

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

Established in 1841

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
April 7, 2019

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

Rectory (570) 622-5470
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Nativity BVM High School (570) 622-8110
Assumption BVM Elementary (570) 622-0106
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 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

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Now that four months have passed since we made our New Year's resolutions, some of us can look back and lament our weaknesses. We try, we fail, and sometimes we prevail. We may console ourselves by shrugging, "We're only human," as others condemn us with their eyes. We may feel shame because we are all like the woman who was brought to Jesus in the gospel this Sunday.

But no matter how many times or how hard we fall, Jesus says to us the words that close this Sunday's gospel reading: "Neither do I condemn you." And in that hope, we can claim our salvation and walk in His grace.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – April 8 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES LORENZ (McKeowne Family)

Tuesday, April 9 – 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE LOGOTHETIDES (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Wednesday, April 10 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLIE & CATHERINE SCHAEFFER

(Maria Schaeffer)

Thursday, April 11 – 8:00 a.m. (Time Change)

KATHY NORKUS (Mary Ann Holley)

Friday, April 12 – 9:00 a.m.

RAMON GRAPSY (Joan Grapsy)

Saturday, April 13 – 5 p.m.

GRETA DERBES & PATTY EBLING

(Becky & Kelly Derbes)

Sunday – April 14 – 8:15 a.m.

DECEASED OF JOSEPH LORENZ FAMILY

(Fran Lorenz)

Sunday – April 14 - 10:30 a.m.

NONNA ROSA MERCURI (Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO JoAnn & Babe Heller by Mimi Modesto

St. Joseph – IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family

Tabernacle – IMO Charlie Schaeffer

by Eleanor Schaeffer

Sanctuary All Sanctuary Candles

IMO Charlie Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

NO CANDLE INTENTIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 30/31 \$ 4,149.91

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

5 p.m. – Saturday – April 13th

Readers: Patty O'Neill, Heidi Gorski, Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Hermine & Danny Murphy

Servers: Stanley & Aleksander Gorski, Kaitlin Painter

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – April 14th

Readers: Bob Bechtel, Dave Smith, Paul Gombola

Euch.Min.: Nick Quinn, Carol Forster

Servers: Sophia Palmieri, Ethan & Ryan Grabowski

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – April 14th

Readers: Mary Matulevich, Jennifer Daubert,

Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Phil Markovich, Justina Majestic

Servers: Hayden & Jackson Daubert, Ava Orlowsky

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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 12th to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

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 Braehler, Tom

Jefferson, Jean Hill, Paul Connors, Fred

Maskerines, Dorothy Parsick, Frederick

Hossler, Toni Wiest, Paul Burns. **Deceased:** Dorothy

Elison



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, April 10th

@ 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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is the difference between being righteous
and being self-righteous?

DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS

--- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ---

We still need several volunteers to participate in this year's Dramatic Stations. No experience required. Please call Dr. Robert DeColli at 640-1910 or the Rectory 622-5470 or just come to rehearsal on **Wednesday & Thursday**.

St. John's Dramatic Stations of the Cross recreates on stage and through song, the final days of the life of Jesus Christ.

This year's presentation is under the leadership of **Dr. Robert DeColli and Rick Smith**.

Dress Rehearsals

Wednesday, April 10th – 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 11th – 7 p.m.

Dramatic Stations Presentations

(Preludes 7:15 p.m.)

Palm Sunday – 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday – 7:30 p.m.

WASHING OF FEET

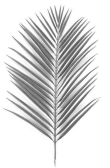
The ritual of "Washing of the Feet" is a powerful symbol of our identity as a servant people. It is a visual extension of the homily. This action so profound, yet simple and ordinary, serves to remind us all of the immense love of God for us visible in Christ Jesus.

If any parishioner would like to participate in the "Washing of the Feet" on Holy Thursday (you can remain in your pew and Father Dave will do the washing there). Please call the **Rectory 622-5470** or sign up in the back of church.



BLESSED PALM

The Blessed Palm is known as a sacramental. We should not receive the Palm out of human respect with the rest of the faithful and then forget it or cast it away. The Blessed Palm in Catholic homes is a symbol of our Christian Faith. Let the Palm which you carry home from church on Palm Sunday become a constant reminder of the days ahead when your faith may be put to a test.



CHURCH DECORATING

We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Good Friday evening after Dramatic Stations approximately 8:45 p.m.**

Extra hands are always needed and appreciated.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday,	April 13	4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday,	April 14	7:45 to 8:00 a.m.
		10:00 to 10:15 a.m.
Monday,	April 15	5:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday,	April 16	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY

Mass Times

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Dramatic Stations of the Cross -- 7:30 p.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. - Chapel

Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – Chapel

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8 to 10 p.m. - Chapel

Night Prayer – 10 p.m. - Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer – 9 a.m. in Chapel

Liturgy & Holy Communion – 3 p.m.

Dramatic Stations of the Cross – 7:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Solemn Blessing of Food Baskets – 12 noon - Chapel

Easter Vigil Mass – 8 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses: 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Encounter Ona. We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.

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.

PRAYER GROUP

Our Prayer Group meets on the second Sunday of each month after the 10:30 Mass in the Chapel.

Please consider joining us as we lift up those in need of prayer. It will take only a few minutes of your time.

Prayer request can be placed in the box on side of confessional. Thanks and God bless!

For more information or questions, please contact one of the following:

Bob Hahner 570-640-4448

John Corbacio 570-640-5038

My Prayer Request

Please place in box on side of Confessional.

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.

ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY will meet on **Wednesday, April 10th at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

FAMILY MATTERS

Parents Parenting Their Parents. Do you feel like a sandwich? Are you parenting teens or young adults and your own parents? We ask God's blessing, patience and stamina as you continue to be a parent and support your own parents in their journey today.

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

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

Revelation 22:21

HEART OF A PRIEST

Relic Pilgrimage of St. John

Vianney's

Incorrupt Heart

Friday, April 12th

... Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus taking place at St. Clare of Assisi Church, 250 E. Hancock St. in Saint Clair. St. John Vianney is the Patron Saint of Parish Priests and Patron Saint of Confession.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12 Noon – Reception of the Relic at St. Clare of Assisi Church; Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown

1:30 p.m. – Novena to St. John Vianney and Veneration of the Relic every half hour.

5:45 p.m. – Recitation of the Rosary; Praying for Priests through St. John Vianney's Intercession, Rev. Adam C. Sedar.

6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross, Rev. Msgr. David L. James

7:00 p.m. – Solemn Vespers, Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown

FAMILY GUILD GIFT CARD CALENDAR

SPONSORS

Beehive	Nativity BVM High School
Crimson House	Bob & Mary Porter
Daubert Family	Quality Heating Oil&Propane
DiCello Chiropractic Care	Noble "Bud" & Jule Quandel
Brian & Sue Eckley	Carole & Ed Quirin
Friends of St. John's	Rosenberger Plumbing&Heat
Guzick Family	Schlitzer, Allen, Pugh Funeral
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Hidden River Credit Union	Martin & Linda Smith
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Lieberman, Tamulonis & Hobbs	Luis R. & Virginia Visot
Charles Miller Family	Joanne & Ralph Wood
Victor E. Muncy Inc.	Z & M Painting & Papering

Winners:

March 28: Thomas Luscan

March 29: Lutkus

March 30: William Schmitt

March 31: Jackie Szeliga

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Assumption BVM School is looking for your help in collecting "Box Tops." Many of the products you already have in your home, has a BOX TOP on it. All you need to do is clip them out and place them in the drop-off box in the rear of the church. With each box top collected our school earns cash to update needed materials. We are no longer collecting "Campbell Soup" labels.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

April

- 7 Lent Event – Easter Egg Hunt – 9 a.m. – R.B.
- 7 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.
- 9 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 10 Dramatic Stations Dress Rehearsal – 7 p.m.
- 10 St. John's Beneficial Soc. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 11 Dramatic Stations Dress Rehearsal – 7 p.m.
- 11 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 11 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Chapel
- 12 Lenten Dinners – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.
- 14 Dramatic Stations Presentation – 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 23 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 24 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 28 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.
- 30 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

Nativity Drama Club will present a production of the Broadway musical "Newsies" on **Friday, April 25th at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 27th at 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 28th at 2 p.m.** at the school. "Newsies" is an exhilarating jolt of energy, an irresistible, high energy winner, exuberant! Tickets - \$10.00 - are available at the door. Doors open 6 p.m. on Friday & Saturday; 1 p.m. on Sunday. Snack foods and drinks available.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We appreciate advertisers who support St. John's by advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize their business and let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin.

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- * It's Effective in Catching New Neighbors' Attention
- * It's Advertising Concentrated in Your Own Neighborhood
- * It Develops Good Community Relationships
- * It's Good For Developing Loyal Customers

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: Jelly, Coffee & Tea

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

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.

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.

BULLETIN BOOSTERS

March 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
Fr. Don Henry	IMO Jeanne Rehnert
IMO M/M Herbert Henry	IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert
Joanne Hepler	IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
IMO Clare Houser	Marcie Schnerring
IMO Francis King	IMO Margaret Zelinsky
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**

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Tax Day is coming! Waiting for that "big refund"? Try a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend for a marriage refund that will outlast any check! For more info call 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.

50 / 50 CHANCES

The Catholic Women's Union
sold 50/50 Chances at the Lenten Dinners each week.

Winner: March 29th --- Frank Raczka

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

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.

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 EGG HUNT

FREE Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Sunday, April 14th** at 2:00 p.m. at Simon Kramer, 15 Alliance Street, New Phila for ages 0-14. Held rain or shine. Community services hours available for students. If you would like to sponsor or donate towards this event, please contact us at Clarkeforclerk@gmail.com.

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 information.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... A healthy diet may reduce the risk of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) in younger women, according to a large study in the *Annals of the Rheumatoid Diseases*. Using data from the Nurses' Health Study, it found that women under 55 whose diets scored higher on the Alternative Healthy Eating Index were about one-third

less likely to develop the disease (especially the seropositive form) over an average of 22 years, compared to those who scored lowest. No association was found between RA and diet in older women. The researchers attribute the benefits of the healthy diet in part to it being rich in foods that have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties.

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