

# 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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25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

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CCD Coordinator: *Lucilla Kochol*

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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  
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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In our readings for this Sunday the prophet Isaiah encourages his people to seek the Lord and ask for mercy – God whose thoughts are so far above their own. St. Paul tells the Philippians that Christ will be magnified in His body whether by life or by death. And though Paul longs to be with Jesus in the next life, it is better that he remains with them, his people. In the gospel from Matthew Jesus tells the parable about workers in the vineyard emphasizing the generosity of the land owner to all who labored.

All these readings are an invitation to grace – a grace that is constant, always available to all and generous in its forgiveness. It is a promise of deep and perpetual care by a God who is completely different from us in His thoughts and ways, and yet never-ending in His love and mercy.

*Father Dave*

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 21 – 9:00 a.m.**

**ERIKA STANGL SEASOCK**

(Dan & Hermine Murphy)

**Tuesday, September 22 – 9:00 a.m.**

**JOSEPH WOLLYUNG** (Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

**Wednesday, September 23 – 9:00 a.m.**

**DOROTHY LOTZ** (Rita Lotz)

**Thursday, September 24 – 9:00 a.m.**

**RALPH & PEGGY JAEGER** (Ron & Pat Lombel)

**Friday, September 25 – 9:00 a.m.**

**PHILOMENA LOEPER** (Justina Mitchell)

**Saturday, September 26 – 5:00 p.m.**

**DOROTHY ROSENBERGER** (Janet Thomas)

**Sunday, September 27 – 8:15 a.m.**

**JOSEPH TOOMEY, 41<sup>st</sup> Anniv.**

(Sons – Dan, Jim, John))

**Sunday, September 27 – 10:30 a.m.**

**DECEASED OF JOHN & GRETCHEN**

**LIEBERMAN FAMILY** (John Lieberman Family)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** – IMO Carol Rockford

by Daniel & Ann Marie Wachter

**St. Joseph** – IMO Mom & Dad by Chris Black & Jared

**Tabernacle** – IMO Lucille Spotts

by Daniel & Ann Marie Wachter

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO Joseph Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

2. For Dorothy Ruben by John Ruben

3&4. IMO Joseph & Eleanor Pothering by Son, George

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have you been a witness to God's generosity?

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### Next Week's Readings

26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Sept. 26/27)

**Reading I:** Ezekiel 18:25-28

**Reading II:** Philippians 2:1-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32

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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:** *John Kutch*

**Deceased:** *Charles Maxwell, Thomas F. Williams, Catherine Dusel.*

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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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### WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Frank Angelo** to St. John's Parish Family. Warmly embrace **Frank** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 173 High Road, Pottsville 17901



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### BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Mary Grace Virginia DeArment**, daughter of Darren and Sarah (Hahner) DeArment. 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 her into our parish family.



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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 12/13: \$ 5,017.13

**Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,220.00**

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

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*How precious is Your love, O God! We take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. Psalm 36:8*

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“OF ALL DEVOTIONS, THAT OF ADORING JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS THE GREATEST AFTER THE SACRAMENTS, THE ONE DEAREST TO GOD AND THE ONE MOST HELPFUL TO US. THE EUCHARIST IS A PRICELESS TREASURE: BY NOT ONLY CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST, BUT ALSO BY PRAYING BEFORE IT OUTSIDE OF MASS, WE ARE ENABLED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE VERY WELLSPRINGS OF GRACE.”

— ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI



AS CATHOLICS, WE BELIEVE THAT CHRIST BECOMES **TRULY PRESENT** WITHIN THE *BLESSED SACRAMENT* DURING THE CONSECRATION AT MASS. AS PROMISED BY HIM, HIS PRESENCE IS ABIDING, NOT SOMETHING THAT VANISHES AT THE CONCLUSION OF MASS. IN ORDER FOR THE FAITHFUL TO HONOR THE *EUCHARISTIC PRESENCE OF CHRIST* OUTSIDE OF MASS, A PRIEST OR DEACON REMOVES THE SACRED HOST FROM THE TABERNACLE AND PLACES IT IN THE MONSTRANCE ON THE ALTAR FOR ADORATION BY THE FAITHFUL. DURING *EUCHARISTIC ADORATION*, WE CAN SIT SILENTLY IN HIS PRESENCE AND OPEN OURSELVES TO HIS GRACES WHICH FLOW FROM THE EUCHARIST. BY WORSHIPING THE EUCHARISTIC JESUS, WE ALLOW GOD TO TRANSFORM US AND WALK AWAY WITH GREAT PEACE, BEING RENEWED BY GOD HIMSELF.

## Following Christ

*This 7-week journey of prayer, teaching, and relationship-building will help you become a better disciple of Christ.*

Register for our Christ Life **7-WEEK SERIES** by **September 24<sup>th</sup>**. The virtual option begins October 7<sup>th</sup> and the in-person option begins October 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the 25+ people who have already enrolled. Sign up on our Facebook page or contact Bobby Rienzo at the rectory 570-622-5470 or via email at [stjbparish@comcast.net](mailto:stjbparish@comcast.net).

Please ‘like’ our **St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish Family** page. We currently have 700 likes.



Help us get to  
**1000 Likes!**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### September

- 21 Eucharistic Adoration 7 to 8 p.m. in Church
- 22 Men’s Gospel Reflection – 7 p.m. – Zoom
- 24 Registration for Christ Life ends
- 27 First CCD Class – 9 to 10:15 a.m. in School
- 28 Eucharistic Adoration 7 to 8 p.m. in Church
- 28 Parish Council – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 29 Men’s Gospel Reflection – 7 p.m. – Zoom

### October

- 2 First Friday Devotions – 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Church
- 4 Blessing of Animals – 1:30 p.m. – R.B.
- 7 Christ Life virtual series – 7:15 p.m. on Zoom
- 8 Christ Life in-person series – 7 p.m. in Church

**Live Rosary webcast** on our **Facebook** page every night through October 7 for the 54-day novena for our nation.

- \*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall
- \*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room
- \*\* R.B. – Russell Building

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON MONDAY EVENINGS



Please join us for private prayer and devotion in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament on **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 7 to 8 p.m.** in the Church.

Drop by for as little as 15 minutes or stay for the full hour and commit to making time to be present with our Lord. Confessions will be offered.

## **CCD - FIRST CLASS**

... will take place ...

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

--- ATTENTION ---

## YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG FAMILIES

Please like the Facebook page

"Schuylkill County Catholic

Young Adults and Young Families."

The purpose of this group is to connect one another across parishes and form a young adult community in our area.

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## **GROW+GO**

This week, we are introducing **Grow+Go**, content designed to help parishioners understand what it means to be an evangelizing disciple of Christ. Using the Sunday Scriptures as the basis for reflection, **Grow+Go** offers insight into how we can all more fully **GROW** as disciples and then **GO** evangelize, fulfilling Christ's Great Commission to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19). The concept behind the weekly series is to make discipleship and evangelization simple, concrete and relatable. Look for **Grow+Go** in our weekly bulletin [and on our parish website, Facebook page].

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## **CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE**

### **THANK YOU**



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the September 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.

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

### **Volunteers**

Kate Blackwell

Mary Bound

Ann Burns

Kathryn Carroll

Janet Daubert

Millie Fredericks

Karla Garland

Pat Klassen

Lucilla Kochol

Jan Kurtek

Frances Lorenz

Charlene Leshar

Patty O'Neil

Reene Reddington

Pat Scheetz

Theresa Skrobak

Julie Szeliga

Joanne Wood

### **Bakers**

Mary Bound, Kathryn Carroll, Millie Fredericks,

Charlene Leshar, Frances Lorenz, Pat Scheetz

**Total Profits: \$ 939.60**

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# **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...

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

*'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.*

We are asking families to donate a **Theme Basket** with a suggested value of at least **\$25.00** in merchandise or gift certificates. If you would like to donate the items, we would be happy to put a basket together and wrap it for you. Be creative and come up with your own unique idea!

**Homemade craft items** are also very welcome.

*So many families donated baskets last year --- it was wonderful to see the spirit of St. John's shine through.*

Our **'Lottery Baskets & Lottery Frames** are always a huge success. If you would like to donate **lottery tickets** (any amount), please drop tickets off at the rectory or place in the collection basket at Mass.

As always, **Monetary donations** are greatly appreciated, and helping hands at the Bazaar are always welcome. If you can help or you have questions, please call the **Rectory 622-5470 ext. 3**

**Gift Cards / Certificates are especially needed.**

In addition to our many various **THEME BASKETS**, there will be beautiful **CRAFTS**, many of which are handmade, **SPECIALS**, and of course, delicious **FOOD** and our famous homemade **BAKED GOODS**.

**Baskets should be dropped off by October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**at the Russell Building on the following dates:**

**October 7, 14, 19, 21, 26**

**4:30 to 5:30 p.m. ONLY**

**Baskets / Items for baskets**

**CANNOT**

**be dropped off at the Rectory.**

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## **WINE / CHEESE / SNACK BASKETS**



If you would like to donate **Wine, Cheese, or Snacks** for our **Wine/Snack Baskets** for this year's Christmas Bazaar, please drop your donation off at the **Russell Building on the dates and times listed above.**

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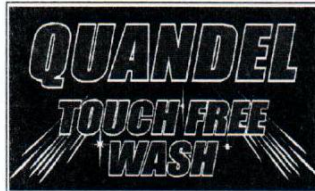
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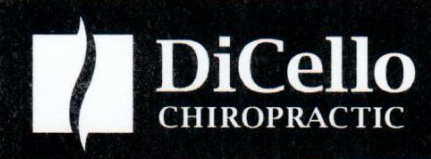
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