

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

At his 1977 Episcopal installation as the Bishop of Oakland, California, Most Rev. John S. Cummins told a story about a friend of his who became a bishop because of his German ancestry and his strong accent, the other bishops jokingly referred to his friend as "The Great German Shepherd."

Jesus is The Great Shepherd. In this Sunday's gospel He tells us that He is the Good Shepherd. He walks ahead of his flock and the flock, and the flock follows him because they recognize his voice. Bishops today are the living shepherds of the great flock of the faithful. They are the leaders of our local churches. The croziers they carry are shaped like a shepherds crook. Should we go astray, the shepherds can use it to hook our necks and pull us back into the flock.

But Jesus also said, "I am the Gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved." We cannot enter into the Kingdom by climbing over the fence or tunneling under the wall. We must enter through the gate.

Yours in Christ,  
*Father Dave*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – May 12 – 9:00 a.m.

**CHARLIE SCHAEFFER, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.**  
(Maria Schaeffer)

Tuesday – May 13 – 9:00 a.m.

**RAPHAEL MURPHY** (Family)

Wednesday, May 14 – 9:00 a.m.

**JOSEPH DUSEL** (Catherine Dusel)

Thursday, May 15 – 9:00 a.m.

**JOHN & MARY YANECK** (Paul Rosenberger)

Friday, May 16 – 9:00 a.m.

**ROBERT SCHAEFFER** (Helen Schaeffer)

Saturday – May 17 – 5:00 p.m.

**CHARLES & SCOTT BOWERS** (Joan Bowers)

Sunday – May 18 – 8:15 a.m.

**SYLVIA BERCHER** (Children, Joe, Donna, Lisa)

Sunday – May 18 – 10:30 a.m.

**BETTY TROY** (George Post)

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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:** *Margie Glunz, Loretta & Harold Raybould, Dr. David Harvey, Fred Maskerines, Francis & Mary Burns, Bill Zaharis, Pat Fedorick, Chuck Majestic, Rosalia Campion, Michael Allen, Marie Melinchok, David Derbes Sr., Jeffrey Stock, Paul Burns, Mary Lou Roeder, Esther Smith, Sue Moore.*

**Deceased:** *Margaret Puddu*



## CANDLE INTENTIONS

**BVM** - IMO Josephine Parsick

by Joanne Schultz & Dorothy Parsick

**St. Joseph** - IMO Sylvia Bercher by Bercher Family

**Tabernacle** – IMO Leo Leinheiser Sr. Family  
by Robert Doyle Family

**Sanctuary Candles**

1. IMO Ursula Klassen by Family

2. IMO Mary Hahner by Hahner Family

3. IMO Matilda Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

4. IMO Catherine Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

**Guardian Angels**

1. IMO Philomena Carroll by Family

2. IMO Thomas Tucker Selinko by Family

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## SCHEDULE

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**5:00 p.m. – Saturday – May 17**

**Reader:** Mary Sitcoske

**Euch.Min.:** Kelly Zwiebel, Bill Gianfagna

**Servers:** Alyssa Sheriff, Rachel Brahler, Cathryn Yourey

**Cantor:** Chic Tamburelli

**8:15 a.m. – Sunday – May 18**

**Reader:** Dave Smith

**Euch.Min.:** John Corbacio, Rachael Kubick, Al Hauptly

**Servers:** Ashley Smith, Caroline Gist, Evan Woodward

**Cantor:** Karen Glunz

**10:30 a.m. – Sunday – May 18**

**Reader:** Bob Bechtel

**Euch.Min.:** Dean Slatko, Charlie Miller, Bobbi Murray

**Servers:** Megan Dalton, Livia & Anna Lieberman

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go out to our Pastoral Assistant, **Mr. Larry Lonergan** who was instituted on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> to the ministry of Acolyte by Bishop Barres at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Sienna in Allentown. This is the second ministry that Larry has received on his way to becoming a permanent deacon for our diocese.

As an instituted Acolyte, Larry will serve on the altar and assist the priest and deacon, in particular it is his responsibility to prepare the altar and the sacred vessels and, if necessary, to serve as Eucharistic Minister and distribute the Eucharist. This is his final ministry before becoming an ordained permanent deacon.

May God continue to bless him in this ministry and his journey toward the Permanent Diaconate.

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## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**May 3/4: \$ 5,329.50**

**PotLuck Stand: \$ 523.00**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate our boys and girls who received Eucharist for the first time last Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We also congratulate their families and teachers who brought them to this point in their lives.

Luke Garvey  
Maya Golden  
Cole Flickinger  
Stanley Gorski  
Livia Hable  
Chloe Heintz  
Nicholas Kunstek  
James Malek  
Aliyah Peckmam



Mickaellya Schatz  
Leah Scheidel  
Joshua Steffan  
Alisha Weiss  
Blakely Whalen  
Caleb Whalen  
Emma Wollyung  
Madison Wright

## PERPETUAL ADORATION



At The Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel, Pottsville, we need an adorer for the following hours:

Mondays – 12 a.m.

Thursdays – 4 a.m.

Saturdays - 12 a.m.; 1 a.m.; 2 a.m.;  
4-5:15 p.m.; 11 p.m.

Please call Albert 573-0036 or Aleece 449-7678

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart..."

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

(Mt 6:21; 26:40)

## Next Week's Readings

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (May 17/18)

**Reading I:** Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

**Reading II:** 1 Peter 2:4-9

**Gospel:** John 14:1-12

## CCD Registration

**DEADLINE – MAY 31<sup>st</sup>**

Now is the time to register your child for next year's CCD class. **There are reduced rates until May 31<sup>st</sup>.** 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: \$50.00 First Child**  
(after May 31<sup>st</sup> - \$60.00)

**All Other Children: \$45.00 per Child**  
(after May 31<sup>st</sup> - \$55.00)

**CCD REPORT CARDS** ... Second semester CCD Report Cards can be picked up from the center pew in church.

## THANK YOU DEPT.

### CCD Program

We wish to express our gratitude to the following parishioners for committing to the academic year 2013/2014 for our Religious Education Program as Catechists and volunteers, and those who volunteered for our Children's Liturgy Program and Pre-School Programs each Sunday.

#### CCD Program

Michael Ambrose  
Stephanie Crighton  
Dr. Robert DeColli  
Christine Disabella  
Louis Disabella  
Heidi Gorski  
Bob Hahner  
Sandra Heintz  
Lucilla Kochol

Albert Nastasi  
Kathleen Nastasi  
Judy Piel  
Jill Prestileo  
Melissa Scheetz  
Beth Smith  
Richard Smith  
Adalie Zanis  
Farrah Benart-Office

#### Pre-School

Annie Grabowski & Jackie Szeliga

## BLT YOUTH GROUP / OUTREACH

### FUNDRAISER

*GOD is GOOD, now and forever: SPRING HAS SPRUNG! Praise GOD, now and forever!*

**Coupons** will be on sale for **\$5.00 each** to be used toward the **regular** purchase of Annuals, Perennials, Trees and Shrubs **ONLY** redeemable at Pine Creek Country Gardens in Friedensburg, on route 443. Let's spring into action to welcome in a long awaited planting season. **Coupons will be available after all Masses until May 31<sup>st</sup> and at the rectory office during the week.**  
*Thank you for your support!*



All youth of the parish in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> are welcome to join the Youth Group. For more information, call or text **Tim and Alyssa Garvey at 570-995-1258**. Find us on Facebook under BLT Youth Group.

## "OVER 50" CLUB



St. John's "Over 50 Club" will be meeting again on **Tuesday, May 13<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.

*... Behold the rainbow! Then bless its Maker, for majestic indeed is its splendor ...*

## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS - 2014

It is now time to nominate new members to the council to fill the places of those whose term has expired. The term of office is three (3) years with the possibility of a second consecutive term

Any parishioner who is at least 21 years old is eligible for nomination. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Please put nominations in the collection or mail your nomination to the rectory. When nominating, please don't choose just the most popular people, but choose people who will work for the parish.

We wish to thank the following members who will be completing a three-year term on the Parish Council. They are, however, eligible to be nominated for a second three-year term.

<b>Jennifer Hower</b>	<b>John Powers</b> (not eligible)
<b>Maeve Ketner</b>	<b>Dave Steffan</b> (not eligible)
<b>Kyle Lisowski</b>	<b>Dan Wachter</b>
	<b>George Zwiebel</b>

The following should **NOT** be nominated as they are presently serving or finishing their term:

<b><u>Term expires 2015</u></b>	<b><u>Term expires 2016</u></b>
Robert Bechtel	Paul Gombola
Nora Chipplonia	Bob Hahner
Mary Sitcoske	Al Norkus
	Gerry Schwartz

**President:** Tina Seiger  
**1st Vice-President:** Robert DeColli  
**2nd Vice-President:** Paul Datte

### NOMINATION BALLOT

**I Nominate:**

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO RECTORY  
by Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### SUMMER FESTIVAL – 2013

**This year's dates ...**

**Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**5 to 9:30 p.m. each night**

**Mark your calendars!**

**Our next meeting is scheduled for**

**Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

**in the Rectory Fellowship Room!**

*And he changeth the times and the season.*

*... Daniel 2:21*

## ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

**23RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER** to benefit St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc. on **Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Sign sponsorships are available in addition to golf and dinner. All golf fees include lunch and dinner. Dinner only also available. Registration at 11:00 a.m. with buffet style lunch at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lots of prizes! For more information please call St. Joseph Center at 570-622-4638. Thank you!

**THE POTTSVILLE MILE** sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Schuylkill County on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** in Pottsville to benefit St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Inc.. For more information or to register to run or become a sponsor, please email Mr. Bill Kern at [williamnkern@comcast.net](mailto:williamnkern@comcast.net)

### ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL ...

Consider giving your child an education in Faith. Nothing beats learning the teachings of Jesus while receiving a quality education in the three R's. Transfer grants are available for those who transfer to a Catholic school from a public school.

**PRE-SCHOOL:** Now offering a 2, 3, and 5 day programs, available for 3, 4 & 5 year olds.

**Half-Day** sessions from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

**Full-Day** sessions from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Before and After School Care** available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Now accepting registrations for the 2014-15 school year. All denominations welcome.

Call the school at **570.622.0106** for more information. Check out our website at [AssumptionBVMSchool.net](http://AssumptionBVMSchool.net).

### NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL NEWS ....

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED** .... Nativity BVM High School has accepted several international exchange students for the 2014-2015 school year. Nativity is in need of host families to open their homes and share the American family experience! The student would need a private bedroom, desk, and dresser. Families with young children, single people, and retired couples are welcome to apply! Students have their own insurance and spending money. Families receive a stipend to offset food costs. **For more information, please contact Maureen Challenger at 385-4226.**

### COOKBOOK COMMITTEE FORMING



Anyone interested in helping create St. John's **NEW EDITION COOKBOOK** .... come to our first meeting on **Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Room @

6:30p.m. Interested but can't make the meeting, call Sandy @ 570-739-1630. Everyone most welcome!

## SAVE THE DATE !!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2014**

**Sunday, June 22 - Thursday, June 26**

**2014 Vacation Bible School will be here before you**

**know it!!** The parish families of St. Patrick and St. John the Baptist will team up again this year to bring you **WEIRD ANIMALS TOTALLY CATHOLIC VBS 2014!** Experience the extraordinary love of Jesus at *Weird Animals Totally Catholic VBS* – and by “weird” we mean unique, wonderful, one-of-a-kind! Kids will learn that even when we feel different, God loves us! We hope you can join us for this wonderful and wacky week!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED!!! WE NEED YOU!!!** Teenagers and adults are greatly needed to help VBS run smoothly...we CANNOT do this without YOU!!! No special skills or knowledge needed...just a desire to help kids learn more about our faith in a fun way! If you've volunteered in the past, or if you're a new volunteer, please contact **Theresa Hossler** at **640-6686** or [tmhossler3@gmail.com](mailto:tmhossler3@gmail.com) to get involved in VBS 2014. Thank you!

## FAMILY GUILD SCHOLARSHIP



The Family Guild of St. John's is awarding two scholarships to be awarded in the amount of **\$250.00** for any **eighth grade student** wishing to attend **Nativity BVM High School** in September 2014 and any high school graduate pursuing higher education. Criteria for Scholarship eligibility:

1. Participating member of St. John the Baptist
2. Must be applying to attend Nativity in September 2014 or applying to a school of higher learning
3. Student must submit the application form along with the completed essay to the Rectory by **May 15, 2014.**
4. Essays will be judged by a panel of parish members not affiliated with the Family Guild so as to insure impartiality.
5. Essay topic: "*What has St. John's meant to me*"

Scholarship applications can be picked up at the Rectory by calling 622-5470. **Deadline is May 15, 2014.**

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Peter Worchick Jr.** to St. John's Parish Family. Warmly embrace Peter into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by



writing to 300 Fairview St., Pottsville

## MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL POT LUCK STAND

**Attention Parishioners !!!** Once again we are asking for your help in making this year's Pot Luck Stand a success. This year we are going to try something new. If we have enough donations, we will have two Pot Luck Stands. One will be prizes for adults, and one will be prizes for children. Please save all those unwanted items that you got for Birthdays and Christmas and help us with enough prizes to do this.

If you would like us to pick up your donation, please call us at (Judy) 570-622-2643 or (Kathy) 570-622-2326 or you can drop them off at the rectory.

As always, thank you very much for your support and help ..... **Judy Meseravage and Kathy Vivic**



## ST. JOHN'S GARDENING CLUB



Springtime is planting time! We are looking for anyone ... families or individuals ... interested in helping to plant and maintain the various flower beds around the church and rectory buildings. No 'green thumb' required! Flowering annuals will be provided ... just plant, water (hoses provided), de-weed & prune.

### The flower beds include:

- Grotto area behind the church
- front of the St. John's Church sign
- each side of the front steps of church
- 10<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot on Mahantongo St.
- terrace in front of the rectory

**Please call the Rectory if interested 622-5470.**

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

**Christy Joy CPA, CFE**  
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**(570) 490-2814**  
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### NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**ST PATRICK SCOUT TROOP NEWS ...** The cub and boy scouts of St Patrick's parish will be selling **Kauffman's BBQ Chicken** dinners on **Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 7 p.m.** at the Hess Gas Station at Market St and the Gordon Nagle Trail here in Pottsville. **Cost is \$9.00** which includes Chicken-Baked Potato-Roll and Butter-Bottled Water-a side and dessert. Please call **570-573-2030** or e-mail **cubmasterpack615@gmail.com**. to place an order .Be sure to include your name and number so they can call you back to confirm your order. All monies raised benefit the boys camp fees for summer camp at Hawk Mountain Scout Reserve in Summit Station.

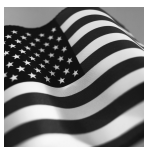
**PILGRIMAGE TO PADRE PIO SHRINE** in Barto, Pa. on **Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Schuylkill Council 431. Bus leaves Pottsville at 8:30 a.m.; returning approx. 5 p.m. Tour of the shrine, an outdoor Rosary, lunch, a blessing with a relic of Padre Pio, lighting of personal votive candles at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine and a 56 page My Saint Pio Prayer Book are included as part of the \$32.00 Pilgrimage Fee.

We will then stop at the Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Bally for a Pilgrimage Mass. The church is the oldest church in the Diocese of Allentown and the 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest church in the original 13 colonies. Father James Bechtel will celebrate a Mass for personal intentions.

**For additional information please contact Deputy Grand Knight David Donlin at 570-624-1796, or Treasurer Ron Whalen at 570-294-6332.**

**READING FIGHTIN' PHILS** Seton Manor is sponsoring a Senior Day on **Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>** and would like you to come along for a day of fun!! FREE Admission & FREE transportation to and from the game. HURRY seats are limited. Contact Alicia for more information or to reserve your seat ... 570-366-7645 or 570-640-3331.

**VETERAN'S TRIP** sponsored by the Schuylkill County Veterans Trip Organization to Washington DC on **September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Any Schuylkill County veteran is eligible to participate. Trip is free for veterans and \$50.00 for a companion. For further information please call 622-0730, or for an application please send a large self-addressed stamped envelope to: SCVTO, PO Box 77, Pottsville, Pa. 17901

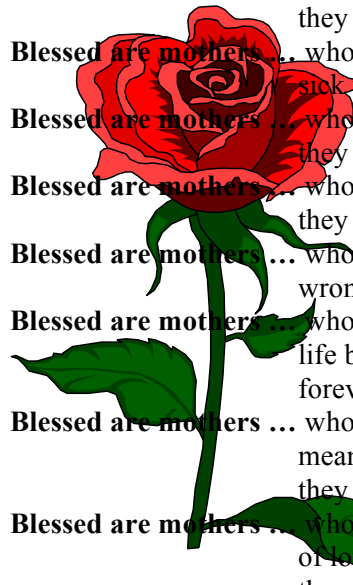


### OUTREACH MINISTRY

**REACH OUT and TOUCH SOMEONE**  
St. John's OutReach Ministry can help with light housekeeping, grocery shopping, transportation, meals, etc. Volunteers are always needed. Call **Margie Glunz at 622-3067** anytime with your needs and concerns.

### THE BEATITUDES FOR MOTHERS

**Blessed are mothers ...** who did without for us, they will be rewarded.  
**Blessed are mothers ...** who lost sleep when we were sick they will find rest.  
**Blessed are mothers ...** who taught us how to pray, they will share God's kingdom.  
**Blessed are mothers ...** who comforted us, they shall be comforted.  
**Blessed are mothers ...** who taught us right from wrong, they will know justice.  
**Blessed are mothers ...** who showed us the Christian life by example, they will live forever.  
**Blessed are mothers ...** who shared with us the meaning of peace, they shall know peace.  
**Blessed are mothers ...** who taught us the importance of loving God and each other, they shall see God.



*May God bless all Mothers  
and those who take the place of Mothers  
on this, their special day.*

### FOOD COLLECTION

*"We can do no great things, only small things with great love." ... Mother Teresa.*

Thank you for doing the small things, like feeding your neighbors, with great love. God bless.

#### Items Needed:

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| Stuffing Mix         | Canned Fruit          |
| Broth                | Macaroni & Cheese     |
| Coffee/Tea (instant) | Jelly                 |
| Hot Chocolate        | Hot Cereal packages   |
| Apple Sauce          | Canned Sweet Potatoes |
| Peanut Butter        | Beef Stew             |
| Soups                | Spaghetti             |
| Spaghetti Sauce      |                       |

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

**PLEASE - NO OUTDATED ITEMS**

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS



...Get your blood pressure checked in Longinus Hall after all Masses next weekend, **May 17/18.**

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**ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY** will meet on  
**Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory  
Fellowship Room.

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*... mighty and wonderful are your works, Lord God  
Almighty! ...* *Rev. 15:3*