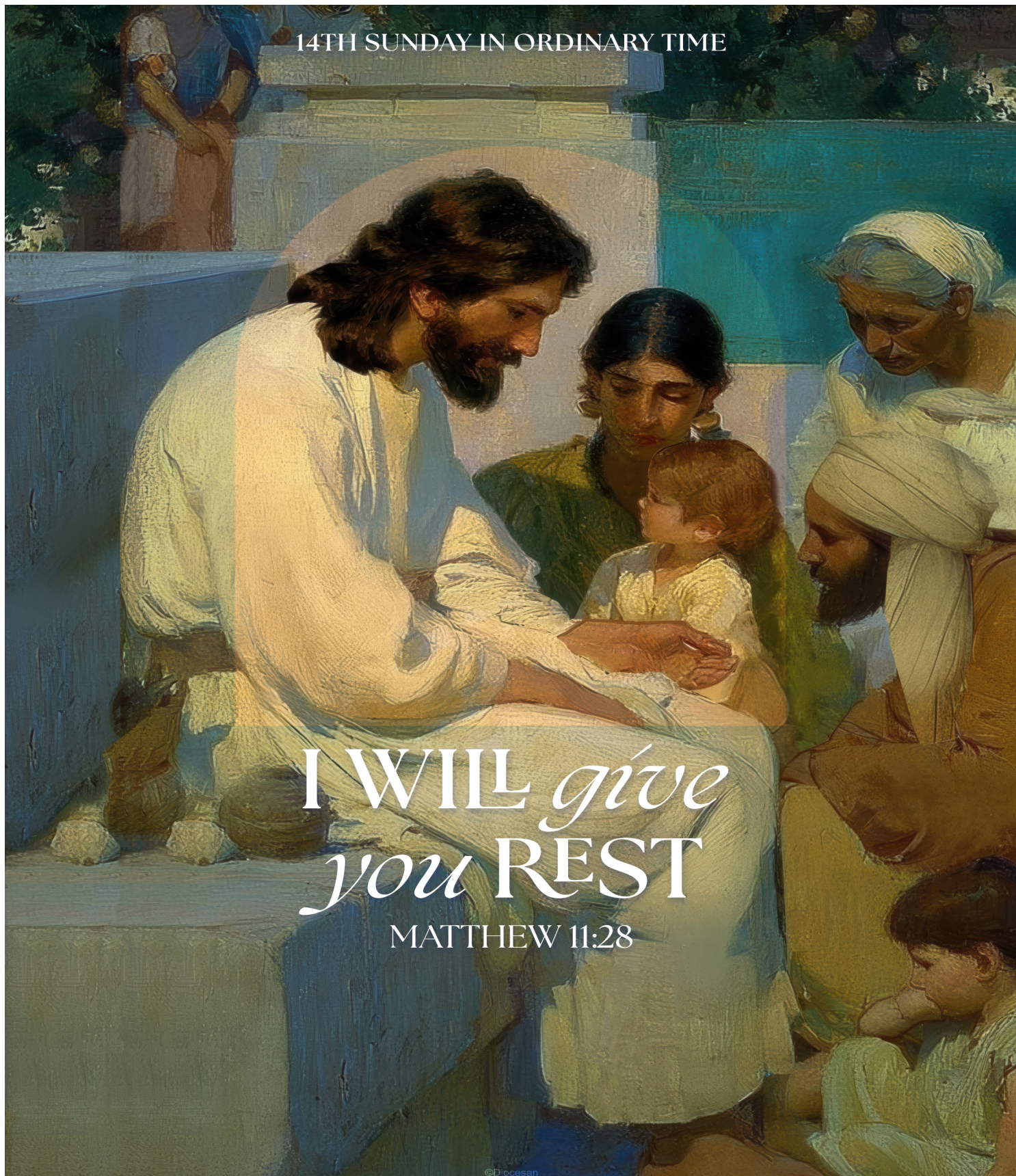


St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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

July 5, 2026

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



I WILL give
you REST

MATTHEW 11:28

Pastor..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*
Deacon.....*Robert A. Reiley*
Parish Council President *John Crane*
E-mail.....johncrane1@mac.com
Choir Director/Organist*David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator..... *Tina Seiger*
Rectory (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589
E-mail.....stjbparish@comcast.net
Nativity BVM High School (570) 622-8110
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.
 Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services
 P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
 610-871-5200 ext. 2204
 prusso@allentowndioocese.org

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, Charles Reber, Cecelia Burns., Thomas Muldowney, Dottie Kull, Carol Lasco.*
"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, July 4

5:00 p.m. Lucilla Mae Fanelli
(Lucilla Kochol)

Sunday, July 5

8:15 a.m. Francis & Jane Mooney
(Nora Chiplonia)

Sunday, July 5

10:30 a.m. David G. Derbes
(Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Monday, July 6

6:30 p.m. St. John's Parish Family

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 a.m. Jim Pugh Jr.
(Crystal Pugh)

Wednesday, July 8

9:00 a.m. Charles & Catherine
Schaeffer
(Maria Schaeffer)

Thursday, July 9

9:00 a.m. Joan Steficek
(Larry Steficek)

Friday, July 10

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the
Eroh & Stibick Families
(Kelley Eroh)

Saturday, July 11

5:00 p.m. Cathy Bowers
(Scott Williams)

Sunday, July 12

8:15 a.m. Robert Doyle Sr.
(Frank & Lucy Kaczynski)

Sunday, July 12

10:30 a.m. Maurice & Helen Mirabella
(Chris Maccarone)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Speaking about the Sacrament of Confession, last week we started to answer the question: When should I go to Confession? We explained that it is only strictly necessary to go to Confession when one has mortal sin on one's conscience.

But there is another way to look at this question. It has to do with the Christian perspective on morality. Jesus does not tell us just to avoid doing anything really bad. He tells us to be perfect (Matthew 5:48). A Christian is not content with doing the minimum to stay out of trouble. A true follower of Jesus is always striving to be a better person, to become holy.

With this in mind, Confession can be a powerful tool to help us grow in holiness. By going to Confession on a regular basis (perhaps once a month), we are prompted to pay closer attention to those areas of our lives where we can grow and improve, and we can keep track of our progress. Confession is a sacrament. It doesn't just "erase" our sins. It gives us powerful graces to help us grow. Why would we not want to take advantage of this on a regular basis? Jesus is waiting for each of us in the sacrament.

In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin

Baptismal Preparation

Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. It is preferable that this be done **before** your baby is born. Please call Father Bobbin to arrange for this important preparation. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

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.

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give.

St. John's Ensemble

... will play/sing at 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 12th. 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.

Next Week's Readings

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(July 11/12)

Reading I: Isaiah 55:10-11

Reading II: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Diocese News & Events

RETOUVAILLE: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **July 31 - August 2, 2026** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning Is Hiring!

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is seeking compassionate and dedicated individuals to join our team. We are currently hiring for full-time Direct Support Professional positions, along with part-time opportunities for a Behavioral Support Specialist and Administrative Assistant. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about these opportunities, please call SJC at **570-622-4638** and ask to speak with Bob Giba. Join us in making a difference in the lives of children and adults with special needs.

Neighboring Events

Feast of Mary Queen of Peace. The Society of Mary Queen of Peace, a private association of the Christian faithful recognized by the Diocese of Allentown, warmly invites all to a special Mass for the Feast of Mary Queen of Peace on **Thursday, July 9th at 6 p.m.** at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Chapel, 730 N. Centre St. in Pottsville.

Mary Queen of Peace is a historic Catholic Chapel that is currently being preserved as a sacred place of prayer. For generations, it has stood as a beacon of faith for families throughout Schuylkill County, many of whom still have deep connections to the chapel.

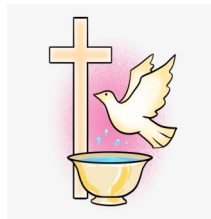
The Mass will be a meaningful and hopeful opportunity to come together in prayer, give thanks and support for the continued preservation of this beloved chapel.

All are welcome to attend Mass on this special occasion, with fellowship immediately following. For more information, please visit maryqpeace.org

Bingo Night. The Office of Evangelization and Formation is hosting a BINGO Night in New Philadelphia on **Wednesday, July 15th** at Holy Cross Church Hall, 99 Lombard St. in New Phila. Doors open 5 p.m.; Games begin at 6 pm. \$20 for 20 games. Food and beverages available.

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Attention — All Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, and Servers

Please let us know your plans for **August & September** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please email or call the rectory by **July 13th** We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

Weekly Collection

June 27/28\$5,493.40
Dues.....\$859.00
Improv. & Repairs\$1,106.00
Peter's Pence\$1,280.00

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Frank & Josephine Brozana by Don & Joanne Doyne
2. IMO Donald & Nancy Doyne by Don & Joanne Doyne

St. Joseph

1. A Soul in Purgatory closest to heaven.
2. Special Intention by Keith & Mary Jo Laslow

Sanctuary

IMO Hahner Family
 by Mary Jane Hahner

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Anthony S. Gaburick by Anne Gaburick
2. IMO Anthony S. Gaburick by Tony Gaburick
3. IMO Anna Tarris & Deceased of The Tarris Family by Paul & JoAnna Buber
4. IMO John & Joan Sarnosky by Paul & JoAnna Buber

Liturgical Min. Schedule

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11— 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Francis Mozloom

EM: Ray Petrilla, Sharon Snyder

Server: Ray Petrilla

Cantor: Dave Derbes

July 12— 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Bob Bechtel

EM: Heidi Gorski, Ann Blankenhorn

Servers: Rhyann Brennan

Maria Neifert

Cantor: Amy Joyce

July 12—10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Joseph Palmieri

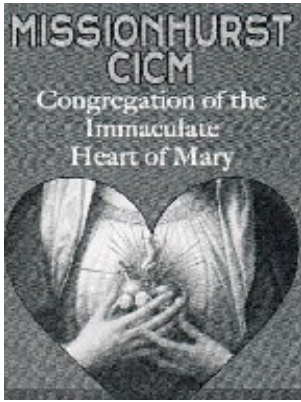
EM: Frank Murphy, Justina Majestic

Servers: Sophia Palmieri

Luke Lieberman

Cantor: Ed Brahler

Missionhurst—CICM (Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)



Next weekend, **July 11/12**, we are pleased to welcome our visiting missionary, Father Emmanuel Manadona, who will share with us the work of the Church in serving God's people around the world. We thank him for joining our parish community and ask for your prayers for his mission. Please extend a warm welcome and consider supporting this important ministry.

Missionhurst—CICM was founded in 1862 by a Belgian priest, Fr. Theophile Verbist, initially for the evangelization of China.

Inspired by Father Verbist's example, Missionhurst priests and brothers have been first to proclaim the Good News in places where the Gospel is not preached or lived, with a particular emphasis on the care of the poor and the most vulnerable.

Today, Missionhurst—CICM missionary priests and brothers continue this long tradition of caring for God's poorest and most neglected in many parts of the world. CICM missionaries are prepared to stay, live among the people, share in their privation, and participate in the day-to-day effort needed to achieve life-long spiritual and material changes.

The second collection next weekend will be taken up for Missionhurst—CICM

St. John's Catholic Women's Union

Women of all ages are invited to join the Catholic Women's Union. Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women's Union by joining us on **Wednesday, July 15th, at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Covered Dish Dinner. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed. Join us!



Cemetery Burial Plots & Regulations

Burial Plots

Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's need ... we want to remind our parishioners and friends that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services whenever that need occurs.

Grave Lots \$ 600.00 each which includes Perpetual Care

Regulations / Guidelines

The following are guidelines established by St. John's Cemetery Committee ...

- * Shrubs are **not** permitted on cemetery grounds
- * Flowers or plants may be planted in the ground, but must remain within 12 inches of base of memorial. **NO Perennials** are permitted.
- * All artificial decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4, Christmas, etc.
- * **Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden — doing this creates many problems during cutting season.**
- * All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in available receptacles located at top of cemetery
- * Please refrain from placing any tombstone in or on the grounds for one year after a death to allow the ground to settle back to its natural state.

Bulletin Boosters

IMO Carl Bartholomew
 IMO Harold Bartholomew
 IMO James J. Bartholomew
 IMO Robert Berger
 IMO Rita Bartholomew Foley
 John & Mildred Fredericks
 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!

There is hope in the battle against pornography.

Educate yourself, protect yourself and your family, and seek help and healing. Explore the resources offered by:

1. Integrity Restored (integrityrestored.com)
2. The Diocese of Allentown's Lumen Christi Commission (adlumenchristi.org)
3. Or contact Fr. Bobbin for a confidential appointment.

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."

Moving? Relocating? Let us Know!

Have you moved, changed your phone or email address? If so, please contact the Rectory Office at 570-622-5470 ext. 3. Help us update our records!

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

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 2 weeks away and WE NEED MORE PRIZES !!

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.

As the Summer Festival approaches, we wanted to give some quick information. If you volunteered for our 4:30-6:30pm slot on either night, we ask that you arrive by 4:30 and report to the large dining room in the Russell Building. You will receive your ticket box there from Michelle or Michael Ambrose. From there you can go to your stand and familiarize yourself with what is needed to be done. We are starting a pinch earlier to be better prepared and have less chaos at the opening of the festival. Thank you so much for volunteering your time Any questions or problems please see Jason Prestileo or Shanna Deibert. We cannot wait to kick off one of our best festivals yet with you!

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

Festival Patrons

\$500.00

Ed & Carole Quirin
 Maria Rowlands
 Joe & Nancy Schlitzer
 Joe & Sherri Souchak

\$350.00

James & Angela Toomey

\$250.00

Paul & JoAnna Buber

\$200.00

Charles & Patricia Miller
 Judith Williams

\$150.00

Gorski Family

\$100.00

Dave & Alice Bechtel
 Sandy & Joe Frinzi
 Donna & John Kalovcak
 Keith & Mary Jo Laslow
 Lieberman & Tamulonis Law
 Joseph Liptok
 Frances Lorenz
 Dan & Hermine Murphy
 Mary B. Porter
 Bill, Kelly, Brady, Briar Rhoads
 Tamalavage Family

\$75.00

Fetterolf Family

\$50.00

Joan M. Bowers
 Kathy Brahler
 Dolores Brophy
 Catholic Women's Union
 The DeWald's
 Tom & Cindy Elison
 Paul & Bernie Gombola
 Stan & Geri Grabowski
 Heenan Family
 Carl & Kathy Hughes
 Barbara & Bruce Krupa
 Patricia Kutch
 Eric & Jennifer Lieberman
 Ron & Pat Lombel

Festival Patrons

\$50.00

Christine Maccarone
 Patricia & Phillip Markovich
 John & Susan Minnichbach
 John & Bernice Petock
 Robert & Irene Post
 JP & Barb Powers
 Nick & Maria Quinn
 Charles & Kathleen Reber
 David & Mary Ann Shoopack
 Karen & Mike Sirbaugh
 Martin & Linda Smith
 Robert & Gretchen Witman
 Barbara Wollyung

\$40.00

Mary Beth Harvey
 Theresa Skrobak

\$33.00

Ted Gurecki Jr.

\$30.00

Diane Hudock
 Joe & Eleanor Orzechowski
 Dorothy & Joe Stangl
 Wartella Family
 Bob & Kay Wollyung

\$25.00

Jim Brentari
 Ken & Tammy Cooper
 Janet Daubert
 Jennifer Daubert
 Barbara Ann Dietz
 Marie Doyle
 Greg Lieberman Family
 Hal J. Messer
 Jack & Aggie Messner
 Frances Brahler Mickey
 M/M A.J. Munster
 Ann Marie Souchak
 Bruno M. Tassone
 Michael & Elizabeth Tyson

\$20.00

Ron & Donna Dermo
 Natalie Setlock
 Rick & Michelle Stone
 Christine Tray

Festival Patrons

\$10.00

John & Joanne Mestishen
 Harriet Pfeffer
 Mary Ann Schweikert

Festival Sponsors

Hahner Bros. Inc.—Chance Books

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**

Coke Sponsor **\$ 50.00 each**

Ice Cream **\$ 25.00 each**

Pizza Sponsor **\$ 50.00 each**

Band (1) - Paul & JoAnna Buber

Band (1) - Mary B. Porter

Band (1) - Ellen & Jay Zane

Bleenie Mix (1) — Paul & JoAnna Buber

Bleenie Mix (9) - Frank Angelo

Coke (2) - John Bosche

Ice Cream (1) — Jim & Carolyn Orlowsky

Pizza (1) - Jim & Carolyn Orlowsky

Special Basket Table

Amika Hair Care -Shanna Deibert/Linda Murphy

Bath & Body - Barb Munster

Christmas in July - Lucilla Kochol

Dog Bskt. - Linda & Bob Stock

Family Fun Nite - Ann Blankenhorn

Italian - Cathy Cooper

Knoebel's - Gerry Schwartz

Lottery - Nora Chiplonia

Painting - Father Bobbin

Picnic - John & Patty O'Neill

Pink Girl - DeStefano's

Time for Me - Chris Black

Wine - Luis R. Visot

Wine - Gianfagna's (2)

TBD - Rosann, David, Tyler

Celebrate America 250th

—Sandy & Joe Frinzi