

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

Established in 1841

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

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot / Lawrence Lonergan*

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 11TH, 2019

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Website – SaintJohnPottsville.org.

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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 (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.

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 (570)-622-5470

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC
Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What "possessions" distract people from the treasure of faith?

Next Week's Readings

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Reading I: Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 17/18)

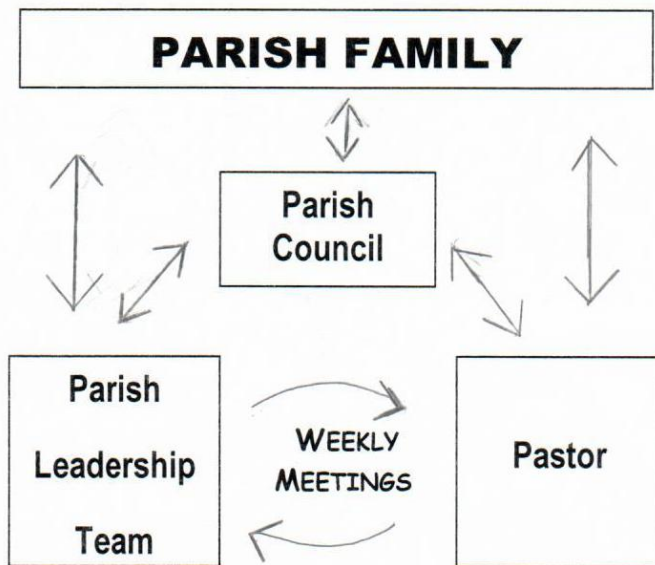
Reading I: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

THE AMAZING PARISH

THE FLOW OF COMMUNICATION DIAGRAM



GOALS:

1. Better serve the needs of the parish.
2. Increased lay participation in decision making.
3. More openness to the ideas of the parish family.
4. Better communication between Pastor/Parish Leadership Team and the Parish Family.
5. More focus on the parish's unique mission.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

... is a Holy Day of obligation

Mass Times -- Thursday, August 15th

9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

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.



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!

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

We need adorers for the following hours:

Tuesday 2 p.m.; Wednesday 12 a.m., 1 a.m.

Thursday 3 a.m., 4 a.m.; Friday 6 a.m.; 3 p.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 Alece for information 570-449-7678.

CCD Registration

Please make sure your child is enrolled in a Religious Education Program.

\$60.00 – First Child

\$55.00 – additional Child

Please register ASAP

Registration forms are available at the rectory during the week or at the church exits on weekends.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP ??

For September 2019 we need help with

Pre-School & Children's Liturgy

A Mom to help out on Sunday's during the first half of 10:30 Mass.

CCD Teachers / Substitutes / Aides

(All necessary clearances are required.)

If interested please call the Rectory at 622-5470.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Eligibility ... male or female, 4th grade (in Fall) to 12th grade ... if interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

ST. PATRICK PRE-SCHOOL ...

St. Patrick Preschool at Assumption BVM is accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year! We offer 2, 3, and 5 day classes - both full and half day. Please email us at saintpatricks.prek@gmail.com or contact us at the school office 570-622-0106.

If they obey and serve Him, they spend their days in prosperity, their years in happiness. Job 36:11

SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL



Sunday Pre-School will begin soon. Classes are held in Longinus Hall during 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday. All parish children ages 3 to 6 (and not yet in 1st grade) are eligible for this program. The children are given an opportunity to interact with other children while learning about God through stories, music, activities and games. The children will also be provided with a small snack each week.

A **\$12.00 Registration Fee** to cover the costs of the lessons, supplies, and snacks is required for each child upon registration. *All children attending classes must be registered.* Any questions, please contact the Rectory 622-5470.

Please drop Registration Form and Fee in the collection basket or send to the rectory as soon as possible.

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Allergies, please list _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Parent's Response: I can help in the following ways:

_____ Teacher _____ Aide _____ Greeter
(All necessary clearances are required.)

*** \$12.00 Registration Fee must accompany form***

LITURGY of the WORD

The Children's Liturgy takes place at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in Longinus Hall. During this time, children in grades 1, 2, 3 listen to the Sunday Readings in words they understand and try to apply the words of Jesus to their own lives.



They return to their families after the Prayer of the Faithful (Offertory) to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the entire community.

All children attending classes must be registered.

The Gospel **needs you** -- will you say yes? For more information, call the Rectory 622-5470.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Phone _____

Allergies, please list _____

Parents _____

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **Jonathan Schatz**, a parishioner of St. John's, who received his Eagle Scout Award on Saturday, August 3rd. Jonathan is the son of David and Tracey Schatz. It is a great honor to receive this highest award in scouting and Jonathan worked hard over the years to achieve this rank. We wish Jonathan all the best for the future which includes plans to enter the military.



NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED Hosting an international student is an incredibly rewarding experience! Families who open their hearts and homes to international students create lifelong bonds and gain a better understanding of the world around them. Host Family reimbursement paid monthly. For more information contact Allyson Seibert 484-223-9797 or Stephanie Burleson 407-404-3311.

SCIENCE TEACHER - FULL/PART-TIME

Bachelor's Degree in Science is required. Science certification is preferred. Interested candidates for either position, please send résumé, clearances and references.

CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE Part-Time- 25 hours per week, flexible hours. Interested candidates should send résumé, certifications and all clearances.

Mrs. Lynn Sabol

Nativity BVM High School

One Lawton's Hill

Pottsville, Pa. 17901

Or Email: lsabol@nativitybvm.net

Mid-Summer Festival

We thank the following bakers who were missed in last week's bulletin...

Chris Black, Vincent Prestileo, Pat Scheetz

DESPITE OUR VERY BEST EFFORTS, WE INVARIABLY MISSPELL, MISPLACE, OR OMIT THE NAME OF AN IMPORTANT PERSON ... YOU!

WE APOLOGIZE IF WE HAVE DONE THIS.

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."

But his delight is in the law of the Lord ...Ps. 1:2

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

ICF 101 – CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY What does it mean to be human? This course will examine who God is as the One who seeks to share Himself with His creation. A brief survey of Salvation History will be traced to Jesus Christ, the Redeemer who saves humanity, and teaches us what it means to be a human person. This course is scheduled to run from **Monday, August 26 to Sunday, September 22nd** and will be presented **Online** by **Heather Maigur**. Cost: \$35. Register at www.allentowndioocese.org/icf
*ICF Courses are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the Faith. There are no prerequisites for these course

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS will be held on **Sunday, September 15th** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1825 West Turner St. in Allentown at 3:00 PM. We cordially invite couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 60 plus years of marriage to this special event. Please refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form by email at MFLF@allentowndioocese.org or register at www.allentowndioocese.org/anniversarymass. The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Natural Family Planning, 2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017. The registration **deadline is September 9, 2019**. Questions, call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.

MONOCACY FARM FOOD FESTIVAL The School Sisters of St. Francis will host the 4th Annual Monocacy Farm Food Festival on **Sunday, September 19th** from 11 a.m. til 4 p.m. at 395 Bridle Path Road in Bethlehem. This is a family-friendly event for the whole community. Live music, local food & craft artisans, fun children's activities, farm tours, chef and farm demos, petting zoo, raffles and more. The first 100 individuals/families will receive a free bag filled with goodies. All proceeds benefit The Monocacy Farm Project. Suggested donation is \$5 pp, or \$10 per family. Find us on Facebook!

INDEPENDENT RECONCILIATION AND COMPENSATION PROGRAM As a reminder to victims of clergy sexual abuse in the Diocese of Allentown, the deadline to apply for compensation as one aspect of your healing is **Sept. 30, 2019**. To learn more about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, visit www.allentowndiooceseIRCP.com, or call 1-833-267-6389.

WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

- 1. Monks who followed the rule of St. Benedict were focused on two things: work and what?**
(a) rest (b) food (c) prayer (d) social justice
- 2. Mary was _____ when she gave birth to Jesus.**
(a) a famous saint (b) the mother of three other children (c) an old woman (d) a teenager
- 3. Who is the partron saint of barbers?**
(a) Isidore of Seville (b) Martin de Porres (c) Elizabeth of Hungary (d) Edward Scissorhands
- 4. Who are you praying to when you pray the Lord's Prayer?**
(a) the Father (b) Jesus (c) the Holy Spirit (d) Mary
- 5. Mary is the mother of who?**
(a) Jesus but not God (b) God but not Jesus (c) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (d) Jesus who is God
- 6. All saints were killed for their faith.**
True / False
- 7. Mary and Joseph traveled from Nazareth to _____, where Mary gave birth to Jesus**
(a) Corinth (b) Jerusalem (c) Bethlehem (d) Rome
- 8. Only prayers said at Church are heard by God.**
True / False
- 9. _____ is not how many saints followed Jesus.**
(a) Speaking about God (b) Praying (c) Helping those in need (d) Playing video games
- 10. According to the Bible, prayer comes from the _____.**
(a) mind (b) heart (c) music (d) church
- 11. Our Lady of Guadalupe is also known as the Patroness of the _____.**
(a) Hearts (b) Americas (c) Europe (d) Peace
- 12. To be a missionary, you have to travel to a foreign country.**
True / False
- 13. The Jewish prayer book that Jesus used was the book of what?**
(a) rabbis (b) Yom Kippur (c) psalms (d) prayers
- 14. All of Jesus' 12 Apostles became saints except who?**
(a) Judas (b) Peter (c) John (c) Matthew
- 15. The Blessed Virgin Mary was one of the few people who stood by Jesus all the way to his death on the cross.**
True / False

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

Total Goal: \$ 31,744.76

Amount Collected: \$ 10,646.00

Number of Donors: 88; Participation: 12.74%

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 3/4: 4,110.00

Parish Monthly Dues: \$ 1,139.00

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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... If you have low vision (severe visual impairment that is not fully correctable with regular glasses), talk to your eye doctor about low-vision devices. You may be referred to an optometrist or ophthalmologist who specializes in low vision and in prescribing such devices, which range from simple optical aids to more advanced and more expensive technologies, as well as devices that help you navigate the environment. Several devices, including both near and distance ones, may be recommended for different activities. The high-end OrCam My Eye (\$4,500) utilizes artificial intelligence to read aloud printed text, aid in color detection, and recognize faces, money, and products. To find a low-vision specialist near you, go to visionaware.org/directory.aspx and click "low vision services" under categories." Another resource is the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists (ialvs.com). Be wary of over-the-counter devices – you may end up wasting your money.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Assumption BVM School is looking for your help in collecting "Box Tops." Many of the products you already have in your home, has a BOX TOP on it. All

you need to do is clip them out and place them in the drop-off box in the rear of the church. With each box top collected our school earns cash to update needed materials. We are no longer collecting "Campbell Soup" labels.

ANSWERS TO: WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

- 1.(c) St. Benedictine monks traditionally prayed eight times throughout the day and night in between their work copying books by hand, teaching, and doing manual labor.
2. (d) God surprised the world by choosing a peasant girl from an unknown village in the Middle East to become the mother of his son.
3. (b) Martin de Porres worked as a barber while he served the poor, especially orphaned children. He is also the patron saint of mixed-race marriages since his father was Spanish and his mother was a freed African slave.
4. (a) When his disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, he showed them how he talked to God, his Father and our Father.
5. (d) Jesus was fully God and fully human all at the same time. Mary could not be the mother of the human Jesus without also being the mother of the divine Son of God.
6. **False.** Many saints died of old age, offering the example of following Christ for many years and in different situation. Martyrs gave up their lives for their faith.
7. (c) Bethlehem in Hebrew means "house of bread." At the Last Supper, Jesus offered himself for us as "the bread of life".
8. **False.** Mass allows us to participate in Christ's prayer so it is our greatest prayer, but God hears all prayers even those said in secret.
9. (d) Saints are examples of people who showed heroic virtue in their faithfulness to God no matter what challenges they faced in life.
10. (b) "According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays. If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are in vain."
11. (b) The title patroness of the Americas was accorded by Pope Pius XII on October 12, 1945. Pope John XXIII invoked her as: "Mother of the Americas" in 1961, referring to her as mother and teacher of the faith of all American populations. In 1999, the Church officially proclaimed her the patroness of the Americas, the empress of Latin America, and the protectress of unborn children.
12. **False.** Anyone can be a missionary in their everyday life by proclaiming the Gospel through his or her words and actions. St. Therese of Lisieux is the patron saint of missionaries and she never left her convent in France.
13. (c) Like most Jews, Jesus memorized all 150 Psalms. He quotes the Psalms 11 times.

14. (a) Judas killed himself because he didn't believe God would forgive a sin as great as his.

15. True. Known as Our Lady of Sorrows, Mary watched her son tortured and killed.

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