

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Psalm 145 uses the image of an open hand. It is an image that never goes out of style as a way of unleashing the many possibilities of living as a disciple of Jesus. It is a gesture of welcome, of giving gentle direction, of calming someone in distress.

An open hand also invites us in more challenging ways. As a sign of sharing, sometimes our personal time is hard to let go of. Can we instead focus our attention on others? Some of us might find it easier to share our opinions or ideas but more difficult to be open to hearing the opinion of others first. Can we try?

When we find our hands formed into fists, can we perhaps wonder what needs to be pried open here?

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 30 – 9:00 a.m.

CANDIDA WEBBER

(St. John's Ministers of Hospitality)

Tuesday, July 31 – 9:00 a.m.

BETTY KETNER

(Mary Ann Schweikert & Josephine Gallagher)

Wednesday, August 1 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS, PAUL, ELMER LOTZ

Thursday, August 2 – 9 a.m.

SPECIAL INTENTION

Friday, August 3 – 9:00 a.m.

CATHERINE CAMPION

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Saturday, August 4 – 5:00 p.m.

SCOTT BOWERS (Scott Williams)

Sunday, August 5 – 8:15 a.m.

FRANCIS SAUERS (Verna Sauers)

Sunday, August 5 – 10:30 a.m.

MARTIN KERN (Barbara Kern)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Ralph Ayello by Mary Ayello

St. Joseph - IMO Raydell Wychunas

by Helen Heimbaugh

Tabernacle - IMO Mary Wollyung by Her Family

Sanctuary

1.Liv. & Dec. of St. John's Catholic Women's Union

2.IMO Albert Wychunas by Helen Heimbaugh

3.IMO Mary Ann Wychunas by Helen Heimbaugh

4.IMO John Heimbaugh by Helen Heimbaugh

Guardian Angels

1.IMO Kathy Norkus by Paul & Bernadette Gombola

2.IMO Maureen Kalymun by Paul&Bernadette Gombola

SCHEDULE

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – August 4th

Reader: Christine Disabella

Euch.Min.: Hermine Murphy, Frank Murphy

Servers: Ryan & Ethan Grabowski

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 5th

Reader: Patty O'Neill

Euch.Min.: Brian Forney, George Forney

Servers: Logan, Joseph, Brooke Palko

Cantor: Deborah Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 5th

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Joshua Steffan, Joseph Cooper, Evelyn Datte

Cantor: Dave Derbes

ATTENTION - SCHEDULE

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 13th** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

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, Joe Brahler, Carol Heacock, Phil Lasco.*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Michael & Anita Klembara** and their daughters, **Michaela & Julia** to St. John's Parish Family.



Warmly embrace the **Klembara's** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to **103 Evergreen Drive, Pottsville, Pa. 17901**

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 21/22: \$ 4,473.78

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

Next Week's Readings

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 4/5)

Reading I: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Reading II: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

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!

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.

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

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 Alece for information 570-449-7678.

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 Education 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

SUMMER TOO

HOT? Stay cool inside and look for Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and many other marriage resources on the web at www.wvme.org. For more information, call 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

MISSION OF FAITH FALL CONFERENCE

to be held **September 19 & 20**. Join Bishop Schlert, and some great speakers like Jason Evert and Fr. Michael Gaitley, for a wonderful spiritual experience this fall. Enjoy the beautiful Star Barn Village. Mass, reconciliation, adoration to be celebrated each day. Men and women welcome. Visit www.stewardshipmission.org to register. You don't want to miss it!

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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER

... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Monday, July 30th 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.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... John 1:5

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	Doillies	Toys / Games
Puzzles	Vintage Items	Jewelry
Knick Knacks	Purses	Tablecloths
Kitchen Items	Candles	CD's, DVD's
Small Appliances		

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

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.

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FAMILY MATTERS

Expecting Parents. We invoke a special blessing on all our expecting parents. May God protect and nurture this new life that is growing. We as a parish community salute your decision to choose and care for this unborn baby. This week we pray for all these children. God bless you mom and dad!

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

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Leafy vegetables as part of a healthy diet, may help slow age-related cognitive decline, according to a recent study in the journal *Neurology*. Researchers from Rush University Medical Center in Chicago analyzed data on 960 people (ages 58 to 99, without dementia at baseline) taking part in the Rush Memory and Aging Project and found that those who ate the most leafy greens had significantly slower cognitive decline over a five-year period than those who rarely or never consumed them. Leafy greens include spinach, kale, collards, and lettuce, which contain potentially neuroprotective compounds such as folate, vitamins K and E, and carotenoids. They are a prominent component of the MIND (Mediterranean-DASH Diet Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay) diet, devised by Rush researchers, along with whole grains, nuts, beans, and berries. For more about the MIND diet, see tinyurl.com/WL-MIND.

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

Dear Parishioners,

Even though we had the Saturday rain, our Mid-Summer Festival was actually a great success. Friday evening drew a wonderful crowd and Saturday, even though it rained, was not a complete wash out. We still sold Bean Soup and Food along with our Special Baskets and many people stayed and sat under the tent during the rain storm.

I would like to thank our Festival Committee, especially *Michelle Ambrose, Jason Prestileo, Maureen and Becky Derbes, Joe Burns, Sandy Frinzi, Joe Kurtek, Ric Jochems, George Zwiebel and Maeve Ketner* for all their time and efforts especially during the set up which was done in a very timely manner and for making our Festival run smoothly.

Also, a special thank you to **Ann Marie DeFrank** and our great **Kitchen Crew** for stepping up and running our Festival Food Committee. They made sure everything was well prepared and ready to go for both nights.

Thank you to all those who volunteered to set up, clean up, work the stands, prepared the food, baked 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 "**Pugh Family Bean Soup**". Even in the rain on Saturday, the Pugh Family was out in force with extra tarps to make sure that two kettles of their delicious soup was made. I thank them for all their donations and hard work. It is definitely one of the favorite things people look forward to each year when attending the Festival.

Our Festival, however, would not be as successful without those who were 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 and we thank you for them.

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

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

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

PUGH FAMILY BEAN SOUP

Thank You -- A very special and deserving Thank You to the **Pugh Family** and their relatives for preparing that delicious Pugh Family Bean Soup recipe and for donating everything needed for the stand. This was their best year ever!



Mid-Summer Festival

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(\$200.00 or more)

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MISC. SPONSORS

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
Mary Lou Roeder	\$ 40.00 - Bleenie Mix
Theresa Skrobak	(2) \$ 80.00 - Bleenie Mix
Catholic Women's Union	\$ 25.00 - Ice Cream
Jeff & Linda Zwiebel	\$ 25.00 - Ice Cream
Chuck & Mary Rinaldo	\$ 50.00 - Clown

CHANCE BOOK - PRIZE WINNERS

\$1,000	- Martha Golden
\$ 500	- Babe Murphy
\$ 250	- Melissa Samay
\$ 100	- Anthony Wiscount
\$ 50	- Jim Toomey
\$ 50	- JP
\$ 50	- Mitchell



BASKET SPECIALS

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

<i>BeeHive Salon</i>	<i>Nativity Green & Gold</i>
<i>Chris Black</i>	<i>Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski</i>
<i>Joan Bowers</i>	<i>Pod & Petal</i>
<i>Nora Chiplonia</i>	<i>Prezelski Family</i>
<i>Consugar Family</i>	<i>Nick Quinn</i>
<i>Sue & Brian Eckley</i>	<i>Carole & Ed Quirin</i>
<i>Sandy & Joe Frinzi</i>	<i>Joanie Scheetz</i>
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<i>Lucilla Kochol</i>	<i>Linda & Martin Smith</i>
<i>Rita Lotz</i>	<i>Chris Zanis</i>
<i>Christine Maccarone</i>	<i>Kathy & George Zwiebel</i>
<i>Murphy Jewelers</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

Michelle Ambrose	Pat Klassen
John Bosche	Rachael Kubick
Ed & Rachel Brahler	Joe & Kyle Kurtek
Mike Brennan	Ed Leffler
Joe, Braden, Brent Burns	Charlene Leshner
Sandy Clauser	Newton Family
Michelle Darhun	Al Norkus
Joan Deiter	Patty & John O'Neill
Derbes Family	Nick Orłowski
Paul & Brent Gauntlett	Ray Petrilla
Noel Glunz	Jack & Ben Piccioni
Heidi Gorski	Nick & Nicholas Quinn
Bill Hauptly	Justice & Mike Scheidel
Paul Herb	Larry Steficek
Brent Hinkle	Luis R. Visot
Kevin Hoy	Bob Wiscount
Jerry Hudock	Tim Yingling
Ric Jochems	George Zwiebel

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BAKED GOODS / DESSERTS

Thank you to all of our wonderful bakers! Your desserts were enjoyed by many and we appreciate all your hard work!

Our Bakers

<i>Kate Blackwell</i>	<i>Reese Ketner</i>
<i>Maggie & Ryan Brennan</i>	<i>Frances Lorenz</i>
<i>Ally Darhun</i>	<i>Christine Maccarone</i>
<i>Michelle Darhun</i>	<i>Hilda Maley</i>
<i>Joan Deiter</i>	<i>Maria McMurtrie</i>
<i>Marie Doyle</i>	<i>Mary Jean Morgalis</i>
<i>Paul & Mary Ann Filiac</i>	<i>Barbara Munster</i>
<i>Millie Fredericks</i>	<i>Carole Quirin</i>
<i>Heidi Gorski</i>	<i>Pat Scheetz</i>
<i>Susan Hahner</i>	<i>Tina & Emma Seiger</i>
<i>Sonya Halsey</i>	<i>Judy Williams</i>
<i>Sue Jochems</i>	

Sincerely,

Michelle Darhun

© Joan Deiter

Special Thank You -- to *Carl & Toni Wiest* for donating the Confetti Cake & Chocolate Chip Cake which were chanced off and also selling chances.

Winner of Cakes: *Christine Maccarone & Ryan Fees*

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POT LUCK STAND

Once again, your generosity was overwhelming! We greatly appreciate all the donations made to the Pot Luck Stand. THANK YOU to all of our generous parishioners and to all the local businesses who so kindly contributed great prizes this year. We could not do the stand without you help.

Maureen Derbes, Maureen

Kurtek, Kathy Vicic

Mid-Summer Festival

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Special thank you to
Ann Marie DeFrank,
who did a great job overseeing the kitchen,
making sure everything ran smoothly.
Also, thank you, Ann Marie, for making the
Halushki this year --- great job!

"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.

<i>John Corbacio</i>	<i>Hermine Murphy</i>
<i>Millie Fredericks</i>	<i>Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski</i>
<i>Sandy Frinzi</i>	<i>Carole Quirin</i>
<i>Noel Glunz</i>	<i>Theresa Skrobak</i>
<i>Pat Kutch</i>	<i>Linda Smith</i>
<i>Judy Meseravage</i>	<i>Diane Stoudt</i>
<i>Barbara Munster</i>	<i>Joanne & Ralph Wood</i>

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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 *Sandy Clauser, Rachael Kubick* for setting up the prizes for the various stands.

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

Thank You to *Ric 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.

DESPITE OUR VERY BEST EFFORTS, WE
INVARIABLY MISSPELL, MISPLACE, OR OMIT THE
NAME OF AN IMPORTANT PERSON ... YOU!
WE APOLOGIZE IF WE HAVE DONE THIS.