

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*

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

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

Parish Council President: *Robert Bechtel*
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 weekend's readings, the book of Sirach describes humility as the hallmark of those who find favor with God. The author of the letter to the Hebrews reminds the community that Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant. And in the gospel Jesus uses a parable to convey the importance of humility for his disciples.

Jesus says: "Everyone who humbles himself will be exalted." Baptism is our invitation to the eternal banquet of the kingdom. But like all invitations it comes with an RSVP. Our response is found in the way we live our lives in our gratitude for all that God has done, and in our desire to serve God by humbly serving others, and in our life of prayer and worship.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 2 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES TAMBURELLI (David & Ann Terleckas)

Tuesday, September 3 – 9:00 a.m.

CLARA FAHIM (Ron, Pat, Sarah Lombel)

Wednesday, September 4 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH & SARAH FRY

Thursday – September 5 – 9:00 a.m.

JAMES & LILLIAN CONNELLY (Derbes Family)

Friday, September 6 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY NORKUS (Verna Sauers)

Saturday, September 7 – 5:00 p.m.

EDWARD SMITH (Grandchildren)

Sunday, September 8 – 8:15 a.m.

CECELIA HOCK (Carol & Joseph Rehnert)

Sunday, September 8 – 10:30 a.m.

TERESA MARY RINALDO

(Uncle John & Zia Maria)

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Tuesday – September 3rd

at York Terrace Nursing Home

ELAINE BUTCAVAGE (Staff & Residents)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - In thanksgiving for the many blessings ...

50th Wedding Anniv. of John & Joyce Gerace

St. Joseph - same as above

Tabernacle - same as above

Sanctuary

1. IMO Dot Elison by Paul & Bernadette Gombola

2. IMO Dorothy Legutko by Linda Lee Ralston

3. IMO Jeanette Hauptly by Bill Hauptly

4. IMO Mary Rinaldo by Vita Valenti

Guardian Angels

1&2. In thanksgiving for the many blessings ...

50th Wedding Anniv. of John & Joyce Gerace

SCHEDULE

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – September 7th

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Mary Jean Morgalis, Gerry Schwartz

Servers: Brandon & Andrew Smith, Joshua Steffan

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – September 8th

Reader: Dave Smith

Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb

Servers: Ryan & Emma Seiger, Sophia Palmieri

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – September 8th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: John Ventura, Janet Daubert

Servers: Kathryn, Ronald, John Yourey

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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, Leo Lotz.

Deceased: Ted Casey

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III – Kyle Kurtek & Jacqueline Bell

II – Megan Powers & Gregory Hanichak

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

To whom do you give "places of honor" in your home?
Your Parish? Your neighborhood?

Next Week's Readings

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Sept. 7/8)

Reading I: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Reading II: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

*The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1:5*

PRAYER GROUP

Our parish Prayer Group will continue to meet on the **second Sunday every month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** We will meet in front of the Blessed Sacrament making it more convenient for all to participate. Please join us and if you can't, please place your prayer requests in the box on the side of the confessional in the rear of church. (There is paper available on the shelf.)

For questions or prayer concerns, please contact one of the following parishioners:

John Corbacio	570-640-5038
Sandy Frinzi	570-739-1630
Bob Hahner	570-640-4448
Rosie Kenderes	570-628-4945
Miriam Tirjan	570-739-4221

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.

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 Alece for information 570-449-7678.

R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

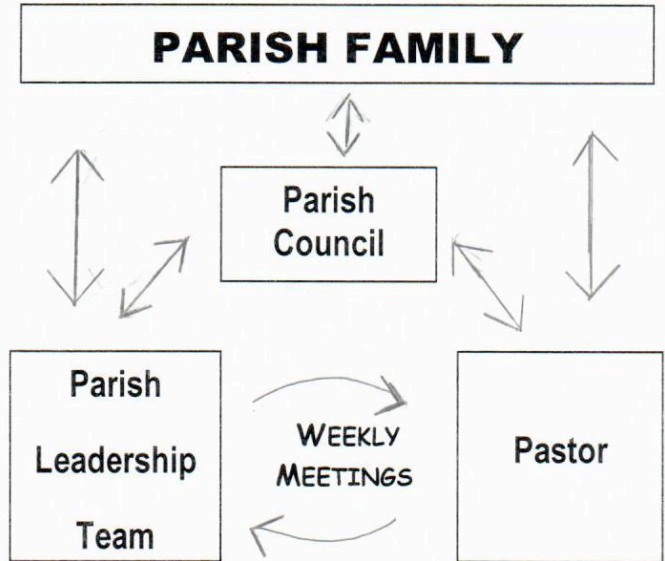
RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John's Rectory, **622-5470**, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions!

STEWARDSHIP LIBRARY

Stewardship Displays are located at the church exits. There are many items available including CD's, Rosaries, Self-help and Informational Booklets, etc. **New Items include:** Music (lower door); Divine Mercy (main church), in addition to other great CD's or books.

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.
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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 8th 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.

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

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Fall Kick-Off Meeting

Grades 8 – 12 welcome!

Sunday, September 8th at 6 p.m. in Longinus Hall.

This Fall our theme is "The Climb".

What does it take to be a disciple of Jesus?

Come gather with other teens to snack, play games, and discuss our Catholic faith.

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.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

September

3 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
6/7 Yard Sale – Russell Bldg.
8 CCD Begins
8 Sunday School begins
8 Children's Liturgy 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
14/15 Kauffman BBQ – Presale tickets after Masses
17 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
18 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
21/22 Kauffman BBQ – Presale tickets after Masses
24 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
28 CWU Kauffman Chicken BBQ Sale
29 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
** L.H. – Longinus Hall
** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room
** R.B. – Russell Building

St. John's Catholic Women's Union

Kauffman's Chicken Barbeque

Tickets: \$8.00 --- includes ½ Chicken,
Baked Potato, Applesauce & Roll

Date: Saturday, September 28th

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place: Former Pizza Hut Parking Lot, Yorkville

Pre-Sale: after all Masses on September 14/15 and September 21/22.

REMINDER: to all CWU members --- **deadline** for ticket sales or returns is **September 13th.**

Please contact any Catholic Women's Union member or call Sharon Miller 622-0516 or Joan Deiter 622-1381.

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

If you would like to donate a dessert item, please drop off at the times listed above. Thank you in advance!

SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL

... begins September 8th ...

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***

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

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.

LITURGY of the WORD

... begins September 8th ...

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 _____

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Confirmation will be conferred

Wednesday, April 28th, 2020

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

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.

2019 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Mark your Calendars

Saturday & Sunday, November 9 & 10

(Preview weekend – November 2 & 3)
