



# St. John the Baptist

## Roman Catholic

### Parish Family

10<sup>th</sup> & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot / Lawrence Lonergan*

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 29, 2020

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**Assumption BVM Elementary** (570) 622-0106  
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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 (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 30 – 9:00 a.m.

BRENT SASSE (Matthew Kuna)

Tuesday, March 31 – 9:00 a.m.

ANDREW SLIFKO (Mary Ann Holley)

Wednesday, April 1 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY HARRIS (M/M John Carroll)

Thursday – April 2 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN B. CONNOLLY (Matthew Kuna)

Friday, April 3 – 9:00 a.m.

CAROLE HEACOCK (Pat Lombel)

Saturday, April 4 – 5:00 p.m.

KATHLEEN, MATT, MARK, BOB NORKUS

(Powers & Hanichak Families)

Sunday, April 5 – 8:15 a.m.

DOROTHY & LEO LOTZ (Eleanor Schaeffer)

Sunday, April 5 – 10:30 a.m.

YENILAITUS & SNINSKI FAMILY

(Mary Zambo Family)

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## CANDLE DONATIONS

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by Zambo Family

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1. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family

2&3. IMO Joseph Brahler by Saturday Night Choir

4. Liv. & Dec. of St. John's Catholic Women's Union

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus' question to Martha is the same question we are asked when we renew our baptismal promises.

Do you believe?

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## Next Week's Readings

PALM SUNDAY (April 4/5)

**Reading I:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Reading II:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 26:14-27:66

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## REMEMBERING VOCATIONS IN YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONS

**Fifth Sunday of Lent:** "This then is the consecrated life: ... It is a living encounter with the Lord in his people. It is a call to the faithful obedience of daily life and to the unexpected surprises from the Spirit. It is a vision of what we need to embrace in order to experience joy: Jesus." Through our prayers and sacrifices for vocations, God seeks holy men and women to teach and lead His flock.

### 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.*

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - 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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GIFT CARD CALENDAR**

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**Winners**

<b>March 19:</b>	<b>M. Hummel</b>
<b>March 20:</b>	<b>Major Family</b>
<b>March 21:</b>	<b>Rosie Kenderes</b>
<b>March 22:</b>	<b>James Minchhoff</b>
<b>March 23:</b>	<b>Tony Kochol</b>
<b>March 24:</b>	<b>Rita Sponenberg</b>

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**ATTENTION**

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **May & June** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call or email the Rectory by Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**March 21/22: \$ 963.13**

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

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