

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*

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 25TH, 2019

Rectory (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589
Russell Building (570) 628-3002
Website – SaintJohnPottsville.org.

Parish Council President: *Paul Datte*
Choir Director/Organist: *David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator: *Lucilla Kochol*
E-mail – stjbparish@comcast.net

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 from St. Luke Jesus tells his followers to strive for salvation through the narrow gate. This Sunday we are given fair warning by Jesus that we should strive earnestly to enter the Kingdom of God, and not simply assume there will be a place reserved for us. So let's make an effort as we travel the path of discipleship to travel lightly, unencumbered by unnecessary attachment to the things of this world.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 26 – 9:00 a.m.

THOMAS & SUSAN FINN, 50th Wedding Anniv.
(Living Intention) - (Joseph D. McGraw Jr.)

Tuesday, August 27 – 9:00 a.m.

CATHERINE BOWERS (Robert & Margaret Daniels)

Wednesday, August 28 – 9:00 a.m.

MARY BRENNAN HARRINGTON

(Joan & Jimmy Kline & Family)

Thursday – August 29 – 9:00 a.m.

STACIE O' NEILL (John, Cathy, Hannah Kostick)

Friday, August 30 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPHINE KOCHOL (Patricia Mitnitsky)

Saturday, August 31 – 5:00 p.m.

MARY BETH LYNN (David Lynn)

Sunday, September 1 – 8:15 a.m.

JOHN HELLER (Anita & Mike Roberts)

Sunday, September 1 – 10:30 a.m.

DECEASED OF EDWARD STOCK FAMILY

(Pat Trabosh)

SCHEDULE

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – August 31st

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Robert Wollyung, Molly Zwiebel

Servers: Brooke Siket, Luke Garvey, Cooper Chiplonia

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – September 1st

Reader: Jeff Naffin

Euch.Min.: Nicholas Quinn

Servers: Maggie & Rhyann Brennan, Luke Schane

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – September 1st

Reader: Evelyn DeJesus

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Joyce Gerace

Servers: Justice, Jude, Leah Scheidel

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Anthony Hoffman by Mary Ann Holley

St. Joseph - same as above

Tabernacle – same as above

Sanctuary All Sanctuary candles ... same as above

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I & II – Kyle Kurtek & Jacqueline Bell

I – Megan Powers & Gregory Hanichak

Welcome Back

We welcome back to our parish family seminarian,

Mr. Bobby Rienzo.

You may remember that Bobby was with us during the summer of 2018 after his first year at St. Charles Seminary. Bobby will be returning here next week as he has chosen to do a pastoral year before resuming his seminary studies. We are happy to have Bobby here with us at St. John's until the end of June 2020. Please welcome Bobby when you see him at church!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does the "narrow gate" to salvation mean to you?

Next Week's Readings

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 31/Sept. 1)

Reading I: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Reading II: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

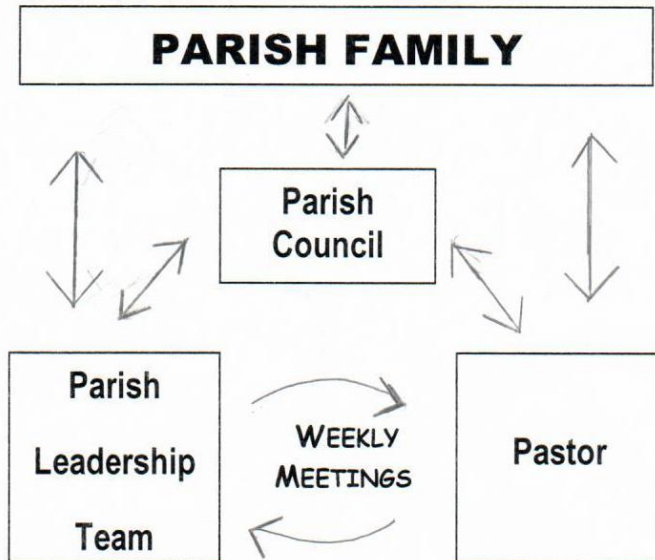


ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Eligibility ... male or female, 4th grade (in Fall) to 12th grade ... if interested, 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., 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 Aleece 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!

PARISH COUNCIL

St. John's Parish Council will meet

Monday, September 9th – 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.

There are two ways that any parishioner may raise a question or concern or make recommendations.

1. Parishioners may approach any Parish Council Member listed below and ask that a question, concern, etc. be brought up at the meeting.
2. Parishioners may write their concerns, etc. and put it (them) in the suggestion box provided in the rear of the church. These may be signed or unsigned. They will then be brought up at the Council meeting.

Elected Members

Bob Bechtel
John Consugar **
Paul Datte
Darren DeArment **
Joseph Gerchak
Heidi Gorski
Alicia Kleman
Eric Lieberman
Kevin McNamara
Al Norkus
Patty O'Neill **
Josette Peckman
John Pfluger
John Powers
Nick Quinn **
Melissa Scheetz
Martin Smith

Appointed Members

Lucilla Kochol
Evelyn Datte
Joe Rehnert

Ex-Officio

Ed Brahler
Deacon Larry Lonergan
Deacon Luis R. Visot
Father Dave Loeper



****denotes new members**

Please Note – No Voting: The Parish Council voting process was adjusted this year as the amount of accepted nominations met the need of the open positions.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 17/18: 3,537.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

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.

..... Attention Parents

CCD Begins

**Sunday, September 9th at 9:00 a.m.
in School Building.**

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.

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**.

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.

FAMILY MATTERS

School Year Beginning. As we begin this new school year our parish prays that parents will support their children's efforts to reach their full potential. We pray that their children give their best effort in their studies, to develop their relationships with friends, and grow in their faith.

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

SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL

... begins September 9th ...



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

... begins September 9th ...

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 _____

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.



2019 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Mark your Calendars

Saturday & Sunday, November 9 & 10

(Preview weekend – November 2 & 3)

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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"OVER 50" CLUB



St. John's "Over 50" Club will be meeting again on **Tuesday, August 27th**. We welcome and encourage new members ... anyone interested in

joining our little socials ... just stop by Longinus Hall on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m...we play bingo, board games, cards, etc. and light refreshments are always available. For more information please call the rectory 622-5470.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS You are invited to a solemn Vespers with the Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert sponsored by the Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry. The event will take place **Sunday, September 8th** at 6:30 p.m. at The Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux (15 E. Garibaldi Ave., Nesquehoning). A social will follow at the parish for an opportunity to meet Bishop Schlert. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Event is free of charge. We ask that you **please RSVP** no later than Tuesday, September 3rd at www.allentowndiocese.org/vespers so we can order the proper amount of food. However, walk-ins are still welcome. All young adults (ages 18-35) are welcome. For questions call (610) 289-8900 ex. 2021 or email Alexa Smith atasmith@allentowndiocese.org.

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.

*Let us greet Him with a song of praise,
joyfully sing out our psalms.
Psalm 95:2*

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER ... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Monday, August 26th at 5 p.m.** followed by Veneration of the first-class relic of St. Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics and of all who are sick at Our Lady's Chapel in St. Patrick's.

LABOR DAY MASS ... Castle Green Grotto Annual Labor Day Mass on **September 2nd at 10 a.m.** at 950 Valley Road, Minersville/Heckscherville Hwy. Refreshments after Mass; Bring lawn chair; Questions, please contact Mary Anne 570-544-3658.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY ... at St. Joseph the Worker parish hall, 9 S. Broad Mt. Ave., Frackville on **September 12th from 6 to 7 p.m.** *Grief and Bereavement: Progressing Through the Stages* will be presented by Lisa Taylor, LCSW, Clinical Supervisor/Counseling of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown. Free and open to the public ... opportunity for discussion and questions will follow. Alternate date is Thursday, September 19th.

FROM OUR PARISH NURSE ... Dog walking can be a good way for older people to become more physically active, but it can increase the risk of fractures. A recent study in *JAMA Surgery* analyzed data from more than 100 U.S. hospital emergency rooms and found that the number of people over 65 who fractured bones while walking leashed dogs more than doubled between 2004 and 2017. Half had upper-body fractures involving the wrist, arm, hand, or shoulder; 17% had hip fractures; three-quarters were women. The risk of such fractures is a special concern for older people who have osteoporosis. The study did not have data about the causes of the dog walkers' falls or about the types of dogs involved. To reduce the risk, people should enroll their dogs in obedience training so they won't lunge while leashed. And if they are contemplating dog ownership, older people should consider small breeds that are less likely to pull them hard, the authors suggested.

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."

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

September

- 3 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 6/7 Yard Sale – Russell Bldg.
- 8 CCD Begins
- 9 Parish Council Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 10 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 11 St. John's Beneficial Soc. Mtg. – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 15 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 14/15 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
- 17 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 18 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 24 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 29 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

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.

CATHOLIC WEB OF FAITH

www.catholicexchange.com

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