



# St. John the Baptist

## Roman Catholic

### Parish Family

10<sup>th</sup> & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot / Lawrence Lonergan*

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20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 16, 2020

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Assumption BVM Elementary (570) 622-0106  
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#### **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,

The readings for this Sunday wrestle with the questions of who is in and who is out.

In the first reading for this Sunday the Lord speaks through Isaiah giving his promise that all who hold to his covenant will be brought to his holy mountain. In the second reading St. Paul tells the Gentiles that God delivered all to disobedience that he might have mercy upon all. And in the gospel a Canaanite woman asked Christ to have pity on her for her daughter is tormented by a demon. In spite of initial rejection the woman perseveres in faith and Jesus heals her daughter.

When it comes to God's grace, who will receive it? We learned from these readings that all who accept the gift of faith are incorporated into the covenant relationship with God. God's grace and mercy are promised to all.

Yours in Christ,  
*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 17 – 9:00 a.m.

JACQUELINE SHAULIS (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Tuesday, August 18 – 9:00 a.m.

MARIE ASAIF (John & Joyce Gerace)

Wednesday, August 19 - 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE HAHNER JR. (Hahner Family)

Thursday – August 20 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICK MURPHY (Helene Kercheski)

Friday, August 21 – 9:00 a.m.

ANN M. KOCH (Lynne & Jim Steidle)

Saturday – August 22 – 5:00 p.m.

JACK SCHEETZ (Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

Sunday, August 23 – 8:15 a.m.

JOSEPH GARLAND (Garland & Kutch Family)

Sunday, August 23– 10:30 a.m.

EUGENE GUSTITIS

(Cindy Elko-Simms & Charles Simms)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** – IMO Stephen T. Kurtek Jr.

by Steve & Jan Kurtek

**St. Joseph** – IMO Joseph S. Garland

by Steve & Jan Kurtek

**Tabernacle** – IMO Mary Adams by Fred & Hilda Maley

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO George Hahner, Jr. by Family

2. IMO Rick Pugh by Fred & Hilda Maley

3. IMO Francis & Thelma Maley by Fred & Hilda Maley

4. IMO Bill & Mary Pugh by Fred & Hilda Maley

**Guardian Angels**

1. IMO Walter Grossman by Fred & Hilda Maley

2. IMO Ronald C. Kriston by Eleanor T. Kriston

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where does it hurt?

How can God heal the hurt?

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### Next Week's Readings

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 22/23)

**Reading I:** Isaiah 22:10-23

**Reading II:** Romans 11:33-36

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

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## 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!

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### 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.*

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**August 8/9: \$ 5,170.13**

**Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,069.00**

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

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### WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

**Thank You!**

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### 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 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.

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## CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

### THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the August Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale. Thank you also to all those who purchased items, donated baked goods, or volunteered to work at the sale. We are

very grateful for all your support.

Also, thank you to **Carl & Toni Wiest** for donating the Root Beer Float cake which was chanced off .

Winner of the Cake was Frances Lorenz.

Also, thank you to **Joe Kurtek** for making and donating the delicious bean soup.

### Volunteers

Chris Black

Mary Bound

Ann Burns

Kathryn Carroll

Janet Daubert

Millie Fredericks

Pat Klassen

Lucilla Kochol

Jan Kurtek

Joe Kurtek

Frances Lorenz

Charlene Leshner

Patty O'Neill

Reene Reddington

Theresa Skrobak

### Bakers

Mary Bound, Millie Fredericks, Charlene Leshner, Frances Lorenz, Carole Quirin (monetary donation) Pat Scheetz

**Total Profits: \$ 777.35**

### 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.

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.**



## CURIOSITY SHOP / Yard Sale

September 2020

... Watch future bulletins for dates and times ...

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

Puzzles

Knick Knacks

Kitchen Items

Small Appliances

Fall / Halloween / Thanksgiving Decorations

Laptop Computers in working condition

Garden Flags

Vintage Items

Purses

Candles

Toys / Games

Jewelry

Tablecloths

CD's, DVD's

Bakeware

### CLEAN ITEMS ONLY

NO PLASTIC

NO EASTER / SPRING ITEMS

NO GLASSES OR CUPS

NO TELEVISIONS

NO DESKTOP COMPUTERS

NO MONITORS OR 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 29<sup>th</sup> ----- 9 a.m. to 12 noon**

Items can be dropped off at St. John's Russell Bldg.

**NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**BEFORE OR AFTER THIS DATE.**

**Do Not Leave Articles at the**

**Door or in the Parking Lot**

### NEIGHBORING EVENTS

#### **PIZZA SALE**

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

### **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."*

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