

**St. John the Baptist
Roman Catholic
Parish Family**

Established in 1841

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
March 17th, 2019

Pastor: Rev. David J. Loeper
Deacons: Dr. Luis R. Visot & Lawrence Lonergan

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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
George Smith 544-3294

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 622-5470 ext.3

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC
Confidential Phone (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

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



DAN DE MATTE

Dan is an international speaker and best-selling Catholic author of *Holiness Revolution*. Dan starred in A&E's reality TV show, *God or the Girl*, as well as defended the teachings of the Catholic faith on *Larry King Live*, *The View*, and the *Today Show*. Dan is the host of EWTN's Global Catholic radio show called *Encounter*. He and his wife live in Ohio with their 4 children where Dan is the Founder and Executive Director of Damascus Catholic Mission Campus, a 500-acre mission campus that ministers to thousands of youth each year through programs like Catholic Youth Summer Camp. Dan has a MA in Evangelization from the Pontifical College Josephinum.

PARISH MISSION



Sunday, Monday, Tuesday
March 24, 25, 26
7 to 8:15 p.m.

THEME

Day 1 ----- Be Empowered

Day 2 ----- Be Healed

Day 3 ----- Be Transformed

NIGHTLY TIME SCHEDULE

6:45 p.m. -- Music Prelude

7:00 p.m. -- Welcome

7:10 p.m. -- Mission Talk

8:00 p.m. -- 1st Night .. Adoration

2nd Night .. Confessions

3rd Night .. Prayer Ministry

8:15 p.m. -- Fellowship & Hospitality

Light refreshments will follow

in Longinus Hall

Please see inside today's bulletin for the
"Mission Talk Descriptions".

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In 1946 during a train ride to her annual retreat, the future St. Teresa of Kolkata received her "call within a call." Like a moment of transfiguration, Teresa felt Jesus take hold of her heart. This love became the driving force of her life – to establish a community dedicated to the service of the poorest of the poor.

Such a moment is similar to the one described in this Sunday's gospel. Jesus went up the mountain with Peter, John and James. While praying there, Jesus' face changed and his clothing became dazzling white.

We can hope for such a moment in our lives when we will be transfigured by our calling to enter the world of the poor.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – March 18 – 9:00 a.m.

TIMOTHY GRICKIS (Peggy & Gene Ebling)

Tuesday, March 19 – NO MASS

Wednesday, March 20 – NO MASS

Thursday, March 21 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH & JESSIE RITZER (Joan Ritzel)

Friday, March 22 – 9:00 a.m.

RICHARD PUGH (Bob & Peg Daniels)

Saturday, March 23 – 5 p.m.

VIRGINIA & BARNEY COMFORT

(Chris & Jared Black)

Sunday – March 24 – 8:15 a.m.

GEORGE HOLLEY (Mark & Deborah Purcell)

Sunday – March 24 - 10:30 a.m.

JOHN 'BABE' HELLER (Joe Orłowsky & Family)

SCHEDULE

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

5 p.m. – Saturday – March 23rd

Reader: Christine Disabella

Euch.Min.: Hermine & Dan Murphy

Servers: Mark, Noah, Helena Fredericks

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – March 24th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min: Mike Ambrose, Jeff Naffin

Servers: Caroline & Christopher Hobbs,

Cooper Chiplonia

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – March 24th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Joseph Rehnert

Servers: Aidan Cassidy, Maggie & Rhyann Brennan

Cantor: Ensemble

CANDLE DONATIONS

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3. IMO Mom & Dad by Christ Black

4. Special Intention

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Edward Smith by Grandchildren

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: *Theresa Tuite, Joe Brahler, Tom Jefferson, Jean Hill, Paul Connors, Fred Maskerines, Dorothy Parsick, Frederick Hossler, Toni Wiest, Robert Norkus, Ernest Zambo.*

Deceased: *Patrick Murphy*



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

Dr. Robert DeColli at 640-1910

or the **Rectory 622-5470.**

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

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

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Encounter Annet. In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit csricebowl.org for more.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What role does silence play in your Lenten journey?

Next Week's Readings

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (March 23/24)

Reading I: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

MEN'S GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Men's Gospel Reflection Group meeting will take place on **Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room**. This group is open to any men interested in reflecting on how the Gospel impacts their lives. All are welcome! Please call Michael Scheidel 739-1808 or Bill Gianfagna 573-0105 with any questions.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION At the Last Supper, words of Jesus to the Father.... "*Few hours of my life are left: who would have the heart to leave my children orphaned and alone?..... O please, I supplicate You to let Me stay in each Host...I cannot leave my children, nor do I want to.*".....

24 Hours of the Passion by Luisa Piccarreta
(The Little Daughter of the Divine Will)

We need adorers for the following hours:

Monday 3 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.

Wednesday 10 p.m.; Thursday 4 a.m.;

Friday 12 a.m. & 6 a.m., 6 p.m.

Saturday 4 a.m. & 12 p.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 or text Aleece for information 570-449-7678.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays during Lent

@ St. John's – 7 p.m. - Chapel

Please join us each Wednesday during Lent

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament,

Stations of the Cross, followed by

Benediction.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Confirmation will be conferred

at St. Patrick's -- 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

For a sun and shield is the Lord God, bestowing all grace and glory. The Lord withholds no good thing from those who walk without reproach.

... Psalm 84:12

PARISH MISSION



Sunday, Monday, Tuesday
March 24, 25, 26 --- 7 to 8:15 p.m.

MISSION TALK DESCRIPTIONS

Day 1: Be Healed This evening is a powerful reflection on the crippled beggar at the healing waters of Bethesda. The night leads the audience in a powerful reflection of being healed through the power and the love of Jesus Christ.

Day 2: Be Empowered There are ultimately two very different ways to live your life. Either we can embrace a lifestyle with a will-powered spirituality or we can live with a spirit-powered spirituality. Will-powered spirituality creates a spiritual life that is all about trying whereas Spirit-powered spirituality is all about trusting in the power we've received from Holy Spirit.

Day 3: Be Transformed The last message is meant to give the practical steps on how to allow our ordinary lives be transformed by Christ into extraordinary lives of Holiness. This message focuses on teaching the audience how to form a personal prayer life, how to have a deeper encounter with the Lord at the Holy Mass, and an urgent appeal to return (regularly) to Confession. It also focuses on the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives of holiness, moving from lives of self-reliance to lives of Spirit-reliance.

This **Parish Mission** is really for everyone.

- Whether you are advanced in your faith and hungry to be taken deeper, or if you are a person with a lot of questions about God and religion - this Mission is for you.
- Whether you are male or female, single or married, young or old, middle school or high school – this Mission is for you.
- Whether you've been to a parish mission before, or never stepped foot at a retreat – this Mission is for you.
- Maybe invite your middle school or high school teenagers to attend with you.
- Maybe you invite a co-worker who is hungry for more, even if they aren't catholic.
- Maybe invite someone in the parish or the school who you know doesn't come to Mass each week and could really use an invitation back to the Church.
- Whoever it is, please just extend a heart-felt invitation!

LENTEN DINNERS

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.



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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WEDNESDAYS

**Preparation for Lenten Dinners
Anytime between 9:30 a.m. & 2 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.

FAMILY MATTERS

St. Patrick's Day. The Irish certainly have their day to celebrate. You would think all of us are Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Consider learning more about your own ethnic heritage and share it with your family and parish.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 9/10 \$ 3,616.85

Catholic Home Missions \$ 977.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

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 **Wednesday, March 20th at 7:30 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: Sharon Miller at 622-0516 or St. John's Rectory: 622-5470.

FAMILY GUILD GIFT CARD CALENDAR

SPONSORS

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FAMILY GUILD "LENT-EVENT"

St. John's Family Guild will host the annual Lent-Event for children of the parish, ages 3 to 11. 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 31st.**

Date: Sunday, April 7th

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)

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

CATHOLIC SCOUT ACTIVITY WEEKEND

The 2019 Catholic Scout Activity Weekend will be held at Camp Trexler - Settlers **April 26 to 28**. We'd love to have you join us for a FUN-Filled weekend that includes all meals and a Saturday Vigil Mass!

You don't have to be working on a religious emblem to join us - all Catholic Scouts are welcome. Visit us at www.adccos.org/bsr.htm for more info.

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 more information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

RETRouvaille Rediscover the Love in Your

Marriage! Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass it on. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **The next program begins on the weekend of April 26 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** Another weekend will be held in August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

March

- 17 Healing Our Church - 4:30 to 6 p.m. - L.H.
- 19 Men's Gospel Reflection Group - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 20 Stations of the Cross - 7 p.m. - Chapel
- 20 Catholic Women's Union - **7:30 p.m.** - L.H.
- 21 RCIA - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 22 Lenten Dinners - 4 to 7 p.m. - R.B.
- 24 Last Confirmation Class - 6:30 p.m. - L.H.
- 24/25/26 Parish Mission - 7 to 8:15 - L.H.
- 27 Stations of the Cross - 7 p.m. - chapel
- 28 RCIA - 7 p.m. - F.R.
- 29 Lenten Dinners - 4 to 7 p.m. - R.B.
- 31 Healing Our Church - 4:30 to 6 p.m. - L.H.

** L.H. - Longinus Hall

** F.R. - Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. - Russell Building

EASTER FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thank you for doing the small things, like feeding your neighbors, with great love. God bless.

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Canned Fruit
Broth	Macaroni & Cheese
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Hot Chocolate
Hot Cereal packages	Apple Sauce
Cold Cereal	Canned Vegetables
Beef Stew	Spaghetti
Soups	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Canned Gravy	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Macaroni (box)	

Items of the Month Needed: Stuffing Mix

PLEASE - NO OUTDATED ITEMS

Please Do Not donate any nutritional drinks (Ensure, etc.)

If anyone wishes to donate a **Ham** for this collection, please call the Rectory 622-5470. **Donations will be accepted until April 12th.**

Giant Gift cards to purchase hams will be gladly accepted.

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the 10th Street entrance at the bottom of the steps

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS AROUND THE WORLD

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus is an International Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our Local Council 431 will be holding a membership drive on the weekend of **March 30th & 31st**. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/join us and enter Council 431 for local information.

BASKET SOCIAL

– at St. Mary's Parish Center, 122 Union St. in Catasauqua on **Friday, March 29th** (6 to 9 p.m.); **Saturday, March 30th** (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.); **Sunday, March 31st** (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Proceeds benefit St. Mary's CCD Program. For more info call 610-264-0332 or 610-264-9383.

BASKET AUCTION

– sponsored by Trinity Academy on **April 5 & 6** at St. Joseph the Worker (former Annunciation) Parish Hall, Frackville. Friday from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Browse the prize tables and drop your bid tickets. A list of prizes may be found at the Trinity Academy 13th Annual Basket Auction Facebook page.

HALUPKI & HALUSKI SALE

– sponsored by St. Michael's Parish, 300 W. Oak St., Shenandoah on **Saturday, April 6th**. Halupki \$2.50 each; Haluski \$6.00 quart; Pre-orders only; pick up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Call Theresa at 570-467-3894. Leave message including phone number.

LUCKY BUNNY BASKET RAFFLE

– sponsored by St. Michael's Church, 114 S. Chestnut St., Shenandoah. Drawing on **Palm Sunday, April 14th**. For more information and tickets, please call 570-462-0809.

Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

EASTER FOOD & CRAFT FESTIVAL

– sponsored by St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg on **Saturday, April 13th** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Peanut Butter & Coconut Eggs, Easter cakes & cookies, Easter breads & rolls, Italian Easter meat pies, handmade rosaries, physanky eggs. Easter flowers, braided Palm, vendor craft tables. Breakfast & Lunch served. Questions, please call 610-562-7657.

BULLETIN BOOSTERS

February 2019

IMO Carl Bartholomew M/M James Loeper
IMO Harold Bartholomew IMO Charles Lorenz
IMO Robert Berger IMO Felix & Agnes Narog
IMO Edward Christ Dorothy Parsick
Millie Fredericks IMO Jeanne Rehnert
Fr. Don Henry IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert
IMO M/M Herbert Henry IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
Joanne Hepler Marcie Schnerring
IMO Clare Houser IMO Margaret Zelinsky
IMO Francis King
Living & Deceased of St. John's CYO Program

What is a Bulletin Booster?? Some of our newer parishioners have asked what it means to be a Bulletin Booster. We have a wonderful bulletin – it is timely and keeps us informed of what is going on within our parish family and its surroundings. Paper and supplies are needed on a weekly basis to continue this family tradition. So, if you'd like to donate toward the supplies. **\$1.00 and up ... you too can be a ... Bulletin Booster**

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Most people with acute conjunctivitis, often called pinkeye, are incorrectly prescribed antibiotics, which are rarely necessary to treat this common eye problem. In a recent study in the journal Ophthalmology, researchers evaluated nationwide data on 340,000 people diagnosed with acute conjunctivitis and found that 58% were prescribed antibiotic eye drops. Primary care practitioners were two to three times more likely to prescribe antibiotics than were ophthalmologists or optometrists. Most cases of conjunctivitis are viral or allergy-related and won't respond to antibiotics. Even for bacterial conjunctivitis, antibiotics are usually unnecessary since most cases are mild and clear up on their own. The study also found that one-fifth of these prescriptions were for antibiotic-corticosteroid combinations, which are contraindicated for acute conjunctivitis because they worsen it. For more about conjunctivitis, see tinyurl.com/pinkeyeWL.

STEWARDSHIP LIBRARY

Stewardship Displays are located at the church exits. There are many items available including CD's, Rosaries, Self-help and Informational Booklets, etc. **New Items include:** Music (lower door); Divine Mercy (main church), in addition to other great CD's or books.