

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Wrinkle creams and energy bars are modern-day evidence that we want to live forever. The idea of a fountain of youth has appeared in history for thousands of years. Legend tells us that in the 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon searched for the “fountain of youth” in what would eventually become St. Augustine, Florida. How nice if there were really a spring that could restore youth!

In this Sunday’s gospel, Jesus says, “*Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.*” In him, we find the real fountain of youth because his bread from heaven and his living water will provide eternal life for us.

Yours in Christ,  
*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 6 – 9:00 a.m.

**MURIEL SMYTHE**

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

Tuesday, August 7 – 9:00 a.m.

**CHARLES LORENZ** (David & Ann Terleckas)

Wednesday, August 8 – 9:00 a.m.

**MARGARET GLUNZ** (Kathleen & Robert Bound)

Thursday, August 9 – 9:00 a.m.

**LIVING & DECEASED OF SCHWARTZ FAMILY**

(Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Friday, August 10 – 9:00 a.m.

**WILLIAM ELISON** (Mary Jean Morgalis)

Saturday, August 11 – 5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, August 12 – 8:15 a.m.

**PAUL & MARY GOMBOLA**

(Paul & Bernadette Gombola)

Sunday, August 12 – 10:30 a.m.

**ANNA KURTEK** (Joe & Maureen Kurtek)

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Tuesday – August 7<sup>th</sup>

at York Terrace Nursing Home

**DOROTHY COURTNEY** (Staff & Residents)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** – Living & Deceased of the Glunz Family  
by Ed & Gerry Schwartz

**St. Joseph** - Deceased of Smith & Lescavage Families  
by Linda & Martin Smith

**Tabernacle** - Deceased of Smith & Lescavage Families  
by Linda & Martin Smith

**Sanctuary** All Sanctuary Candles  
IMO Francis & Verna Sauers

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. Deceased of Smith & Lescavage Families  
by Linda & Martin Smith

## SCHEDULE

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

5 p.m. – Saturday – August 11<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Carol Lasco

**Euch.Min.:** Molly Zwiebel, Dominic Chiplonia

**Servers:** Cooper Chiplonia, Alyssa Sheriff,  
Caroline Gist

**Cantor:** Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 12<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Michelle Ambrose

**Euch.Min.:** Michael Ambrose, Nicholas Quinn

**Servers:** Ryan & Emma Seiger, Riley Doyle

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 12<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Frank Murphy

**Euch.Min.:** Joyce Gerace, Justina Majestic

**Servers:** Noah & Helena Fredericks, Ava Orłowsky

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

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### 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 13<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:** Paul Burns, Angela Pfeil Hamm, Theresa Tuite, Bob Lynn, Joe Brahler.



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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.

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 28/29: \$ 4,502.03

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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### 2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

Total Goal: \$ 34,792.84

Amount Collected: \$ 11,974

Number of Donors: 108

Participation: 16%

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What are the works of God being done  
in your community?

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**Next Week's Readings**

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (August 11/12)

**Reading I:** 1 Kings 19:4-8

**Reading II:** Ephesians 4:30-5:2

**Gospel:** John 6:41-51

**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!

**PRAYER GROUP**



Our Prayer Group meets on the second Sunday of each month after the 10:30 Mass in the Chapel. Please consider joining us as we lift up those in need of prayer. It will take only a few minutes of your time.

Prayer request can be placed in the box on side of confessional. Thanks and God bless!  
For more information or questions, please contact one of the following:

**Bob Hahner 570-640-4448**

**John Corbacio 570-640-5038**

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**My Prayer Request**

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**Please place in box on side of Confessional.**

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED** Eligibility ... male or female, 4th grade (in Fall) to 12th grade ... if interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

**CCD Registration**

Please make sure your child is enrolled in a Religious Education Program.

**\$60.00 – First Child**

**\$55.00 – additional Child**

**Please register ASAP**

**Registration forms are available at the rectory during the week or at the church exits on weekends.**

**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP ??**

For September 2018 we need help with ....

**Pre-School & Children's Liturgy**

A Mom to help out on Sunday's during the first half of 10:30 Mass.

**CCD Teachers / Substitutes / Aides**

If interested please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or call 622-5470.

**I am interested in:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ helping with the **Pre-School / Children's Liturgy** on Sunday's during the first half of the 10:30 Mass.
- \_\_\_\_\_ teaching during **Sunday's CCD** from 9 to 10:15 a.m.
- \_\_\_\_\_ helping out the **CCD** teachers on Sundays from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

**SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL**



Sunday Pre-School will begin soon. Classes are held in Longinus Hall during 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday. All parish children ages 3 to 6 (and not yet in 1st grade) are eligible for this program. The children are given an opportunity to interact with other children while learning about God through stories, music, activities and games. The children will also be provided with a small snack each week.

We would like to broaden and expand our program, so we need greeters, storytellers, musicians, as well as those who want to aid in these areas.

A **\$12.00 Registration Fee** to cover the costs of the lessons, supplies, and snacks is required for each child upon registration. ***All children attending classes must be registered.*** Any questions, please contact the Rectory 622-5470.

**Please drop Registration Form and Fee in the collection basket or send to the rectory as soon as possible.**



## PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Response: I can help in the following ways:

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Aide \_\_\_\_\_ Greeter

\_\_\_\_\_ Musician \_\_\_\_\_ Snacks \_\_\_\_\_ Storyteller

\* \$12.00 Registration Fee must accompany form\*

### **LITURGY of the WORD**

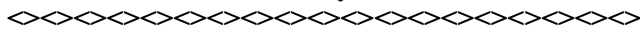
The Children's Liturgy takes place at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in Longinus Hall. During this time, children in grades 1, 2, 3 listen to the Sunday Readings in words they understand and try to apply the words of Jesus to their own lives.



They return to their families after the Prayer of the Faithful (Offertory) to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the entire community.

*All children attending classes must be registered.*

The Gospel needs you -- will you say yes? For more information, call the Rectory 622-5470.



### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION FORM**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

\* \$10.00 Registration Fee must accompany form\*

Please drop in the collection basket or send to the rectory as soon as possible.

### **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 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.

### **WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?**

- The Lord is kind and \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(a) unpredictable (b) Invisible (c) merciful (d) punctual
- The sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_ offers God's forgiveness for sins.**  
(a) matrimony (b) holy orders (c) confirmation (d) reconciliation.
- Who is the patron saint of Divine Mercy?**  
(a) St. Peter (b) St. Faustina Kowalska (c) St. Bernard of Clairvaux (d) St. Callistus.
- Peter asked, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said: "No, \_\_\_ times 7."**  
(a) 70 (b) 7 (c) 700 (d) 7,000.
- In the Old Testament, what King famously sinned but then repented and begged for God's mercy?**  
(a) Tut (b) Richard the Lionhearted (c) Henry VIII (d) David.
- God won't forgive you if you break the law even if you are sorry and go to confession.**  
True / False.
- In the early Church, public sinners performed public what?**  
(a) singing (b) dancing (c) penance (d) exercises.
- In confession, it is Jesus, represented by the priest, who forgives our sin.**  
True / False.
- Which sacrament does not include the forgiveness of sins?**  
(a) reconciliation (b) baptism (c) anointing of the sick (d) matrimony.
- What did Jesus do that forgave all our sins?**  
(a) walked on water (b) died on the cross (c) picked 12 disciples (d) healed a blind person.

### **CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE**

Friday – August 24<sup>th</sup> – 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturday – August 25<sup>th</sup> – 8 a.m. to 12 noon

at the Russell Building

Don't miss it !!! If you like yard sales

....  
this is the place to be. Various items including ... knick-knacks, dishes, kitchen



items, jewelry, holiday decorations, framed prints, Wii, special Vintage Section and much, much more, plus foods are available for purchase. Something for everyone!! Join us!! (Questions... call the Rectory 622-5470 ext.3.)

### **DESSERTS/BAKED GOODS NEEDED ...**

If you would like to donate a dessert item for our **Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale**, please drop off at the times listed above or call the rectory 622-5470 ext.3. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### **DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS**

#### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE," Jesus tells us in today's gospel. Let Jesus in the Holy Eucharist nourish and sustain your marriage journey. Learn more at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. For more information, call 732-904-9636 or visit [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

#### **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](http://www.stewardshipmission.org) to register. You don't want to miss it!

#### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS**

will be held **Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St., Allentown at 3:00 p.m. We cordially invite couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or fifty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register online at [www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass) or refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form by email at [MFLF@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:MFLF@allentowndiocese.org). 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 13, 2018.

## **2019 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Mark your Calendars ....

**Saturday & Sunday, November 10 & 11.**

*(Preview weekend – November 3 & 4.)*

### **NEIGHBORING EVENTS**

#### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

... at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, 9 S. Broad Mt. Ave. in Frackville on **Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 p.m.** Presenter is Robert Voskuhl, Director of Spiritual Care at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Pottsville.

#### **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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## **ANSWERS TO WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?**

- 1.(c)** Even before Jesus was born, the Old Testament described God as forgiving and full of mercy.
  - 2 (d)** "it is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since ... God grants the penitent 'pardon and peace.' It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts ... the love of God."
  - 3. (b)** Jesus visited St. Faustina in visions and told her about his great mercy for all people. Many prayers in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – which can be said using rosary beads – come from St. Faustina's diary.
  - 4. (a)** Jesus is saying to forgive as much as we want God to forgive us.
  - 5. (d)** Despite David's great sins, he was Israel's greatest king; a man who loved God and trusted in God's forgiveness.
  - 6. False.** God's forgiveness is bigger than human laws. God wants all to be free of their sins. "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him"
  - 7. (c)** Penances included wearing sackcloth, ashes and even chains, not eating meat or shaving. Public sinners, called penitents, were readmitted to the Church community before the Easter Vigil.
  - 8. True.** In all the sacraments, the priest or bishop – by virtue of ordination – represents Christ who is the real priest ministering to his people.
  - 9. (d)** Baptism forgives original sin. Anointing of the sick includes forgiveness in preparation for meeting God after death.
  - 10. (b)** "On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil". At Mass the priest says: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
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**FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... To keep track of your family health history, use the computerized Family Health Portrait** from the Surgeon General at [familyhistory.hhs.gov](http://familyhistory.hhs.gov). It's easy to use and helps you create a drawing of your family tree and a chart. You can print it out, update it when necessary, and share it with your family and doctor. Many health problems run in families, so tracking the illnesses of your blood relatives can help you and your doctor identify your risks and take steps to keep you and your family healthy. You can get a free print version (in English or Spanish) by calling 888-275-4772. This tool does not keep a government record of your information or make it available to anyone else but you. It only provides the software for organizing your information.

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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.**

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## **ST. JOHN'S "OVER 50" CLUB**

St. John's "Over 50" Club will be meeting again on **Tuesday, August 7<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.

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## **FAMILY MATTERS**

**Singles.** Our singles are very much a part of our parish family. We pray this week for all single people that the Lord sustain them and that we as a church welcome them as active members of our parish family.

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

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## **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.

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## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**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.



**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN THE VILLE** ... presented by the City of Pottsville at the Lions Club Amphitheater ... **Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m...**

**Free Admission**

**August 5<sup>th</sup>** --- Tom as Garth (Garth Brooks Tribute)

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** --- Sapphire (Best of the 80's)

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