



# In Honor of Our Mothers

## St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

10<sup>th</sup> & 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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God took the fragrance

of a flower...

The majesty of a tree...

The gentleness of

morning dew...

The calm of a quiet sea...

The beauty

of the twilight hour...

The soul

of a starry night...

The laughter of a

rippling brook...

The grace of a bird

in flight...

Then God fashioned

from these things

A creation like no other,

And when his

masterpiece was through

He called it simply -

Mother.

~Herbert Farnham

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, May 10

9:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Becker  
(Bob & Mary Porter)

### Tuesday, May 11

9:00 a.m. Thomas & Eva Francis  
(Francis Family)

### Wednesday, May 12

9:00 a.m. Marie Gerace  
(Joan DeWald)

### Thursday, May 13

9:00 a.m. Raphael Murphy  
(Family)  
5:15 p.m. Marie Fitzpatrick  
(Donna Bound Steidle)

### Friday, May 14

9:00 a.m. Betty Heckman  
(Babe Murphy Family)

### Saturday, May 15

5:00 p.m. Scott & Charles Bowers  
(Joan Bowers)

### Sunday, May 16

8:15 a.m. William Schmitt  
(Joe & Ann Burns)

### Sunday, May 16

10:30 a.m. Marilyn Golod  
(Florence Miller)

## Next Week's Readings

### Seventh Sunday of Easter (May 15/16)

**Reading I:** Acts of the Apostles

1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

**Reading II:** 1 John 4:11-16

**Gospel:** John 17:11b-19



## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus commands us to love one another. As he laid down his life we imitate Jesus in laying down our lives and loving others. The command though difficult comes with a purpose and promise. We remain in him and our joy will be complete. We can love others and bear fruit in Christ if we remain firmly rooted in him.

This Sunday's gospel also coincides with Mother's Day that we celebrate this weekend. A Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers! I hope you get a visit from your children or at least a phone call.

A few years back there was an article in U.S. News and World Report that said if stay-at-home Moms were to be compensated according to what they are worth, they would command a salary of over \$150,000 a year. As for working Moms, they deserve to be paid nearly \$90,000 a year just for their household duties including those of chef, accountant, teacher, chauffeur, and nurse. Of course, a mother's true worth can't be measured in dollars and cents. They are priceless! Today, as we celebrate Mother's Day, let us recall one of the people who gave us life and also let us remember our spiritual Mother, Mary, who watches over us and protects us always.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Father Dave*



## Ordination Event - May 15th

Seminarian Matthew Kuna will be ordained a Transitional Deacon – the final step before Ordination to the Priesthood – at **10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 15**, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena.

The Ordination will be livestreamed on AD Today, and on the Diocese of Allentown Facebook and YouTube channels. Because of social distancing requirements, personal attendance will be by invitation only.

The Sacrament of Ordination will be administered by Bishop Alfred Schlert, in the presence of Kuna's family, friends and fellow seminarians.

## 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

## May

9	4:30 p.m.	Street Evangelization Training (until 6:00 p.m.) ..... F.R.
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17	7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour/Adoration, Music, and Confessions.... Church
19	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union ..... L.H.
23	1:00 p.m.	Young Adult Backyard BBQ and Reflection ..... Outside
23	4:30 p.m.	Street Evangelization Training (until 6:00 p.m.) ..... F.R.

L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building

Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Weekly Men’s Group ..... Zoom
		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



## St. John’s Catholic Women’s Union

Women of all ages are invited to join the Catholic Women’s Union. Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women’s Union by joining us on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall. Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Spring Covered Dish Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed.

**Reminder:** Donations to the Bakeless Bake Sale are now due. Please make your returns as soon as possible. For more information call St. John’s Rectory: 622-5470.



*Year of Real*  
**PRESENCE**  
CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## Holy Hour/Adoration, Music, and Confessions

Celebrate the Year of Real Presence on Monday, May 17th 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.



## Young Adult Backyard BBQ and Reflection

Calling all young adults 18-35. Come out for an afternoon of food, fun, and faith on Sunday, May 23 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Specialty kebabs by Father Dave, refreshments, lawn games, and a reflection offered by Maggie Riggins.



## Weekly Collection

**May 1/2 .....\$5,524.00**

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. Living & Deceased Mothers of Tropp & Petock Families by John & Bernice Petock
2. IMO Catherine Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

### **St. Joseph**

1. IMO Leo Leinheiser Sr. by Family
2. Special Intention

### **Sanctuary**

IMO Matilda Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

### **Guardian Angels**

1. IMO Nancy Doyne by Don & Joanne Doyne
2. IMO Josephine Brozana by Don & Joanne Doyne
3. Special Intention
4. Special Intention

## Volunteers Needed

### **Meals on Wheels Delivery**

Please join fellow parishioners and families helping to deliver boxes of food to Meals on Wheels consumers on the following Saturdays: May 22, and June 12. Please contact the rectory if you can help.



## Congratulations!

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the girls and boys of St. John's Parish Family who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 29<sup>h</sup> by Bishop Alfred Schlert.

Ava *Rosalia* Ciarvella  
Lauren *Grace* Goodman,  
Etain *Anastasia* Hatch  
Brooke *Mary* Palko  
Carleigh *Gianna* Palmieri  
Julie *Rachel* Szeliga

Shawn *Henry* Batory  
Coy *Arturo* Mason  
Lukas *Quadragesimus* McNamara  
Nathan *Anthony* Peckman  
Dominic *Robert* Rowlands  
Jude *Anthony* Scheidel  
Dominick *David* Somers  
Elijah *Elijah* Weicikosky  
Matthew *Maximilian* Wojciechowsky  
Gavin *John* Woodward  
Caden *Andrew* Wright  
Ronald *Andrew* Yourey

### First Holy Communion

We congratulate our boys and girls who received Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 1st. We also congratulate their families and teachers who brought them to this point in their lives.

Dylan *Fanelli*  
Mallory *LeBlanc*  
Gwenyth *Lieberman*  
Kaier *Lieberman*  
Isla *Shoener*  
Alaina *Wright*



# God Bless our Mothers

## The Beatitudes for Mother

**Blessed are mothers ...** who did without for us,  
they will be rewarded.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who lost sleep when we were sick they will find rest.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who taught us how to pray,  
they will share God's kingdom.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who comforted us,  
they shall be comforted.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who taught us right from wrong, they will know justice.

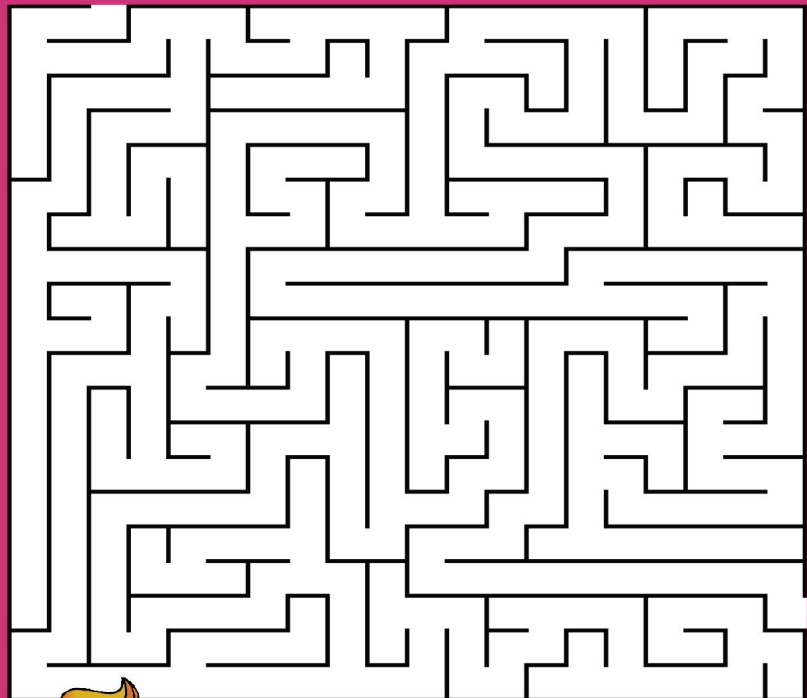
**Blessed are mothers ...** who showed us the Christian life by example, they will live forever.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who shared with us the meaning of peace,  
they shall know peace.

**Blessed are mothers ...** who taught us the importance of loving God and each other,  
they shall see God.

**May God bless all Mothers  
and those who take the place of Mothers  
on this, their special day.**

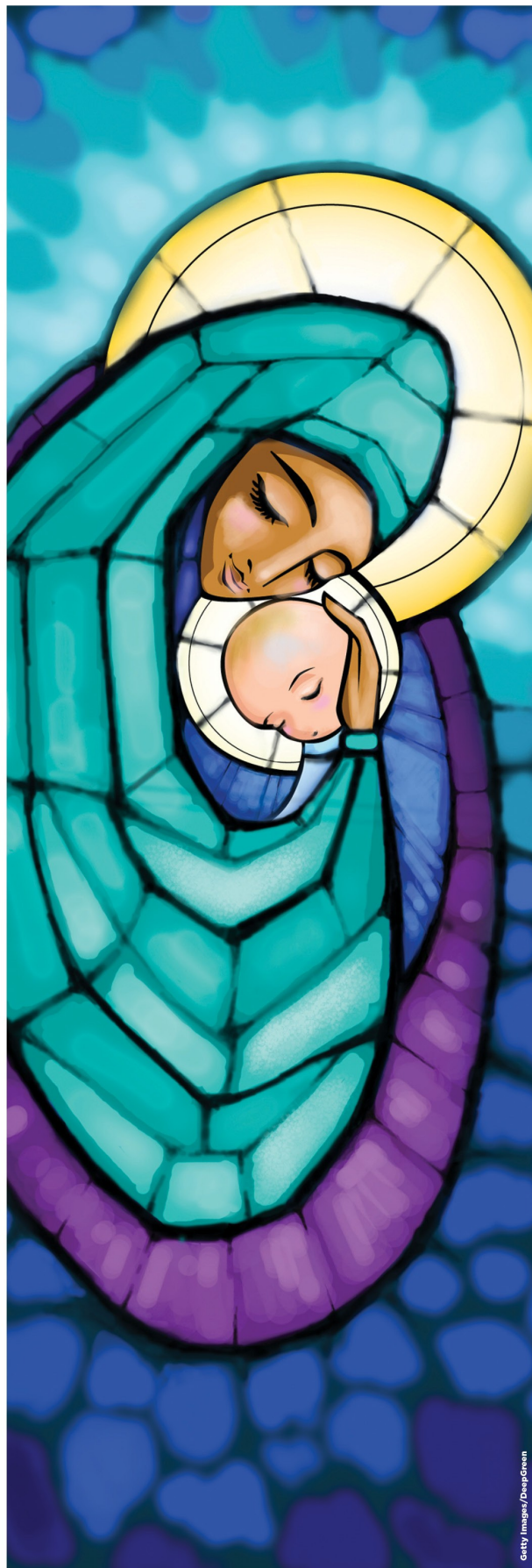
## Children's Corner



Mothers are a-MAZE-ing!



**SUNDAYKIDZ**



May 9, 2021

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 | 1 Jn 4:7-10 | Jn 15:9-17

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have 20/15 vision. I can see things in the distance as well as close up. But that doesn't mean I can see everything perfectly. Because of a difference in how each eye focuses, I can't find those hidden images in "magic eye" posters, and forget trying to watch a 3D movie! Seeing all things perfectly is not something many of us could claim, including Peter. And yet, with God's help, he understands a vision God gave to him: "In truth," Peter says, "I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation, whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." Through God's mercy and Jesus' redemptive cross, the kingdom of God has been prepared for all peoples. God's saving power has been revealed. With faith, and the help of the Holy Spirit in living out the commandments, we can fix our eyes on Christ – the revelation of God's love who came into the world that we might have life through him.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

So much information comes to us every day, in all forms of media, there are now even shortcuts to the shortcuts for grasping the content. My personal favorite is the abbreviation, "TL; DR" which means, "too long, didn't read." Some might claim that we are dumbing down our culture with this type of shorthand notation, or we could argue that clear, concise, and straightforward is simply best. And that is what Jesus gives us today in his one commandment: "Love one another as I love you." He offers commentary for the commandment and gives reasons for why he is telling it to us, but the crux of it cannot be missed: *love one another*. It is a commandment both simple, yet complex; easy, yet at times exponentially difficult to live. So Jesus provides the key to fulfilling it by saying, "remain in *my* love" [emphasis mine]. Faithfulness to a sacramental life and participation in communal living give us the grace to remain in that love – which in turn transforms and enables us to share that love with others.

**PRAY** To honor the celebration of Mother's Day, pray the Rosary today for the intentions of our mothers, for those who have been motherly influences to us, and for those who long to be mothers.

ENTRANCE

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## JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,
2. All your works with joy sur-round you, Earth and heav'n re -
3. Al - ways giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing



1. Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore you,
2. flect your rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round you,
3. ev - er blest, Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing,
4. stars be - gan; Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us,



1. O - p'ning to the sun - a - bove. Melt the clouds of
2. Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,
3. O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Lov - ing Fa - ther,
4. Bind - ing all with - in its span. Ev - er sing - ing,



1. sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
2. vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
3. Christ our broth - er, Let your light up - on us shine;
4. march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



1. Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!
2. Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Prais - ing you e - ter - nal - ly!
3. Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
4. Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, In the tri - umph song of life.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4*

℟. The Lord has re - vealed to the na - tions his sav - ing pow'r.



Ascension of the Lord  
 Holy Day of Obligation  
 Thursday, May 13th  
 Masses 9:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

OFFERTORY

774

THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

Refrain

Pre-cious bod - y, pre-cious blood, here in bread and wine;  
 here the Lord pre - pares the feast di - vine.  
 Bread of love is bro - ken now, cup of life is poured:  
 come, share the sup - per of the Lord.

Verses

1. This is the bread of God com - ing down from heav'n,  
 2. "I am the liv - ing spring of e - ter - nal life;  
 3. "I am the bread of heav'n giv - ing life to you;  
 to Refrain

1. giv - ing life to us, \_\_\_ to all the world.  
 2. you that drink from me shall not thirst a - gain."  
 3. you that eat this bread \_\_\_ shall nev - er die."

RECESSIONAL

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

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1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all your  
 3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,  
 1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your  
 2. life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er  
 3. gra - cious Lord; Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect  
 1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,  
 2. more your tem - ples leave. Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 3. ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,  
 1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with  
 2. Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you  
 3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -  
 1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.  
 2. with - out \_\_\_ ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.  
 3. fore the al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love and praise.