

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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

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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

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

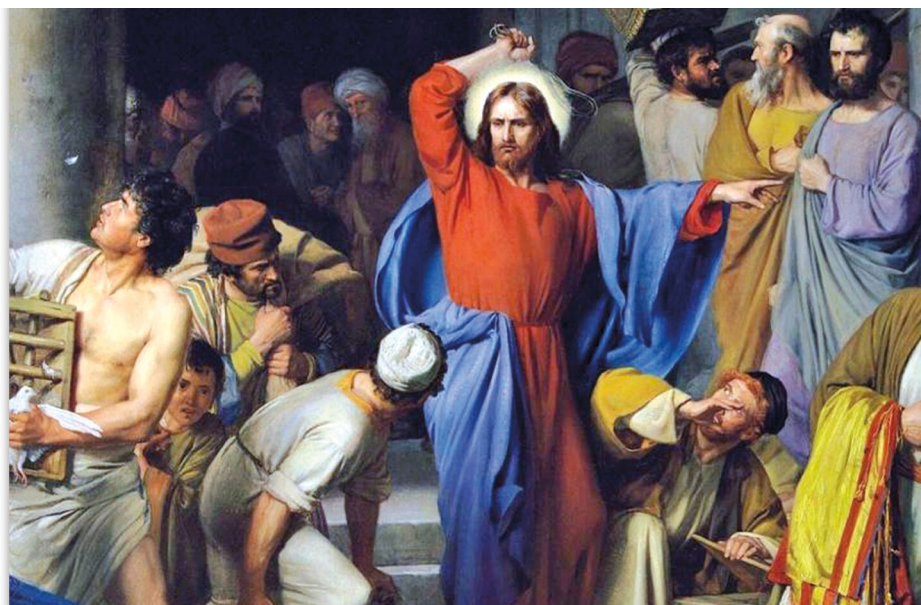
Office of Safe Environment

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Third Sunday in Lent • March 7, 2021

He made a whip
out of cords
and drove them
all out of the
temple area.
“Take these out
of here, and
stop making my
Father’s house
a marketplace.”

John 2:15,16



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 8

9:00 a.m. Frank Hock

Tuesday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Thomas Letko
(M/M John Carroll)

Wednesday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Margaret Premich
(M/M John Morgalis)

Thursday, March 11

9:00 a.m. Joseph Brahler
(Family)

Friday, March 12

9:00 a.m. Scott Glunz
(Paul & Bernie Gombola)

Saturday, March 13

5:00 p.m. Edward Smith
(Grandchildren)

Sunday, March 14

8:15 a.m. Mary Chipionia
(Patty & Jim Garland)

Sunday, March 14

10:30 a.m. Ernest Zambo
(Mary Zambo & Family)

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent

(March 13/14)

Reading I: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

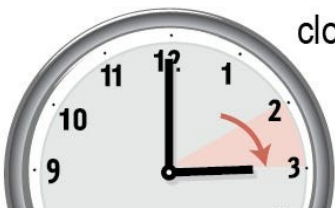
Reading II: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Spring forward

Don't forget to set
clocks ahead

one hour
at 2 a.m.
Sunday.



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Almost every Sunday during Lent this year, the first reading somehow relates to the theme of covenant. Two weeks ago we heard about God making the covenant with Noah and his descendants. There, God promised he would never again destroy the world by water.

Last week we heard about Abraham and the promises God made to him. Those promises were elements of God's covenant with Abraham.

Today, the third Sunday of Lent, we hear about a third covenant. One that God made with his people as they were traveling through the desert on their way from Egypt to the Promised Land. In that covenant God promised his people liberty, land, prosperity and he promised them they would be his special people.

This Sunday's first reading tells us what God demanded of them in return. What God demanded of his people we call "The Ten Commandment." The first three or four are a little longer than what we are used to. We who are Christians still recognize these commands as obligations binding upon any nation that would hope to enjoy liberty, prosperity and God's special favor. Jesus also shows the importance of the first commandment as he reacts against those who have made commerce selling animals and changing money, their gods and their idols in today's gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Dave

Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. Sundays during Lent 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

Kathleen Berger • Marilyn Golod • Magdalene Maskerines

Upcoming Events

March

7	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
10	8:00 p.m.	St. John’s Beneficial Society Meeting.....	F.R.
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
17	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Meeting	L.H.
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.	Community and Conversation for Young Adults	L.H.
21	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Teen Ministry Night	L.H.
21	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
25	7:00 p.m.	Sharing Christ: Week 6.....	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



Community and Conversation: Young Adult Listening Sessions

We are seeking to revitalize a sense of community among young adults in our parish and in the diocese. 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. We want to hear from you! Beer, wine, soda, and light refreshments will be provided.

Volunteers Needed

Parish Phone Outreach

We are in need of volunteers to make phone calls to elderly, sick, and homebound parishioners. Please contact the rectory if you are interested.

Food Delivery

Please join fellow parishioners and families helping to deliver boxes of food to Meals on Wheels consumers on the following Saturdays: March 27, April 24, May 22, and June 12. Please contact the rectory if you can help.



Weekly Collection

February 27/28\$5,108.32

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

Easter Flowers

Drop off the pink envelope found in your last envelope mailing for Easter flowers in the collection basket.

Candle Donations

BVM

1. IMO Ronald C. Kriston by Eleanor Kriston & Family
2. Special Intention by Jule Quandel

St. Joseph

1. IMO Joseph Wollyung Sr. by Family
2. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Family

Sanctuary

Special Intention by Maureen Derbes

Guardian Angels

- 1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy
- 3&4. IMO Edward Smith by Grandchildren



Neighboring Events

Homemade Chocolate Easter Candy

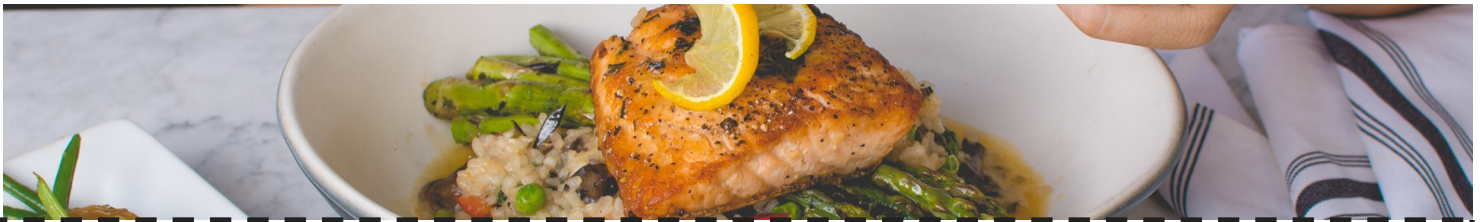
Church of St. Patrick Parish Center • 319 Mahantongo St., Pottsville
 Butter Cream, Coconut Cream or Peanut Butter Eggs
 \$10.00 per box — Sorry, no mixed boxes
 Pick up March 27 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.
 in the Parish Center, 313 Mahantongo St., Pottsville
 All candy MUST be pre-ordered and pre-paid.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

Shoe Fly Pie & Pie Crust Sale

Made by members of St. Mary’s Church, Ringtown
 Wet Bottom Pie ●\$8.00; Pie Crust ●\$3.00
 Pick up at St. Mary’s Church Rectory: Tuesday,
 March 16 ● 10 a.m. 12 p.m.
 Deadline to order: Friday, March 12
 Call parish office 570-889-3850



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 _____ 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 3/19 at the Russell Building
 Call/mail/deposit this form at the rectory or drop in the collection basket

Dinner 1

Entrée _____

Starch _____

Vegetable _____

Dinner 2

Entrée _____

Starch _____

Vegetable _____

Dinner 3

Entrée _____

Starch _____

Vegetable _____

Dinner 4

Entrée _____

Starch _____

Vegetable _____



March 7, 2021 | Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 | 1 Cor 1:22-25 | Jn 2:13-25

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

We have rules in our house. Every family does. “No back talk. Do your chores. Bedtime. Curfews. Respect one another. Be kind.” Rules bring order out of chaos, forge a shared identity, and set standards to which everyone is held. Not surprisingly, life in God’s family has rules, too. Hence the Ten Commandments, which we hear today. They begin with these words: “I, the Lord, am your God.” If we miss that line, we miss the point of the rules - of the law. God’s law is about God’s love. Through his laws, God taught the Israelites a new way to live based on God’s values: humility, justice, love, sacrifice, simplicity, kindness, and mercy - values they rarely saw when enslaved in Egypt. This Lent, we give thanks to God for the law of love and we pray to grow in this love, and be strengthened in virtue.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today’s Gospel reminds me of the time my older son helped his younger brother understand the rules of a game we were playing. He did so by showing his own cards, which meant he would lose that round. While not done under the same circumstances, or with the same anger with which Jesus cleansed the temple, my older son did what he did for the same reason and with the same effect: love. When Jesus cleansed the temple, he did so out of love: love for God the Father, and love for those being exploited by the marketers. We have an opportunity this Lent to witness to this same love of Christ by putting the needs of others first. Sure, our kids demand our time, energy, and resources. Our spouses and parents sometimes do, too. To follow Christ means to choose to sacrifice for others with love, not simply because it has to be done. Christ infused the world with love through his sacrifice. We have the opportunity to be Christ today when we make our sacrifices out of love.

ACTION Read the Ten Commandments this week and imagine God giving you all the wisdom you could ever want in those rules. Think about the chaos those rules have protected you from in your life. Imagine telling your loved ones how to find happiness by following the way God guarantees will lead to joy. (Read John 3:16)

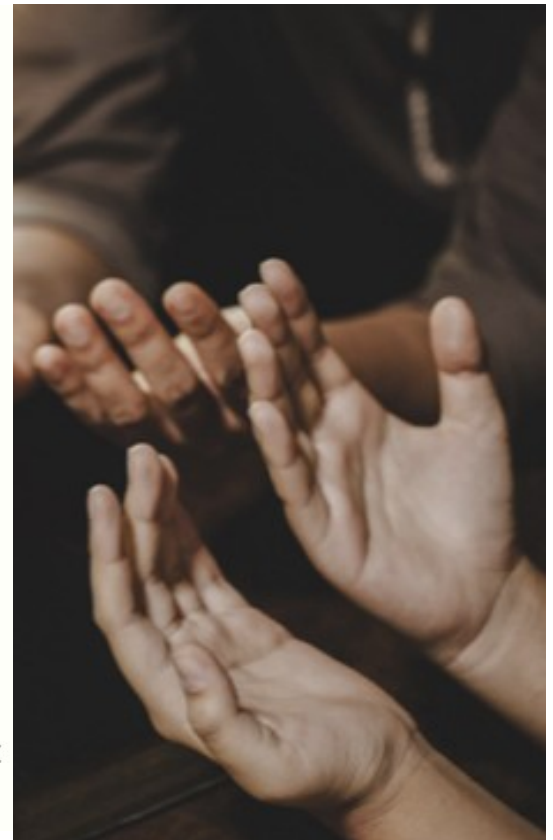
St. John's Youth Ministry

Lenten Program: Praying with Authority

- Did you ever wish you could pray for healing and have it work...INSTANTLY?
- When Jesus said "heal the sick" did he mean for US today?

SUNDAY MAR 21 @ 4:30 PM
LONGINUS HALL

- PRAISE AND WORSHIP
- TALK ON HEALING PRAYER MINSITRY
- PRACTICAL WORKSHOP
- FOLLOWED BY STATIONS OF THE CROSS & ADORATION at 6 PM in the MAIN CHURCH



ENTRANCE

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JESU, JOY OF OUR DESIRING



1. Je - su, joy of our de - sir - ing, Ho - ly wis - dom,
2. Through the way where hope is guid - ing, Hear what peace - ful

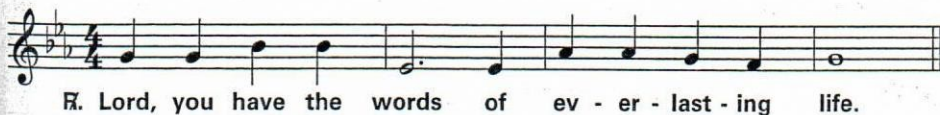
1. love - most bright, Drawn by you, our souls as - pir - ing,
2. mu - sic rings; Where the flocks in you con - fid - ing,

1. Soar to un - cre - at - ed Light. Word of God, our flesh that
2. Drink of joy from death - less springs! Theirs is beau - ty's fair - est

1. fash - ioned With the fire of life im - pas - sioned, Striv - ing
2. plea - sure; Theirs is wis - dom's ho - liest trea - sure; You do

1. still to truth un - known, Soar - ing, dy - ing, 'round your throne.
2. ev - er lead your own, In the love of joys un - known.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11


R. Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

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LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

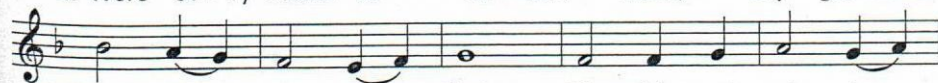
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WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

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1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, The pain and
 4. Were ev - 'ry realm of na - ture mine, My gift would



1. Prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 2. death of Christ, my Lord; The vain things that now
 3. love flow min - gled down; Did e'er such love and
 4. still be far too small: Love so a - maz - ing,



1. count but loss, And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 2. tempt me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 3. sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 4. so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

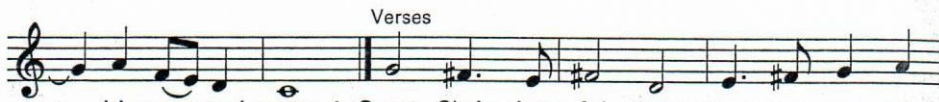
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LIFT HIGH THE CROSS



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till all the world a - dore



his sa - cred name. 1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain
 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant
 3. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci -
 4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious
 5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er



1. trod, Our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 2. sign, The hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 3. fied Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 4. tree, As thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 5. be: Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!