

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

T.S. Elliott once wrote, "Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." This Sunday's first reading and gospel are about persistence - about God's invitation to keep on asking for his help. We are called to prayer. St. Luke says, "For everyone who asks receives; and one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Prudence is different from caution. Sometimes we should keep trying even when the risk is great. Prudence will tell us when persistence is the right decision. Abraham showed almost brazen persistence in arguing with God over the fate of two doomed cities. But compassion was his objective and, as he discovered, God's compassion is limitless.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 25 – Friday – July 29
NO MASSES

Saturday – July 30 – 5:00 p.m.

MATT & MARK NORKUS (Norkus Family)

Sunday – July 31 – 8:15 a.m.

**DECEASED OF JOHN & GRETCHEN
LIEBERMAN FAMILY** (Lieberman Family)

Sunday – July 31 – 10:30 a.m.

BARBARA & CARL WEISS (Children)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Emily Leinheiser, 1st Anniv. by Family

St. Joseph – IMO Emily Leinheiser, 1st Anniv.

by Miriam & Rosalyn

Tabernacle – IMO Emily Leinheiser, 1st Anniv.

by Miriam & Rosalyn

Sanctuary

1. IMO Emily Leinheiser, 1st Anniv. by Family

2. IMO Mary Wollyung by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

3&4. IMO Emily Leinheiser, 1st Anniv.

by Miriam & Rosalyn

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Emily Leinheiser, 1st Anniv.

by Miriam & Rosalyn

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 e-mail the Rectory by Friday, August 12th. to let him know when you are **NOT** available during these months. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

SCHEDULE

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – July 30th

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Kathy Vicic, Gerry Schwartz

Servers: Aliyah Peckman, Luke & Lindsay Garvey

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 31st

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Paul Gombola, Ray Petrilla

Servers: Mickaellya & Caitlynn Schatz, Brent Gauntlett

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – July 31st

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Joyce Gerace

Servers: Ashley & Alisha Weiss, Caitlin Coyle

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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: Theresa & Joseph Tuite, Fred Maskerines, Pete Meseravage, Joanne Kochol, Joanne Hepler, Annette Lieberman, Carl Wiest, Mark Major, Betty Gustitis, Bill Elison. **Deceased:** Edward Smith

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Whom do you know who is seeking the Lord?
Can you assist in their search?

Next Week's Readings

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (July 30/31)

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

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

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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!

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

Dear Parishioners,

Another Mid-Summer Festival is now in the books. It was, however, an enjoyable one indeed. We were rain-free even through our set-ups and take-downs and even though there was a little heat and humidity, both nights of the festival were well attended and successful.

I would like to thank our Festival Committee for all their time and efforts in once again coordinating everything that needed to be done for the festival to run smoothly.

A very special **thank you** to **Brian and Patricia Setlock** who stepped up to run our food committee for the festival. Brian brings with him his cooking expertise as a chef and introduced our festival to some delicious new food items. He is hoping to introduce even more new items next year to make the food not only delicious but also healthier.

Thank you to **Christy Joy** for the use of his kitchen facilities to help with the food prep and his help with the food at the festival.

Thank you to all those who volunteered to set-up, clean-up, prepare the food, work the stands, and bake desserts. It is always the hard work of many that make our festival so successful.

And, of course, what would the Festival be without the famous kettle-cooked **Pugh Family Bean Soup**. Thanks to the **Pugh Family** for their donation and hard work.

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

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**

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. A big thank you also to Pat Klassen, Kathy Hughes, Bob Hahner, Kim Raczka, Kurtek and Zaharis Families, and Becky and Maddie Consugar for their help in working and contributing to the success of the stand. We wish many blessings and love to all of you...

**Pat Zaharis, Maureen Kurtek,
Judy Meseravage, Kathy Vivic**

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

FOOD COMMITTEE

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped with the prep and kitchen detail for the festival ...

Connie Brown	Reene Reddington
Ann & Joe Burns	Barb Schoenauer
Paul Filiac	Theresa Skrobak
Sandy Frinzi	Peggy Stoppi
Rik Jochems	Dianne Stoudt
Joan Kline	Barbara Wollyung
Pat Kutch	Joanne & Ralph Wood
Barbara Munster	Kate Zagar
Joe & Eleanor Orzechowski	

SPECIAL THANKS to:

... **Lorraine Gurlavage** for the Halushki
 ... **Christy Joy** for use of his kitchen prior to the festival and for being a great help the evenings of the festival by keeping all the food replenished.
 ... **Tony & Anne Gaburick** for donated the hog dogs & rolls
 ... **Walter Davis Contracting**, St. Clair, for making the grill for some of the new items this year.
 ... **Noel Glunz, Hermine Murphy, Kathy Norkus** for helping us in the early stages of planning with answering questions and making sure we had all areas covered (since it was our first year), and also helping in the kitchen and during the festival.
 ... **Pottsville Provision and Marlin Markets**.
 ... **Nana (Natalie Setlock)** for watching our kids so we could get things done. You are amazing and we appreciate you sooo much! Love ya.
 ... **Father Dave** for thinking of us. We had a great time planning and working at the festival. We are so happy to be a part of this amazing community.

One last THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year a success. We couldn't have done it without you!!!

Brian & Patricia Setlock

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!

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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. Donations are accepted.

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MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

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

Chris Black	Hilda Maley
C & C Candies	Mary Jean Morgalis
Ally Darhun	Barb Munster
Michelle Darhun	Bernice Petock
Joan Deiter	Mary Porter
Mary Ann Filiac	Barbara Powers
Sandy Frinzi	Carol Quirin
Sue Jochems	Pat Scheetz
Pat Kutch	Sue Scheetz
Frances Lorenz	Natalie Setlock
Ann Lowe	Rosann Sitkus
Christine Maccarone	Renee Truscott
Betty Madrigal	Linda Zwiebel

Special Thank You -- to *Carl & Toni Wiest* for donating the Strawberry & Chocolate/Peanut Butter Cakes and selling chances on them. You did a great job!

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

<i>Michelle Ambrose</i>	<i>Ed Leffler</i>
<i>John Bosche</i>	<i>Charlene&Tony Leshner</i>
<i>Ed Brahler</i>	<i>Connor McNamara</i>
<i>Bob,Braden,Brent Burns</i>	<i>Annie&Frank Murphy</i>
<i>Joe Burns</i>	<i>Newton Family</i>
<i>Tyler & Josh Cooper</i>	<i>Al Norkus</i>
<i>Andrew Crighton</i>	<i>Chris Norkus</i>
<i>Becky Derbes</i>	<i>Nick Quinn</i>
<i>Bill DeWald</i>	<i>Scheidel Family</i>
<i>Paul Filiac</i>	<i>Dave&Justin Steffan</i>
<i>Noel Glunz</i>	<i>Larry Steficek</i>
<i>Bill Hauptly</i>	<i>Bob Stock</i>
<i>Paul Herb</i>	<i>Luis Visot</i>
<i>Joe & John Hollenbush</i>	<i>Lisa Wehr</i>
<i>Gerald Hudock</i>	<i>Wiscount Family</i>
<i>Rik Jochems</i>	<i>Tim Yingling</i>
<i>Christy Joy</i>	<i>Dan Zackus</i>
<i>Pat Klassen</i>	<i>George Zwiebel</i>
<i>Kyle Kurtek</i>	

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

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, Natalie Setlock & Bill Spleen*, for donating ketchup & mustard.

Thank You to *Nick Michels, Dave Derbes, Dave, Cindy & Ashley 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 *Tammy & Ken Cooper, Janet Daubert, Lori Gurlavage, Tara Schane, Rosann Sitkus, Larry Steficek, the Visot's* for their donation of wine.

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.

Thank You to *Yuengling Ice Cream* for donating three tubs of ice cream.

BASKET SPECIALS

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

<i>Eckley Family</i>	<i>Joe & Eleanor Orzechowski</i>
<i>Sandy Frinzi</i>	<i>Pod & Petal</i>
<i>Heaven & Earth</i>	<i>Prezelski Family</i>
<i>Majestic Theatre</i>	<i>Carole Quirin</i>
<i>Murphy Jewelers</i>	

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.
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MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

MAJOR SPONSORS

(\$200 and above)

Laurita Buehler

James Delacruz Jr.

Hahner Bros. Inc.

Fr. Don Henry

Murphy Jewelers

The Quandel Group

Ed & Carole Quirin

Rosenberger Plumbing & Heating

Verna Sauers

Joe & Nancy Schlitzer



MISC. SPONSORS

Anna Kurtek Family	\$25.00	Ice Cream
Jeff & Linda Zwiebel	\$25.00	Ice Cream
Doyle Family	\$40.00	Bleenies
Bob & Mary Porter	\$40.00	Bleenies
Mary Lou Roeder	\$40.00	Bleenies
Theresa Skrobak	\$40.00	Bleenies
John & Bernice Petock	\$50.00	Pizza
Nick & Maria Quinn	\$50.00	Pizza
Carl & Toni Wiest	\$50.00	Pizza
Rita Lotz	\$100.00	Coke

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving

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Patrons

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CHANCE BOOK - PRIZE WINNERS

- \$1,000 - Richard & Ann Lowe
- \$ 500 - Mike & Colleen
- \$ 250 - John Kutch
- \$ 100 - Joe Coulson
- \$ 50 - K. Buehler
- \$ 50 - Rehnert
- \$ 50 - Cindy

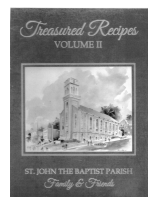


ST. JOHN'S TREASURED RECIPES '175TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK SPECIAL'

BUY ONE GET ONE HALF OFF

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510 Recipes from over 100 Parishioners
... great gift idea ... Hostess,
Christmas, Birthday, Anniversary
any occasion is a reason A gift that
will keep on giving for years to come!



\$20.00 a book / \$30.00 for Two Books

(Call the Rectory 622-5470 or Sandy at 739-1630)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 16/17: \$ 4,920.00

Central & Eastern Europe: \$ 1,048.00

FAMILY FUN DAY AT KNOEBEL'S GROVE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH

Enjoy a day at the park! Parish Family and Friends welcome! Registration a must! Register after Mass on the following days:

July 16/17, 23/24, 30/31

Catered picnic at 2 to 2:45 p.m. at Pavilion V.



Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Salads, Ice Cream, Refreshments. **Registered guests ... \$5.00; Children under 4 are free, but must be registered.**

Option to purchase a \$5.00 book of tickets for \$2.00 for each registered guest at registration only; tickets always available at the park.

Bring your favorite dessert to share!

Come enjoy a fun day with family and friends!
(Rain or shine).

- _____ aides to help out the CCD teachers on Sundays from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

KEVIN BRENNAN MEMORIAL:

CARNIVAL: will take place at Nativity BVM High School on **Friday, August 5th & Saturday, August 6th** from 5 p.m. to Midnight. Homemade Foods, Games, Bake Sale, Chinese Auction and more. Live entertainment nightly.



SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD MONEY:

Nativity BVM Seniors were offered a total of \$5,786,770 in scholarships and awards. This amount averages over \$128,000 per student. Scholarships and award money of \$1,354,040 was accepted by Nativity's graduating seniors; an average of \$30,000 per year.

Nativity is accepting enrollments for the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact Jenn in the Admissions Office to set up a tour, receive information or register by calling 570-622-8110.

LEARNING SUPPORT TEACHER:

Nativity BVM High School is accepting applications for the position of part-time Learning Support Teachers (Special Ed. Certification required) for the 2016-17 school year. Interested candidates should send résumé certifications and all clearances by June 30th to: Nativity BVM High School, Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville 17901

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED:

... for international exchange students for the **2016-2017 school year**.

Nativity BVM High School has accepted several outstanding exchange students from Spain, Germany, Mexico, and China. The students are eager to share their culture, and they are excited to be part of an American family. Host families receive a monthly stipend to offset food and utility costs. Students arrive with their own insurance and spending. Continuous support from a local coordinator is provided. For more information, please contact mchallenger@nativitybvm.net.

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**

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP ??

For September 2016 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

Fourth Grade Teacher needed.

CCD Aides

Third & Fourth Grade Aide needed

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.
- _____ enjoy teaching during **Sunday CCD** from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

COLLECTION FOR

CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions to this collection. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this collection, you are helping to restore the Church and build the future. Please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

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**. For information call 1—732—904—9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage

THEOLOGY ON TAP The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry is hosting a Summer Theology on Tap Speaker Series, “*Discerning God’s Plan: A Lifetime of Choices*,” throughout the summer months. This series is open to young adults (ages 21 to 35) and will be held on the second Monday of each month throughout summer from 7 to 9 pm at Allentown Brew Works (812 Hamilton Street, Allentown). For more information, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/oyyam or contact OYYAM at Oyyam@allentowndiocese.org.

CYO SPORTS - SIGN-UPS



Registration forms for all St. John's CYO sports are available at the Rectory during the week; please call 622-5470 ext. 3. The fee is **\$40.00** per family. CYO sports are open to all children – grades 2nd to 8th -- enrolled in a Catholic school or public school. Participants in public school must be registered for CCD in order to play CYO sports.



ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING ... is seeking part-time office help. Applicant must have strong interpersonal skills, proficiency in word processing, spreadsheet and database software and organizational skills. Must be sensitive to individuals with disabilities. Minimum of Associate degree required. If contacted for an interview, applicant must be able to provide the following three (3) clearances: Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check (PATCH), Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Certificate, and Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Fingerprint Check. Please email altssjc@ptd.net or come to the school (2075 West Norwegian Street, Pottsville) to provide your résumé, or request an application.
