



Alleluia!

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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

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Deacons .. *Luis R. Visot and Lawrence Lonergan*

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Cemetery Information.....(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.

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

Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.
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610-871-5200 ext. 2204
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord • April 3, 2021

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 5

9:00 a.m. Marilyn Golod
(Catholic Women's Union)

Tuesday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Alfred & Jeanette Hauptly
(William Hauptly)

Wednesday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Magdalene Maskerines
(Catholic Women's Union)

Thursday, April 8

9:00 p.m. Francis, Paul, Elmer Lotz

Friday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Joseph LeBlanc
(John Jefferson & Family)

Saturday, April 10

5:00 p.m. Charlie Schaeffer
(Maria Schaeffer)

Sunday, April 11

8:15 a.m. Frank & Josephine
Brozana
(Don & Joanne Doyne)

Sunday, April 11

10:30 a.m. Leonard & Mary Yenilaitus
(Zambo Family)

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

"Christ has risen!"

For many years, Christians greeted each other this way all through the Easter season. "Christ has risen!" one would say. Another would respond, "Christ has indeed risen! Alleluia!" What a beautiful, joyful thing to say! We should try bringing this practice back. Greet your family this way, and your friends at Church, or send greetings online. Whatever you say or do, enjoy this day the Lord has made.

Jesus has indeed risen from the dead. He appeared to his disciples on this first Easter. His rising to new life foreshadows what God intends for us: eternal life. The darkness of sin and death has been defeated by the light of Christ who died for us.

***"Christ has risen!
Christ has indeed
risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia!"***

Let the Risen Jesus be with you and your family for the next fifty days of Easter. Eat, sing, and rejoice together with Jesus. Feel the joy of Jesus' resurrection and life within you. Celebrate his love all the days of your life. Together, let us be an Easter people saying, "Christ has risen. Christ has indeed risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!"

On behalf of Deacon Visot, Deacon Lonergan, and our parish staff, I wish all of you a very happy and Blessed Easter. God bless you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Dave

Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Easter
(April 10/11)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31



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 • Peggy Ebling • 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

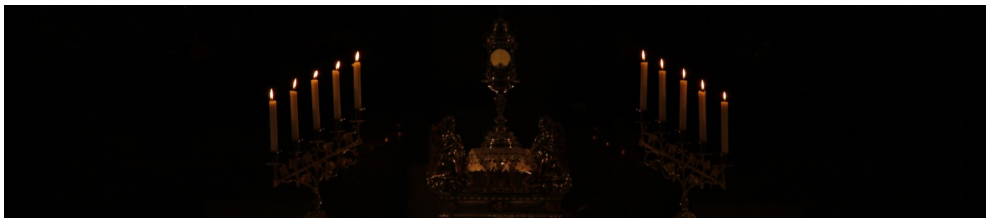
Upcoming Events

April

- 8 7:00 p.m. Sharing Christ: Week 7.....L.H.
- 11 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class.....L.H.
- 15 7:00 p.m. Catholic War VeteransL.H.
- 19 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour/Adoration, Music, Confessions..... Church

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 Hour/Adoration, Music, and Confessions

Join us on Monday, April 19th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for an evening of worship before the Blessed Sacrament. Light piano instrumental worship music will be interspersed with periods of prayerful silence. Confessions will be available for the first half hour. We invite you to make this monthly event part of your prayer life.



Yard Sale / Curiosity Shop

Look around your home for any items you wish to donate to our next Yard Sale. You’d be surprised what you might find . Here are some suggestions:

Decorations for Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Puzzles, Knick Knacks, Kitchen Items, Purses, Small Appliances, Candles, Religious items, Toys, Games, Jewelry, Tablecloths, CD’s, DVD’s, Bake ware, Phones, Vintage items.

DO NOT donate the following: Plastics, VHS tapes, Glasses, Cups, Televisions, Bedding, Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, Books, Clothing, Large Furniture, Stuffed Animal Toys, Large Christmas Trees.

ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE on **Saturday, April 17 from 9 a.m. to noon** at the Russell Building. No items will be accepted before or after this date. Do not leave articles at the door or in the parking lot. Call the parish office 570-622-5470 ext. 3 for more information.



Weekly Collection

March 27/28\$5,737.66

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.

Candle Donations

BVM

1&2. Living & Deceased of Gillis Family
by Deb Matz

St. Joseph

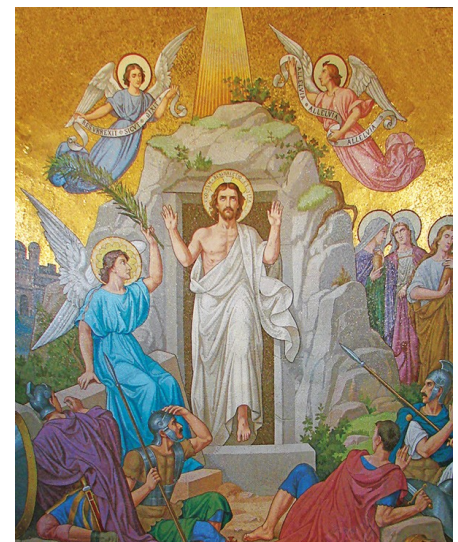
- 1. IMO Joseph Wollyung Jr.
by Barbara Wollyung
- 2. Living & Deceased of Gillis Family
by Deb Matz

Sanctuary

IMO George Hahner Jr.
by Hahner Family

Guardian Angels

- 1. IMO Leo & Dorothy Lotz
by Ron & Pat Lombel
- 2. Living & Deceased of Matz Fam.
by Deb Matz
- 3. Living & Deceased of Gillis & Matz Families
by Deb Matz



Bulletin Boosters

IMO Carl Bartholomew
 IMO Harold Bartholomew
 IMO Robert Berger
 IMO Edward Christ
 Mildred A. Fredericks
 Fr. Don Henry
 IMO M/M Herbert Henry
 IMO Joanne Hepler
 IMO Clare & Linda Houser
 IIMO Philomena Loeper
 MO Charles Lorenz
 IMO Dorothy Parsick
 IMO Jeanne Rehnert
 IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert
 IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
 IMO Erika Stangl Seasock
 IMO Margaret Zelinsky
 Living & Deceased of St. John's
 CYO Program

*Thank you for supporting our
 bulletin this month!*

Neighboring Events

Spaghetti Dinner

Church of St. Patrick Parish • 319 Mahantongo St., Pottsville
 Sunday, April 11 from 11:00 am to 2:30 p.m. (or sell out)
 in the Parish Center, 313 Mahantongo St., Pottsville
 \$8.00 Spaghetti platter. Includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, salad,
 and bread
 Call the parish office 570-622-1802 for more information

Roast Beef Dinner

Holy Family Parish of Minersville
 Eat in or Take Out
 Sunday, April 18 from Noon to 3 p.m.
 at the Parish Center at Hillcrest, 631 Minersville-Llewellyn Hwy.
 Adults \$12.00; Children (under 10 yrs.) \$6.00
 Includes Roast Beef, Corn, Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw or Applesauce, Roll, Beverage &
 Dessert
 Advanced orders recommended by April 11—Walk-in orders limited
 Call the parish office 570-544-4741 to place your order.

Prayer for Easter Sunday

Risen Jesus,
 show us the Resurrection
 you are working out in us.
 Open our eyes to see you,
 our hearts to receive
 your healing and miracles.
 Free us from indifference and entitlement,
 that we might celebrate with abandon
 the gifts you have poured out on us.
 May we be overwhelmed
 by the joy of new life in you.
 Amen.

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 | Jn 20:1-9

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have happy memories when I think about all the Easter celebrations I experienced as a child. Easter baskets with nicer-than-usual chocolate; indoor Easter egg hunts - check under the lampshade! - and wearing the best of our Sunday best to Mass. I wouldn't trade these memories for anything, but writing this reflection reminds me that our modern-day celebrations and traditions don't come close to truly capturing the gamut of emotions the disciples must have felt on that first day of the week. From the fear, despair and confusion they initially experienced, to the joy that would have enveloped them when they realized what the empty tomb meant: Jesus had risen! The beloved disciple entered the empty tomb of Christ in today's Gospel, "and he saw and believed." As Christians, I think we sometimes take this foundation of our faith for granted. And so I pray for a renewed sense of awe at the stunning reality: to "see and believe" that God so loved us that he gave his only Son, who died and rose so that we, too, might live forever in God's love.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Some days I wake up with particular joy or anticipation: "Today we are going on vacation!" Or, "Today my son graduates from college." It is a wonderful feeling, and one that helps me jump - OK, roll a little faster - out of bed. If we take to heart the psalmist's message today, we see that this is how God intends for us to awaken every day: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." God is the author of our life, and on this Easter Sunday, we celebrate the gift of *eternal* life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In today's first reading, Peter relates how the disciples were commissioned to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection. His words remind us that the story of Easter cannot and should not be contained. Instead, we are called to witness that "everyone who believes in [Jesus] will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." That is good news worth sharing, whether on our social media feed, or with our loved ones and those we encounter each day.

WITNESS Happy Easter! Perhaps visit the graveside of a loved one, and take the opportunity to talk about life after death. Say a special prayer of thanks at your Easter meal. And remember to smile in the direction of new faces at Mass today!

ENTRANCE**411 ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! LET THE HOLY ANTHEM RISE**

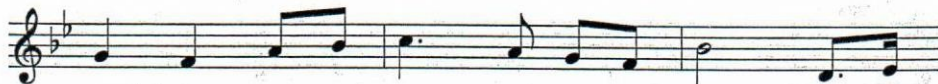
1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the ho - ly an - them
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Like the sun from out the
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! He has burst our pris - on
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Bless - ed Je - sus, make us



1. rise, And the choirs of heav - en chant it In the
2. wave, He has ris - en up in tri - umph From the
3. bars; He has lift - ed up the por - tals Of our
4. rise From the life of this cor - rup - tion To the



1. tem - ple of the skies; Let the moun - tains skip with
2. dark - ness of the grave. He's the splen - dor of the
3. home be - yond the stars: He has won for us our
4. life that nev - er dies. May your glo - ry be our



1. glad - ness, And the joy - ful val - leys ring With ho -
2. na - tions, He's the lamp of end - less day; He's the
3. free - dom, 'Neath his feet our foes are trod; He has
4. por - tion, When the days of time are past, And the



1. san - nas in the high - est To our Sav - ior and our King!
2. ver - y Lord of glo - ry Who is ris - en up to - day!
3. pur - chased back our birth - right To the king - dom of our God!
4. dead shall be a - wak - ened By the trum - pet's might - y blast!

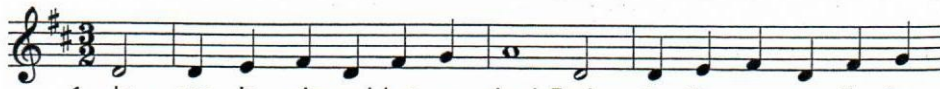
RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

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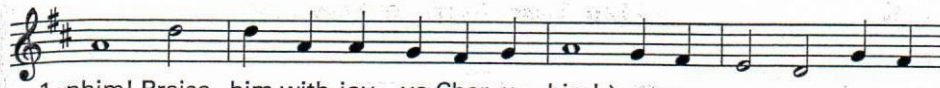
JESUS IS RISEN



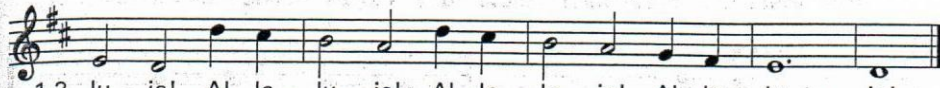
- 1. Je - sus is ris-en! Let us sing! Praise to the ev - er - liv - ing
- 2. On this most ho - ly day of days, Let us to - geth - er sing his
- 3. To God the Fa - ther let us sing, To God the Son, our ris - en



- 1. King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him in song, ye Ser - a -
- 2. praise! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Raise joy - ful voic - es to the
- 3. King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! And e - qual - ly let us a -



- 1. phim! Praise him with joy, ye Cher - u - bim!)
- 2. sky! Sing out, ye heav - ens, in re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
- 3. dore The Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more!)



- 1-3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

RECESSIONAL

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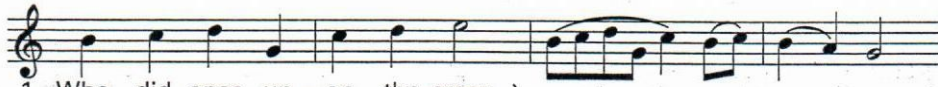
JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY



- 1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
 - 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
 - 3. But the pains which he en - dured,
 - 4. Sing we to our God a - bove,
- } Al - le - lu - ia!



- 1. Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 - 2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King,
 - 3. Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
 - 4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love,
- } Al - le - lu - ia!



- 1. Who did once up - on the cross,
 - 2. Who en - dured the cross and grave,
 - 3. Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 - 4. One true God by all con - fessed,
- } Al - le - lu - ia!



- 1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 - 2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save.
 - 3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 - 4. Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest.
- } Al - le - lu - ia!