

**St. John the Baptist
Roman Catholic
Parish Family**

Established in 1841

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

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 14, 2019

Pastor: Rev. David J. Loeper
Deacons: Dr. Luis R. Visot & Lawrence Lonergan

Rectory (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589
Russell Building (570) 628-3002
Website – SaintJohnPottsville.org.

Parish Council President: *Paul Datte*
Choir Director/Organist: *David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator: *Lucilla Kochol*
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Nativity BVM High School (570) 622-8110
Assumption BVM Elementary (570) 622-0106
St. Joseph Center for Special Learning (570) 622-4638

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule (in Chapel)

Monday thru Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Cemetery Information

John Consugar 622-2389
St. John's Rectory 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday – 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 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.

Outreach Program

Rectory 622-5470 ext.3

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC
Confidential Phone (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT
(610) 332-0442 ext. 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we hear the famous story of the Good Samaritan. After telling how the priest, Levite and Samaritan responded to the robbed and beaten man at the side of the road, Jesus asks the scholar of the law, "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robber's victim?" This gospel is a kind of mid-term exam on our journey to eternity. How have we responded in similar circumstances? Were we like the priest or the Levite who avoided the confrontation? Or had we like the Samaritan, acted out of compassion? In our life's situations, have we offered to help, to listen, to care? Jesus challenges the scholar of the law, and us to be like the compassionate Samaritan: "Go and do likewise."

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 15 – 9:00 a.m.

HELEN KRUPA (Bill & Mary Ann Pugh)

Tuesday, July 16 – 9:00 a.m.

JERRY & GERRY FREILER

Wednesday, July 17 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH & JESSIE RITZEL (Joan Ritzel)

Thursday – July 18 – 9:00 a.m.

JONATHAN ANTHONY LOZZARO

(living intention) (Joseph McGraw)

Friday, July 19 – 9:00 a.m.

ELLEN SCHLITZER (Joan Koslowky & Al Buehner)

Saturday, July 20 – 4:00 p.m. TIME CHANGE

CATHY BOWERS (Joan Bowers)

Sunday, July 21 – 8:15 a.m.

FRAN & DOROTHY PURCELL

(Mark & Deborah Purcell)

Sunday, July 21 – 10:30 a.m.

DECEASED OF WACHTER FAMILY

(Susan Dellock)

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: Tom Jefferson, Rachel Kujat, Paul Burns, Lorelei Oswald, Jean Hill, Sue Klem Moore, Rebecca Weiss.

FLOWER DONATIONS

If anyone wishes to memorialize flowers in the sanctuary for the weekend Masses for a living or deceased intention, please call the Rectory 622-5470.



CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Catherine Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

St. Joseph - IMO John Norton req. anonymously

Tabernacle – IMO Robert Lotz by Rita Lotz

Sanctuary – All Sanctuary Candles

IMO Catherine Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Robert Lotz by Rita Lotz

PLEASE NOTE: Due to increasing prices ... the large vigil candle price is now **\$3.00**. The small vigils will remain at \$.25.

SCHEDULE

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 p.m. – Saturday – July 20th

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Robert Wollyung, Paul Gombola

Servers: Vincent & Michael Prestileo, Luke Schane

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – July 21st

Reader: Jennifer Daubert

Euch.Min.: George Forney, Bob Bechtel

Servers: Samantha Heenan, Hayden & Jackson Daubert

Cantor: Dave Derbes

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – July 21st

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Carol Lasco

Servers: Emma, Anna, Livia Lieberman

Cantor: Melody Newhard-Kirk

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What person or people do you find most difficult to recognize as your neighbor?

Next Week's Readings

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (July 20/21)

Reading I: Genesis 18:1-10a

Reading II: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

We need adorers for the following hours:

Wednesday 12 a.m., 1 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 p.m.

Thursday 4 a.m.; Friday 6 a.m.

Saturday 4 a.m. & 12 p.m.; Sunday 12 a.m., 4 a.m.

Whenever you are unable to cover your Holy Hour, for whatever reason, we are always able to get a sub.

Call or text Aleece for information 570-449-7678.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 7/8: \$ 4,642.49; Dues: \$ 1,355.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

THE AMAZING PARISH

**CULTURE OF
ACTIVE DISCIPLESHIP**

**CULTURE OF
ACTIVE TEAMWORK**

**CULTURE OF
PRAYER**

❖ In a “*Culture of Prayer*”, parish members regularly pray together and invite God into their discussions and decisions.

❖ The second building block of an amazing parish is “*Culture of Healthy Teamwork*”

In a culture of healthy teamwork, team members commit to and practice the five behaviors of a team:

1. Building trust
2. Mastering conflict
3. Achieving commitment
4. Embracing accountability
5. Focusing on results

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

Our CCD Program is in need of a **First Grade Teacher** for the 2019-2020 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.



EVENING OF PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS



Join us here at St. John's on **Sunday, August 4 from 7 to 8 p.m.** for a *Eucharistic Holy Hour* to pray for our priests serving in the Diocese of Allentown. This evening of prayer will include a Rosary for priests and litany prayer for the intercession of Saint John Marie Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests. We hope you can join us!

SERVANTS TO ALL

Servants to All will be holding a fundraising event called “**Mix and Mingle – A Community that Cares for the Homeless**”, which will be hosted by Service Access & Management, Inc. on **Thursday, July 25th** from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pottsville location, 590 Terry Reiley Way, Pottsville. Ticket cost is \$20.00, which includes drinks and appetizers. Tickets are available at Servants to All, 4 S. Centre St., Pottsville. We hope you will consider joining us for this important fundraiser!

THANK YOU

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of *Servants to All*, thank you for your very generous food donations during the month of June and your continued support of *My Father's House*, a program serving the poor and homeless of Schuylkill County. We can never thank you enough for your prayerful support, and we could truly never do this work without you.

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 17th 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.

For more information call: Joan Deiter at 622-1381 or St. John's Rectory: 622-5470.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

This workshop will be held at Nativity BVM High School on **Tuesday, August 6th from 6 to 9 p.m.**
Please call Nativity to register 570-622-8110.

Mid-Summer Festival

MAJOR SPONSORS

(\$200.00 plus)

Eddie & Debbie Guers

Hahner Bros. Inc.

John Lieberman & Family

Murphy Jewelers

Quandel Construction Group Inc.

Ed & Carole Quirin

Rosenberger Plumbing & Heating Inc.

Joe & Nancy Schlitzer

MISC. SPONSORS

Anonymous	(4) \$100.00 – Ice Cream
Steve & Jan Kurtek	\$ 25.00 – Ice Cream
Z & M Painting & Papering	\$ 50.00 – Clown
Bob & Mary Porter	\$100.00 – Coke
Robert & Marie Doyle	\$ 40.00 – Bleenie Mix
Barbara Krupa	\$ 40.00 – Bleenie Mix
Rick & Kelly Painter	\$ 40.00 – Bleenie Mix
Theresa Skrobak	(2) \$ 80.00 – Bleenie Mix
John & Bernice Petock	\$ 50.00 – Pizza
St. John's CYO Program	\$ 50.00 – Pizza

Mid-Summer Festival

SPECIAL'S TABLE

Donated Baskets to date:

\$100.00 Gift Frame --- Nora Chiplonia & Chris Zanis
Cabela's Gift Card Frame --- Martin & Linda Smith
Decorative Porch Items Bskt.--- Rosann Sitkus
Fall Bskt. – Chris Black
Fun in the Sun Bskt. --- Sandy Frinzi
Gift Cards --- Carole Quirin
Italian Bskt. --- John & Patty O'Neill
Lottery Frame --- Prezelski's
Salon Beauty Products Bskt. --- Shanna Deibert
Spring Fling Bskt. --- Chris Black
Toy Bskt. --- Lorraine Gurlavage
Tea Time Bskt. --- Frances Lorenz
Vera Bradley Bskt. --- Ken & Tammy Cooper
Vera Bradley Bskt. --- Brian & Sue Eckley
Wine Bskt. --- Lorraine Gurlavage
Wine & Snack Bskt. --- Kathy & George Zwiebel
Wine & Afghan Bskt. --- Joe & Eleanor Orzechowski

Basket should be **completed and wrapped**.
 Baskets can be dropped off at the **Russell Building**
Wednesday, July 17th or Thursday, July 18th .
 Baskets **CANNOT** be dropped off at the rectory.

Mid-Summer Festival

FESTIVAL PATRONS

\$150.00	\$30.00
Laurita Buehler	Vince Albo
Friends of St. John's	Alice & Dave Bechtel
\$100.00	The Blankenhorn's
Gorski Family	Jim Brentari
Sharon & Larry Lonergan	Martha Golden
Neil & Frances Manus	Grabowski Family
Danny & Hermine Murphy	Jerry & Diane Hudock
John & Bernice Petock	Herm Minnig
Mary & Bob Porter	Nabholz Family
Kathy & George Zwiebel	Wartella's
\$60.00	Joe & Barbara Wollyung
Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot	\$25.00
\$50.00	Joan Bowers
Dolores Brophy	Joe & Kathy Brahler
Joan M. Grapsy	Susan Cook
Bill & Denise Hauptly	Janet Daubert
Rita Lotz	Peggy Ebling
DeAnna & Robert Orlowsky	Paul & Bernadette Gombola
Bob & Irene Post	Carl & Kathy Hughes
Headquarters Salon	Mike & Chris Maccarone
Scheibelhut Family	Florence Miller
Peggy Smith	Martin & Linda Smith
Dianne Stoudt	Carmel & Tim Yingling
J. Robert & Ellen Zane	\$20.00
\$40.00	Barbara Jean Krupa
Fred J. Brahler	St. John's Beneficial Soc.
\$35.00	Christine Tray
Frances Lorenz	\$10.00
	Frank & Mary Fetterolf
	Bruce Krupa

COFFEE & DONUTS

Join us for Coffee and Donuts
 on **Sunday, July 28th** in Longinus Hall
 after 8:15 & 10:30 Masses.
 All are welcome! Please join us!



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.

CURIOSITY SHOP/ Yard Sale

September 6 & 7, 2019

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	Bakeware	Religious Items
Fall Decorations	Thanksgiving Decorations	

CLEAN ITEMS ONLY

NO PLASTIC

NO EASTER / SPRING ITEMS

NO VHS TAPES

NO GLASSES OR CUPS

NO TELEVISIONS, --- NO BEDDING

NO COMPUTERS, MONITORS, KEYBOARDS

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

NO LARGE FURNITURE

NO STUFFED ANIMAL TOYS

NO LARGE CHRISTMAS TREES

ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE

Saturday, August 3rd ----- 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Items can be dropped off at the Russell Building

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

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

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

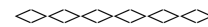
GOLF COACH OPENING Must have previous golf experience (professional or informal), familiarity with the rules of the USGA, and flexible schedule.

SCIENCE TEACHER Part-Time - Bachelor's Degree in Science is required. Chemistry Certification preferred.

CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE Part-Time- 25 hours per week, flexible hours

Interested candidates should send résumé, certifications and all clearances to:

Nativity BVM High School
One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901



10TH ANNUAL GOLF

TOURNAMENT to be held **Saturday, July 27th** at Mt. Valley Golf Course. Registration and Buffet Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. **Cost is \$90.00** per golfer and includes: Breakfast Buffet, Greens Fees, Cart, Gifts, Refreshments, various contests and Mt. Valley Picnic. **Cost of \$25.00** per person for Mt. Valley Picnic **ONLY**. To register or become a sponsor, contact: Athletic Direction Josh Muldowney at 570-622-8110 or Daniel Lisella at 570-622-8110 or email nativitybvmgolfers@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support!



NEIGHBORING EVENTS

5K RUN / 1K WALK & ROLL Join St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville will be hosting this event on **Saturday, July 27th** in Schuylkill Haven. We need volunteers, as well as participants! If you are interested, please contact Aubrey at apeters@stjosephctr.com or call (570) 622-4638.

ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL ...

TEACHER OPENING Assumption BVM School is interviewing for a qualified educator with active teaching credentials for a 5th grade position.

COOK POSITION Assumption BVM School is accepting applications for a part time cook for the school cafeteria.

If interested in either position listed above, please submit letter of interest, résumé, and PA Background clearances to **Mrs. Teresa Keating, Assumption BVM School, 112 South 7th St., Pottsville, Pa. 17901**

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

Friday & Saturday, July 19 & 20 -- 2019

5 – 9:30 p.m. each night

DEDICATED WORKERS NEEDED

Your help is needed for the big job of set-up on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** evenings before the Festival, **Friday** morning to prepare the grounds for the festivities, and **Sunday** for clean-up. Your help in these areas is essential. If you can help, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the back of Church or call the Rectory at 622-5470 or simply show up on **Wednesday at 6 p.m., Thursday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m.** Thank you!

FOOD COMMITTEE

The Food Committee needs volunteers to help prepare food for this year's Festival. Help is needed on Wednesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. each day. If you would like to help, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

FESTIVAL DESSERTS

Cakes - Pies- Cupcakes - Cookies - etc. - etc. - etc. -
If you are interested in making your favorite dessert for the Festival --- just drop it off at the Russell Building on **July 19th & July 20th**.

ADVANCED TICKET SALES

Why stand in line for tickets when you could be enjoying yourself ... **Advanced Food & Game Tickets** will be available before and after all Masses the weekend of **July 13/14**. Purchase \$9.00 worth of tickets in **ADVANCE** and receive \$1.00 worth of tickets **FREE!**

FESTIVAL SPONSORS NEEDED

Coke Sponsor - \$ 100.00 each (2 Needed)
Pizza Sponsor - \$ 50.00 each (5 Needed)
Clown Sponsor - \$ 50.00 each (5 Needed)

Bleenie Mix - \$ 40.00 a bucket (7 Needed)
Ice Cream - \$ 25.00 each (4 Needed)



FESTIVAL WISH LIST

Mustard – Ketchup - Sour Cream

(A container will be in the back of church Perishable items can be dropped off at the Rectory)

