

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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Fifth Sunday in Lent • March 21, 2021



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 22

9:00 a.m. Margaret Dolan
(Sharon & Larry Lonergan)

Tuesday, March 23

9:00 a.m. Clair & Margaret Fry

Wednesday, March 24

9:00 a.m. Joseph B. Lescavage
(Linda & Martin Smith)

Thursday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Bertha Bullock

Friday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Charles & Matilda
Schaeffer
(Eleanor Schaeffer)

Saturday, March 27

5:00 p.m. R.J. Post
(Bob & Irene Post)

Sunday, March 28

8:15 a.m. Joseph Ferraro
(Lucilla Kochol)

Sunday, March 28

10:30 a.m. Bill Stoppi
(Peggy Stoppi)

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In our first reading for this Sunday from the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord announces a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. To make us his people and show us his love, God established a covenant with us.

The letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus as the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. And in this Sunday's gospel from John, Jesus tells Andrew and Philip that the time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified and that those who serve him must follow him.

Christ came to usher in a new covenant. One that would reconcile us to God and draw all people to himself. As we come to the final weeks of our Lenten observance with hearts remade, we follow and serve him.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Dave

Stations of the Cross

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



Next Week's Readings

Palm Sunday
(March 27/28)

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47



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

Ty Daubert • Tom Jefferson • James Minchhoff • Laverne Yackel

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

Upcoming Events

March

21	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Teen Ministry NightL.H.
21	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Church
25	7:00 p.m.	Sharing Christ: Week 6.....L.H.
28	5:00 p.m.	Holy Week Confessions (until 5:45 p.m.)..... Church
28	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Church
29	4:30 p.m.	Holy Week Confessions (until 5:30 p.m.)..... Church
30	6:30 p.m.	Holy Week Confessions (until 7:30 p.m.)..... Church

April

1-3	7:00 p.m.	Easter Triduum (see Holy Week schedule below)
2	4:00 p.m.	Lenten Dinner pre-order pick-up (until 6:00 p.m.)R.B.

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

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 28

Confessions ● 5 to 5:45 p.m.
Stations of the Cross● 6 p.m.

Monday, March 29

Mass ● 9 a.m.
Confessions● 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30

Mass ● 9 a.m.
Confessions ● 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31

Mass ● 8 a.m.

Thursday, April 1

Mass ● 7 p.m.
Adoration after Mass until 10 p.m.

Friday, April 2

Morning Prayer ● 9 a.m.
Good Friday Liturgy ● 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 3

Blessing of Food Baskets ● 12 p.m.
Easter Vigil ● 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 4

Masses ● 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



Weekly Collection

March 13/14\$4,583.33

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

Rice Bowl Boxes

The Rice Bowl boxes can be dropped off at the rectory or placed in the boxes by the upper side door of church.

K of C Council 431

Thank you for your donations to our collection on February 27/28 for the Saint Joseph Learning Center in Pottsville. Your generosity gave us an additional \$160 to donate to their cause.

Candle Donations

BVM

1. IMO Barbara & Carl Weiss by Sandra Clouser
2. IMO Matilda Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

St. Joseph

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family
2. IMO Matilda Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

Sanctuary

Health of Rachael Kubick by Sandra Clouser

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Scott Bowers by Joan Bowers
2. IMO Carol Seigle by Millie, Ellen & Barb
3. IMO Matilda Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer
4. Special Intention

**NO CANDLE INTENTIONS
DURING HOLY WEEK**



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.



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 _____ 4/2 Good Friday

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 4/2 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 _____



March 21, 2021 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | Jn 12:20-33

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Recent news warned of a shortage of seeds this spring, as home gardeners carry on a hobby borne of the coronavirus pandemic. Even those of us not exactly known for our green thumbs jumped in, seeing home gardens as a way not only to stock our pantries, but to sow hope during a time of isolation and, for too many, mourning. In today's readings, we are reminded of an even larger hope - one that transcends optimism and feeling, and is centered in the theological virtue of Hope. God holds us close even on the most challenging of days. We see this in Jeremiah's prophecy of a new covenant, where all shall know God and our sins will be washed away. And today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus, like the grain of wheat, dies so that we may have new life. As we plant our seeds this spring, we will undoubtedly remember the people and things we have lost. Yet, as shoots break through with the warmth of spring, we can be reminded of Jesus, the source of all hope, and his promise that "I will draw everyone to myself."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we approach Holy Week, the Gospel prepares us by reminding us that Jesus, like a grain of wheat, must die so that we may have new life: "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." I don't think that John is telling us to wallow in sadness or live joyless lives. Instead, perhaps he is encouraging us to "lose" those things that are not life-giving and instead focus on what draws us closer to Jesus - such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can identify the obstacles that get between us and Jesus, or that divide our families and communities. By letting those go, we free ourselves to be more like Christ, and to share the Good News of God's great love for us with others.

ACTION Buy a packet of seeds (if you can find one). Plant seeds in memory of loved ones who may have died this past year, or in remembrance of any type of loss you or your loved ones may have suffered. Offer prayers of thanksgiving for Jesus, the source of our hope.

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

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

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1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, We wor-ship you to-day
 2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, Ac-cept the love we bring,

1. And sing the love a-maz-ing That songs can-not re-pay;
 2. That we who know your fa-vor May serve you as our King;

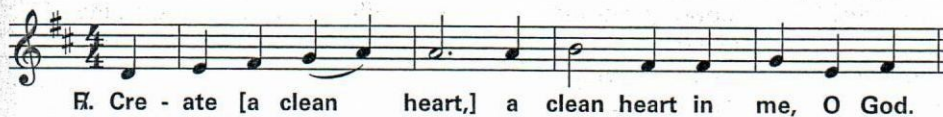
1. For we can on-ly won-der At ev-'ry gift you send,
 2. And wheth-er our to-mor-rows Be filled with good or ill,

1. At bless-ings with-out num-ber And mer-cies with-out end:
 2. We'll tri-umph through our sor-rows And rise to bless you still:

1. We lift our hearts be-fore you And wait up-on your word,
 2. To mar-vel at your beau-ty And glo-ry in your ways,

1. We hon-or and a-dore you, Our great and might-y Lord.
 2. And make a joy-ful du-ty Our sac-ri-fice of praise.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15


℣. Cre-ate [a clean heart,] a clean heart in me, O God.

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LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

OFFERTORY

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EARTHEN VESSELS

Refrain

We hold a trea-sure, not made of gold, in earth-en
ves-sels, wealth un-told; one trea-sure on-ly: the
Lord, the Christ, in earth-en ves-sels.

Verses

1. Light has shone in our dark-ness: God has shone in our heart
2. God has cho-sen the low-ly who are small in this world;

to Refrain

1. with the light of the glo-ry of Je-sus, the Lord.
2. in this weak-ness is glo-ry in Je-sus, the Lord.

RECESSIONAL

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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

1. Take up your cross, the Sav-ior said, If
2. Take up your cross, be not a-shamed! Let
3. Take up your cross, which gives you strength, Which
4. Take up your cross, and fol-low Christ, Nor

1. you would my dis-ci-ple be; De-ny your-self, the
2. not dis-grace your spir-it fill! For God him-self en-
3. makes your trem-bling spir-it brave: 'Twill guide you to a
4. think till death to lay it down; For on-ly they who

1. world for-sake, And hum-bly fol-low af-ter me.
2. dured to die Up-on a cross, on Cal-vary's hill.
3. bet-ter home And lead to vic-t'ry o'er the grave.
4. bear the cross May hope to wear the glo-rious crown.