

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*

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 18TH, 2019

Rectory (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589
Russell Building (570) 628-3002
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

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus outlines many of the ways in which his coming into the world will cause division, and not peace. He comes to "set the earth on fire" not to destroy it, but to emblaze it with the fullness of God's love for us. The divisiveness arises not from Jesus himself but from the people's response to him: choosing either to build up that fire, or tramp it down. Let us be those who feed the fire of the kingdom, not extinguish it.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 19 – 9:00 a.m.

GEORGE HAHNER JR. (Hahner Family)

Tuesday, August 20 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY NORKUS (Alberta Maurer)

Wednesday, August 21 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN B. LIEBERMAN IV (Tony Gaburick Jr.)

Thursday – August 22 – 9:00 a.m.

JACK SCHEETZ (Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

Friday, August 23 – 11:30 a.m. (TIME CHANGE)

JOHN GALLAGHER (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Saturday, August 24 – 5:00 p.m.

JOHN KASINECZ (Kasinecz Family)

Sunday, August 25 – 8:15 a.m.

CHARLES TAMBURELLI (Barbara Kasper)

Sunday, August 25 – 10:30 a.m.

ANNETTE LIEBERMAN (John & Joyce Gerace)



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: *Tom Jefferson, Paul Burns, Lorelei*

Oswald, Sue Klem Moore, Pat Thomas, John Whelski, Gary Bradley, Toni Wiest. Deceased: Mildred Ditzler

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - For Susan Gaffney by Bernice Petock

St. Joseph -IMO Jim Wollyung by his Family

Tabernacle – For Michael Harig by George Harig

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family

2. Special Intention

3. IMO Kathy Case by Mary & Bob Porter

4. IMO Lena Fleischhutt by Mary & Bob Porter

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO John Kasinecz, 20th Anniv.

by John, Barbara, Megan Powers

SCHEDULE

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – August 24th

Reader: Patty O'Neill

Euch.Min.: Molly Zwiebel, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Bethany, Trinity, Izabella Reedy

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – August 25th

Reader: Paul Gombola

Euch.Min.: Brian Forney, George Forney

Servers: Brooke Siket, Evan & Gavin Woodward

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – August 25th

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Euch.Min.: Carol Forster, Sharon Snyder

Servers: Macie Rushannon, Evielyn Hower,

Samantha Heenan

Cantor: Ensemble

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When does faith require divisions?

When does it require unity?

Next Week's Readings

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 24/25)

Reading I: Isaiah 66:18-21

Reading II: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Adrianna Jaylinn Price**, daughter of Eric Price and Erika Montalvan.

She became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and is now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity. We warmly welcome Adrianna into our parish family.



MEN'S GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Men's Gospel Reflection Group meeting will take place on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room. This group is open to any men interested in reflecting on how the Gospel impacts their lives. All are welcome! Please call Michael Scheidel 739-1808 or Bill Gianfagna 573-0105 with any questions.

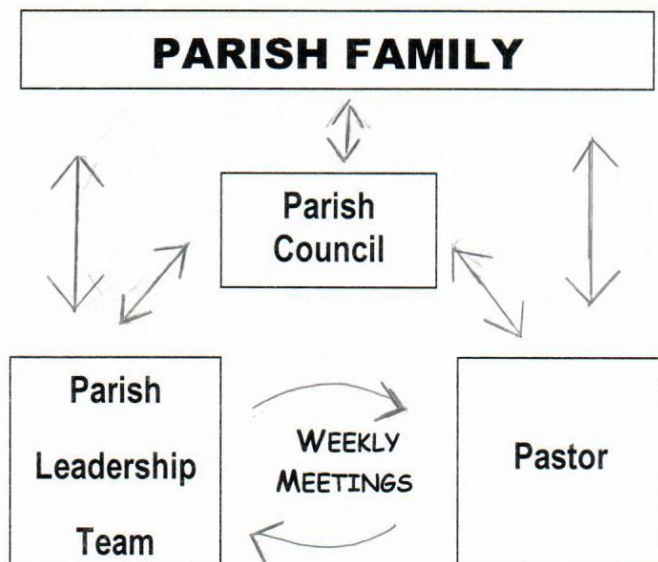
FLOWER DONATIONS

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.



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.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

We need adorers for the following hours:

Wednesday 12 a.m., 1 a.m.

Thursday 3 a.m., 4 a.m.

Friday 6 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 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.

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

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.

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 _____

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.

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**.

FAMILY MATTERS

Our Elderly Parents. They have done a wonderful job in raising all of us. These elders of our parish have sacrificed and shared their faith, laughter and tears. Let us pray that they be given the energy to remain filled with the light of Christ, which we can follow. May God grant them the path of sainthood.

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

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

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

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

Women of all ages are invited to join the Catholic Women's Union.

Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women's Union by joining us on **Wednesday, August 21st at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall**. Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Spring Covered Dish Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed.



For more information call: Joan Deiter at 622-1381 or St. John's Rectory: 622-5470.

CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

Friday – Sept. 6th – 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturday – Sept. 7th – 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

in the Russell Building

Don't miss it !!! If you like yard sales this is the place to be. Various items including ... knick-knacks, dishes, kitchen items, appliances, jewelry, holiday decorations, framed prints, special Vintage Section and much, much more, plus foods are available for purchase. Something for everyone!! Join us!! (Questions... call the Rectory 622-5470.)

DESSERTS/BAKED GOODS NEEDED

If you would like to donate a dessert item for our **Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale**, please drop off at the times listed above or call the rectory 622-5470. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

If you are visiting our beautiful church, please know you are most welcome!

If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish family, please call the rectory 570-622-5470.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE Fourth Annual Call to Prayer Marian Pilgrimage to be held **Sunday, August 25th** at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Centralia beginning at 11 a.m. All are welcome!

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.allentowndiocese.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 courses

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@allentowndiocese.org or register at www.allentowndiocese.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.allentowndioceseIRCP.com, or call 1-833-267-6389.

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.

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 10/11:

Parish Improvements & Repairs: \$

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Still another large, well-designed study has confirmed that the childhood vaccine against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) does not increase the risk of autism, published in the Annals of Internal Medicine in March, the study followed more than 650,000 children born between 1999 and 2010 in Denmark, 1% of whom developed autism, and found that those who got the MMR vaccine were not more likely to develop the disorder than their unvaccinated counterparts. Moreover, the vaccine did not increase the risk of autism in children who had autistic siblings or other risk factors for autism. There is no scientific evidence that vaccines can cause autism. As a result of successful immunization, measles was declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000. However, myths and misinformation have led many parents to forgo the vaccination of their children, resulting in several measles outbreaks in the U.S. including at least five in the first three months of 2019.

St. John's ENSEMBLE

The purpose of this ministry is to serve the parish at Mass, singing liturgical hymns, using contemporary instruments like the guitar, keyboard, drums or other instruments, and using contemporary music arrangements.

We invite **ANYONE** in the parish wanting to share his or her voice and musical gifts whether you are a beginner or more experienced. Arrangements are not complicated and songs are familiar. You do not need to know how to read music to join us. We will teach anyone who has a willing heart.



Our goal is to play/sing once a month at one of the weekend Masses. Practices will be one or, at most, twice a month for ONE HOUR, to prepare for music at Mass that week. This is a great way to participate in parish life and have fun with only a small commitment of your time.

Why not give it a try and give back to your parish family by sharing the gifts God has given to you?

If interested call **Bill Gianfagna 570-573-0105** or **Bob Hahner 570-640-4448** or the **Rectory 622-5470**.

Our next practice is: Wednesday, August 21st

(Will play on Sunday, August 25th at 10:30 a.m. Mass)

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thank you for doing the small things, like feeding your neighbors, with great love. God bless.

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Canned Fruit
Broth	Macaroni & Cheese
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Hot Chocolate
Hot Cereal packages	Apple Sauce
Cereal – boxed	Vegetable - Canned
Beef Stew	Spaghetti
Soups	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Canned Gravy	Canned Sweet Potatoes

PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS

Please Do Not donate any nutritional drinks
(Ensure, etc.)

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the 10th Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

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.