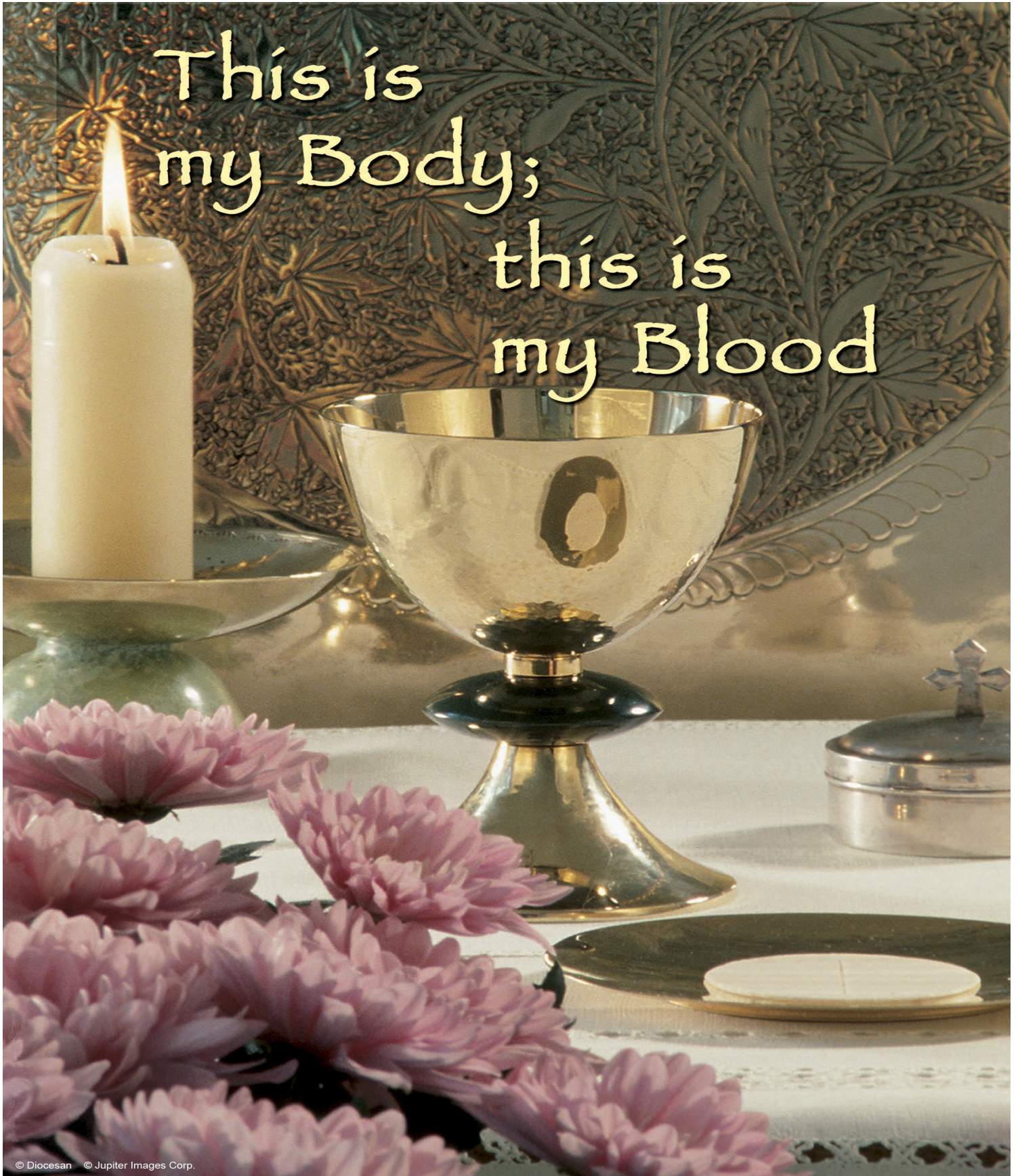


St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

10th & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901 • www.saintjohnpottsville.org

June 7, 2026 • The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

This is
my Body;
this is
my Blood



Pastor..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*
Deacon.....*Robert A. Reiley*
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Assumption BVM Elementary..... (570) 622-0106
St. Joseph Center..... (570) 622-4638

Cemetery Information..... (570) 622-5470

C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday prior to publication

New Parishioners

Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15 to 4:45 p.m..
 Sundays 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m..
 or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.
 Baptismal Preparation for Parents must precede the Baptism.
 Please contact Father Bobbin for an appointment.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., N.C.C.,L.P.C. (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services

Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.
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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

1-800-276-1562 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

Diocese of Allentown Website

www.allentowndioocese.org



Eucharistic Adoration

We offer opportunities to spend time in prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament ...

- ◆ A holy hour in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This is a simple holy hour without any formal prayer or Benediction. It is not necessary to come for the entire hour. Just stop by as you desire.
- ◆ A holy hour in the **main church on the eve of First Friday** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will be a formal holy hour ending with Benediction. Father will be available for Confessions.

Communion for the Homebound

If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor who is a member of St. John is confined to home, a nursing home or assisted living facility because of illness, age, or disability and would like to receive Holy Communion` on a monthly basis, please call the rectory. We traditionally visit the sick and homebound on or around the first Friday of the month. Please help us meet the spiritual needs of our homebound parishioners.

Pray

We remember in prayer those who are ill or recently deceased. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

For our Sick: *Sherri Post, Tom Jefferson, Kathy Vivic, Charles Reber*

"Note: We will keep names on the prayer list for a period of three months. Please let us know if you would like your name or your family member's name to remain on the list longer."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 6

5:00 p.m. William & Veronica Schmitt
(Geri Beane & Family)

Sunday, June 7

8:15 a.m. George, Edward, Margaret Post
(Sandi, Sheri, RJ Post)

Sunday, June 7

10:30 a.m. Joseph R. Burns
(Eric & Jennifer Lieberman)

Monday, June 8

6:30 p.m. Rita Gemmel
(Nora, Julian, Cooper Chiplonia)

Tuesday, June 9

9:00 a.m. St. John's Parish Family

Wednesday, June 10

9:00 a.m. Catherine Bortzel

Thursday, June 11

9:00 a.m. George Hahner Sr.
(Ed Hahner)

Friday, June 12

9:00 a.m. Joseph & Jessie Ritzel
(Joan Ritzel)

Saturday, June 13

5:00 p.m. Frank, Mary, Robert Holdyk
(Paul & JoAnna Buber)

Sunday, June 14

8:15 a.m. Scottie Glunz
(Karen Lenard)

Sunday, June 14

10:30 a.m. Charles & Mary Kutch
(Pat Kutch)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. As we have been discussing in these past weeks, the Eucharist is the heart of the Church and the center of our lives as Catholic Christians. Of course we celebrate the Eucharist at every Mass. But we also have two special days to celebrate the gift of the Eucharist: Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood at the Last Supper. And today, Corpus Christi.

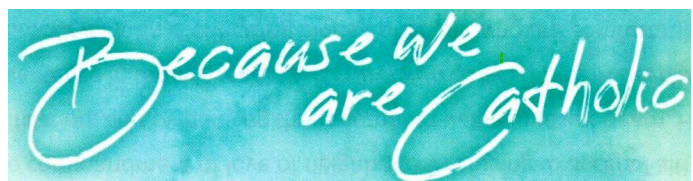
This Corpus Christi is particularly special because we join all of the other parishes of our diocese in consecrating our parish to the Eucharist in this 65th anniversary year of our diocese. We will highlight this special day with a traditional Corpus Christi procession, a way of publicly witnessing to our faith.

As we honor Jesus in the Eucharist, we are reminded of the importance of reverence for the Eucharist. The Eucharist is always reserved in the tabernacle in the main church, as indicated by the red sanctuary candle. This makes our church a sacred space, which should be treated with respect and reverence, never in a casual or mindless way. We genuflect (or bow the head) toward the tabernacle whenever we enter or leave church or cross in front of the sanctuary. Note that we do not have a tabernacle in our chapel. The chapel is still a sacred space insofar as we use it for Mass, but we do not genuflect in the chapel unless the Eucharist is present on the altar. The way we conduct ourselves outwardly says a lot about what we believe.

In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin

Readers, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Please consider if our Lord is calling you to one of these roles. Our current liturgical ministers are sometimes spread very thin, especially in the summer, making it difficult to fill the schedule. If you might be interested in one of these roles, please see Fr. Bobbin.



Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal 2026

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge. Making a six-month pledge allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift may be set up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. Your generosity supports children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown.

You can make your gift only at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.



Next Week's Readings

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(June 13/14)

Reading I: Exodus 19:2-6a

Reading II: Romans 5:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

Diocese News & Events

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the Nationwide Consecration on June 11

On 11 June 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All of the faithful are invited to pray a novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus beginning on June 3 and ending on the day of consecration. Go to <https://www.usccb.org/novena-sacred-heart-jesus> for the novena prayers.

Driving With Cell Phone Law Enforcement

As a reminder, enforcement of Senate Bill 37, which makes it illegal to use a hand-held cellphone while driving, takes effect on June 6, 2026. This ban includes when stopped in traffic, at a red light, or for any other momentary delay. Pennsylvania police will be allowed to issue a citation to drivers (a \$50 fine) for using hand-held devices in vehicles, even while stopped.

Quo Vadis (for young men) and Fiat Days (for young women)

Vocation Retreat Camps from **June 28 to July 1** on the campus of Kutztown University. Camps are open to young men and women age 14-18, including the newly graduated. There are a limited number of spaces available. For registration information, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org/vocations. Discounted registration before June 5, with registration deadline June 17. No late registrations or walk-ins can be accepted. For questions, call 610-437-0755 or email vocations@allentowndiocese.org.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayers and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to your call. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Corpus Christi Procession—Sunday, June 7th

The Parishes of St. Patrick and St. John the Baptist warmly invite the faithful of the deanery to join us for a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 7th.

Open Adoration will begin at St. John's at 11:30 a.m. The procession will form at St. John's at 3 p.m. Those joining are asked to arrive early, as city streets will be closed for the procession.

The procession will conclude at St. Patrick Church with Evening Vespers and Benediction. A light reception will follow at the St. Patrick Parish Center.

All are welcome to join us for this beautiful celebration of prayer, faith and public witness to Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Weekly Collection

May 23/24\$4,347.00
May 30/31\$4,538.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes at the rectory, by mail and online giving.

Please **DO NOT** use **TAPE** or **STAPLES** to seal your offertory envelopes, or **CUT** your envelopes.

Candles

BVM

1. IMO M/M John J. Carroll
by Family
2. IMO Joyce Leinheiser
by Family

St. Joseph

1. IMO George Hahner Sr.
by Hahner Family
2. IMO Marjorie Angelo
by Frank Angelo

Sanctuary

IMO Marjorie Angelo
by Frank Angelo

Guardian Angels

All Four Candles
Deceased of Fidelis & Nerz Sr.
Family
by Eleanor Schaeffer

Liturgical Min. Schedule

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13— 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

EM: John O'Neill, Sharon Snyder

Servers: Colin McGinley
Maria Neifert

Cantor: Dave Derbes

June 14— 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn

EM: Bob Bechtel, John Crane

Servers: Cole & Cooper Felty
Cantor: Amy Joyce

June 14—10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Frank Murphy

EM: Joseph Palmieri

Justina Majestic

Servers: Sophia Palmieri
Gabriel Scheidel

Cantor: Ensemble

Nativity BVM High School—Summer Camp!

Boy's Basketball Camp... On June 10-12; Grades 3-8 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost \$60 per child. Camp includes fundamentals, skill development, drills, offensive and defensive concepts, guest speakers. For more information contact Coach Brady Burke 570-516-2977.

Girl's Basketball Camp ... On June 22-24; Grades 3-5 from 3 to 5 p.m.; Grades 6-8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost \$60 per child. For more information contact Coach Reed 570-718-0706.

Girl's Volleyball Camp ... On July 20-23; Grades 3-5 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8 from 6:30—8 p.m. Cost \$85 per child. Camp includes individual instruction, team concepts and competitions. For more information contact Coach Jennifer Daubert 570-622-8110.

All camps take place in the gym at Nativity BVM High School ... 570-622-8110

Host Families Needed

Your family can make a global impact from the comfort of home! Consider hosting an international exchange student this upcoming school year.

- > Your family can learn about another culture first-hand!
 - > Students will attend Nativity BVM. They have insurance and spending money.
 - > Families, single people, and empty-nesters can host!
 - > You will receive a monthly stipend and continuous support from a local coordinator.
- Please contact Maureen Challenger mchallenger@nativitybvm.net for more information!

Attention Catholic Scouts

Joseph Zawisza, Catholic Religious Emblems Coordinator for Orwigsburg Troop 624, will be running both the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII award programs during the summer. If you are interested in earning either of these awards or would like more information, please contact the St. Ambrose parish office at 570 385 1031.

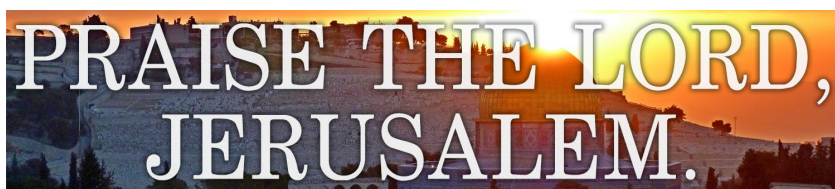
Family Matters

Today's graduates need support and courage to face the challenges of life. So, let us pray today for all our graduates: Elementary, High School and College, that our Lord will guide them in their endeavors as they seek further knowledge, schooling or employment.

Boyer's Food Market's Caring & Sharing Program Is Moving Into the Boyer's App

Boyers Food Market has implemented a new Customer Rewards Program which will provide rewards, discounts, digital coupons, and support their preferred Caring Sharing program. *The physical key tags are no longer part of the Caring & Sharing program.* You'll need to load the "My Boyer's X-tra Savings" app on your phone.

You must be signed in to your My Boyer's X-tra Savings account to pick a non-profit. Sign in through the Boyer's mobile app, then choose your group from the Caring & Sharing list. Our parish is identified as "[Saint John The Baptist Church](#)" on the list of participating organizations. If you need a walkthrough, watch the short how-to-video for step-by-step instructions on picking your preferred non-profit. Found at <https://www.boyersfood.com/community.php> You can change and assign a different charity at any time.



Bulletin Boosters

IMO Carl Bartholomew
 IMO Harold Bartholomew
 IMO James J. Bartholomew
 IMO Robert Berger
 IMO Rita Bartholomew Foley
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 Fr. Don Henry
 IMO M/M Herbert Henry
 IMO Joanne Hepler
 IMO Clare & Linda Houser
 MO Charles Lorenz
 IMO Charles & Matilda Schaeffer
 IMO Charlie & Catherine Schaeffer
 IMO Erika Stangl Seasock
 IMO Theresa Bartholomew Sencak
 IMO Janet Bartholomew Whitaker
 IMO Margaret & Guy Zelinsky
 Living & Deceased of St. John's
 CYO Program

*Thank you for supporting our
bulletin this month!*

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshiping 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.

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."
Amen.

Thought of the Day

He is preparing you, strengthening your wings, so when the time comes to soar again, you will be ready for the heights He has in store!

Summer Festival

Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

2026 Summer Festival season is here! We are so very excited to get the word out on all the new and great things that we have in store!

Advanced Ticket Sales

Why stand in line for tickets when you could be enjoying yourself ... **Advanced Food & Game Tickets** will be available before and after all Masses the weekend of **July 4/5; July 11/12**. Purchase \$9.00 worth of tickets in **ADVANCE** and receive \$1.00 worth of tickets **FREE!**



Pot Luck Stand

We are in need of Potluck Prizes for our Summer Festival stand!

We are almost less than 6 weeks away and WE NEED ABOUT 100 PRIZES yet!!!

There are a few easy ways to help donate. We have an Amazon wish list again this year. Go to [Amazon.com/registries](https://www.amazon.com/registries), search St John The Baptist Potluck, when purchasing an item it will default to ship to Fred Maley- you may send your items there for convenience or if you would prefer to ship to your own address and place item in the donation bin in the back of the church. Any questions, concerns, or to arrange drop off please call Shanna 570-617-4769.

If you'd like an even easier route, and have a smart phone or tablet, open your camera and hold over top and focus on the QR code box - a small link will pop up- tap on it and it will take you right to our Amazon wish list!

Gift cards are also a fantastic way to help! Any denomination and anyplace you love! They can be placed in the collection basket or please call Shanna Deibert 570-617-4769 to arrange for drop off or pick up. Thank you again for your continued generosity!!



Dedicated Workers Needed

Festival Stands.

There are a variety of stands that need help Games of Chance, Children's Games, Food Service, Ticket Stands, etc. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church ... add your name and phone number to one of the

many areas.

Set-Up and Take-Down

Your help is needed for the big job of set-up on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** evenings before the Festival, and **Friday** morning to prepare the grounds for the festivities, and **Sunday** for clean-up and take-down. Your help in these areas is essential. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church.

Music Entertainment

Friday, July 17th, we are so blessed to have our very own **Dave Derbes** once again entertain us. Dave is a festival staple bringing all our acoustic favorite relaxing tunes. Join us in kicking off a great weekend of friends, family and fellowship.

Saturday, July 18th, back by popular demand—"Michele & the Lost Boys". We are so excited to welcome back the former members of the band Sapphire—Michele, Eric, Bill and Jim. They will bring all our favorite hits from the 50's, 60s, 70s, 80s. Enjoy their amazing acoustic music in our shaded seating area or out on the dance floor. So many toe tapping tunes from 6 to 9 p.m. **Bar** area will be open until 9:30 p.m. both nights! We have the coldest beer, great wine selections and a variety of Smirnoff and wine coolers.



Bakers Needed

Desserts/Baked Goods needed—If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop off at the Russell Building on July 17th or 18th.



Summer Festival

Specials Table

Would you like to donate a basket for our Special's Table at the Festival? We are asking for 15 baskets. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church ... suggestions are listed. Basket minimum value should be approximately \$30—\$50. Gift Certificates are always accepted and greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

(Baskets should be **completed** and **wrapped**. Baskets can be dropped off at the Russell Building on Wednesday, July 15 or Thursday, July 16. Baskets **CANNOT** be dropped off at the rectory.)



Festival Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor one or more of the following — please drop in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

Band Sponsor \$100.00 each

Pizza Sponsor \$ 50.00 each

Coke Sponsor \$ 50.00 each

Ice Cream \$ 25.00 each

Festival Supplies

Mustard + Ketchup (original/regular tomato only)

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

Food Committee

We need volunteers to help prepare food for this year's Festival If you would like to help, please call the Rectory or add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheets in the back of church.

JOIN IN THE FUN OF FINDING JESUS

Jesus Scavenger Hunt – June 6th to June 28. All children are encouraged to find our mini-Jesus figurines we have hidden in the church. Each week we will put out mini-Jesus figurines **before** the Masses for the children of the parish to find. Children are invited **after** Mass to look for Jesus. We ask you to bring your Jesus collection to the rectory on **June 29th** and we will award the child that finds the most Jesus figurines with a Rita's Ice gift card to enjoy. Miss Kochol will be at the rectory that day from 9am to 5pm.

St. John's Ensemble

... will play/sing at 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 14th

The purpose of this ministry is to serve the parish at Mass, singing liturgical hymns, using contemporary instruments like the guitar, keyboard, drums or other instruments, and using contemporary music arrangements.

Neighboring Events

Sidewalk Sale. Hosted by the Society of Mary Queen of Peace Chapel, 730 N. Centre St. in Pottsville, on Saturday, June 30th from 8 a.m. until noon. Lots of household goods, decorations for all occasions, books and other assorted items priced to sell. Food for sale as well. Also the Omaha Steaks Meat Raffle Gift Card ticket winner will be drawn.

HELP NEEDED

My name is Anthony J. Gaburick. I suffer from a nerve disease that requires treatments for me to stay functional. My treatments are out of town in places such as Allentown, West Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre and Wyomissing. I'm looking for drivers who can help me get to these treatments. Doctors will not allow me to drive myself to and from treatments. If anyone is interested in driving me, please contact the church rectory. I'll be very grateful for your help!

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to help me with transportation to my medical appointments. Your help is so very appreciated. I am truly grateful. Thank you again!