

St. John the Baptist

Roman Catholic

Parish Family

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

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 9, 2020

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Cemetery Information

John Consugar (570)-449-1675
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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
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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

God is present with us always. Elijah heard God in a tiny whispering sound in the first reading for this Sunday. In the gospel Peter becomes frightened while walking on the water towards Jesus. Jesus catches him from sinking.

If we wait to be adrift upon a stormy sea in order to see that God is present with us, we will miss out on the grace and goodness that currently surrounds us. God's love is at work in us in every sacrament, in every moment of prayer, in every gathering of worship, and in every act of kindness. He is in the tiniest whisper and in the outstretched hand of another.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 10 – 9:00 a.m.

WILLIAM BALULIS (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Tuesday, August 11 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNETTE LIEBERMAN (Pat Klassen)

Wednesday, August 12 - 9:00 a.m.

CAROL TAMBURELLI (Herb Tamburelli & Family)

Thursday – August 13 – 9:00 a.m.

KEM MOSER (M/M John Carroll)

Friday, August 14 – 9:00 a.m.

LEO LOTZ (Terry, Lee, Ian & Boys)

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday – August 15

9:00 a.m. – JOSEPH WOLLYUNG

(Joseph Orlowsky & Margaret Mahoney)

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Saturday – August 15 – 5:00 p.m.

GEORGE S. & SADIE POST

(Sandi, Sheri, RJ Post Jr.)

Sunday, August 16 – 8:15 a.m.

STEPHEN KURTEK JR.

(Kurtek Children & Grandchildren)

Sunday, August 16– 10:30 a.m.

JOSEPH & ANNA ORLOWSKY (Orlowsky Family)

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.*

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Catherine Smith by Martin & Linda Smith

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2. IMO George S. & Sadie Post by Bob & Irene Post

3. IMO George Post by Bob & Irene Post

4. IMO Susan Legase by Bob & Irene Post

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Name someone who is courageous..

When have you needed courage?

Next Week's Readings

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 15/16)

Reading I: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Reading II: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 1/2: \$ 4,249.13

Dues: \$678.00

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



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Thank You!

CCD REGISTRATION

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: \$60.00 First Child
All Other Children: \$55.00 per Child

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.**



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.

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. 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

Media Portrayal of Family. Does your family look like the families portrayed on TV or in movies? Do they reflect your family values – what you teach and what you do in your family? Is it time to talk to your children about what they are watching on TV and in the media? Tell them what you believe about your Catholic family.

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

OH MY JESUS

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, and save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy Mercy. Amen.

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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

PIZZA SALE sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Parish on **Saturday, August 22nd** from noon to 3 p.m. at Groody's Catering Hall, 350 E. Centre St., Ashland. Price is \$13.00 per pie. Orders and payment must be made through St. Charles Borromeo Parish Office no later than August 14th. **Pre-Sale only.** Please call 570-875-1521 to place your order.

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
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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."

*Restore my joy in Your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit.*

Psalm 51:14

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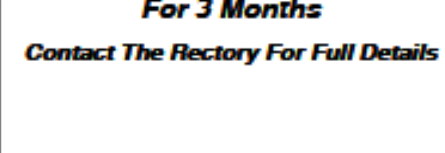
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