

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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

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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

Tuesday 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

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

Second Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Mass

Baptismal Preparation for parents must precede the Baptism.

Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (800) 276-1562

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Wendy S. Krisak, N.C.C., L.P.C. (800) 791-9209

Office of Safe Environment

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Second Sunday in Lent • February 28, 2021



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 1

9:00 a.m. David Musket
(Hazleton Boscov's
Employees & Kim
Gormley)

Tuesday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Alfred & Jeanette Hauptly
(William Hauptly)

Wednesday, March 3

No 9:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 4

9:00 a.m. Kimberly Purin Cornelious
(M/M John Carroll)

Friday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Josephine Cavanaugh
(Rick Cavanaugh)

Saturday, March 6

5:00 p.m. Dec. of Post & Lynn Family
(David Lynn)

Sunday, March 7

8:15 a.m. Fred & Marie Eagan
(Chris & John Eagan)

Sunday, March 7

10:30 a.m. Catherine Moore
(Joe Moore Jr.)

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent
(March 6/7)

Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The readings for this second Sunday of Lent are packed with meaning.

In the first reading from Genesis, Abraham was about to offer his son Isaac as a holocaust to the Lord, but a messenger of the Lord stopped him and told him that the Lord will bless you abundantly and that he would have innumerable descendents.

In the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, Paul asks if God is for us, who can be against us? For Christ Jesus intercedes for us.

And in Mark's gospel for this Sunday, Peter, James and John accompany Jesus up a high mountain where he is transfigured before them. This story of the Transfiguration appears each cycle for the second Sunday of Lent. During that Transfiguration they see Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus and from the cloud a voice says, "This is My Beloved Son, listen to Him."

In these scriptures Abraham's faith and Jesus being revealed as God's beloved Son, remind us of what gifts we have been given as God's children. Let us then act in the world as God's children and be instruments for building his kingdom on this earth.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Dave

First Friday Adoration this Friday 3/5

9:20 to 10:30 a.m. in Church



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

Tom Jefferson • Ty Daubert

For Our Deceased

Mary Ellen Cross

Upcoming Events

February

28 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Church

March

4 7:00 p.m. Sharing Christ: Week 3..... L.H.

5 9:30 a.m. First Friday Adoration Church

5 4:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner pre-order pick-up (until 6:00 p.m.)R.B.

7 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Church

11 7:00 p.m. Sharing Christ: Week 4..... L.H.

14 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes School

14 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class..... L.H.

14 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Church

18 7:00 p.m. Sharing Christ: Week 5..... L.H.

19 4:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner pre-order pick-up (until 6:00 p.m.)R.B.

20 5:45 p.m. Dialogue for Young Adults L.H.

L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building

Tues. 7:00 p.m. Weekly Men’s GroupZoom
Meeting ID: 824-780-6433
Password: Mary

Wed. 7:00 p.m. Weekly Rosary Facebook

Sat. 7:00 p.m. Weekly Rosary Facebook
Facebook Page: St. John The Baptist Catholic Parish Family



Weekly Collection

February 20/21\$4,434.85

Ash Wednesday \$980.00

Catholic Home Missions ... \$889.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes at the rectory, by mail and online giving.

Special Collection

The local Knights of Columbus Council is holding a special collection this weekend to benefit St. Joseph’s Learning Center. Please see a member of the council at the exits of Church.

Catholic Home Missions

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your generosity will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Candle Donations

BVM

1. Living & Deceased of Forney Fam. by Heenan Family
2. IMO Leo & Dorothy Lotz by Ron & Pat Lombel

St. Joseph

1. IMO Joanne Curry Dudick by Frances Lorenz
2. IMO Nancy & Donald Doyne by Don & Joanne Doyne

Sanctuary

IMO Bill & Mary Pugh by Fred & Hilda Maley

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Rick Pugh by Fred & Hilda Maley
2. Special Intention
3. Special Intention by Jule Quandel
4. Special Intention by Maureen Derbes

Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. Sundays during Lent in Church



Dialogue for Young Adults

We are seeking to revitalize a sense of community among young adults in our parish. Join us on Saturday, March 20 after the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass as we dialogue about our sense of belonging in the Church and share how the Church can better support us in our lives. Beer, wine, soda, and light refreshments will be provided.



February 28, 2021 | Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 | Rom 8:31b-34 | Mk 9:2-10

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Oh, the gloom! The view out my window on a typical Michigan winter day can be described as “grayscale monochrome,” a technical term for black-and-white photographs. Fortunately, the sun peeks out on occasion, providing a lovely sunrise or sunset that can lift my mood and remind me that spring will come. If such an ordinary thing can provide hope, imagine what the Transfiguration provided for the disciples who witnessed it? “His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.” And even though they were so terrified, the voice of God came from a cloud, conveying comfort and truth: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” The disciples did not know what lay ahead, but this vision of Jesus and the Father’s presence in their midst would give them hope and foretell Jesus’ glorious resurrection. As we continue on our Lenten journey, we can turn to God, who will one day transfigure us in the same way Christ was, to strengthen us through the gray days ahead. And St. Paul’s powerful words that “God is for us” add solace and encouragement.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As Catholics, we are likely very familiar with the four Gospels, but I have to say I can’t get enough of Paul’s letters. Like a good coach, Paul encourages us to dig deep and trust God. In today’s reading, he reminds the Romans that God loves us so much that he did not spare his own Son. I’m struck by his assurance that Jesus not only died and was raised for us, but “indeed intercedes for us.” Lent is an ideal time to turn to Jesus in prayer, asking that he give us the grace to grow in faith and turn away from sin. At the same time, we can offer intercessory prayer for *others*, just as we do at every Mass. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can make an extra effort to pray for the needs of other people: Those we know personally, such as friends and family members; and those whom we do not know, such as government leaders or Christians experiencing persecution in other countries.

Friday Lenten Dinner Pre-Order Form

All entrees include New England Clam Chowder, garden salad, dinner roll, choice of starch and choice of vegetable

Choice of entrée

- Baked Haddock\$13
- 1 Lump Crab Cake\$13
- 2 Lump Crab Cake\$16
- Lump Crab Cake & Haddock Special\$16
- Children’s Haddock\$8
- Children’s Lump Crab Cake\$8

Choice of Starch

Macaroni and cheese or baked potato

Choice of Vegetable

Stewed tomatoes or vegetable of the day (green beans/corn)

Date(s) ____ 3/5 ____ 3/19

Number of Dinners ____

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Orders are due the Monday prior to each Friday dinner
Pickup is **4 to 6 p.m.** on 3/5, and 3/19 at the Russell Building
Call/mail/deposit this form at the rectory or drop in the collection basket
Need extra dinners? Attach a separate sheet of paper to this order form

Dinner 1

Entrée _____

Starch _____

Vegetable _____

Dinner 2

Entrée _____

Starch _____

Vegetable _____

Dinner 3

Entrée _____

Starch _____

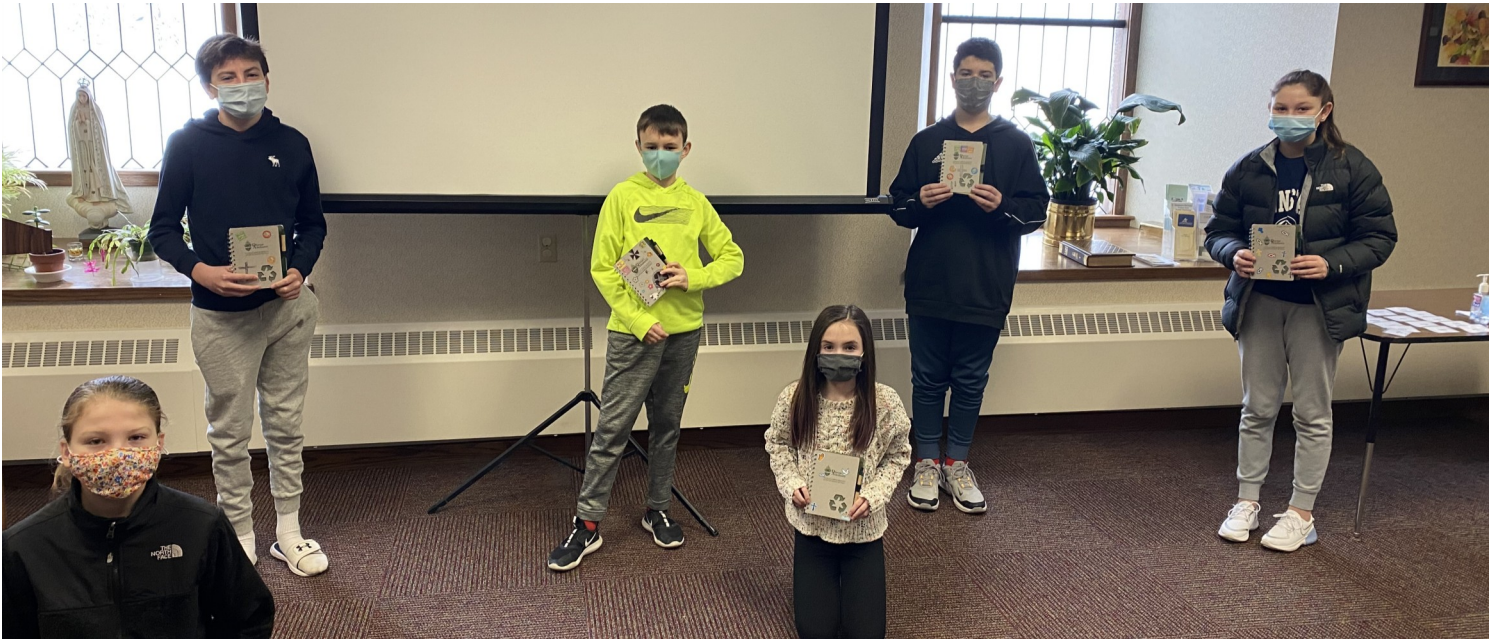
Vegetable _____

Dinner 4

Entrée _____

Starch _____

Vegetable _____



Parish Profile: 6th Grade CCD

The 6th grade CCD class has been writing in their prayer journals since they were first introduced in September by their teacher, Ms. Josette Peckman. Each student personalized the front cover of their journals during the first class. While Ms. Peckman's students are learning a lot about who Jesus is in the classroom, she believes that journaling will help the students experience a relationship personally with Jesus that extends beyond the classroom. She hopes for the students to realize through journaling that Jesus is a real person, who loves them, hears their prayers, and desires nothing more than to communicate daily with them.

Since the beginning of the year, RJ Post, a student in Ms. Peckman's class, says his prayer journal has helped him speak to Jesus as he would a friend. "I really didn't ask God for anything but since using the prayer journal, I started asking God to help me in specific situations that I needed him."

Colin McGinley, another student in the class, learned to be more grateful. "I was asking God for things, but it just didn't feel right. I learned He wanted me to thank Him, not just ask Him for things."

The class talked about how we can know a lot about someone, but until we actually get to know that person by spending time with them, and becoming friends with them, we never really know them. The same is true with our relationship with Jesus.

Neighboring Events

Homemade Chocolate Easter Candy

Church of St. Patrick Parish Center • 319 Mahantongo St., Pottsville
 Butter Cream, Coconut Cream or Peanut Butter Eggs
 \$10.00 per box — Sorry, no mixed boxes
 Pick up March 27 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.
 in the Parish Center, 313 Mahantongo St., Pottsville
 All candy MUST be pre-ordered and pre-paid.
 Please call Debbie at 570-622-1802, Ext. 1

Halupkie Sale

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall • 115 Walnut St., Ashland
 Saturday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Pre-orders accepted and must be in the Parish Office no later than March 5
 Rummage Sale, Bake Sale, Door Prizes
 Homemade Soups, Halushki, Barbeque, Sausages
 Call the parish office 570-875-1521 for information or to place your order.



ENTRANCE

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

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Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;
Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark-ness; you are the
2. You are the one whom proph-ets hoped and longed for; you are the
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser-vants; you are the
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us; you are the



1. Word who leads us in - to light; you are the Word who
2. one who speaks to us to - day; you are the one who
3. Word whose on - ly law is love; you are the Word - made -
4. Word who calls us to be one; you are the Word who

to Refrain



1. brings us through the des - ert: glo - ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!
2. leads us to our fu - ture: glo - ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!
3. flesh who lives a - mong us: glo - ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!
4. teach - es us for-give-ness: glo - ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19


R. I will walk be - fore the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing.

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LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

OFFERTORY

BE THOU MY VISION

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1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
 2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
 3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
 3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

RECESSIONAL

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IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. Life - giv - ing Cre - a - tor, of both great and small;
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

1. In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 2. Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, you rule day and night;
 3. Of all life the mak - er, the true life of all;
 4. Your an - gels a - dor - ing, all veil - ing their sight;

1. Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 2. Your jus - tice like moun - tains high - soar - ing a - bove
 3. We blos - som, then with - er, as leaves on a tree,
 4. We too, God in - vis - i - ble, of - fer our praise;

1. Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 2. Your clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 3. But you live for ev - er, who is and will be.
 4. O light in - ac - ces - si - ble, An - cient of Days!