

St. John the Baptist

Roman Catholic

Parish Family

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

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Deacons: *Luis R. Visot / Lawrence Lonergan*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 19, 2020

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Cemetery Information

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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.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

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.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC
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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 weekends. Our seminarian Bobby Rienzo and I remembered all of you in the Masses we celebrate 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 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.

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Rosary prayed on Facebook

Divine Mercy prayed on Facebook

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the reading from Acts of the Apostles this weekend, St. Luke describes the early Christian community as they devoted themselves to prayer, the communal life, and the breaking of the bread. Peter's letter stresses the living hope that believers now have through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. And in John's gospel for this Sunday, the Resurrected Jesus appears to his disciples saying, "Peace be with You" and showing them his wounds. He breathes on them and says "Receive the Holy Spirit" and grants them the authority to forgive sins. Later, He convinces Thomas of the truth of the Resurrection.

This Sunday the church continues to celebrate and give thanks for the mystery of the Resurrection. But this Sunday is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. We are reconciled to God in His Divine Mercy through His Son. God has anointed His only Son as our Redeemer and Savior. So with hearts full of joy, and hope and faith, let us be reconciled to God and His Divine Mercy and share that mercy with the world.

Please join us on our Facebook page as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Our parishioner, Tina Seiger, has graciously been doing this for us the past few weeks. We thank Tina and also Josette Peckman who prays the rosary every evening on our Facebook page. Please continue to join us for livestream Masses during the week. Mass times are on our Facebook page as well.

Hope all of you are staying well and safe. Please keep praying for an end to this pandemic.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

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.

Deceased: *Joseph Wollyung, Eugene Gustitis*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS (Services are not open to the public)

Monday – April 20 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY BLUM (Betty & John Fecko)

Tuesday, April 21 – 11:00 a.m.

PATRICK MURPHY

(Joseph & Ann Bosack & M/M Michael Downey)

Wednesday, April 22 – 11:00 a.m.

ROBERT & AGATHA PORTER

(Robert & Mary Porter)

Thursday, April 23 – NO MASS

Friday, April 24 – 11:00 a.m.

DR. DAVID HARVEY (Mary Beth Harvey)

Saturday - April 25

DOROTHY ROSENBERGER (Paul Rosenberger)

Sunday, April 26

JOHN & DOROTHY RYAN (Crystal Pugh)

Sunday, April 26

CATHERINE DALTON (Dalton & Hoy Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM–IMO Gillis & Matz Families by Debbie Matz

St. Joseph –IMO John (Babe) & JoAnn Heller

by Mimi Modesto

Tabernacle –IMO John (Babe) & JoAnn Heller

by Mimi Modesto

Sanctuary

1&2. IMO Theresa Gillis Frantz by Debbie Matz

3. IMO James Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

4. IMO Robert T. Colan by Anne Marie & Dan Wachter

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intention

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

AND

CONFIRMATION

**... have been cancelled until
further notice ...**

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 during private adoration times.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 11/12: \$ 3,979.13

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes off at the rectory, by mail and online giving.

EASTER FLOWERS

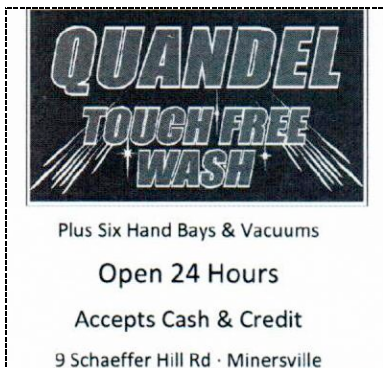
Because we did not publicly celebrate Holy Week and Easter this year, we reduced the Easter flower order. However, we will provide special flower arrangements for the sanctuary during the Easter Season which will be part of the Easter Flower Memorials. You may still memorialize the Easter flower arrangements during the Easter season by using the Easter Flower envelope that was in your envelope packet. The memorial envelopes can be dropped off or mailed to the rectory anytime during the month of April.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

In light of the restricted celebration of Holy Week, Pope Francis transferred the annual collection for the Holy Land to another date. Normally the collection is taken up on Good Friday but this year it will be transferred to **Sunday, September 13, 2020**. This Sunday is the closest to the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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FAMILY MATTERS

When bad things happen to good people. It's not about how holy we are or whether God has heard our prayer. God is often very present in the chaos of our ordinary and sometimes very challenging family life. God is also present in the moments of great tragedy or sorrow. Take time to be calm and listen to God's voice in the stillness and the quiet.

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

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being.

We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.

We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.

We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.

We pray: may love, not fear, go viral.

Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.

Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,

You, the God who does not abandon.

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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