

St. John the Baptist

Roman Catholic

Parish Family

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

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot / Lawrence Lonergan*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2020

Rectory (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589
Russell Building (570) 628-3002
Website – SaintJohnPottsville.org.

Parish Council President: *Robert Bechtel*
Choir Director/Organist: *David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator: *Lucilla Kochol*
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Nativity BVM High School (570) 622-8110
Assumption BVM Elementary (570) 622-0106
St. Joseph Center for Special Learning (570) 622-4638

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 (570)-449-1675
St. John's Rectory (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.

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday prior to publication.

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 (570)-622-5470

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC
Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT
(610) 332-0442 ext. 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

A holy encounter with God causes us to act on our faith.

In this Sunday's readings Abram is sent by God to a new land so that from him God will create a new nation. In the second reading Timothy is encouraged to hear his share of the hardships in living and proclaiming the gospel. And in the gospel we hear the Transfiguration of Jesus where he takes Peter, James and John up the mountain and is transfigured before them.

When Peter witnesses this Transfiguration of Jesus and the appearance of Moses and Elijah, his first instinct is to "freeze that moment," by providing tents for the three of them. But that encounter, like any encounter with God's majesty and providence, is not meant to be frozen or hidden in a tent. It is meant to move us forward in and to act upon our faith.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – March 9 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICK MURPHY (Babe Murphy)

Tuesday, March 10 – 9:00 a.m.

ERNEST ZAMBO (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Wednesday, March 11 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH BRAHLER (Tom & Cathy Lonergan)

Thursday – March 12 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY LOTZ (Marie Gerace)

Friday, March 13 – 9:00 a.m.

PAUL BURNS (Mary Ann Burns)

Saturday, March 14 – 5:00 p.m.

JOHN H. HOHMAN (Joseph & Kathleen Hohman)

Sunday, March 15 – 8:15 a.m.

FRANCIS & VERNA SAUERS

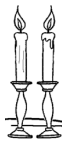
Sunday, March 15 – 10:30 a.m.

JOHN D. DALTON (Dalton & Hoy Families)

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.

BLESSED CANDLES are available in the sacristy after weekend Masses or at the rectory during the week. **Box of 2 for \$5.00.** Please call if picking up at the Rectory 570-622-5470.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 29/March 1st: \$ 4,278.13

Parish Dues: \$1,329.00

Catholic Home Mission: \$ 775.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Victoria Fetterolf by Fetterolf Family

St. Joseph – IMO Joseph Wollyung Sr.

by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

Tabernacle – IMO Dorothy Elison

by Tina & Mark Seiger

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family

2,3,4. IMO Dorothy Elison by Tina & Mark Seiger

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Edward Smith by Grandchildren

SCHEDULE

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

5 p.m. – Saturday – March 14th

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Carol Lasco, Gerry Schwartz,

Bobby Rienzo

Servers: Spencer, Vincent, Michael Prestileo

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – March 15th

Reader: Bob Bechtel

Euch.Min.: Jeff Naffin, Nick Quinn

Servers: Madison & Caden Wright, Kaitlin Painter

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – March 15th

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Charles Miller, John Ventura

Servers: Macie Rushannon, Madison Ryan,

Riley Doyle

Cantor: Dave Derbes

Next Week's Readings

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (March 14/15)

Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7

Reading II: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In the din of constant sounds,

how do you listen to Jesus?

What places help you to listen?

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Confirmation will be conferred

at St. John's 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

*May he be like rain coming down upon the fields,
like showers watering the earth.*

Psalm 72:6

DRAMATIC STATIONS

St. John's Dramatic Stations of the Cross recreates on stage and through song, the final days of the life of Jesus Christ.

We need men, women and children for the cast. There are many non-speaking parts for those who do not wish to assume a speaking role. People are also needed for the stage crew (props, lighting, sound, etc.) or to help distribute the costumes, etc. If you are a veteran of the Dramatic Stations Presentations, we are looking forward to your return and we ask that you please invite someone new to join you for this year's presentation. If you are new to the parish, we invite you to join us. In addition, it is a great way to meet new people. Many veterans tell us that their participation in the Dramatic Stations is a very meaningful and spiritual way for them to observe the Lenten Season. It is a wonderful family activity as well.

For further information or questions, please call the **Rectory 622-5470**.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Thursdays – 7 to 8:15 p.m. – in church.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

What separates YOU from committing to a holy hour of adoration? We need adorers for all 168 holy hours and subs for the open holy hours so that our dear Lord is never left alone! Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love! Examine your priorities! Are you indifferent or just too busy? We have a treasure in having our dear Lord present 24/7 in our adoration chapel. Don't let this treasure go to waste in your life!

We need adorers for the following hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m.

Thursday 3 a.m., 4 a.m., 10 p.m.;

Saturday 12 a.m., 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 4 a.m.;

Sunday 12 a.m., 4 a.m.

Whenever you are unable to cover your Holy Hour, for whatever reason, we are always able to get a sub.

Call St. Patrick's Rectory 570-622-1802.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised **\$ 775.00** to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the U.S. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY will meet on **Wednesday, March 11th at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Encounter Lent. Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-challenging Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl.

Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl located at the back or front exits.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sundays during Lent

@ St. John's – 6:30 p.m. – in Church

Please join us each Sunday during Lent.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, followed by Benediction.

REMEMBERING VOCATIONS IN YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Second Sunday of Lent: “ ... If we are to promote development in its fullness, our own “gaze” upon mankind has to be treasured against that of Christ. In fact, it is quite impossible to separate the response to people's material and social needs from the fulfillment of the profound desires of their hearts.” As part of his plan for the salvation of humanity; we must accept His call.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayers and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to your call. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FAMILY GUILD - "LENT-EVENT"

St. John's Family Guild will host the annual Lent-Event for children of the parish, ages 3 to 10. Come enjoy light refreshments, receive an Easter craft and participate in a special Egg Hunt. (Bring a basket or bag to hold the collected eggs.) **Registration is a must!!** Please complete this form and return to the rectory or place in the collection basket **no later than March 29th**.

Date: Sunday, April 15th

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: St. John's Russell Building

Family Name _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

(Please circle whether child is ... Male/Female)

LENTEN DINNERS

Full course dinners including the best home-made New England Clam Chowder, freshly baked Haddock or Salmon, or Lump Crab Cakes, a wonderful Salad Bar, choice of Macaroni & Cheese, Baked or Mashed Potatoes, choice of Vegetables, Beverages, and of course, our Delicious Homemade Desserts.... 4 to 7 p.m. at the Russell Building ... Fridays during Lent.

(No dinner on Good Friday)

Adults

Baked Haddock or Salmon \$ 15.00

1 Lump Crab Cake \$ 15.00

2 Lump Crab Cakes \$ 18.00

Adult Special

Lump Crab Cake & Choice of Fish \$ 18.00

Children (under 12 only)

Baked Haddock or Salmon \$ 8.00

1 Lump Crab Cake \$ 8.00

TAKE-OUTS AVAILABLE



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THURSDAYS

**Preparation for Lenten Dinners
Anytime between 9:30 a.m. & 12 p.m.
at the Russell Building
Please call the Rectory: 622-5470**



FRIDAYS

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

If you can help on Fridays during Lent, please let us know when you are available.

Students (12 and over) always welcome (excellent idea if you need service hours).

New faces always welcomeperhaps you are new to the parish and are looking for a way to get involved.

Waitresses & Waiters needed 3:45 to 7 p.m.

Help Loading Dishwasher ... 4 to 8 p.m.

Clean-up ... 6:45 to 8 p.m.

Just call our Scheduler....

Maeve Ketner at 570-624-1452 or 570-573-8769.



HOMEMADE DESSERTS NEEDED

*"St. John's is famous for
their delicious homemade desserts"*

St. John's Food Committee is in need of your baking talents. Each year we could not succeed without your delicious desserts. If you would like to make Jello, Pudding, Pies, Cakes, or anything you can dream up, we will greatly appreciate it. Please make your

favorite dessert and bring it to the Russell Building on Thursdays or Fridays during Lent.

St. John's ENSEMBLE

The purpose of this ministry is to serve the parish at Mass, singing liturgical hymns, using contemporary instruments like the guitar, keyboard, drums or other instruments, and using contemporary music arrangements.

We invite **ANYONE** in the parish wanting to share his or her voice and musical gifts whether you are a beginner or more experienced. Arrangements are not complicated and songs are familiar. You do not need to know how to read music to join us. We will teach anyone who has a willing heart.

Our goal is to play/sing once a month at one of the weekend Masses. Practices will be one or, at most, twice a month for ONE HOUR, to prepare for music at Mass that week. This is a great way to participate in parish life and have fun with only a small commitment of your time.

Why not give it a try and give back to your parish family by sharing the gifts God has given to you?

If interested call **the Rectory 622-5470.**

50 / 50 CHANCES

Every Friday during Lent the Catholic Women's Union will sell 50/50 Chances at the Lenten Dinners. Drawings will take place at 7 p.m. each week.

2-28 Winner: Sandy Frinzi

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL GREEN WAVE ASSOC.

25th Annual Alumni Reunion & Golf Outing

When: Sunday, May 24th

Where: Mountain Valley Golf Course, Barnesville

Why: To have a great time and support all Nativity Athletic Programs

\$100 to cover entire day of festivities' \$30 Picnic only. Check-in for the golf tournament begins at 9:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 12 p.m. For more information and sponsorship, please contact Eric Lieberman at 570-622-1988.

FAMILY MATTERS

Singles. Our singles are very much a part of our parish family. We pray this week for all single people that the Lord sustain them and that we as a church welcome them as active members of our parish.

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

2019 CONTRIBUTION RECORD

You can request a copy of your 2019 Contribution Record by calling the rectory Monday thru Thursday ... 622-5470 ext 3.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

March

- 8 Stations of the Cross – 6:30 p.m. – Church
- 10 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. - Church
- 10 Men’s Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 11 St. John’s Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 11 Discovering Christ – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 12 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 12 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. – Church
- 13 Lenten Dinner – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.
- 15 Stations of the Cross – 6:30 p.m. – Church
- 15 Christ Life Retreat – 3 to 6 p.m. – L.H.
- 16 Catholic Women’s Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 17 Men’s Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 17 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. - Church
- 18 Discovering Christ – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 19 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. – Church
- 19 R.C.I.A. – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 20 Lenten Dinner – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.
- 21/22 Blood Pressure Screenings – after Masses
- 22 Stations of the Cross – 6:30 p.m. – Church
- 24 Men’s Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 24 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. – Church
- 25 Discoving Christ – 6:30-8:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 26 R.C.I.A. – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 26 Dramatic Stations practice 7-8:15 p.m. – Church
- 27 Lenten Dinner – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.
- 29 Stations of the Cross – 6:30 p.m. – Church
- 31 Men’s Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 31 Dramatic Stations Dress Rehearsal – 7 p.m.

**** L.H. – Longinus Hall**

**** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room**

**** R.B. – Russell Building**

GIVING TREE - THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,

It is important to acknowledge and thank you for all the wonderful holiday gifts that you bestowed upon the children residing at Gaudenzia Fountain Springs. The Giving Tree donations provided warm clothes, toys, and educational items for boys and girls whose families have very limited resources and often feel forgotten at the Christmas season.

We are reminded year after year of your kindness and generosity toward our residents and their young children. Your thoughtfulness gives them hope for the continued vision of a healthy new beginning for their young families.

Thank you again for everything,
Sincerely,

ST. JOHN’S CATHOLIC WOMEN’S UNION

Women of all ages are invited to join the Catholic Women’s Union.

Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women’s Union by joining us on **Monday, March 16th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Spring Covered Dish Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed.



**For more information call
St. John’s Rectory: 622-5470.**

FAMILY GUILD GIFT CARD CALENDAR

SPONSORS

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| Beehive | Charles & Pattie Miller |
| CACL Financial | Nativity BVM High School |
| Daubert Family | Nativity Volleyball |
| DiCello Chiropractic | Bob & Mary Porter |
| Fellows & Smink Dental | Noble & Jule Quandel |
| Brian & Sue Eckley | Carole Quirin |
| Friends of St. John’s | Rosenberger Plumbing&Heat. |
| Guzick Family | Schlitzer,Allen,Pugh Funeral |
| Wm.Hauptly Electrical | St.Clair Auto Supply |
| Headquarters Styling Salon | St. John’s Family Guild |
| Heenan Family | Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot |
| Kochol Family | Ralph & Joanne Wood |
| Lieberman, Tamulonis, Hobbs | Ellen & Jay Zane |

Winners

March 1: Mary Jo Laslow

March 2: Dianne Stoudt

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

If you are visiting our beautiful church, please know you are most welcome!

If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish family, please call the rectory 570-622-5470.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- **Please note ... all Christmas Wreaths & Decorations must be removed as soon as possible**
- All decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day and Christmas.
- All decorations except those flowers or plants planted in the ground, must be removed by **July 1st**
- Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden.
- All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in receptacles at Cemetery.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We appreciate advertisers who support St. John's by advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize their business and let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin.



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- * It's Advertising Concentrated in Your Neighborhood
- * It Develops Good Community Relationships
- * It's Good For Developing Loyal Customers

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BRING ON SPRING! at Divine Redeemer Church, 400 block of W. Cherry St. in Mt. Carmel on **Saturday, March 14th** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, our famous Potato Cake, Haluski, Sausage Sandwiches. All are welcome

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

POSITION AVAILABLE We are seeking a motivated, enthusiastic and caring person to conduct all phases of comprehensive development and marketing programs. The individual will provide strong leadership and work in collaboration with the Administration, Board of Directors and volunteers. Must be passionate about advocating for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This is a full-time, year-round position with benefits. The Center is an equal opportunity employer. Qualified candidates should send résumé and references to Robert Giba, Principal, rgiba@stjosephctr.com.

29TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC ... hosted by St. Joseph Center for Special Learning on **Friday, May 15th** at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship and, of course... golf! For more information, please visit www.stjosephctr.com. Discover why St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is truly a special place for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "*And Jesus was Transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white,*" we hear in today's gospel. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and your marriage will be changed by God in an amazing way! For information call 610-449-1859 or visit www.wvme.org.

CONFERENCE Join us for the **UNBOUND** -- One Day Conference on **Saturday April 18th**. Everyone is fighting an invisible battle:

- negative thoughts, secret sins and unhealthy relationships
- destructive habits, idols and false identities
- resentments and bitter wounds that never seem to heal

UNBOUND ministry releases the power of **Jesus** into wounded hearts. This one day conference will empower you to break the powerful chains in your life, so that you can walk in the fullness of freedom. Location: St. John XXIII Church, 307 Pine Street, Tamaqua, Register online at www.sj23tamaqua.org/unbound.html (*training for leaders is Friday April 17*)

Registration Deadline: March 23rd. Fee: \$50 includes lunch. Late registration March 24~April 10 Fee: \$65 There will be NO Registration at the door.

