

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel the Jesus gives us the Lord's Prayer. It first praises God and his Kingdom, then petitions God for our daily bread. It next seeks forgiveness: from us to others and from God to us. The closing words: "Do not subject us to the final test," which will come on our judgment day, invites us to pray that our lives will reflect the courage and strength to be true and faithful followers of Jesus. We hope that God will have found favor in us and that we will be welcomed into the realms of paradise.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 29 – 9:00 a.m.

**DOROTHY ELISON** (John & Joyce Gerace)

Tuesday, July 30 – 9:00 a.m.

**WALTER MISTISHEN** (John & Kathryn Carroll)

Wednesday, July 31 – 9:00 a.m.

**BETTY KETNER**

(Mary Ann Schweikert & Jo Gallagher)

Thursday – August 1 – 9:00 a.m.

**ANGELINE CARESTIA** (Bill & Tina Rutecky)

Friday, August 2 – 9:00 a.m.

**MARIANN RICH** (Mrs. Irene Pavlin & Joseph Pavlin)

Saturday, August 3 – 5:00 p.m.

**MATT & MARK NORKUS** (Norkus Family)

Sunday, August 4 – 8:15 a.m.

**EDWARD & PEGGY PETROVITCH**

(Derbes Family)

Sunday, August 4 – 10:30 a.m.

**BARBARA & CARL WEISS** (Weiss Children)

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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.

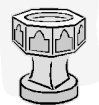
**Sick:** Tom Jefferson, Rachel Kujat, Paul Burns, Lorelei Oswald, Jean Hill, Sue Klem Moore, Rebecca Weiss, Pat Thomas, Mildred Ditzler.

**Deceased:** Carol Heacock

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### **BAPTIZED IN CHRIST**

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the glorious baptism day of **Olivia Marie Brindle**, daughter of Kevin and Jennifer (Stock) Brindle. 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 her into our parish family.



## CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - For Susan Gaffney by Bernice Petock

**St. Joseph** - In thanksgiving by Chris Black

**Tabernacle** – Special Intention by Chris Black

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO Mary Wollyung by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

2. IMO Dorothy Elison by Eleanor Schaeffer

3. IMO Ralph Connors Jr.

by John, Cathy, Hannah Kostick

4. For Jeanne Gauntlett by Family Members

**Guardian Angels**

1. Special Intention

2. Special Intention by Tamalavage Family

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### SCHEDULE

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

5 p.m. – Saturday – August 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Reader:** Lucilla Kochol

**Euch.Min.:** Mary Jean Morgalis, Matthew Kuna

**Servers:** Brandon & Andrew Smith, Olivia Tokonitz

**Cantor:** Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 4<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Ray Petrilla

**Euch.Min.:** Paul & Debbie Herb

**Servers:** Logan, Joseph, Brooke Palko

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 4<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Evelyn DeJesus

**Euch.Min.:** Phil Markovich, Gerry Schwartz

**Servers:** Joshua Steffan, Madison & Caden Wright

**Cantor:** Matthew Kuna

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### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**



Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. It is preferable that this be done **before** your baby is born. Please call Father Dave to arrange for this important

preparation.

**Baptisms are celebrated the First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass.**

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### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Whom do you know who is seeking the Lord?

Can you assist in that person's search?

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### Next Week's Readings

18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 3/4)

**Reading I:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

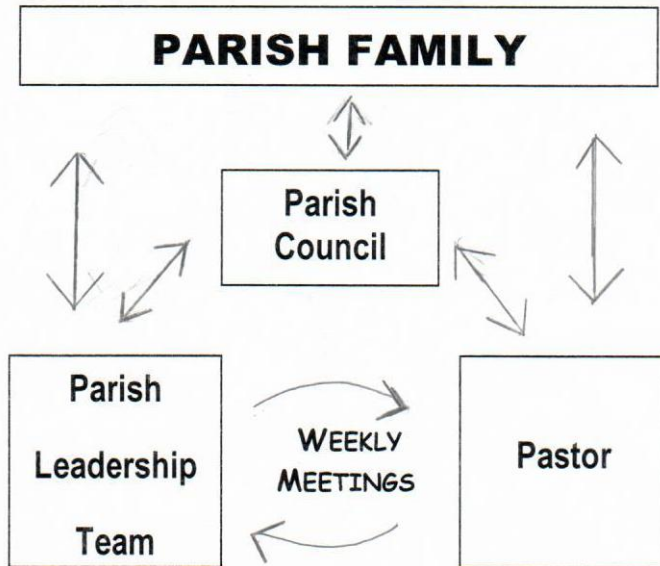
**Reading II:** Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

**Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21

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## THE AMAZING PARISH

### THE FLOW OF COMMUNICATION DIAGRAM



#### 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 3 a.m., 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.



### R. C. I. A.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John's Rectory, **622-5470**, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions!

### 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

**Health Care Professionals.** God bless all those who assist us in caring for our health. They are our neighbors, friends, and even family members. We pray that God will continue to assist them in their efforts to provide healing and comfort in body and spirit.

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

# Mid-Summer Festival

## FESTIVAL PATRONS

<u>\$150.00</u> Laurita Buehler	<u>\$30.00</u>
Friends of St. John's	Jim Brentari
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Peggy Smith	Carmel & Tim Yingling
Dianne Stoudt	<u>\$20.00</u>
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<u>\$40.00</u>	Aggie & Jack Messner
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John & Catherine Pasierb	Christine Tray
<u>\$35.00</u>	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tyson
Frances Lorenz	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>\$30.00</u>	Frank & Mary Fetterolf
Vince Albo	Kathleen Hohman
Alice & Dave Bechtel	Bruce Krupa
The Blankenhorn's	Bill & Michelle Lescavage
	Dorothy & Leo 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.



# Mid-Summer Festival

## MAJOR SPONSORS

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## MISC. SPONSORS

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Steve & Jan Kurtek	\$ 25.00 – Ice Cream
Erika Montalvan	\$ 25.00 – Ice Cream
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Bob & Mary Porter	\$100.00 – Coke
Robert & Marie Doyle	\$ 40.00 – Bleenie Mix
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

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 20/21: \$ 3,411.00

European Relief: 909.00

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

## 2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

Total Goal: \$ 31,744.76

Amount Collected: \$ 10,576.00

Number of Donors: 86

Participation: 12.74%

## WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping  
with us today.

If you are visiting our  
beautiful church, please  
know you are most welcome!

## 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

## NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

**ANNUAL KEVIN BRENNAN CARNIVAL** sponsored by Nativity BVM Green & Gold Boosters on **Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** at Nativity High School. Live bands, Homemade Food & Games, Mini Auction. Questions - please call Diane at 570-294-0551.

**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**

**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.

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

**INDEPENDENT RECONCILIATION AND**

**COMPENSATION PROGRAM** As a reminder to victims of clergy sexual abuse in the Diocese of Allentown, the deadline to apply for compensation as one aspect of your healing is **Sept. 30, 2019**. To learn more about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, visit [www.allentowndioeceseIRCP.com](http://www.allentowndioeceseIRCP.com), or call 1-833-267-6389.

**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@allentowndioecese.org](mailto:MFLF@allentowndioecese.org) or register at [www.allentowndioecese.org/anniversarymass](http://www.allentowndioecese.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.

**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 to deepen your love for each other. For info call 1-732-904-9636 or [twww.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://twww.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

**MONOCACY FARM FOOD FESTIVAL** The School Sisters of St. Francis will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Monocacy Farm Food Festival on **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** from 11 a.m. til 4 p.m. at 395 Bridle Path Road in Bethlehem. This is a family-friendly event for the whole community. Live music, local food & craft artisans, fun children's activities, farm tours, chef and farm demos, petting zoo, raffles and more. The first 100 individuals/families will receive a free bag filled with goodies. All proceeds benefit The Monocacy Farm Project. Suggested donation is \$5 pp, or \$10 per family. Find us on Facebook!



### **"OVER 50" CLUB**

St. John's "Over 50" Club will be meeting again on **Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**. We welcome and encourage new members ... anyone interested in joining our little socials ... just stop by Longinus Hall on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m...we play bingo, board games, cards, etc. and light refreshments are always available. For more information please call the rectory 622-5470.

## MY SUMMER PRAYER

Walk beside me, Jesus,  
as I begin the season of summer.  
As I work, play, enjoy family,  
time and friendships,  
may I hear Your voice within me,  
guiding me toward all that is right and good.  
Give me faith in Your presence,  
knowing that You walk beside me always,  
everywhere and in everything I do.  
Gracious and loving Jesus,  
thank You for the gift of summertime.  
May the warmth of it's sun and the beauty of  
the season remind me daily of Your love for me.  
Allow me to enjoy every moment.  
Amen.

## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER** ... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.** followed by Veneration of the first-class relic of St. Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics and of all who are sick at Our Lady's Chapel in St. Patrick's.

**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!!

**SUMMER FOODFEST** at St. Matthew's parish center, 120 Oak St., Minersville on **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** from noon to 4 p.m. Homemade ethnic foods ... pierogi, bleenies, haluski, halupki, bean soup, kielbasa, baked goods and more! Mark your calendars NOW!

## ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL ...

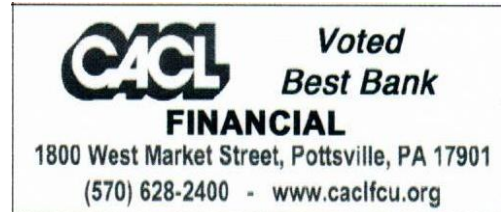
**TEACHER OPENING** Assumption BVM School is interviewing for a qualified educator with active teaching credentials for a 5<sup>th</sup> grade position.

**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**

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**FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ...** People who frequently drink sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs), such as soda and sports drinks, are at increased risk of premature death from cardiovascular disease and, to a lesser extent, cancer, according to a recent study in the journal *Circulation*. Harvard researchers analyzed three decades of data from more than 87,000 men in the Health Professionals Study and 80,000 women in the Nurses' Health Study and controlled for many variables, including other dietary factors, physical activity, family history, and body weight. The risk of death rose modestly with each additional daily SSB. Artificially sweetened beverages (ASBs) were not associated with mortality rate overall. The only exception: Women who drank four or more ASBs a day had an elevated risk of cardiovascular death compared to those who drank none. Previous studies have linked SSBs to diabetes, weight gain, and heart disease. "Our results support recommendations and policies to limit intake of SSBs and to consume ASBs in moderation to improve overall health and longevity," the study concluded. The best option is to drink water.

## 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.

## 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."