

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever heard the joke about the doctor who completed a man's examination despite the incessant chattering of the man's wife? Afterward, he called the wife aside for a private talk. The doctor told her, "Your husband needs rest and peace. Here are some sleeping pills."

Concerned, the wife asked, "When should I give them to him?"

The doctor explained, "They're for you."

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus invites all who are weary and find life burdensome to be refreshed. The husband in the story may be weary from carrying the heavy burden of a partner who never stops talking. For some, the burden may be their own inability to stop talking long enough to hear a response. Whatever burdens we bear, Jesus invites us to rest. He tells us that his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

Yours in Christ,

*Father Dave*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, July 4 – 9:00 a.m.**

**GEORGE BOBINIS** (Pat, Sue, Kathy, Ann & Families)

**Tuesday, July 5 – 9:00 a.m.**

**SALVATORE & MARIA ALFONSI**

(Chuck, Justina & Kelly Majestic)

**Wednesday, July 6 – 9:00 a.m.**

**NANCY DOYNE** (Don & Joanne Doyne, Jane Sunday)

**Thursday, July 7 – 9:00 a.m.**

**DOROTHY CONNELL** (John Connell)

**Friday, July 8 – 9:00 a.m.**

**JOHN M. TASSO** (Lorraine Tasso)

**Saturday, July 9 – 5:00 p.m.**

**ANNE UCKELE** (St. John's Saturday Night Choir)

**Sunday, July 10 – 8:15 a.m.**

**CATHERINE SCHAEFFER** (Maria Schaeffer)

**Sunday, July 10 – 10:30 a.m.**

**THELMA BRENNAN, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.**

(Children: Joan Kline, James Brennan, Carol Grigalonis)

**Tuesday, July 5 @ York Terrace Nursing Home**

**IRENE A. 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, John Woznicki, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, Espn Murphy, Greg Schoffstall, Mary Margaret Smith, John Connell, Joe Christ, Marie Melinchok, Mary Alfonsi, Eugene Farley, Kate Blackwell, Karla Garland, Otto Pfeffer, Sylvia Bercher.



## CANDLE INTENTIONS

**B.V.M** – IMO Doris Blum by Don & Joanne Doyne

**St. Joseph** – IMO Carl Veith by Doc & Dottie Bound

**Tabernacle** – IMO John M. Tasso by Lorraine Tasso

**Sanctuary** – All Sanctuary Candles

IMO Catherine Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

**Guardian Angels**

1. IMO Jim Brennan by Joan & Dave Deiter

2. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family

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## SCHEDULE

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00 – Saturday – July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Readers:** Mary Ann Schweikert

**Euch.Min.:** Bill Schweikert, Virginia Visot

**Servers:** Tiffany & Jillian Zerbe, Taylor Ross

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

**8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Michelle Ambrose

**Euch.Min.:** Michelle Rehnert, Michael Ambrose,

Joyce Gerace

**Servers:** Alex & Daniel Beruck, Michael Fetterolf

**Cantor:** Karen Glunz

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

**Reader:** Janet Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Phil Markovich, Carol Lasco, (Dr. Visot)

**Servers:** Emily & Sam Synnott, Kiefer Luckenbill

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

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## MARRIED IN CHRIST



We extend our warmest congratulations to **Debra M. Yarashus and Troy L. Mest** who were joined in Holy Matrimony last weekend in the presence of Father Dave.

They are called now to total dedication to each other. May their love each day draw them closer to God and to each other.

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## FAMILY MATTERS

**Fourth of July --- let freedom ring.** We give thanks to God today for the many rights and responsibilities that come with our freedom as citizens. As a parish family we give thanks to God for our freedoms, especially our right to worship on this Independence Day.

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

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## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**June 26<sup>th</sup> : \$ 4,238.00; Imp.&Rep.: \$1,661.57**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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## 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."*

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Praise God for the blessings He has given you.

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### This Week's Readings

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (July 2/3)**

**Reading I:** Zachariah 9:9-10

**Reading II:** Romans 8:9, 11-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

#### **Find A Just Savior.**

The world looks for strength in power, the ability to control others. It looks for strength in wealth, the ability to own and accumulate possessions. It looks for strength in developing and advantages over others, such as superior education and prestigious positions.

Revelation presents a different picture. It introduces us to a Messiah who is *mEEK, and riding on an ass*. It wants us to believe that our strength is in a man whose boast is that *I am gentle and humble of heart*. It praises God for contradicting the wisdom of the world: *for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever you have revealed to the merest children*.

Maybe we continue to suffer so many miseries because we look for answers in the wrong places. We look "up" at the rich and powerful, expecting to find strength and security, and we are disillusioned with *empty promises of passing joy*.

Perhaps we should look "down" at the meek and humble, the little people, the sick and dying, the poor and hungry. For it is among them that we will find our *just savior*, the God whose *right hand is filled with justice*.

"The power of the Spirit, who raised Christ from the dead, is continuously at work in the world. Through the generous sons and daughters of the Church likewise, the people of God is present in the midst of the poor and of those who suffer oppression and persecution; it lives in its own flesh and its own heart the Passion of Christ and bears witness to his resurrection."

Synod of Bishops, *Justice in the World* (1971)74  
... Gerald Darring

### Next Week's Readings

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (July 9/10)**

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

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

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

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## **NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

Nativity BVM High School is currently offering positions for a Spanish Teacher and Girl's Soccer Coach. Please call 622-8110 and refer to job openings.

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## CONFIRMATION 2012

### *The Importance of the Family In developing your child's faith.*

**For those parents who have children who will be receiving Confirmation next year.**

Faith lived and celebrated in the family makes a lasting impression. You can help prepare your son/daughter for full Christian living through the following activities:

#### **Prayer and Worship**

- Read the Sunday Scripture readings listed in the bulletin the week before together as a family.
- Attend Sunday Liturgy as a family. Plan to attend Mass on a special occasion, like an anniversary or birthday.
- Pray together as a family.

#### **Community**

- Help out at a parish social function or participate in it.
- Support a parishioner who needs encouragement, sympathy or material help.

#### **Service**

- Volunteer as a family to serve at a soup kitchen or to clean the home of an elderly person.
- Offer to do someone's chores at home to help them out.
- Include in your family prayers those in need in the world.

*Thank you for giving Christian witness  
to your children.*

**Service Forms are online! Get them signed and complete the form ASAP. Return to the Rectory!**

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## **LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP ??**

**For September 2011 we need help with ....**

#### **CCD Teachers**

Someone who would enjoy teaching First Grade or Sixth Grade on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10:15.

#### **CCD Aides**

Adult aides to help CCD teachers on Sundays mornings from 9 to 10:15.

If interested please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or call 622-5470.

#### **I am interested in:**

- \_\_\_\_\_teaching First Grade or Sixth Grade during **Sunday CCD** from 9 to 10:15 a.m.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ assisting (aide) the **CCD** teachers on Sundays from 9 to 10:15 a.m.
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## FESTIVAL PATRONS

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### \$20.00

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### \$10.00

Theresa Sencak

**CCD REGISTRATION** We have received about half of the registrations for 2011/2012. All registrations received now will need to pay **a late fee of \$5.00**. Please register ASAP so we can order the correct amount of books on time.

**\$55.00 – First Child**

**\$50.00 – additional Child**

**Registration forms are at the church exits.**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PandaMania Vacation Bible School 2011 has come to an end. We all had a wonderful and blessed week learning about how *God truly is wild about us*, and there are so many people to thank.

**THANK YOU** to all participants and volunteers ... station leaders and helpers, crew leaders and their assistants, band members, day-to-day volunteers, seasoned veteran volunteers and first-year volunteers.

**THANK YOU** to all who donated supplies and monetary donations to VBS.

**THANK YOU** for all of your prayers and support. We wouldn't be able to produce such an amazing VBS experience were it not for your continued generosity of your time, talents, and treasure. We are so appreciative; may God bless you! See you next year for another fantastic adventure!

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The following students were recipients of the Deacon Steve Andrusisian Scholarship Awards sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Parish:

*Michael Fetterolf*

*Michel Ryan*

*Kyle O'Brien*

*McKenzie Sterner*

*Marybeth Rissinger*

*Patrick Sutter*

Congratulations and best wishes as these graduates further their education.

## CYO SPORTS

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 **\$20.00** per family until **August 1st**; after this date the fee will be \$40.00. CYO sports are open to all children enrolled in Catholic school or public school. Participants in public school must be registered for CCD in order to play CYO sports.



**\*\* ATTENTION \*\***

## **CYO VOLLEYBALL**

**Sign-up Deadline**

**St. John's CYO Volleyball**

**Monday, July 25th**

***Practice will begin August 1<sup>st</sup>***

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade eligible to play Volleyball**

Registration forms are available at the rectory during the week or in the back of church on weekends. Please call

Chris Zerbe 628-9603 or Lucilla Kochol 622-0979

or St. John's Rectory 622-5470.



## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**BREAKFAST BUFFET:** All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Immaculate Conception Social Hall, Caroline Ave, St. Clair from 8 to 11:30 a.m. \$5.00 Adults; \$3.00 Children under 8. Take-outs available; Proceeds benefit St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

**DESIGNER WIG FASHION SHOW:** for cancer patients sponsored by Doris Chizmar Designer Wigs and Hair Replacement Center, St. Clair on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Christy Joy Catering Hall, Bulls Head Road, Pottsville, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Refreshments and light snacks offered and door prizes. Please call for reservations to 429-0303 and ask for Doris.

**BEEF & BEER:** Come and support Nativity's Green Wave Football Team on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Catholic War Vets. Tickets \$25 per person or \$45 per couple available by calling Mike Mellon 628-9539 or [gasman92@comcast.net](mailto:gasman92@comcast.net) or Tom Palamar 622-5636 or [tpalamar512@comcast.net](mailto:tpalamar512@comcast.net) or any football player.

## SOLEMN NOVENA TO ST. ANN

Annual solemn novena to St. Ann begins Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at the National Shrine of St. Ann in Scranton. Mass and Novena services each day 8 and 11:45 a.m. and 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Novena service and homily only at 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before and after each Novena service. For more information call St. Ann's 570-347-5691 or visit [www.stannsmonasterybasilica.org](http://www.stannsmonasterybasilica.org)

## OUTREACH MINISTRY

**REACH OUT and TOUCH SOMEONE**

Call Margie Glunz 622-3067

Call us if you need us.

Volunteers are needed to prepare meals for parishioners who are in need. Please call the above number to volunteer.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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## ROMANS 12

### SCHUYLKILL COUNTY SERVICE CAMP

ATTENTION YOUTH AND ADULTS!!!!

**Romans 12 – LOCAL MISSION TRIP**  
**Be a living sacrifice. If your gift is to serve, serve well. Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.**

Anyone (youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade through college and Adults) interested in **Romans 12 Local Mission Trip** please call Debbie Herb at 544-5646 / 691-8874 or Ron Schultz at 385-3256 for additional information, application, schedule, etc. (GOOGLE ROMANS 12 CAMP – APPLICATION FORMS ON LINE). **Mark Your Calendar...July 24 to 27** at Christmas Pines Campground in Auburn. Cost is only \$75 which includes camping, meals, snacks, entertainment, T-shirt, and group picture. Limited number of spots will fill up quickly.



## DIOCESAN NEWS

**Post Abortion Healing Retreat.** Hurting from a past abortion? Plan to attend the **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, July 8-10**, through the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Social Concerns. Within a safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment, experience God's healing love, and forgiveness. For more information or to register call **1-866-3 Rachel**. For a complete listing of Retreat dates and locations visit the national Rachel's Vineyard website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

### Independence Day – Fourth of July.

“As a nation, we share many blessings and strengths, including a tradition of religious freedom and political participation. In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. ...How we organize our society – in economics and politics, in law and policy – directly affects the common good and the capacity of individuals to develop their full potential. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate actively in shaping society and to promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.” *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States 2007*. For more information on the USCCB Catholic Campaign to support immigration reform, go to [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org) or to join the Diocesan Legislative Advocacy Network; please call Office of Pro-Life Activities and Social Concerns (610) 289-8900 x244.

