



# 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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22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 30, 2020

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#### Cemetery Information

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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  
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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus reveals that He must suffer greatly, and Peter attempts to dissuade Him. Jesus accuses Peter of thinking, not as God does, but as human beings do. He then tells His disciples that in order to follow Him they must take up their cross.

Peter can be excused for thinking as humans do, for he is human. But what gets him in trouble is his mistaken idea that he knows better than Jesus – that he knows better how Jesus out to carry out His mission. This is reminiscent of the Fall, pride in one's own knowledge over that of God's. We are all susceptible to that, and Jesus reminds Peter – and us – that His way is the way. All we need to do is trust and to follow.

Yours in Christ,  
*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 31 – 9:00 a.m.

LEO LOTZ (Ed & Mary Hauck)

Tuesday, September 1 – 9:00 a.m.

MARIE FITZPATRICK (Catholic Women's Union)

Wednesday, September 2 - 9:00 a.m.

KATHY NORKUS (Kathleen Woll)

Thursday – September 3 – 9:00 a.m.

ROBERT & AGATHA PORTER (Porter Family)

Friday, September 4 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH & SARAH FRY

Saturday – September 5 – 5:00 p.m.

EDWARD SMITH (Grandchildren)

Sunday, September 6 – 8:15 a.m.

DECEASED OF HARRY A. BARTHOLOMEW

FAMILY (Frances Lorenz)

Sunday, September 6– 10:30 a.m.

HARRY & LORETTA BOYER (John & Pat Kutch)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Carol & Elizabeth Tamburelli

by Herb Tamburelli

St. Joseph – IMO Jim Wollyung

by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

Tabernacle – IMO Chick & Charles Tamburelli

by Herb Tamburelli

### Sanctuary

1. Living & Deceased of St. John's

Catholic Women's Union

2. End of virus by Carl & Toni Wiest

3. IMO For Dawn Wiest by Carl & Toni Wiest

4. Special Intention by Anita Klembara

### Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Edward Smith by Grandchildren

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## A MESSAGE FROM BOBBY RIENZO

Dear parishioners of St. John's,

I wanted to let you know that I have discerned with the help of others that I am not called to be at the seminary at this time. It was a difficult decision but overall, the right one, for my health and overall well-being. I leave on very good terms, and this does not close the door on a possible vocation to the priesthood. I will continue to be present at the parish helping out for the time being. I want to thank you for your prayers and support, especially during this past year. Please continue to keep me and the seminarians for our diocese in your prayers. May God bless you!

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What obstacles do you encounter in your discipleship?

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### Next Week's Readings

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Sept. 5/6)

**Reading I:** Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Reading II:** Romans 13:8-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

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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, Anthony Gaburick Sr.*

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## ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

### PLEASE NOTE:

- 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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*The clear vault of the sky shines forth like Heaven itself,  
... Sirach 43:1*

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## CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

**Friday – Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – 4 to 7 p.m.**

**Saturday – Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 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 **Take Out Only**.. Something for everyone!! Join us!!

(Questions... call the Rectory 622-5470 ext 3).

**ALL COVID-19 CDC GUIDELINES WILL BE IN PLACE**

**MASKS MUST BE WORN**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE IN EFFECT**

### 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. **Please individually wrap or bag all items to be sold.** Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### **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.**



### **NEIGHBORING EVENTS**

**FOOD SALE & BASKET AUCTION** sponsored by St.

Mary's Church in Ringtown on **Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** at 82 N. Center St.. Ringtown. Eat in or Take out. CDC guidelines will be followed.

## **2020 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Mark your Calendars ....

**Saturday & Sunday, November 14 & 15**

*(Preview weekend – November 7 & 8)*

.... More details to follow ....

### **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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### **FAMILY MATTERS**

**Frail Elderly.** We pray this week especially for the frail elderly in our parish. They often worry so much about their health and their ability to be independent. They are our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. They are also our neighbors next door or down the block. Give them Lord the ability to be sustained. Bless Lord their family members and caregivers.

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

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**August 22/23: \$ 4,439.13**

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

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**SEPTEMBER 5/6**

.... will be taken up for the victims of the Beirut explosion....

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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