

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*

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 26, 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

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Pamela Russo, MSW, MS
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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In our readings for this Sunday, the first reading from 1 Kings God tells Solomon to ask for anything, and he asked for an understanding heart. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans writes, "All things work for good for those who love God." In the gospel from Matthew Jesus uses three parables (buried treasure, pearl of great price, and a full fish net) to explain the Kingdom of Heaven.

When Solomon asked for that understanding heart to lead his people, he must have known that it was one gift that opened the door to every other gift. For wisdom (prudence) is the virtue that guides all other virtues, and grounds judgment.

The wise seek God. Those who know Him seek to know Him more, as Solomon and the parables, demonstrate.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 27 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNA KURTEK (Steve & Jan Kurtek)

Tuesday, July 28 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY ELISON (Pat Klassen)

Wednesday, July 29 – 9:00 a.m.

MARIE GERACE (Joan Grapsy)

Thursday – July 30 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY LOTZ (John Lieberman Family)

Friday, July 31 – 9:00 a.m.

BETTY KETNER

(Mary Ann Schweikert & Josephine Gallagher)

Saturday – August 1 – 5:00 p.m.

VIRGINIA & BARNEY COMFORT

(Chris Black & Jared)

Sunday, August 2 – 8:15 a.m.

DOROTHY ELISON (John Lieberman Family)

Sunday, August 2 – 10:30 a.m.

BARBARA & CARL WEISS (Weiss Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Mary Wollyung by her Family

St. Joseph – Special Intention

by Stanley & Heidi Gorski & Sons

Tabernacle – IMO Emily Leinheiser, 5th Anniv.

by Family

Sanctuary

1&2. IMO Pat Mason Sr. by wife, Maria

3&4. Parishioners of St. John's

Guardian Angels

1. Health of Sandi & Sheri Post by Bob & Irene Post

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Reflect on what you consider to be your treasure.

Next Week's Readings

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(August 1/2)

Reading I: Isaiah 55:1-3

Reading II: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

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.*

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!

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.**



WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



PLEASE DO NOT USE TAPE OR STAPLES
TO SEAL YOUR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES.



Thank You!

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

PLEASE NOTE:

- There will **NOT** be a meeting in August
- The Kauffman Chicken BBQ is cancelled.
- 2020 Dues are now due

Our next meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday, September 16th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Diaconate aspirants of Schuylkill County wish to thank all those who participated in their recent local Catholic Charities Drive. May God bless you abundantly!

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.

FAMILY MATTERS

Expecting Parents. We invoke a special blessing on all our expecting parents. May God protect and nurture this new life that is growing. We as a parish community salute your decision to choose and care for this unborn baby. This week we pray for all these children. God bless you mom and dad!

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 25/26: \$ 4,188.00

European Relief: \$ 415.00

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

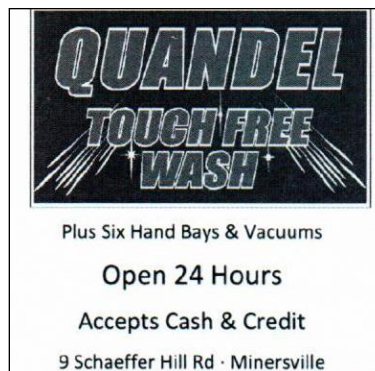
NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ETHNIC FOOD SALE / BASKET AUCTION

sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Frackville on **Friday, July 31st** (4 to 8 p.m.) and **Saturday, August 1st** (12 noon to 8 p.m.) at St. Ann's Picnic Grove, 49 N. Line St. in Frackville. Pierogies – Bleenies – Bandukies – Kielbasi – Bean Soup – Hot Dogs – Baked Goods and more! **Themed Basket Auction** winners will be chosen at 7 p.m. on August 1st.

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.



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

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.**

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."



ARE YOU PLANNING A CHANGE ??

If you are making a change in ... **address, parish affiliation, e-mail, or phone number**, please call the Rectory Office. We strive to keep our records up to date.