Sterling Hepler)

Tuesday, July 24 – 9:00 a.m.

LOUIS FERNANDO (Tony & Sharon Carroll)

Wednesday, July 25 – 9:00 a.m.

FLORENCE & EARL TROPP

Thursday, July 26 – 9 a.m.

MARY BROKHOFF

Friday, July 27 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNA KURTEK (Pat Klassen)

Saturday, July 28 – 5:00 p.m.

MARIE MELINCHOK (Joseph & Sharon Snyder)

Sunday, July 29 – 8:15 a.m.

KATHLEEN SELINKO (Bob & Stacy Evans Family)

Sunday, July 29 – 10:30 a.m.

BARBARA & CARL WEISS (Weiss Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Special Intention

St. Joseph - IMO Dorothy A. Rosenberger
by Paul Rosenberger

Tabernacle - IMO Emily Leinheiser by Family
Sanctuary

1&2. IMO John & Kathryn Gaynor by Joan Florida

3&4. IMO Jimmie Florida by Joan Florida

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Raymond Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – July 28th

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Mary Jean Morgalis, Robert Wollyung

Servers: Brooke Siket, Luke & Lindsay Garvey

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 29th

Reader: Jeff Naffin

Euch.Min.: Carol Lasco, Gerry Schwartz

Servers: Andrew & Brandon Smith

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – July 29th

Reader: Evielyn Hower

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Joyce Gerace

Servers: Kathryn & Ronald Yourey, Alisa Weiss

Cantor: Ensemble

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.*

Deceased: *Helen Krupa*

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful the heart that bled that took all my sins and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful...How beautiful is the body of Christ!

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

When will you "come away" with Jesus this week?

Next Week's Readings

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (July 28/29)

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PICTURES

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

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Please consider hosting an international student for the school year. We are in need of host families for students who have already been accepted at Nativity BVM High School. Please contact **Mrs. Holly Brutts**, @ 570-628-2620 or 570-691-8816 or **Mrs. Casey Turner** @ 570-294-3547, our Educatius Coordinators or **Eduardo Achach** @ 570-691-8816. These coordinators can provide all of the necessary information including stipends that are available for host families. Thank you.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Today Jesus tells us, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest". Modern life can erode the intimacy in marriage. Re-charge your closeness on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 14/15: \$ 3,845.34; European Relief: \$1,053.00
We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

CURIOSITY SHOP/ Yard Sale

August 2018

... Watch future bulletins for dates and times ...



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
Puzzles
Knick Knacks
Kitchen Items
Small Appliances

Doilies
Vintage Items
Purses
Candles

Toys / Games
Jewelry
Tablecloths
CD's, DVD's

CLEAN ITEMS ONLY

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 4th ----- 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Items can be dropped off at
St. John's Russell Building

**NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED
BEFORE OR AFTER THIS DATE.**

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



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

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.

*For every way, O Lord! You magnified and glorified
Your people; unfaithful. You stood by them in every time
and circumstance. Wisdom 19:22*

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

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>

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.



FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Custom-made shoe inserts (orthotics, also called orthoses) are often prescribed for plantar heel pain, but they are no more effective than prefabricated or even sham inserts or than other conservative treatment, according to a recent review of twenty clinical trials, published in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*. The trials looked at eight types of foot orthotics in a total of 1,745 people with heel pain. Most of the studies found similar improvements in pain and function in people treated with various kinds of orthotics as well as with other conservative treatments (such as stretching, physical therapy, or taping), probably because plantar heel pain tends to improve by itself over time.

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.

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."

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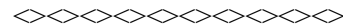
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PART-TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION:

Seeking an individual to fill a part-time position of parish secretary at St. Richard's Church in Barnesville. Usual secretarial skills needed including some knowledge of working with computers. Ability to work efficiently and cordially with other people is required. Background checks and attendance at Protecting God's Children Program will also be required. Please submit resume to St. Richard Church, 799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, Pa 18214. Position opening at the beginning of August. No phone calls please.



PART-TIME JANITORIAL/SEXTON POSITION:

Seeking an individual to fill a part-time position of parish janitor/sexton at St. Richard's Church in Barnesville. Flexible hours available. Physical capability to perform sometimes heavy manual labor is necessary. Background checks and attendance at Protecting God's Children Program will be required. Please submit resume to St. Richard Church, 799 Barnesville Drive, Barnesville, Pa 18214. Position opening will be immediate. No phone calls please.

Mid-Summer Festival

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
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 Cul-de-Sac Basket --- Lucilla Kochol
 Dairy Queen Gift Cards – Linda & Martin Smith
 Doll/Toy Basket – Rosann Sitkus
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 Wine/Snack Basket – Joan Bowers

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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

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FESTIVAL PATRONS

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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.