



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*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22, 2020

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Nativity BVM High School (570) 622-8110
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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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. DAVE

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS:

Please know that all of you, as parishioners of St. John's, were greatly missed over the weekend. Our seminarian Bobby Rienzo and I remembered all of you in the Sunday Mass we celebrated not only for the intentions that were scheduled but for all the parishioners of the parish.

Continue to stay safe and healthy and know that our prayers are with you. As of now, there is no indication as to when Mass and other activities in the parish can resume. Pray the prayer below for all those who are in any way affected by this whole situation. Know that God will bring good and blessings out of all this. Now is a good time to quiet our spirits and turn to God and allow him to work in our lives. If there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to call the rectory. 570-622-5470.

Father Dave

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ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

A reminder to all parishioners that the church will be open for private prayer and time before the blessed Sacrament on the following days and times:

Saturday --- 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Sunday --- 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Confessions will be heard on the following days and times:

Saturday --- 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday --- There will be no confessions.

Please use the upper side door of the church where the ramp is located.

Dear God-

Thank You that You are our good, good, Father.
You are seated on the throne of Your glorious power,
never to be moved by the forces of evil, all of whom
You defeated through the Passion, Death,
and Resurrection of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We praise You for who You are, our holy
and most worthy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Today as we face together this virus, help us remember
the words Jesus spoke to us the night before He died:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"

(John 14:27)

O Lord, we receive Your peace, a peace that is not
dependent on the world nor its circumstances.

We receive the deep peace of the Prince of Peace.

May this peace guard not only our hearts, but also the hearts
of all the world, especially those affected by this virus.

We pray You will draw all people to find rest in You,
dear God, for You alone cause us to dwell in tranquility.

Please bless our civil and religious leaders, and guide
them to make the right decisions for the good of all.

We ask You to remove this scourge from us, and
through it to bring us all closer to You, our beloved Lord.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – March 23 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICK MURPHY (Schreffler Family)

Tuesday, March 24 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH LESCAVAGE (Martin & Linda Smith)

Wednesday, March 25 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY CASE (Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Thursday – March 26 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES & MATILDA SCHAEFFER

(Eleanor Schaeffer)

Friday, March 27 – 9:00 a.m.

CLAIR & MARGARET FRY

Saturday, March 28 – 5:00 p.m.

EDWARD SMITH (Grandchildren)

Sunday, March 29 – 8:15 a.m.

FRANCIS & MARY BURNS

Sunday, March 29 – 10:30 a.m.

MILDRED DITZLER (Rita Lotz)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Special Intention by Debra Matz

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by Steve & Chris Zanis

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family

2. IMO Edward P. Kuperavage by Steve & Chris Zanis

3. IMO Mary Rinaldo by Chuck Rinaldo

4. IMO Catherine & Charles Rinaldo by Chuck Rinaldo

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Matilda Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus cures the blind man and can cure our blind spots.

Who/what do you need to see more clearly?

What/whom do you believe in?

Next Week's Readings

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (March 28/29)

Reading I: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Reading II: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 14/15: \$ 2,920.50

Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,101.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

REMEMBERING VOCATIONS IN YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting and concern for those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the word of God, which enlightens the daily journey of all who believe.

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.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR OPENINGS!

St. John's Choir is welcoming new members to the choir to sing Saturday 5:00 PM Masses and special Masses. This is a very rewarding experience for anyone seeking to become more involved in our Parish Family.

No prior singing experience or reading of music is required. Practices are held

Tuesday's at 7:00 in Longinus Hall. Contact St. John's Rectory 570-622-5470 for more information.

Hope to see you Tuesday!



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.

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Winners

March 10:	Marlena Renninger
March 11:	Shawn Schoffstall
March 12:	Lori Motley
March 13:	Susan Minnichbach
March 14:	Michael Klembara
March 15:	Kathy Cunningham
March 16:	Sharon Miller
March 17:	Charlie & Pattie Miller
March 18:	James Somers

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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.

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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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY *Join us to be a voice for life in Pennsylvania.* Attend the Rally and March for Life in Harrisburg, **Monday, May 18.** Bishop Ronald Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg and Abby Johnson, of *And Then There Were None* and others will be speaking at the 11:00 a.m. Rally. The one mile march around the state capitol building will begin at 12:00 noon. If you are interested in attending via bus from St. Ambrose, please contact St. Ambrose Office at 570-385-1031. Cost is estimated to be approximately \$30.00.

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