



Christ The Good Shepherd

I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.
John 10:11

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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

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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

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P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538

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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 26

9:00 a.m. Bill & Marie Flynn

Tuesday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Joseph J. Steficek
(Larry Steficek & Family)

Wednesday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Joseph LeBlanc
(Rita Lotz)

Thursday, April 29

9:00 p.m. Ann Uckele
(Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

Friday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, May 1

5:00 p.m. Erika Stangl Seasock
(Clare Schneider)

Sunday, May 2

8:15 a.m. Sadie Post
()Sheri, Sandi, R.J. Post III)

Sunday, May 2

10:30 a.m. Noel Glunz
(John Lieberman Family)

Next Week's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(May 1/2)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus tells us that he is the Good Shepherd. This Sunday is usually known as Good Shepherd Sunday. He is a shepherd who is dedicated to his sheep. He cares about his sheep and not about getting a paycheck. He tells us he knows each of us individually and is willing to risk his life for us. He did lay down his life for us. Shepherds are not so common today so the image does not grab us like it would have touched Jesus' listeners two thousand years ago. But there is another image Jesus used a lot. An image that is similar to the shepherd's image and an image we can relate to — the image of a loving parent.

As a Father and a Shepherd he guides us. One of the ways he guides us is through his word that teaches us and the sacrament of the Eucharist that nourishes us. His love is greater than we can imagine and in his love he wants us to follow his lead for "there is no salvation in anyone else ..."

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Dave



Yard Sale—Curiosity Shop

Friday, May 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Russell Building at 9th & Schuylkill Ave. Pottsville

Don't miss it! If you like yard sales, this is the place to be. Various items including ... knick-knacks, dishes, kitchen items, appliances, jewelry, holiday decorations, framed prints, special Vintage Section and much, much more, plus food is available for purchase. Take Out Only. Something for everyone! Join us! Call the Rectory office 622-5470 ext 3 for more information.

ALL COVID-19 CDC GUIDELINES WILL BE IN PLACE— MASKS MUST BE WORN —
SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE IN EFFECT

Desserts/Baked Goods needed—If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop off at the times listed above or call the rectory 622-5470 ext 3. Please individually wrap or bag all dessert items to be sold.

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.

Patricia Thomas

Upcoming Events

April

25	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal	Church
29	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation	Church
30	7:00 p.m.	First Holy Communion Rehearsal	Church

May

1	5:00 p.m.	First Holy Communion	Church
2	4:30 p.m.	Street Evangelization Training	F.R.
7	9:20 a.m.	First Friday Adoration	Church
7	4:00 p.m.	Yard Sale / Curiosity Shop	R.B.
8	9:00 a.m.	Yard Sale / Curiosity Shop	R.B.

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



Weekly Collection

April 17/18\$4,432.66

Parish Dues\$1,053.00

Easter\$12,947.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes at the rectory, by mail and online giving.

Please do not use tape or staples to seal your offertory envelopes.

Candle Donations

BVM

1. IMO Ronald C. Kriston by Eleanor Kristory & Family

2. Special Intention by Mary Jean Morgalis

St. Joseph

1&2. Special Intention by Mary Jean Morgalis

Sanctuary

Special Intention by Mary Jean Morgalis

Guardian Angels

1. IMO M/M John Morgalis by John & Mary Jean Morgalis

2. IMO R.J. Post by Bob & Irene Post

3. Special Intention by Joan Bowers

4. Special Intention



Street Evangelization Training

Members of our parish are going to be receiving training on how to share their faith in preparation for street evangelization ministry. Please contact the rectory if you are interesting in joining these sessions on Sunday evenings from 4:30 to 6 p.m. beginning May 2.



Congratulations to our Bishop’s Scholars!

We congratulate the following 8th grade students from St. John’s Parish who received the Bishop’s Scholarships to attend Nativity BVM High School in the Fall.

- Lukas McNamara • Carleigh Palmieri
- Dominic Rowlands • Matthew Wojciechowsky

Welcome to our Parish!

This week we warmly welcome the following new parishioners to St. John’s Parish Family:

Daniel & Donna Kluchinsky

Daniel is a truck driver for Wegman’s and Donna works for Evans Delivery.

Kerri Lee Schultz

Kerri is a computer programmer for IWCO Direct.

Warmly embrace them into our parish family with a big dose of St. John’s Hospitality.

Donated by:

Vince Albo
 Frank Angelo
 Dave & Alice Bechtel
 Robert Bechtel
 Blum Family
 Thomas & Kay Boran
 Kathy Brahler
 Mary Beth Brahler
 Connie Brown
 Frank & Mindy Chambers
 Julian & Nora Chiplonia
 Sandy Clauser
 Susan Cook
 Ken & Tammy Cooper
 John Crane/Dr. Carol Bilinski
 Lou Cross
 Bob Daniels
 Janet Daubert
 Dave & Joan Deiter
 Derbes Family
 Robert & Marie Doyle
 Donald & Joanne Doyne
 Gene & Peggy Ebling
 Tom & Cindy Elison
 Frank & Mary Fetterolf & Family
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 Joseph & Sandy Frinzi
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 John & Joyce Gerace
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 Butch, Lois, Carolyn, Bob, Dorothy
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 Mary Jane Hahner
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 Heenan Family
 Stephen & Karen Higgins
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 Carl & Kathy Hughes
 Rik & Sue Jochems
 Lawrence Kelly
 Grace King
 John, Cathy, Hannah Kostick
 Tony & Lucilla Kochol
 Lucilla Kochol
 Steve & Jan Kurtek
 Ed & Joanne Leffler
 Eric & Jennifer Lieberman
 Lieberman Family
 Jack & Annette Lisowski
 Ron & Pat Lombel
 Frances C. Lorenz

In Memory of:

Rose & Vincent Albo
 Marjorie Angelo
 Robert Plank
 Alice Moran
 Kathy & Terry Case
 Deceased of the Boran Family
 Joseph Brahler
 Joseph & Elizabeth Brahler
 Isabelle & Max Brown
 Chambers and Crater Families
 Chiplonia and Mooney Families
 Barbara & Carl Weiss
 Margaret Carl and Deceased of Cook Family
 Mike & Dorothy Cooper and John Letcavage and Stella & Albert Majkowski
 Family Members
 Mary Ellen Cross
 John Toomey
 Wellington Daubert
 Mildred & Ed Deiter and Theresa & Jim Brennan
 James & Lillian Connelly, Petrovitch Family, Greta Derbes and Peggy Ebling
 Leo Leinheiser Family and Vincent Doyle Family and Baby Robbie Doyle
 Donald & Nancy Doyne and Frank & Josephine Brozana
 Prokop Family and Timothy Grickis
 Smith and Elison Families
 Albert J. Faiola and Franklin & Victoria Fetterolf
 Carl Forster and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Polny and Mr. & Mrs. William Kavalusky
 Daniel L. Fox and Barbara M. Schmidt
 The Great Love & Sacrifice of Our Lord
 Joan Williams and William & Irene Williams and John & Kathryn Gaburick
 Godmother Greta Derbes
 Hiczan Sisters
 Family Members
 Marian & Alex Kriston and Eve & Ray Grapsy and Ramon Grapsy Jr. and
 Ronald C. Kriston and Marilyn Golod
 Rita Mae Switzler
 Carl & Ada Hahner
 Elaine Schafer and David Guzick and Evelyn Salm
 Hahner Family
 Dr. David Harvey and Mehling Family
 Barbara & Eleanor Forney
 Family Members
 Joseph & Mary Hudock and Lil & Margaret Bukontis
 John & Florence Hughes and Al & Marie Majestic
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 Josephine Kochol
 Joseph & Teresa Fanelli
 Garland and Kurtek Families
 Leffler & Bonan Families
 Annette Lieberman
 Anne Lieberman and John Lieberman IV
 Gene & Betty Gustitis
 Leo & Dorothy Lotz
 Charles J. Lorenz

Donated by:

Fred & Hilda Maley
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 Rick & Angela Oswald & Sons
 Margaret Pauly
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 Joe & Judy Piel
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 Bob & Irene Post
 Jim & Donna Pugh Family
 Pat Pugh
 Reene Reddington
 Carol Rehnert & Daughters
 Chuck Rinaldo & Family
 Ruben Family
 Eleanor Schaeffer
 Maria Schaeffer
 Butch & Sue Scheetz
 Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz
 Jim & Kathleen Scheibelhut
 Joanne Schultz
 Ed & Gerry Schwartz
 Bill & Mary Ann Schweikert
 Natalie Setlock
 David & Mary Ann Shoopack
 Martin & Linda Smith
 Dolores Smith Family
 Peggy Smith
 Joe & Dorothy Stangl, Michael Felker
 Steffan Grandchildren
 Larry Steficek
 Peggy Stoppi
 Tom & Mary Synnott
 Ralph & Patricia Thomas
 Miriam Tirjan
 Christine Tray
 Michael & Elizabeth Tyson
 Stan & Stephanie Viduszynski
 Luis R. & Virginia Visot
 Becky Weiss
 Barbara Wollyung
 Walter & LaVerne Yackel
 Yourey Family
 Zambo Family
 George & Kathy Zwiebel

In Memory of:

Veterans
 Pat Mason Sr.
 Conway & Messner Family
 Joseph & Elizabeth Brahler
 Rosalie Miller and Sabina Quinn
 Simmendinger & Miller Family
 Deceased Family Members
 Peter & Eleanor Samkavitz and Edward & Florence Orzechowski
 Mr. & Mrs. Herman DiSarro
 Family Members
 Living & Deceased of Petock and Tropp Families
 John & Ruth Ebling and William & Antoinette Piel
 Bob & Babe Becker and Robert & Agatha Porter
 R.J. Post
 Ryan, Fedock and Pugh Families
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Matz
 Joe & Rita Reddington
 Joseph Rehnert
 T. Mary Rinaldo
 Vincent & Dorothy Ruben
 Charles & Matilda Schaeffer
 Charlie & Catherine Schaeffer
 Scheetz and Hummel Families
 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Uckele and Jack Scheetz
 Marie B. Fitzpatrick
 Dolly Parsick
 Schwartz and Glunz Families
 Ketner and Schweikert Families
 Richard Setlock Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Maccarone
 Shoopack and Sullivan Families
 Smith & Reichwein Family and Lescavage & Shattas Family
 Edward Smith
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Burns
 Erika Stangl Seasock
 John & Juleanne Steffan
 Joseph J. Steficek
 Drew Walcott and Bill Stoppi
 Geraldine Synnott
 Harry & Bertha Thomas
 Lee, Emily and Joyce Leinheiser
 Deceased of Tray and Cunningham Families
 Dulland and Tyson Family
 Deceased Family Members
 Virginia Calder and Maria Luisa Visot
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard H. Weiss
 Joseph Wollyung and Joseph & Mary Wollyung and Joseph E. Rosenberger
 Family Members
 Ronald M. Yourey
 Yenilaitus and Zambo Families
 George & Alice Zwiebel and Charles & Rita Downey



BAPTIZED IN WATER

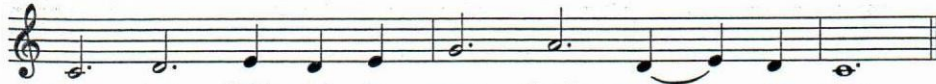
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1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing his
2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -
3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his



1. prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
2. giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
3. chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

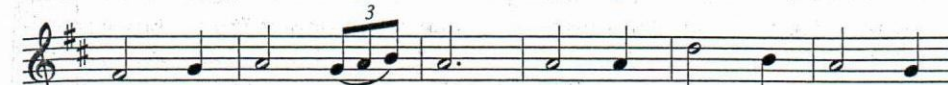
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THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

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1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With
3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
6. And so through all the length of days Your



1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and
6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.
3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

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1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ, the head and
2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of
3. Grant, we pray, to all your peo - ple, All the grace they
4. Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



1. cor - ner - stone; Cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
2. hosts, to - day; With your wont - ed lov - ing kind - ness,
3. ask to gain; What they gain from you for ev - er
4. to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



1. Bind - ing all the Church in one, Ho - ly Si - on's
2. Hear your ser - vants as they pray, And your ful - lest
3. With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
4. Ev - er three and ev - er one, One in might and



1. help for ev - er, And her con - fi - dence a - lone.
2. ben - e - dic - tion, Shed in all its bright - est ray.
3. in your glo - ry, Ev - er - more with you to reign.
4. one in glo - ry, While un - end - ing a - ges run.

Neighboring Events

Golf Tournament

Summer Kick-Off Golf Tournament sponsored by St. Patrick Parish
 Saturday, May 22 at 8 a.m. at Hidden Valley Golf Course, Pine Grove
 Call the parish office 570-622-1802 ext. 1 for more information

Spaghetti Dinner

Church of St. Patrick Parish • 319 Mahantongo St., Pottsville
 Sunday, May 2 from 11:00 am to 2:30 p.m. (or sell out)
 in the Parish Center, 313 Mahantongo St., Pottsville
 \$8.00 Spaghetti platter which includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs,
 salad, and bread. Extra meatballs available for purchase
 Call the parish office 570-622-1802 ext. 1 for more information

Chinese Auction

Sponsored by the Green and Gold Booster Club of Nativity BVM High School
 May 1 and 2 at the school. Shop and drop Saturday 4 to 8 p.m.
 Doors open at 10 a.m. on Sunday with auction starting at 2 p.m.
 Grand prize is an Apple MacBook Air Laptop
 Call the school at 570-622-8110 for more information