

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus tells us, "My yoke is easy and my burden light." Those of us who are skeptical and already know the demands that discipleship might ask, "How easy and how light?"

The 1930's movie star Mae West may have had the answer to that question. Known for her light-hearted double meanings, she famously said, "I never said it would be easy, I only said it would be worth it." Mae would wink and add, "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." Another of her famous lines: "I generally avoid temptation unless I can't resist it."

Mae is correct on all three points. Following Jesus is worth it. Following Jesus is the right way and avoiding temptation is something we cannot do alone. We need Jesus to prevail.

Yours in Christ,

*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 10 – 9:00 a.m.

EMILY LEINHEISER (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Tuesday – July 11 – 9:00 a.m.

DANIEL SEIGER (Kathy Vicic)

Wednesday, July 12 -- 9:00 a.m.

FRED FANELLI SR. (Karen & Vincent Kuperavage)

Thursday – July 13 – 9:00 a.m.

JULEANNE STEFFAN (Ed & Helen Kane)

Friday – July 14 – 9 a.m.

JERRY & GERRY FREILER

Saturday, July 15 – 4 p.m. (TIME CHANGE)

CHARLES BOWERS (Kathleen Williams)

Sunday – July 16 – 8:15 a.m.

CHARLES & CATHERINE SCHAEFFER

(Maria Schaeffer)

Sunday – July 16 – 10:30 a.m.

ALESANDRO ALFONSI (Chuck & Justina

Majestic)

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Tuesday – July 11

at York Terrace Nursing Home

JAMES ADAMS (Staff & Residents)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Special Intention by Viduszynski Family

St. Joseph - Parishioners of St. John's

Tabernacle - IMO Joanne Kressel

by Gene & Betty Gustitis

Sanctuary

1&2. For Rosemary Cassidy & Mary Grace Blausler

by Thomas & Lori Cassidy

3&4. In celebration of the 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of

Gene & Betty Gustitis on June 10<sup>th</sup>

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

### SCHEDULE

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

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Mary Ann Schweikert

**Euch.Min.:** Bill Schweikert, Gerry Schwartz

**Servers:** Livia, Anna, Emma Lieberman

**Cantor:** Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 16<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Patty O'Neill

**Euch.Min.:** Jeff Naffin, John Corbacio

**Servers:** Grace, Justice, Leah Scheidel

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – July 16<sup>th</sup>

**Reader:** Janet Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Justina Majestic, Bobbi Murray

**Servers:** Sophie Murray, Kelly & Lauren Goodman

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

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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, Raydell Wychunas, Caitlin McGarry, Jerry Schoenauer, Mary Zambo, Carol Heacock, Paul Burns, Dorothy Blum, Dorothy Elison.

**Deceased:** Francis Bercher.

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Praise God for the blessings he has given you.

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### Next Week's Readings

15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (July 15/16)

**Reading I:** Isaiah 55:10-11

**Reading II:** Romans 8:18-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-23

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### DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

#### Open Hours with Jesus

Adoration is prayer that prolongs the celebration and Eucharistic Communion and in which the soul continues to be nourished: it is nourished with love, truth, peace; it is nourished with hope, because the One before whom we prostrate ourselves does not judge us, does not crush us, but liberates and transforms us. Pope Benedict XVI

We need adorers for the following hours:

**Wednesday 12 & 1 a.m. & 9 a.m.**

**Saturday 1 & 4 & 9 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.

*Please call Albert 573-0036 or Aleece 449-7678.*

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### 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.

**Where:** Rectory Fellowship Room

**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

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

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### FLOWER DONATIONS

The flowers at the main altar this weekend are  
**In Memory of Margaret Glunz**  
requested by her Family



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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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PICTURES

First Holy Communion pictures are available at the rectory during the week.

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### 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**

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### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Assumption BVM School is looking for your help in collecting "Box Tops." Many of the products you already have in your home, has a BOX TOP on it. All you need to do is clip them out and place them in the drop-off box in the rear of the church. With each box top collected our school earns cash to update needed materials. We are no longer collecting "Campbell Soup" labels.

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COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN  
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

This collection will be taken up next week. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations and seminary formation. Your support *restores the Church and builds the future* in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week.

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### FAMILY MATTERS

**Marriage as a Sacrament.** Marriage is a sacrament – a vocation; just as Holy Orders is a sacrament – a vocation. This week we pray for all married couples and clergy – priests and deacons – that they continue to be faithful to their vocation.

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

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Well another VBS has ended, but will not be forgotten! The "*Fun Maker Factory*" was a big success! It was slow coming together and we ended with a small but powerful group. I did a lot of praying and because of my family and church family support we all made it happen. We all learned about the complex way God built us and again that we are for and with a purpose.



A big Thank You to everyone for participating, donating, and doing each of the stations. All are and were an integral part of VBS and our success. Keep my number (570) 640-6686, and save the date for next year in your planning so that we can have a bigger and better VBS 2018. Have a safe and fabulous summer.

*God Bless, Miss Theresa*

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### NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL NEWS ...

**GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL CAMP** to take place **July 17, 18, 19, 20** at Nativity High School for girls 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost \$45.00. Brochures available at Nativity High School. Please call Mrs. Jennifer Daubert 622-8110 for more information.

**POSITION AVAILABLE** Nativity is accepting applications for **Dean of Students** for the 2017-18 school year. This is a year-round position. Duties include all aspects of Discipline, Student Record Keeping, Attendance, Coordination of Student Life, Supervision of Maintenance and others. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree and Teacher Certification required. Please send résumé, certifications and all clearances by July 5<sup>th</sup> to:

**Nativity BVM High School**

Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal  
One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901

# Mid-Summer Festival

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**MISC. SPONSORS**

<b>Ed &amp; Natalie Glunz</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>--- Bleenies</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Donna Pugh</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>--- Bleenies</b>
<b>Mary Lou Roeder</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>--- Bleenies</b>
<b>Theresa Skrobak</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	<b>--- Bleenies (2)</b>
<b>Bob &amp; Mary Porter</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>-- Coke</b>
<b>Catholic Women's Union</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>--- Ice Cream</b>
<b>Peggy Ebling</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>--- Ice Cream</b>
<b>Greg &amp; Lauren Poleschuck</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>--- Ice Cream</b>
<b>St.John's CYO Program</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>--- Pizza</b>

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**POT LUCK STAND**



**Attention Parishioners !!!** Once again we are asking for your help in making this year's Pot Luck Stand a success. You have been very generous in the past and we are very grateful for your donations. Please save all those unwanted items that you

received for Birthdays, Christmas, etc. They will make great prizes for our Pot Luck Stand.

**NEW & UNUSED ITEMS ONLY.**

If you would like us to pick up your donation, please call us ... (Pat) 570-544-5266, (Maureen) 570-581-8307, or (Kathy) 570-622-2326. You can also drop them off at the rectory. As always, thank you very much for your support and help...

*Pat Zaharis, Maureen Kurtek, Kathy Vicic.*

**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
**KNOEBELS AMUSEMENT PARK**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SAVE THE DATE !!**  
**... MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW ...**

**Mid-Summer Festival**

**FESTIVAL PATRONS**

<b><u>\$150.00</u></b> <b>John &amp; Annette Lieberman</b>	<b><u>\$35.00</u></b> <b>Vincent Albo</b>
<b><u>\$100.00</u></b> <b>Friends of St. John's</b>	<b><u>\$30.00</u></b> <b>Dave &amp; Alice Bechtel</b>
<b>Stanley &amp; Heidi Gorski</b>	<b>Martha Golden</b>
<b>John M. Grapsy</b>	<b>Jerry &amp; Diane Hudock</b>
<b>Dr. Richard Greco</b>	<b>Carl &amp; Kathy Hughes</b>
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<b>Neil &amp; Frances Manus</b>	<b>Wartella Family</b>
<b>Al &amp; Kathy Norkus</b>	<b>Romayne Yingling</b>
<b>Mary &amp; Bob Porter</b>	<b><u>\$25.00</u></b>
<b>Toni &amp; Carl Wiest</b>	<b>Ann Blankenhorn</b>
<b><u>\$80.00</u></b>	<b>Joe &amp; Kathy Brahler</b>
<b>Grabowski Family</b>	<b>Jim Brentari</b>
<b><u>\$75.00</u></b>	<b>Susan Cook</b>
<b>Ellen &amp; Jay Zane</b>	<b>Janet Daubert</b>
<b><u>\$60.00</u></b>	<b>Bobby &amp; Chrissy DiCello</b>
<b>Luis R. &amp; Virginia C. Visot</b>	<b>Doyle Family</b>
<b><u>\$50.00</u></b>	<b>Tom &amp; Cindy Elison</b>
<b>Dorothy Elison</b>	<b>Justina Mitchell</b>
<b>Marie Flynn</b>	<b>Robert,DeAnna,Ava Orłowski</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Lori Guziek</b>	<b>George L. Post</b>
<b>Headquarters Styling Salon</b>	<b>Butch &amp; Sue Scheetz</b>
<b>Sterling &amp; Joanne Hepler</b>	<b><u>\$20.00</u></b>
<b>Joey Kurtek</b>	<b>Anonymous</b>
<b>M/M John Kutch</b>	<b>Joan Bowers</b>
<b>Bill &amp; Bernie Lecher</b>	<b>Linda Ralston</b>
<b>Dorothy &amp; Leo Lotz</b>	<b>Mary Lou Roeder</b>
<b>McNamara Family</b>	<b>Natalie Setlock &amp; Bill Spleen</b>
<b>Nancy Steffan</b>	<b>Martin &amp; Linda Smith</b>
<b>Albert &amp; Kathleen Nastasi</b>	<b>Dorothy &amp; Joe Stangl</b>
<b>Mary A. Sitcoske</b>	<b><u>\$10.00</u></b>
<b>Dianne Stoudt</b>	<b>Catherine &amp; Charles Bowers</b>
<b>Total Accessibility</b>	<b>John &amp; Lorraine Champion</b>
<b>Christine Tray</b>	<b>M/M John Mestishen</b>
<b>Wehr's Auto Service Inc.</b>	<b>M/M Martin Smith</b>
<b>Dr.&amp;Mrs. Jeff Zwiebel</b>	<b><u>\$5.00</u></b>
<b><u>\$40.00</u></b>	<b>Margaret Pauly</b>
<b>Synnott Family</b>	
<b>Joe &amp; Barbara Wollyung</b>	

**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. Donations are accepted.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**July 1/2: \$ 5,055.00; Dues: \$1,436.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

**Mid-Summer Festival**

**BASKET SPECIALS**

**Art Basket --- Theresa McCabe**

**Baking Basket** --- Janet Daubert  
**Black & White Party Basket** – Karla’s Kreations  
**Breakfast Basket** – Chuck & Mary Rinaldo  
**Fall Basket** --- Chris Black  
**Gardening Basket** --- Rosann Sitkus  
**Gift Certificates** – Ed & Carole Quirin  
**Hair Care Basket** --- Shanna Deibert/the Looking Glass  
**Lottery Basket** --- Nora Chiplonia, Chris Zanis  
**Lottery Frames** --- Prezelski Family  
**Monetary Donation** --- Frances Lorenz  
**Murphy Jewelers Basket** --- Murphy Jewelers  
**Sport/Snack Basket** --- Sandy Frinzi  
**Summer Afghan/Yankee Candle/Wine Basket**  
 --- Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski  
**Summer Dishware Basket** --- George & Kathy Zwiebel  
**Vera Bradley Basket** --- Ken & Tammy Cooper  
**Vera Bradley Basket** --- Theresa Hossler  
**Wine Basket** – Lori Pontician  
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**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.

**ST. JOHN’S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY** will meet on **Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

**August**  
 1 Men’s Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
 6 Family Fun Day at Knoebels Park  
 \*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall  
 \*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room  
 \*\* R.B. – Russell Building

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**DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS**

**YOUNG ADULT LISTENING SESSION** Rome Wants to Know What You Think! Pope Francis has dedicated the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be focused on the theme of “*Youth [ages16-29] Faith, and Vocational Discernment.*” The Synod will take place in October of 2018, but to prepare for it, the Church needs to hear from you! Join us on **July 12, 2017 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Roma Pizza, 116 W Market St. in Pottsville.**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**July**  
 11 Men’s Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
 12 St. John’s Beneficial Society – 8 p.m. – F.R.  
 12/13 Mid-Summer Festival Set-Up – 6 p.m.  
 14/15 Mid-Summer Festival 5 to 9:30 p.m.  
 16 Mid-Summer Festival Take-Down – 9 a.m.  
 18 Men’s Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
 19 Catholic Women’s Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
 25 Men’s Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

# MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

## Friday & Saturday, July 14 & 15 -- 2017

5 – 9:30 p.m. each night



### DEDICATED WORKERS NEEDED

Your help is needed for the big job of set-up on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** evenings before the Festival, **Friday** morning to prepare the grounds for the festivities, and **Sunday** for clean-up. Your help in these areas is essential. If you can help, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the back of Church or call the Rectory at 622-5470 or simply show up on **Wednesday at 6 p.m., Thursday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m.** Thank you!

### FOOD COMMITTEE

The Food Committee needs volunteers to help prepare food for this year's Festival ...  
If you would like to help, please call the Rectory 622-5470.



### FESTIVAL DESSERTS

Cakes - Pies- Cupcakes - Cookies - etc. - etc. - etc. -  
If you are interested in making your favorite dessert for the Festival ---  
just drop it off at the Russell Building on **July 14<sup>th</sup> & July 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### POT LUCK STAND

We need prizes, lots and lots of prizes!!! **NO USED ITEMS PLEASE**. Donations of **NEW** items such as small appliances, household articles, toys, games, books, etc. as well as monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. Prizes can be left at the rectory and donations can be placed in the collection basket or at the rectory -- marked "**POT LUCK**". For more information, please contact **Pat Zaharis 544-5266, Maureen Kurtek 581-8307, Kathy Vivic 622-2326.**



### FESTIVAL SPONSORS NEEDED

Coke Sponsor - \$ 100.00 each (1 Needed)	Bleenie Mix - \$ 40.00 a bucket (2 Needed)
Pizza Sponsor - \$ 50.00 each (4 Needed)	Ice Cream - \$ 25.00 each (1 Needed)
Clown Sponsor - \$ 50.00 each (5 Needed)	

### FESTIVAL WISH LIST

Sour Cream

*(A container will be in the back of church ..... Perishable items can be dropped off at the Rectory)*