



St. John the Baptist

Roman Catholic

Parish Family

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020

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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.

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 our readings for this Sunday, the first reading talks of the twelve choosing seven reputable men to be their assistants and serve at table. St. Peter in his letter of the second reading writes that all who have faith are being living stones imitating Christ. And in John's gospel for this Sunday Jesus declares himself as the way, the truth and the life, calling those who believe in him to do the work that he does.

As St. Peter said, we are the living stones aligned with Christ the cornerstone.

Let the church rejoice as we the living body of Christ have recently celebrated Easter Sunday and are currently still in the Easter season. Normally at our Easter Vigil we would have welcomed those new members of the household of our faith. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic and not allowing anyone in church for Masses, that could not happen. But hopefully in the very near future they will be welcomed as new members of our Catholic faith. And when they are, we should encouraged those who have joined us in the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion to fully live their new identity as part of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart for God.

Also, this Sunday is Mother's Day, a day that we recognize all that our mothers have done for us and sacrificed for us. We here at St. John's will also crown our Blessed Mother who is the heavenly mother of all, and that she may continue to watch over and protect us always. We wish all the mothers of St. John's Parish Family a very Happy Mother's Day.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

(Services are not open to the public)

Monday – May 11

ANNETTE LIEBERMAN (Lynn Steidel)

Tuesday, May 12

KATHY CASE (Larry & Lorraine Palko)

Wednesday, May 13

RAPHAEL MURPHY (Family)

Thursday, May 14

JAMES HUMPHREY (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Friday, May 15

JOHN HELLER (John & Adrienne Kurtak)

Saturday – May 16

CHARLES BOWERS (Joan Bowers)

Sunday, May 17

JAMES CAMPION (Mary Ferenchick)

Sunday, May 17

CHARLES & MARY KUTCH (John & Pat Kutch)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Philomena Carroll by Family

St. Joseph – IMO Leo A. Leinheiser by Family

Tabernacle – Special Intention

Sanctuary

1. IMO Nancy Doyne & Josephine Brozana
by Don & Joanne Doyne

2. IMO John & Kathryn Gaynor by Joan Florida

3. IMO Clare J. Houser Jr. by Kostick Family

4. IMO Peter A. Kostick by Kostick Family

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Matilda Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

2. IMO Catherine Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

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: *Joseph Conway Sr.*

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.

This Week's Readings

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (May 9/10)

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Pray the Our Father. What did Jesus reveal about the Father that is most important to you?

FAMILY MATTERS

Mother's Day – those suffering the loss of parents.
It's hard to lose a mom – no matter what the age it's especially hard on Mother's Day. We thank God for our mothers and grandmothers and the direction they gave us over the years. We ask our Blessed Mother to give us peace over this loss in our life.

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

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.

THE BEATITUDES FOR MOTHERS

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.*



PRAY THE ROSARY

Recite the rosary daily during the month of May, which is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. There is no prayer more pleasing to Our Lady and more efficacious in asking for her intercession.

Pope Francis is asking Catholics to make a special effort to pray the Rosary asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic. The month of May is traditionally devoted to Mary and many Catholics already pray the Rosary during the month. Pope Francis has written a prayer to Mary that specifically references the pandemic, which can be recited at the end of the Rosary. The prayer is on our website.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

AND

CONFIRMATION

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

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May those who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May those who have the flexibility to care for our children when schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel a trip remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May those who settle for quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace to God and our neighbor.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 2/3: \$ 4,696.00

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

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Happy Mother's Day!
Husbands remind your wife today that she is still #1 in your life! Give her the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. For information call 610-449-1859 or visit www.wwme.org.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- 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 should be taken with you or placed in receptacles at Cemetery
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