

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Dolly Parton probably was not thinking about this Sunday's gospel when she said *"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain."* In the first parable for this Sunday, the farmer planted good seeds in his fields. His enemy tried to sabotage the crop by sowing weeds in the fields. The wise farmer decided to put up with the weeds until the harvest. Then he had the weeds removed. Afterwards, with full barns he enjoyed the "rainbow" of the good harvest.

The gospel teaches us that at the end of the world the evil doers will be hurled into the fiery furnace. The saints will shine like the sun in their father's kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 24 – 9:00 a.m.

LUCILLA MAE FANELLI (Lucilla Kochol)

Tuesday – July 25 – 9:00 a.m.

EARL & FLORENCE TROPP

Wednesday, July 26 -- 9:00 a.m.

MARY LE BLANC (Chesonis Family)

Thursday – July 27 – 9:00 a.m.

WILLIAM ELISON (Joanie Scheetz)

Friday – July 28 – 9 a.m.

MARY BROKHOFF

Saturday, July 29 – 5 p.m.

ANNA KURTEK (Mr.&Mrs. David Wartella)

Sunday – July 30 – 8:15 a.m.

DECEASED OF JOHN & GRETCHEN

LIEBERMAN FAMILY (Lieberman Family)

Sunday – July 30 – 10:30 a.m.

ELLEN SCHLITZER (Babe Murphy)

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### SCHEDULE

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

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – July 29<sup>th</sup>

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Robert Wollyung, Molly Zwiebel

Servers: Brooke Siket, Luke & Lindsay Garvey

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 30<sup>th</sup>

Reader: Jeff Naffin

Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz, Ray Petrilla

Servers: Mickaelly & Caitlynne Schatz, Bryan Daniels

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

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

Reader: Carol Lasco

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Joyce Gerace

Servers: Kathryn & Ronald Yourey, Alisha Weiss

Cantor: Ensemble

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## CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM-IMO** Mary Wollyung by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

**St. Joseph** - IMO Ralph G. Connors Jr.

by Cathy Kostick

**Tabernacle** - IMO Joseph Tuite by Theresa Tuite

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO Emily Leinheiser, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv. by Family

2. IMO Emily Leinheiser, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annv. By Marie Doyle

3. IMO Ralph G. Connors Jr. by Hannah Kostick

4. IMO Ralph G. Connors Jr.

by John, Cathy, Hannah Kostick

**Guardian Angels**

1. For Beth Orłowski

2. IMOMAureen Kalymun

by Paul & Bernadette Gombola

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### ATTENTION

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **September & October** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call or email the Rectory by Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

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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:** Fred & Magdalene Maskerines, Mary Connell, Caitlin McGarry, Jerry Schoenauer, Mary Zambo, Carol Heacock, Paul Burns, Dorothy Blum, Peter Darhun. **Deceased:** Raydell Wychunas

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where do you see seeds of faith in your culture?

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### Next Week's Readings

17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (July 29/30)

Reading I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Reading II: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

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### 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

Total Goal: \$ 35,309.04

Amount Collected: \$11,864.00

Number of Donors: 97

Participation: 14.37%

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 15/16: \$ 4,178.70

European Collection: \$ 883.00

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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## Bishop-Elect Schlert's Ordination/Installation Information

In celebration of the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Alfred Schlert as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, the Diocese will be having two liturgical services:

**1. Solemn Vespers** at which the Bishop-elect will make a Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena in Allentown (1825 Turner Street, Allentown, PA. 18104). This event is open to the public. As the Allentown Fair will be occurring, all parking will be at St. Thomas More Church (1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown, PA. 18105). Continuous shuttles will be running beginning at 5:00 PM. Light refreshments in the Parish Activity Center will follow and everyone will have a chance to greet the Bishop-Elect.

**2. The Mass of Ordination** will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena on **Thursday, August 31 at 2:00 p.m.** Because of space limitations at the Cathedral, attendance at this event is by **invitation only**. The Ordination/Installation will be broadcast live on Service Electric and Blue Ridge Cable TV locally. Efforts are underway to have it broadcast nationally as well. It will also be live streamed on the Diocesan Facebook page [www.Facebook.com/DiocesefofAllentown](http://www.Facebook.com/DiocesefofAllentown)

### DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION Open Hours with Jesus

"Consider your allotted hour of adoration as an hour of paradise ...Sweetly keep alive the desire for it in your heart. Tell yourself: in four hours, in two hours, in one hour, I will go to our Lord's audience of grace and love; he invited me, he awaits me, he desires me."

... St. Peter Julian Eymard

#### We need adorers for the following hours:

**Tuesday 4 a.m.**

**Saturday 1 & 9 p.m.**

**Sunday 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.*

### PRAY THE ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor the recitation of the Rosary at St. John's on **Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> after the 8:15 Mass**. Everyone is welcome to join in to pray the Rosary!



GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR MEN

As Christian men we are called to live out the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is especially hard to do it alone and to keep our lives in balance. We invite all men in the parish to come and give this program a try. The format is a Gospel Reflection, a reading of the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, afterwards a brief moment of reflection, spontaneous discussion of how that reading impacts each of us at that moment and in our lives today. **This is NOT a Bible study group** ... the Holy Spirit will be the teacher! We will also pray for your intentions at the end of each session.

**When:** Tuesdays --- 7 to 8 p.m.

**Subject:** the impact of the Gospel reading for each man's heart, mind and life expressed in his own words.

**Preparation:** bring a copy of the Gospel Reflection Sheet from website ... [Stewardshipmission.org](http://Stewardshipmission.org)

For any question or more information, please contact Bill Gianfagna (573-0105) or Luis R. Visot (622-8798).

### COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions last week. As a parish, we collected **\$ 883.00** to help restore the Church and build the future in over 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). Thank you for your generosity.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Yet I am always with you; You take hold of my right hand, with your counsel you guide me ...Psalm 72:23-24*

# Mid-Summer Festival



### MAJOR SPONSORS

(\$200 and above)

- Dr. Thomas & Kay Boran
- Laurita A. Buehler
- Eddie & Debbie Guers
- Hahner Bros. Inc.
- Lori & David Miller
- Murphy Jewelers
- The Quandel Group
- Ed & Carole Quirin
- Rosenberger Plumbing & Heating Inc.
- Verna Sauers
- Joe & Nancy Schlitzer

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### MISC. SPONSORS

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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) |
| Rita Lotz                | \$100.00 | --- Coke         |
| 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        |

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### CHANCE BOOK - PRIZE WINNERS

- \$1,000 - S. Cook
- \$ 500 - Mary Hahner
- \$ 250 - Sue Minnichbach
- \$ 100 - B. Murphy
- \$ 50 - Cathy Cooper
- \$ 50 - Chic Tamburelli
- \$ 50 - Annette Lisowski



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### BASKET SPECIALS

Thank You to the following who donated items or baskets for our Specials Table ...

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|-------------------------------|--|
| <i>Chris Black</i>            | <i>Murphy Jewelers</i>                 |
| <i>Nora Chiplonia</i>         | <i>Joe &amp; Eleanor Orzechowski</i>   |
| <i>Ken &amp; Tammy Cooper</i> | <i>Richard &amp; Allison Prezelski</i> |
| <i>Janet Daubert</i>          | <i>Ed &amp; Carole Quirin</i>          |
| <i>Shanna Deibert</i>         | <i>Chuck &amp; Mary Rinaldo</i>        |
| <i>Sandy Frinzi</i>           | <i>Rosann Sitkus</i>                   |
| <i>Lori Gurlavage</i>         | <i>Sophy Jewelers</i>                  |
| <i>Theresa Hossler</i>        | <i>Derek &amp; Regina Wozniski</i>     |
| <i>Karla Kreations</i>        | <i>Yuengling Brewery</i>               |
| <i>Frances Lorenz</i>         | <i>Chris Zanis</i>                     |
| <i>Theresa McCabe</i>         | <i>George &amp; Kathleen Zwiebel</i>   |

# Mid-Summer Festival

### SET-UP / TAKE-DOWN

As in all we do at St. John's, things don't "just happen" without the involvement of many people. We especially thank the following who helped to set-up and/or clean-up for our Festival. We had fun and it went very quickly.

### Set-Up / Take-Down

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| <i>Michelle Ambrose</i>          | <i>Ric &amp; Sue Jochems</i>         |
| <i>John Bosche</i>               | <i>Pat Klassen</i>                   |
| <i>Ed Brahler</i>                | <i>Rachael Kubick</i>                |
| <i>Burns Family</i>              | <i>Joe, Maureen, Kyle Kurtek</i>     |
| <i>(Joe, Bob, Braden, Brent)</i> | <i>Ed Leffler</i>                    |
| <i>Sandy Clauser</i>             | <i>Tony &amp; Charlene Leshner</i>   |
| <i>Crane Family</i>              | <i>Frank &amp; Annie Murphy</i>      |
| <i>(John, Carol, Pat, Sean)</i>  | <i>Newton Family</i>                 |
| <i>Michelle Darhun</i>           | <i>(Gerard, Victoria, Elizabeth)</i> |
| <i>Camden Deibert</i>            | <i>Al Norkus</i>                     |
| <i>Joan Deiter</i>               | <i>Nick Quinn</i>                    |
| <i>Father Dave</i>               | <i>Dave, Armila, Josh Steffan</i>    |
| <i>Paul Filiac</i>               | <i>Larry Steficek</i>                |
| <i>Noel Glunz</i>                | <i>Kathy Vicic</i>                   |
| <i>Heidi &amp; Alek Gorski</i>   | <i>Luis Visot</i>                    |
| <i>Bill Hauptly</i>              | <i>Lisa Wehr</i>                     |
| <i>Kevin Hoy</i>                 | <i>Pat Zaharis</i>                   |
| <i>Jerry Hudock</i>              | <i>George Zwiebel</i>                |

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### BAKED GOODS / DESSERTS

Thank you to all those who baked, donated or volunteered their time for the Baked Goods Stand. We had such a wonderful assortment of desserts this year! Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Darhun*

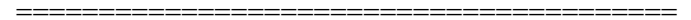
*& Joan Deiter*

### Our Bakers

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Chris Black</i>                 | <i>Christy Joy</i>     |
| <i>Robyn Consugar</i>              | <i>Maureen Kurtek</i>  |
| <i>Michelle &amp; Ally Darhun</i>  | <i>Pat Kutch</i>       |
| <i>Joan Deiter</i>                 | <i>Fran Lorenz</i>     |
| <i>Chrissy &amp; Bobby DiCello</i> | <i>Ann Lowe</i>        |
| <i>Marie Doyle</i>                 | <i>Hilda Maley</i>     |
| <i>Mary Ann Filiac</i>             | <i>Maria McMurtrie</i> |
| <i>Marie Flynn</i>                 | <i>Barb Munster</i>    |
| <i>Millie Fredericks</i>           | <i>Hermine Murphy</i>  |
| <i>Heidi Gorski</i>                | <i>Bernice Petock</i>  |
| <i>Prudie Griffin</i>              | <i>Carole Quirin</i>   |
| <i>Sonya Halsey</i>                | <i>Pat Scheetz</i>     |
| <i>Sue Jochems</i>                 | <i>Candy Webber</i>    |
|                                    | <i>Judy Williams</i>   |

Special Thank You -- to *Carl & Toni Wiest* for donating the Chocolate/Peanut Butter Cake.

Winner of Cake: Dawn Wiest



# Mid-Summer Festival

Dear Parishioners,

Even though Friday looked like a complete washout, God was in control and the sun came out around three o'clock and once again the weather was rain-free both nights of our Mid-Summer Festival.

I would like to thank our Festival Committee, especially, *Michelle Ambrose, Joe Burns, Sandy Frinzi, Joe Kurtek, Ric Jochems* and *George Zwiebel* for all their time and efforts, especially during the set up which was at moments a bit iffy with the rain, and for making our Festival run smoothly.

Also, a special **thank you** to *Noel Glunz and Hermine Murphy* and our *Kitchen Crew* for stepping up and running our *Festival Food Committee*. Both they and the committee made sure all our food was prepared well and there was plenty to go around both nights.

**Thank you** to all those who volunteered to set-up, clean-up, prepare the food, work the stands, bake desserts and anything else that needed to be done for our Festival. It is the hard work of many that make our Festival so successful.

And, of course, what would our Festival be without the famous kettle-cooked *Pugh Family Bean Soup*. This year marked the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the soup being served at our parish event. Thanks to the *Pugh Family* for all their donations and hard work. It is definitely one of the things people look forward to when attending our Festival.

However, our Festival would not be as successful without those who are Sponsors, Patrons, and those who donated prizes for the various stands as well as all who patronized the Festival itself. All your donations do make a difference.

As this summer's Festival is now in the books and we await 2018's Festival, we are in need of one or two people to chair or co-chair the Festival for next year. Even though our committee does a great job, we are in need of that leadership to make sure the committee can do its work. It would be nice to have that person or persons in place by the beginning of December of this year. If we do not get one or two people to chair the Festival Committee, the Festival may need to be cancelled for 2018.

The final profit of the Mid-Summer Festival will be forthcoming in the next few weeks after all the bills have been paid.

Once again, a very big **THANK YOU** to all for making this parish event so successful.

Yours in Christ,

*Father Dave*

## Mid-Summer Festival

### FOOD COMMITTEE

"Thank You" to all those dedicated volunteers who helped prepare the food, cut fruit and vegetables, served at the stand and helped with the clean-up.

*Ann Burns*

*John Corbacio*

*Rhoda Corbacio*

*Millie Fredericks*

*Sandy Frinzi*

*Karla Garland*

*Noel Glunz*

*Mary Beth Harvey*

*Ric Jochems*

*Judy Meseravage*

*Hermine Murphy*

*Eleanor Orzechowski*

*Joe Orzechowski*

*Carole Quirin*

*Reene Reddington*

*Barb Schoenauer*

*Theresa Skrobak*

*Linda Smith*

*Barb Munster*

*Dianne Stoudt*

*Cora Trunick*

A special thanks to *Chris Black, Paul & Mary Ann Filiac, Dianne Stoudt* for preparing the haluski.

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**Thank You** to *Tony & Anne Gaburick* for donating the Hot Dogs and Hot Dog Rolls.

**Thank You** to *Tim Coyle* for donating the Pierogies.

**Thank You** to *Maeve Ketner* who made all the great signs for the Festival.

**Thank You** to *Don & Joanne Doyne* for donating the ketchup.

**Thank You** to *Dave Derbes, Dave, Cindy & Smith* for donating their time in providing the great music entertainment.

**Thank You** to *St. Patrick's* for the use of their canopies.

**Thank You** to *Hadesty's* for their donation of Propane Gas.

**Thank You** to *Sandy Clauser* for setting up the prizes for the various stands.

**Thank You** to *David & Lori Miller & Family* for their donation of all the paper products and supplies for our Festival.

**Thank You** to the *Prezelski Family* for donating the Lottery Frames.

**Thank You** to *Rik Jochems* for donating all the supplies for the new Paint Ball Game.

**Thank You** to *Sandy Frinzi* for donating all the supplies for the Children's Spin Art & Sand Art.



regulars can't. There are many that help behind the scenes as well. We work together as a family and bring new meaning to "all hands on deck!"

And so from our family to yours --- **THANK YOU!**  
And here's to 50 more blessed years!!!

**FESTIVAL PATRONS**

**CURIOSITY SHOP/ Yard Sale**

**September 2017**

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

Look around your home for any items you wish to contribute to our next Curiosity



# Mid-Summer Festival

<b><u>\$150.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$35.00</u></b>
John & Annette Lieberman	Vincent Albo
<b><u>\$100.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$30.00</u></b>
Brian & Sue Eckley	Dave & Alice Bechtel
Friends of St. John's	Martha Golden
Stanley & Heidi Gorski	Jerry & Diane Hudock
John M. Grapsy	Carl & Kathy Hughes
Dr. Richard Greco	Frances Lorenz
Lieberman-Tamulonis-Hobbs	Henry Minnig
Larry & Sharon Lonergan	Bob & Irene Post
Neil & Frances Manus	Wartella Family
Al & Kathy Norkus	Romayne Yingling
Mary & Bob Porter	<b><u>\$25.00</u></b>
Towne Drugs/Yorkville Drug	Ann Blankenhorn
Toni & Carl Wiest	Fred J. Brahler
George & Kathy Zwiebel	Joe & Kathy Brahler
<b><u>\$80.00</u></b>	Jim Brentari
Grabowski Family	Dolores Brophy
<b><u>\$75.00</u></b>	Susan Cook
Ellen & Jay Zane	Janet Daubert
<b><u>\$60.00</u></b>	Bobby & Chrissy DiCello
Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot	Doyle Family
<b><u>\$50.00</u></b>	Tom & Cindy Elison
Carl & Andrea Antolick	James & Laura Kramer
Dorothy Elison	M/M James Loeper
Marie Flynn	Phil & Patty Markovich
Jim & Lori Guzick	Jack & Susan Minnichbach
Headquarters Styling Salon	Justina Mitchell
Sterling & Joanne Hepler	Mary Jo Nabholz
Joey Kurtek	Robert,DeAnna,Ava Orłowski
M/M John Kutch	George L. Post
Bill & Bernie Lecher	Butch & Sue Scheetz
Dorothy & Leo Lotz	Viduszynski Family
Rita Lotz	<b><u>\$20.00</u></b>
McNamara Family	Anonymous
Charles & Patricia Miller	Joan Bowers
Albert & Kathleen Nastasi	Barb Krupa
John & Bernice Petock	Florence Miller
JP & Barb Powers	Linda Ralston
Reliable Home Supply	Mary Lou Roeder
Eleanor Schaeffer	Natalie Setlock & Bill Spleen
Mary A. Sitcoske	Martin & Linda Smith
Nancy Steffan	Dorothy & Joe Stangl
Dianne Stoudt	<b><u>\$10.00</u></b>
Total Accessibility	Catherine & Charles Bowers
Christine Tray	John & Lorraine Campion
Wehr's Auto Service Inc.	Kathleen Hohman
Regina & Derek Wozniski	Helen Hufnagle
Dr.&Mrs. Jeff Zwiebel	M/M John Mestishen
<b><u>\$40.00</u></b>	Carol Rhoades
Pine Creek	M/M Martin Smith
Carol & Joe Rehnert	Michael & Elizabeth Tyson
Synnott Family	Tom & Judy Williams
Joe & Barbara Wollyung	<b><u>\$5.00</u></b>
	Margaret Pauly

Shop. You'd be surprised what you might find – Here are some suggestions ...

Christmas Items		Toys / Games
Serving Dishes	Jewelry	Puzzles
Knick Knacks	Purses	Tablecloths
Kitchen Items	Candles	Candy Dishes
Framed Paintings	Doillies	CD's, DVD's

**CLEAN ITEMS ONLY**

**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**  
**NO EASTER / SPRING ITEMS**

**ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE**

**Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> ----- 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**



**UNFORTUNATELY THE**  
**FAMILY FUN DAY AT**  
**KNOEBELS AMUSEMENT PARK**  
**HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR.**

**NEIGHBORING EVENTS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**; Schuylkill Council 431 will meet on **Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** at the Council's new home at 1840 West End Ave. in Pottsville. Special meetings of the Pottsville Knights of Columbus Home Association and Schuylkill Council Charities will be held immediately after the conclusion of the regular meeting.

**NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kevin Brennan Memorial Summer Carnival** to be held **Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** at the school grounds. Live entertainment each night; Homemade Foods; Bake Sale ; Yard Sale; Games for Kids; Chinese Auction and much more!