



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*

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 19, 2020

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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,

In this Sunday's readings the theme centers around God's patience and kindness towards us.

In the Book of Wisdom the author speaks of the might and clemency of God, saying "You would permit repentance for their sins". In the second reading Paul tells the Romans that the Spirit intercedes when we know how to pray. And in the gospel we hear another parable from Jesus about the weeds the wheat and how God allows them to grow together until the harvest time.

Growing in faith is like striving to grow as wheat in a field mixed with weeds. We are faced with temptations. We do not pray as we ought, we are weak and in need of forgiveness. But God is just and kind; he judges with leniency, sends his Spirit to our aid, lovingly nurtures us, and patiently awaits our growth.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 20 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY NORKUS (M/M David Wartella)

Tuesday, July 21 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH WOLLYUNG (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Wednesday, July 22 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNIE NEWTON (John & Mary Jean Morgalis)

Thursday – July 23 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNETTE LIEBERMAN (Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

Friday, July 24 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICK MURPHY (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Saturday – July 25 – 5:00 p.m.

CATHY BOWERS (Joan Bowers)

Sunday, July 26 – 8:15 a.m.

EARL & FRANCES TROPP

Sunday, July 26 – 10:30 a.m.

EUGENE GUSTITIS (Joe Orłowsky & Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Erika Stangl Seasock

by Dorothy & Joe Stangl

St. Joseph – IMO F.J. Post by Bob & Irene Post

Tabernacle – IMO Erika Stangl Seasock

by Dorothy & Joe Stangl

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family

2. Special Intention

3&4. Very Special Intention

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Robert Lotz by Rita Lotz

And now may the Lord be kind and faithful to you. I, too, will be generous to you for having done this.

2 Samuel 2:6

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where do you see seeds of faith in your culture?

Where do you see weeds?

Next Week's Readings

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (July 25/26)

Reading I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Reading II: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

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, Tony Gaburick Sr.*

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.**



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

On July 12th we celebrated the glorious baptism day of **Stephen Alvarado** and **Batista Anthony-Jose Alvarado**, children of Stephen and Jolene (Weltmer) Alvarado.



They became new creations in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and are now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity. We warmly welcome them into our parish family.

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

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.

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.

R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John's Rectory, **622-5470**, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions!

FAMILY MATTERS

Long Term Illness. In your prayers this week, lift up to God all those of our parish who are experiencing long term or chronic illness. We also ask God's guidance and support for their families. May they all find peace and comfort of heart as they face their daily challenges.

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."

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.

Lord-Bixler Funeral Home, Inc.

1818 Mahantongo Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

570-622-0230

Terry L. Bixler, Supv.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 11/12: \$ 4,623.13

Parish Improvements & Repairs: \$ 2,835.00

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

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.**

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC

ANNUAL APPEAL

As of today, **14.81%** of our parish families have joined the 2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. In other words, **61** parishioners have contributed **\$10,186** to support food programs, senior services, community outreach, Catholic schools, and more. Every dollar helps those in need. Imagine what we can do if 100% of our parish participates! Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.