



St. John the Baptist

Roman Catholic

Parish Family

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

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot / Lawrence Lonergan*

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 12, 2020

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Nativity BVM High School (570) 622-8110
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St. Joseph Center for Special Learning (570) 622-4638

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 & Catholic Human Services

Office of Safe Environment
Pamela Russo, MSW, MS
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204
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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The Word of God is fruitful, powerful, and meant to bring us to full union with God in Heaven.

In our first reading and gospel for this Sunday, they show the potency of the Word of God in fertile hearts. Isaiah describes the Word of God as fruitful, not returning to the Lord until His will is accomplished. And in the gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the sower and explains its meaning.

The Word of God can multiply greatly, and it can be about God's will in our lives. The Word comes from God to us in order that we might be brought to God. Can there be any greater gift?

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 13 – 9:00 a.m.

JERRY & GERALD FREILER

Tuesday, July 14 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLIE & CATHERINE SCHAEFFER

(Maria Schaeffer)

Wednesday, July 15 - 9:00 a.m.

HELEN KRUPA (Barbara & Bruce Krupa)

Thursday – July 16 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY HARRIS (Pat Klassen)

Friday, July 17 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH & JESSIE RITZEL (Joan Ritzel)

Saturday – July 18 – 5:00 p.m.

MARK & MATT NORKUS (Lynda & Al)

Sunday, July 19 – 8:15 a.m.

ERIKA STANGL SEASOCK

(St. John's Catholic Women's Union)

Sunday, July 19 – 10:30 a.m.

PHILOMENA LOEPER (Rienzo Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – For the Most Abandoned Soul in Purgatory

St. Joseph – Deceased of Bartholomew Family

by Frances Lorenz

Tabernacle – Special Intention

Sanctuary All Sanctuary Candles ...

IMO Catherine Schaeffer requested by Maria Schaeffer

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does faith influence what you see and hear?

Next Week's Readings

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (July 18/19)

Reading I: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Reading II: Romans 8; 26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

CONGRATULATIONS



Our parish warmly welcomes the following who were received into the Church through a Profession of Faith and received Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Congratulations to you and your families!

*Kelsey Clauser, Tiffany Hummel,
Jacqueline Kurtek, Katelynn Naffin,
Samarra Reedy.*

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: *Connor Satterwhite, Dolores Brophy.*

CCD REGISTRATION

DEADLINE – August 1st

Now is the time to register your child for next year's CCD class. **There are reduced rates until August 1st.** If you have not received a form in the mail, please call the rectory or pick one up in church. The forms are at the entrances of the Church. The longer form is for new students and new first graders. The shorter form is for students who are presently attending class.

Registration Fee: \$50.00 First Child

(after August 1st - \$60.00)

All Other Children: \$45.00 per Child

(after August 1st - \$55.00)

CCD PROGRAM

Teachers Needed

First Grade Teacher

Fourth Grade Teacher

for the 2020-2021 school year.

Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in our school building. No experience necessary, just a desire to pass on our faith to our youth. All volunteers must have all required clearances including Protecting God's Children. For more information, call **Lucilla Kochol at the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 5.**



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	Josette Peckman
Alicia Kleman	John Powers
Al Norkus	

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

Term expires 2021

Heidi Gorski
Eric Lieberman
Melissa Scheetz
Martin Smith

Term expires 2022

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
or mail to: St. John's Rectory
913 Mahantongo St., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 4/5: \$ 4,909.13

Parish Monthly Dues: \$ 835.00

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

*My people will live in peaceful country,
in secure dwellings and quiet resting places.
Isaiah 32:18*

NO STEUBENVILLE?

NO PROBLEM!!

GOD'S GOT THIS!

"LISTENING AMIDST THE STORM"

**Catholic teens (grades 8-12) talks, praise &
worship, adoration, and confession**

SUN, JULY 19th 7- 8:30 p.m.

at ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

RSVP by 7/12 by email at:

stjbparish@comcast.net

or call 570-622-5470

Join us for a night of "letting go." Learn what God is saying to YOU about your life, the world, and your relationship with God.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Schuylkill County Permanent Diaconate Aspirants ask for your help with a Schuylkill/Carbon Catholic Charities Drive. A local neighbor-helping-neighbor drive to help restock needed supplies listed below will run from **Saturday, June 27th thru Sunday, July 19th**. Your donated item(s) can be dropped off in the Drive containers located in church. Any questions, please call the rectory 570-622-5470. Thank you for any help during these very trying times.

Diapers (ALL sizes), baby wipes, baby bottles, baby shampoo, baby body wash, teething rings, small toys, early reading books, car seats, 2T & 3T clothing, onesies, cleaning supplies, paper bags- all sizes, sandwich bags, plastic utensils, and grocery gift cards- Aldi's, Weis, Giant, Boyers, etc. (place gift cards in collection basket)

Yours in service with Jesus Christ,
John Matulevich - St. John the Baptist
Robert "Bo" Reiley - St. Ambrose
John Sutter - St. Patrick's

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

29TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC TOURNAMENT; ... sponsored by St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville on Friday, **August 14th** at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Discover why St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is truly a special place for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship and, of course... golf! For more information, please visit www.stjosephctr.com.

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, July 15th 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 li 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.



For more information call St. John's Rectory
570-622-5470.

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 12th**.
- Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden.
- All rubbish should be taken with you or placed in receptacles at Cemetery

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We appreciate advertisers who support St. John's by advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize their business and let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin.

HAUPTLY ELECTRIC - PLUMBING - CARPENTRY

New Services: Re-wire / Appliance Install / Bathrooms
/Furnaces / General Home Repair

Call Bill Hauptly (570) 691-8700

Why Advertise In A Church Bulletin?

- * It's inexpensive Advertising
- * It's Effective in Catching New Neighbors' Attention
- * It's Advertising Concentrated in Your Neighborhood
- * It Develops Good Community Relationships
- * It's Good For Developing Loyal Customers

CURIOSITY SHOP/ Yard Sale

August 2020

... Watch future bulletins for dates and times ...



Look around your home for any items you wish to contribute to our next Curiosity Shop. You'd be surprised what you might find – Here are some suggestions ...

Christmas Items	Garden Flags	Toys / Games
Puzzles	Vintage Items	Jewelry
Knick Knacks	Purses	Tablecloths
Kitchen Items	Candles	CD's, DVD's
Small Appliances	Religious Items	Bakeware
Fall / Halloween / Thanksgiving Decorations		
Laptop Computers in working condition		

CLEAN ITEMS ONLY

NO PLASTIC

NO EASTER / SPRING ITEMS

NO VHS TAPES

NO GLASSES OR CUPS

NO TELEVISIONS --- NO BEDDING

NO DESKTOP COMPUTERS

NO MONITORS OR KEYBOARDS

NO BOOKS --- NO VASES --- NO CLOTHING

NO LARGE FURNITURE

NO STUFFED ANIMAL TOYS

NO LARGE CHRISTMAS TREES

ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE

Saturday, July 18th ----- 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Items can be dropped off at
St. John's Russell Building

**NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED
BEFORE OR AFTER THIS DATE.**

**Do Not Leave Articles at the
Door or in the Parking Lot**

FAMILY MATTERS

Vacation for Families. God bless our parish families with a fun-filled vacation and safe travel to and from their destinations. May they be rejuvenated in their family relationships and return relaxed and nourished in body and spirit.

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

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS AROUND THE WORLD

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."

MY SUMMER PRAYER

Walk beside me, Jesus,
as I begin the season of summer.
As I work, play, enjoy family,
time and friendships,
may I hear Your voice within me,
guiding me toward all that is right and good.
Give me faith in Your presence,
knowing that You walk beside me always,
everywhere and in everything I do.
Gracious and loving Jesus,
thank You for the gift of summertime.
May the warmth of it's sun and the beauty of
the season remind me daily of Your love for me.
Allow me to enjoy every moment.
Amen.

ROSARY REPAIR SERVICE

When it's time to clear out the accumulated clutter from cabinets, drawers and chests, you might find a partial rosary with a missing crucifix or several beads that you could not part with because of the sentimental value.

These partial rosaries can be repaired successfully and returned to wholeness with little or almost no cost. If you have no sentimental attachment, please consider donating these partial/incomplete rosaries to the Missions, both foreign and domestic.

Thus far, I have repaired and reconstituted several hundred rosaries and forwarded them to the foreign Missions. You can place the rosary to be repaired in an envelope with my name on the outside and place it in the collection basket. If you would like it repaired and returned, please put your name and phone number on the envelope. Thank you **Paul Gombola**

Rosaries / New & Repair Service

For that special someone / occasion: Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Wedding, First Communion, Confirmation or any occasion.

Call St. John's Rectory 570-622-5470.

HEALTHY NOTES ... If you're a man who is a current or former smoker, you're at increased risk for bone loss, osteoporosis, and fractures, a new study in the *Annals of the American Thoracic Society* has confirmed, and you should talk with your doctor about having your bone mineral density measured. It's well known that smoking weakens bones, but this study suggests that the effect is even worse for men than for women. The study looked at 3,300 current and ex-smokers (who smoked at least one pack a day for 10 years or the equivalent), ages 45 to 80, and found that, all things being equal, the men were even more likely to have low bone density and vertebral fractures than the women. Men with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), including emphysema, were at especially high risk. For more on bone health recommendations for men, go to tinyurl.com/WLosteo

BURIAL PLOTS

Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's need .. we want to remind our parishioners and friends that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services whenever that need occurs.

**Grave Lots \$ 600.00 each
(Includes Perpetual Care)**

**For further information contact the
Rectory 570-622-5470.**

CANDLE DONATION

Please list intentions

\$5 - Blessed Mother's Statue _____

\$5 - St. Joseph's Statue _____

\$5 - Tabernacle Light _____

\$5 - Sanctuary Light _____

\$5 - Sanctuary Light _____

\$5 - Sanctuary Light _____

\$5 - Sanctuary Light _____

\$5 - Guardian Angel _____

\$5 - Guardian Angel _____

Donor's Name _____

The week I wish the above is _____ or
write "any" if it doesn't matter. We shall try to schedule your
intention as close to the date requested as possible. Please put
this form along with your donation in the collection basket,
mail or drop off at the rectory.