

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel the disciples heard the discouraging news that they had only five loaves and two fish with which to feed a crowd of more than five-thousand. Night was falling and there was nothing else to eat. The situation seemed hopeless.

Jesus said, "Bring the bread and fish here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

On August 5, 2010, a mine in Chile caved in. Suddenly, 33 miners were trapped in the darkness. No one in recorded history has survived as long trapped underground.

For the first 17 days, no one even knew that they were alive. In the weeks that followed, the world was captivated by their endurance and unity. It was a time when the situation seemed hopeless, but their dramatic recovery reassures us that all things are possible with God. Slowly, we are beginning to get the idea that God will take care of us.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 1 – 9:00 a.m.

HELEN SMITH (Ed & Dolly Smith)

Tuesday, August 2 – 9:00 a.m.

MARGARET OLLIVIERI (Joan Monohan)

Wednesday, August 3 – 9:00 a.m.

DAVE ZANIS (Phil & Carol Lasco)

Thursday, August 4 – 9:00 a.m.

MARIAN KRISTON (Joan & Ray Grapsy)

Friday, August 5 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS SAUERS (Verna Sauers)

Saturday, August 6 – 5:00 p.m.

SCOTT BOWERS (Joan Bowers)

Sunday, August 7 – 8:15 a.m.

CLAIR & MARGARET FRY (Ann Marie Ludlow)

Sunday, August 7 – 10:30 a.m.

THELMA BRENNAN (Joan Kline & James Brennan)

Tuesday, August 2 @ York Terrace Nursing Home
ALBERT & REGINA SCHMIDT

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, Rita Montag, Russell Joy, Jane Weiss, William Nesbitt, Sylvia Bercher, Florence Yeager, Eileen Lynn, Dorothy Connor, Harold Bartholomew, Suzanne Rittle



CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M. – IMO Amelia (Minchoff) Androsko

by Joanne Wood

St. Joseph – IMO Frank Scheidel by Scheidel Family

Tabernacle – IMO Mary Hahner by Hahner Family

Sanctuary All Sanctuary Candles ...

IMO Francis Sauers by Verna Sauers

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Cheryl Glunz by Melissa LeBlanc

2. IMO George L. Klassen Sr. by Pat & Charlene Klassen

SCHEDULE

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 – Saturday – August 6th

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Paul Ziegler, Leeann Smith, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Rachel & Patrick Ryan, Paige VanderMeer

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 7th

Reader: Rachael Kubick

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Andrew Kubick,

Ray Petrilla

Servers: Michael Wollyung, Ariana Carr,
Grace Scheidel

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 7th

Reader: Mary Hahner

Euch.Min.: Joe Rehnert, Prudence Griffin,
Sharon Snyder

Servers: Dominic Chiplonia, Claudia Rittle,
Kate Kramer

Cantor: Suzette Joy

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S



This week we welcome **Stephen and Melanie Weicikosky** and their two sons, **Derek**, a freshman at Pottsville, and **Elijah** who is in the Pre-school.

Warmly embrace them into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality by writing to: 201 Wallace St., Pottsville.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I – Krista Lisowski & Seth Stump

FAMILY MATTERS

Anniversary Couples. Whether it is one, five, twenty-five, forty, fifty or more years of marriage – it's a sign of God's love for us and our commitment to each other. We thank God for the witness of sacramental marriage provided to us by all our married couples.

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How has Jesus worked miracles for your family?

This Week's Readings

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (July 30/31)

Reading I: Isaiah 55:1-3

Reading II: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Feeding the World

We live in a wonderful home created by God to provide us with all that we need. It is a world that we neither deserve nor earn: *All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!*

In the midst of this world, however, there are countless millions who go to bed hungry every night, not knowing if there will be food on the table the next day.

The hand of the Lord feeds us. It feeds us, however, through the common efforts of others: note that Jesus, when feeding the five thousand, passed out the food in the hands of the disciple. He did this, moreover, right after telling them *Give them something to eat yourselves.*

The problem in feeding the world's population is not with the productivity of God's earth. The problem lies with our political lack of will, our economic system biased in favor of the affluent, our militarism, and our tendency to blame the victims of social tragedies like hunger.

Forgive our sins and restore us to life. The first step in eliminating hunger should be a universal confession of wrongdoing.

"The nations that enjoy a sufficiency and abundance of everything may not overlook the plight of other nations whose citizens experience such domestic problems that they are all but overcome by poverty and hunger, and are not able to enjoy basic human rights

We think it opportune to stress here what we have stated in another connection: 'We all share responsibility for the fact that populations are undernourished. Therefore, it is necessary to arouse a sense of responsibility in individuals and generally, especially among those more blessed with this world's goods.' "

Pope John XXIII, *Mater et Magistra* (1961) 157-58

Gerald Darring

Next Week's Readings

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (August 6/7)

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Reading II: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

PARISH RETREAT

St. John's Parish Retreat

is scheduled for

Saturday, October 8th

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at the St. Francis Retreat House

in Easton with Fr. Andrew Gehringer

Join us at the Retreat for a day ... Take time to leave the hectic pace of constant doing ...

More details to follow

R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John's Rectory, 622-5470, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Eucharistic Ministers are needed to help out at Schuylkill Medical Center, S. Jackson St. here in Pottsville. If anyone could volunteer one day a week or month (or anything in-between) to assure our Catholic patients will continue to receive Communion on a regular basis. We especially need people to volunteer on weekends. Anyone who is trained for this ministry can call the Pastoral Care Department at 621-5449.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 24th : \$ 5,323.10

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Total Goal: \$26,120

Pledges & 1-Time Gifts: \$13,115.00

Amount Collected: \$10,143.00

Number of Donors: 121

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK



DiCello
CHIROPRACTIC

Dr. Christina DiCello
622-1170
www.dicellochiropractic.com
1825 W. Market St., Pottsville

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!

CCD REGISTRATION We have not received all the registrations for 2011/2012. 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 available at the church exits or at the Rectory during the week.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED Eligibility ... male or female, 4th grade (in Fall) to 12th grade ... if interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.



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.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL

LITTLE NATIVITY CHEER CAMP Any students in grades 3 through 5 are invited to attend this camp on **Saturday, August 13th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the Nativity School gym. Cheerleaders will be instructed in various cheers, chants, dances and jumps and will cheer with the Nativity Squad at a 2011 Nativity home football game. Cheerleaders will receive a camp tee shirt. Cost of camp is \$30. Please call 640-3860, 617-9775 or 205-9922 if interested.

NIGHT AT THE READING PHILLIES at First Energy Stadium on **Friday, August 19th**. This is the last Coal Region Night of 2011. Game time 7:15 p.m.; Gates open 5 p.m. Seating open 6 p.m. Live music by Pottsville own MIXX from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and after Post Game fireworks. Nativity Pre-Game parade at 6:15 p.m.; seats in Red Sections 8 & 9 in the Main Grand Stand behind home plate. Tickets \$9.00 each are available at Nativity 622-8110.

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.

NATIVITY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP ...Application forms, for incoming freshman only, are now available at Nativity BVM High School. Students must have a parent who is a graduate of Nativity BVM High School. For more information, please call 544-2550.

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

MAJOR SPONSORS

(\$200.00 and above)

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John & Bernice Petock	Ice Cream Sponsor (1)
Jennifer Daubert	Ice Cream Sponsor (1)
Ed & Dolores Smith	Pizza Sponsor (2)
Tim & Cathy Coyle	Pierogies
Dr. David Harvey	Goldfish
Tony & Anne Gaburick	Hot Dogs
Dot Moran	Duck Pond Prizes
Missy Scheetz	Candy

THANK YOU DEPT.

CURIOSITY SHOP

Thank you to St. John's Catholic Women's Union for all your help ... setting up, pricing, organizing, volunteering the day of the Festival. It takes all of you to make this a success. We thank our parishioners for your generosity with all the donations and especially your support.

Frances Lorenz

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

PATRONS

\$150.00

John & Annette Lieberman

\$100.00

Bob & Kay Berger

Kathy Buehler

M/M Francis J. Burns

The Frinzi's

Sterling & Joanne Hepler

Verna Sauers

George & Kathy Zwiebel

Kelly Zwiebel

\$50.00

IMO Joan Albo

Susan Cook

Friends of St. John's

Headquarters Styling Salon

Carl & Kathy Hughes

Alicia Kleman

Rita Lotz

M/M Vincent Mistysyn

Frank & Annie Murphy

Robert, DeAnna, Ava Orłowski

Helen Schaeffer

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Wayne & Diane Stoudt

J. Robert & Ellen Zane

\$40.00

Dorothy & Leo Lotz

George L. Post

Joe & Barbara Wollyung

\$35.00

Charles & Frances Lorenz

\$30.00

David & Alice Bechtel

Bill & Dot Elison

Bob & Irene Post

JP, Barb, Megan Powers

St. John's Beneficial Society

Guy R. Zelinsky

\$25.00

Fred Brahler

Kathy & Joe Brahler

Dolores Brophy

Robert Burns Masonry

Paul & Christine Datte

\$25.00

Janet Daubert

Tom & Cindy Elison

M.&M Fred Fanelli Sr.

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Jerry & Diane Hudock

Anna Kurtek

John & Pat Kutch

M/M James Loeper

Judge Charlie Miller & Family

Justina Mitchell

Kathleen & Al Norkus

John & Bernice Petock

Mary & Bob Porter

Carol & Joe Rehnert

Jeff & Dorothy Rosenberger

St. John's CYO Program

Eleanor Schaeffer

Total Accessibility

Wartella Family

The Williams'

\$20.00

The Blankenhorn's

James Brentari

Helen Heimbaugh

Bob & Kay Russell

Dorothy & Joe Stangl

M/M Ralph Wood

\$15.00

Peggy Ebling

Doris Schultz

\$10.00

Clara Becker

Doc & Dot Bound

John Connell

Mary Connell & M.J.

Margie Glunz

Martha Golden

Kathleen Hohman

Helen Hufnagle

John & Joanne Mestishen

Dorothy Parsick

Theresa Sencak

\$5.00

Charles Tamburelli

Our Festival Wrap-Up Meeting

will take place

Monday, August 1st - 7 p.m.

in the Rectory Fellowship Room

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

Dear Parishioners,

It was an absolute gorgeous day and evening for our Annual Mid-Summer Festival this year.

I would like to thank our Festival Committee, our Food Committee, and our Parish Staff, along with all who volunteered their time and hard work and effort to make our Mid-Summer Festival a great success.

Whether it was setting up or cleaning up or working the stands, all the work and dedication of many people made the day special and allowed things to run smoothly.

Also, to all those who sponsored the Festival in any way, donated prizes, or baked, we are very grateful and offer our heartfelt thanks. Every little bit makes this day both enjoyable and successful.

And finally a special thank you to all who gave their support to the Festival by being there that day. Your patronage makes all the time and effort put into this event worthwhile.

Once all the bills are paid we will publish the results of the Festival here in the bulletin. Again, thanks to all.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

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THANK YOU DEPT.

Thank You to **Sue & Jayne Eckley** who put together our Wine Baskets so beautifully, and also generously donated and personally designed the following baskets which were a huge success at our Special's Table ... Bath & Relaxation Basket, Camera & Memories Basket, Campfire Basket, Date Night Basket, Disney 'Cars' Basket, Disney 'Princess' Basket, Italian Basket, 'Justin Bieber' Basket, 'Phillies' Sports Basket, Religious & Prayer Basket, Snack Basket, Tea Time Basket, Vera Bradley Beach Basket, Vera Bradley Purse Basket.

Thank You to the following who donated items or baskets for our Specials Table ...

Designs by Edie / Miske Florist / Pod & Petal Florist / Nancy's Fancy Flowers & Fruit.

Thank You to **Maeve Ketner** who made all the great signs for the Festival.

Thank You to **St. Patrick's Parish** for the use of their canopies ...

Thank You to **Richard & Allison Prezelski** for their donation of the Lottery Board.

Thank You to **Tony & Anne Gaburick** for their donation of the Hot Dogs.

Thank You to **David & Lori Miller & Family** and **Richard & Allison Prezelski** for their donation of all the paper products and supplies for our Festival.

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MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

THANK YOU DEPT.

FOOD COMMITTEE

Another year has come and gone, and this year was another great success! A special thank you to all the special people who helped prepare the festival food on Wednesday and Thursday in all that heat, and then again on Saturday to help serve and then clean-up after the Festival.

A big thank you to all who donated the extra food for the Festival.

Another thank you to everyone who patronized this year's Mid Summer Festival. It would not have been a success without you! On behalf of St. John's Parish Family, our sincere gratitude ...

Hermine Murphy, Kathy Norkus, Noel Glunz

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FRUIT CUTTERS

Karen Beruck
Maeve Ketner

Joe & Maureen Kurtek
Babe Murphy

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BAKED GOODS / DESSERTS

Special thanks to all the fantastic Festival bakers. Also a great big thank you to the Bakery Stand workers. Everyone did a marvelous job.

Joan Deiter

Our Bakers

Kathy Brahler
Mary Connell
Joan Deiter
Marie Doyle
Mary Ann Filiac
Heidi Gorski
Sonya Halsey
Missy Hahner
Sue Jochems
Ric Jochems
Anna Kurtek
Maureen Kurtek
Pat Kutch

Fran Lorenz
Bobbi Murray
Caitlyn McDemus
Dorothy Parsick
Bernice Petock
Dot Rosenberger
Pat Scheetz
Rose Smith
Rosann Sitkus
Peggy Stoppi
Lorraine Tasso
Laurie Weist
Judy Williams

Our Workers

Bobbi Murray, Sophie Murray, Natalie Setlock, Missy Hahner, Shelby Hahner, Sue Jochems, Joan Deiter.

Monetary Donations

Michelle Darhun, Helen Schaeffer

The winner of Mary Connell's Red Velvet Cake was Mary Brahler.

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To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. *Eccl. 3:1*

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MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

THANK YOU DEPT.

SET-UP / TAKE-DOWN

As in all we do at St. John's, things don't "just happen" without the involvement of many people. We especially thank the following who helped to set-up or clean-up for our Festival. We had fun and it went very quickly.

Set-Up

Michelle Ambrose	Danny Murphy
Karen Beruck	Gerard Newton
Ed Brahler	Joe & Judy Piel
Joe Burns	Jason Prestilio
Bill Hauptly	Synnott Family
Ric Jochems	Beth Thomas
Maeve Ketner	Luis R. Visot
Joe Kurtek	George Zwiebel
Kyle Kurtek	Jeff Zwiebel
Ed Leffler	Kelly Zwiebel
Jason Mollick	Father Dave

Take-Down


Michelle Ambrose	Gerard Newton
Ed & Rachel Brahler	Ray Petrilla
Paul Filiac	Gregor Poleschuck
Christian Gardner	Synnott Family
Bob Hahner	Andrew Viduszynski
Bill Hauptly	Stephanie Viduszynski
Jeremy Hoke	George Zwiebel
Ric Jochems	Jeff Zwiebel
Danny Murphy	Father Dave

FESTIVAL PRIZE WINNERS

- \$1,000 - Mary Hauck
- \$ 500 - Amanda & Christopher Wright
- \$ 250 - Elmo
- \$ 100 - John & Sue Phillips
- \$ 50 - Doug Broughton
- \$ 50 - Mike Pinder
- \$ 50 - Dolly Smith



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.



MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

THANK YOU DEPT.

POT LUCK STAND

Thank you to the following people on behalf of the Pot Luck Stand:

Michelle Ambrose for the smooth transition of prizes to the Russell Building.

Karen Beruck who helped organize the prizes.

Carl & Kathy Hughes for their ten years of dedication.

Dan Zackus, Chris Black & Lorraine Gurlavage for their help as 'Prize Runners'.

Kathy Vicie for her countless prize donations and assistance throughout the years with prize solicitation.

The '**Nameless**' parishioners who graciously gave their time to help move prizes.

My husband, **John** and my daughter, **Deanna** for ten years of dedication and help making the Pot Luck Stand so successful.

Last but not least ... ALL the parishioners of St. John's for their generosity, thoughtfulness and kind words given to me over the past ten years. God bless you all!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to everyone and anyone who was instrumental in making the Pot Luck Stand the success that it was !!!

Mary Jean Morgalis

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... **Janet Daubert**

Summer is here! Because of the high heat and humidity, many people stay indoors to keep cool. We all need to increase the amount of water we consume at this time. Even if we stay indoors – continuous air conditioning can also decrease our body's fluid level.

What we drink during our heat wave is very important. Iced tea and many soft drinks can actually deplete some electrolytes in our body. We need at least four to six glasses of water during the day. Some drinks, like Gatorade, will help replace electrolytes.

We all know how important it is to protect the outside of our bodies with sun block; don't forget the inside. This applies to all ages. Keep the water close by!

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

SCHUYLKILL DAFFODIL DAYS is selling chances for a tax deductible donation of \$25 to win a 2011 Jeep Compass. **Drawing is August 17th** (winner need not be present). Winner is responsible for taxes on prize. To donate, contact the Schuylkill Unit at 544-2561 or 622-4763.