



# St. John the Baptist

## Roman Catholic

### Parish Family

10<sup>th</sup> & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot / Lawrence Lonergan*

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PENTECOST SUNDAY  
MAY 31, 2020

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Assumption BVM Elementary (570) 622-0106  
St. Joseph Center for Special Learning (570) 622-4638

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#### Cemetery Information

John Consugar (570)-449-1675  
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  
Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

#### Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection

Pamela Russo, MSW, MS  
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204  
[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

## **PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Parish Council was scheduled to have our next meeting on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, due to COVID, that meeting will be cancelled. Obviously, health concerns prevent us from meeting but since lockdown orders started not long after our last meeting in March, there wouldn't be much to discuss anyway. Our next meeting will be slated for late summer/early Fall.

While the world seems to have grinded to a halt, parish life continues at Saint John's! The church remains open on the weekend for private prayer and confessions. We are also livestreaming several things over Facebook including: daily Mass, daily Rosary recitations, and weekend Mass. In addition, there was a livestreamed organ concert which can still be viewed on the parish Facebook page.

Although we haven't been at Mass in some time, in speaking with Father Dave, the Parish is able to keep our head above water due to the generosity of you - our parishioners! Please continue to support Saint John's if you have the means. As a reminder, you can set up a recurring contribution online at the church website. It's safe and free! You can also mail or drop off your Sunday collection at the church rectory.

Lastly, I've heard great feedback on the improvisations which have gone on in our Parish during the pandemic. While we can't share in fellowship and Communion in person, we can however share in Communion spiritually and in fellowship virtually. We thank all of our front-line workers, medical workers, and first responders. Please remember them in your prayers but also remember the ordained, especially Father Dave, Deacons Luis R. Visot and Larry Lonergan. We thank them as they are not only responsible for their own families, but also the physical and spiritual needs of our Parish! Please pray for an end to the pandemic!

Yours in Christ,

Bobby Bechtel

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the celebration of the birthday of our church and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In the readings for this Sunday, the first reading recounts the dramatic coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples – and their resulting ability to speak in different tongues. In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes that while there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, there is but the same Spirit and the same God. And in the gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples in a locked room giving them the Holy Spirit and he grants them the authority to forgive sins.

We each receive gifts from the Holy Spirit to share with others for the greater good. The Holy Spirit comes to us in our baptism and also in the sacrament of Confirmation. Let us pray as we celebrate this great feast of Pentecost to be able to recognize the Holy Spirit and the gifts that he gives us and ask for the grace to use those gifts for the sake of the kingdom.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday – June 1

KATHY NORKUS (Pat Klassen)

#### Tuesday, June 2

JOSEPH BRAHLER (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

#### Wednesday, June 3

BILL KETNER

(Mary Ann Schweikert & Josephine Gallagher)

#### Thursday – June 4

KATHY CASE (Lauren Lieberman)

#### Friday, June 5

LEO & DOROTHY LOTZ (Eleanor Schaeffer)

#### Saturday – June 6 – 5 p.m.

POST & LEGASE FAMILIES (Post Family)

#### Sunday, June 7 – 8:15 a.m.

FRANK & JOSEPHINE BROZANA

(Don & Joanne Doyne)

#### Sunday, June 7 – 10:30 a.m.

ROBERT & CECELIA WEISS

(Pat & Phil Markovich)

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### 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:** *Paul Filiac, Connor Satterwhite.*

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## CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** – IMO Mr.&Mrs. John J. Carroll Sr. by Family

**St. Joseph** – For Baky & Frances

by Joseph & Frances Manus

**Tabernacle** – IMO Joyce Leinheiser by Family

**Sanctuary**

1. Living & Deceased of

St. John's Catholic Women's Union

2. IMO Ralph G. Connors Jr. by Kostick Family

3. For Zary & Neil by Joseph & Frances Manus

4. For Lago Family by Joseph & Frances Manus

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. IMO Marian & Alex Kriston by Joan Grapsy

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### This Week's Readings

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** (May 30/31)

**Reading I:** Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 12-3b-7, 12-13

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When do you sense the presence of the Holy Spirit?

How does the Holy Spirit help you?

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

AND

CONFIRMATION

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

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### 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.*

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### FAMILY MATTERS

**Domestic Abuse.** Please pray today for those suffering from domestic abuse. We pray that they be given the strength to seek the help they need to sustain them during their struggles. We also pray that the Lord protect them and keep them safe during this difficult.

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

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## 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.*

## DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

### CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** "Lord send out your spirit and renew the face of the Earth . . ." exclaims Psalm 104 for this Pentecost Sunday. Allow the Spirit to renew your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage weekend. For information call 610-449-1859 or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 24: \$ 3,396.00

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

## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS - 2020

It is now time to nominate new members to the council to fill the places of those whose term has expired. The term of office is three (3) years with the possibility of a second consecutive term

Any parishioner who is at least 21 years old is eligible for nomination. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Please put nominations in the collection or mail your nomination to the rectory. When nominating, please don't choose just the most popular people, but choose people who will work for the parish.

We wish to thank the following members who will be completing a three-year term on the Parish Council. They **are eligible** to be nominated for a second three-year term.

**Joseph Gerchak**  
**Alicia Kleman**  
**Al Norkus**

**Josette Peckman**  
**John Powers**

The following should **NOT** be nominated as they are presently serving or finishing their term:

**Term expires 2021**

**Term expires 2022**

Heidi Gorski  
Eric Lieberman  
Melissa Scheetz  
Martin Smith

John Consugar  
Darren DeArment  
Patty O'Neill  
Nick Quinn

**President:** Robert Bechtel

**1st Vice-President:** Kevin McNamara

**2nd Vice-President:** Darren DeArment

**Past President:** Paul Datte

## NOMINATION BALLOT

**I Nominate:**

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please email your nominations to:**

**[stjbparish@comcast.net](mailto:stjbparish@comcast.net)**

**or mail to: St. John's Rectory**

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