

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

Established in 1841

10th & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901



The front cover of our bulletin this weekend is a sketch by the late Dr. David Marshall. The scene is St. John's Crèche. It was made of hand-carved wood in the 1870's and shipped to Pottsville from Southern Germany. It is a beautiful and priceless treasure of our parish

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2020

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the Epiphany of the Lord. We celebrate the revelation of Jesus' coming to all as our Savior.

In the readings this Sunday, Isaiah prophesizes that a light has come to Jerusalem, while darkness covers the earth. All will come to the city bearing gold and frankincense and proclaiming the praises of the Lord. St. Paul tells the Ephesians that the Gentiles are co-heirs of God along with the people of Israel.

In the gospel the Magi arrived in Jerusalem from the east in search of this newborn King of the Jews. That news is not received gratefully or joyfully by all – as we see by King Herod's reaction and the actions of many who do not believe.

As Christians who have the grace of redemption through the paschal mystery of Christ, may our lives be a joyful and generous witness to others that they too may come to share in it. May they, too, have an Epiphany.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

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.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule (in Chapel)

Monday thru Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Cemetery Information

John Consugar 622-2389

St. John's Rectory 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.

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

Bulletin Deadline – Tuesday prior to publication

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – January 6 – 9:00 a.m.

RICHARD PUGH (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Tuesday, January 7 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY NORKUS (Nancy Hester)

Wednesday – January 8 – 9:00 a.m.

PAUL SQUERIDO (Friends at BG's)

Thursday – January 9 – 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE & MARY CONNORS (Larry Steficek)

Friday, January 10 – 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE HAHNER JR. (Ed & Bill Hahner)

Saturday, January 11 – 5:00 p.m.

GEORGE L. POST (Sandi & R.J. Post III)

Sunday, January 12 – 8:15 a.m.

JOHN HELLER (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Sunday, January 12 – 10:30 a.m.

LORRIE BOTELLA

(Lori & Joey Onuskanich & Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO R.J. Post by Bob & Irene Post

St. Joseph - IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family

Tabernacle–IMO Jane Sunday by Don & Joanne Doyne
Sanctuary

1. IMO Legase & Post Family by Bob & Irene Post

2,3,4. IMO Marie R. Murray by Messer Family

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday – 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

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass
Baptismal Preparation for Parents **MUST**
precede the Baptism.

Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

Outreach Program

Rectory 622-5470

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC

Direct Phone (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT

(610) 332-0442 ext. 2019

Next Week's Readings

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (January 11/12)

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reading II: Act of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What "stars" in your life have led you to Jesus?

SCHEDULE

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

5 p.m. – Saturday – January 11th

Reader: Robert Wollyung

Euch.Min.: Dan & Hermine Murphy

Servers: Ryan & Ethan Grabowski, Alyssa Sheriff

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – January 12th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Bobby Rienzo, Michael Ambrose

Servers: Logan, Joseph, Brooke Palko

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – January 12th

Reader: Carol Lasco

Euch.Min.: Charlie Miller, Mary Modesto

Servers: Anna, Emma, Livia Lieberman

Cantor: Dave Derbes

WANTED

GREETERS FOR THE MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY.

No experience necessary. On the job training provided.

Prerequisites include: an interest in serving your parish community, 10-15 minutes before Mass arrival and the desire to help St. John's become an *Amazing Parish*.

If this sounds like you, please contact the rectory (570) 622-5470 or Parish Leadership Team member.

... WE REMEMBER ...

The following are the names of parishioners, former parishioners and those who have been laid to rest during the past year. Please take a moment and remember them and their surviving families as we pass through to a New Year.

Charles Becker Jr.

Lorrie Botella

Kathryn Case

Theodore Casey

Mildred Ditzler

Dorothy Elison

Carole Heacock

John Heller

Ann Koch

Dorothy Lotz

Leo Lotz

Sue Klem Moore

Patrick Murphy

Robert Norkus

Richard Oswald

George Post

Richard Pugh

Joseph Rehnert

Beth Ann Resneck

John Steffan

Rita Troutman

John Whelski

The **Family Guild** will be sponsoring the **Gift Card Calendar Raffle** for **March 2020**. The members of the Guild would like to extend the opportunity to all parishioners to sponsor any type of **Gift Card** or make a monetary donation to purchase a gift card. If you are interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.



Those who have donated to date:

Beehive Salon

CACL Financial

DiCello Chiropractic

Friends of St. John's

Guzick Family

William Hauptly Electrical & Plumbing

Headquarters Styling Salon

Heenan Family

Kochol Family

Charles & Patricia Miller

Bob & Mary Porter

Carole Quirin

Rosenberger Plumbing & Heating Inc.

Schlitzer, Allen, Pugh Funeral Home

St. Clair Auto Supply

Ralph & Joanne Wood

Ellen & Jay Zane

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL NEWS ...

OPEN HOUSE

and registration for 2020-2021 on **Sunday, January 12th** beginning at 1 p.m. We invite you and your family to join us. Members of the Nativity community will be available for questions. Please contact the school at 570-622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Green Wave Assoc. presents the **4th Annual Joe Ferhat, Sr. Trivia Night** on **Saturday, January 18th** at 7 p.m. at Mountain Valley Main Club House. Doors open 6 p.m.; \$25.00 per person includes food and beverages. All proceeds benefit Nativity BVM High School Athletics.

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

May your Guardian Angel forever be near to guide and protect you throughout the New Year.

May your blessings be many, your failures be few, as you embrace the future with hope born anew.

May you live day to day with nothing to fear.

God bless you and keep you throughout the New Year.