

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*

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

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

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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

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 our readings this weekend we hear again from the prophet Amos a warning about comfort and want and revelry leading to complacency resulting in exile. St. Paul writes to Timothy, instructing him to lay hold of eternal life by keeping the Commandments and pursuing the goods, such as love, righteousness and faith. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus who both receive what is just and eternal life.

These readings are a challenge for all believers to consider the eternal consequences of our actions. God in His infinite love both calls us to Himself and gives us the freedom to accept or reject his invitation. We can allow comfort to make us complacent, or we can pursue noble goods and be persuaded by the one who was raised from the dead.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 30 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS, PAUL, ELMER LOTZ

Tuesday, October 1 – 9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL INTENTION

Wednesday, October 2 – 9:00 a.m.

MC FADDEN & HAMPFORD FAMILIES

(Ron & Pat Lombel)

Thursday – October 3 – 9:00 a.m.

LEO LOTZ (Babe Murphy)

Friday, October 4 – 9:00 a.m.

GERGE MINCHHOFF & ELIZABETH DORNSIFE

(Rita Lotz)

Saturday, October 5 – 5:00 p.m.

VIRGINIA & BARNEY COMFORT

(Chris & Jared Black)

Sunday, October 6 – 8:15 a.m.

CHARLES TAMBURELLI (Kathy Vicic)

Sunday, October 6 – 10:30 a.m.

DOROTHY BLUM (Maureen & Joe Kurtek)

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Tuesday – October 1

at York Terrace Nursing Home

ROBERT LAURENAITIS (Staff & Residents)

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: *Beth Thomas Resnick.*

Deceased: *Sue Klem Moore, Dorothy Lotz.*



SCHEDULE

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – October 5th

Reader: Patty O'Neill

Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Reese Ketner, Brooke Siket, Cooper Chiplonia

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 6th

Reader: Jeff Naffin

Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb

Servers: Gavin & Evan Woodward, Nathan Peckman

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 6th

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Phil Markovich, Charlie Miller

Servers: Izabella, Bethany, Trinity Reedy

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

ATTENTION - SCHEDULE

All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for November & December so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please call or email the Rectory by Monday, October 14th to let us know when you are **NOT** available during these months. Thank you.

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Theresa & Jim Brennan

by Joan & Dave Deiter

St. Joseph - IMO Joseph E. Rosenberger

by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

Tabernacle - IMO Theresa & Jim Brennan

by Joan & Dave Deiter

Sanctuary

1. IMO Ernie Zambo by Paul & Bernadette Gombola

2,3,4. For Chloe & Joseph by Neil & Frances Manus

Guardian Angels

1&2. Living & Deceased of the Tamburelli Family

by Herb Tamburelli

SCHUYLKILL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

FALL SCHEDULE – 2019

Sunday – September 29th – 2 p.m.

Hike Sharp Mountain – meet at Longinus Hall

Sunday – October 6th – 2 to 6 p.m.

‘Anchored in Peace’ Retreat – Saylorsburg

Register at www.allentowndiocese.org/anchored

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 21/22: \$ 4,273.25

Nat'l. Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA: \$944.75

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...

Saturday and Sunday, November 9 & 10

'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 2nd & 3rd.

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**.

PICTURES WITH SANTA will be available as well.

This is a great way to get involved in a fun fundraiser for the parish and to meet other people. Join us !!!

Baskets should be dropped off before October 21st at the Russell Building on the following dates:

October 2, 9, 14, 16, 21

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

Baskets / Items for baskets
CANNOT
be dropped off at the Rectory.

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.**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We wish to thank the following for their donations ...

Mary Bound	Christmas Centerpiece
CCD Program	Lottery Frame
Peggy Ebling	\$25.00 Applebee's
Frances Lorenz	Scentsy Bskt.
Manus Family	\$25.00 Sponsor
Roma Pizzeria	Gift Card
Eleanor Schaeffer	Donna Sharp Bskt.
Pat Scheetz	Rachael Ray Cookware
St. John's 8 th Gr. Class of 1964	\$50.00
Visot's	Wine Bskt.
Write Craft	Gift Card

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

25% OFF

SHOPPING PASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019

- Bring your shopping pass to **BOSCOV'S** on **Wednesday, October 16th** to receive **25% off** on most purchases.
- Deposit registration form on your Pass in the ballot box to win prizes.
- Receive free food and fellowship.
- Shopping Passes are good towards LAY-A-WAY Purchases too, so great for early Christmas shopping!

PASSES ... \$5.00 ... available after all Masses the weekends of October 5/6 and October 12/13.

PASSES are also available at the Rectory Office during the week.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

Our Festival Wrap-Up Meeting will take place

Monday, September 30th - 7 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

All are welcome!

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

BUS TRIP - N.Y. CITY sponsored by Nativity Alumni Assoc. on **Saturday, November 2nd** ... only \$45.00 ... For more information or reserve your seat, call Nativity BVM High School at 570-622-8110.

MASS INTENTION BOOK

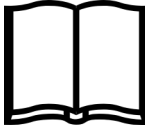
The Mass Intention Book for the year 2020 will open **Monday, October 21st to Thursday, October 24th.**

Masses can be scheduled beginning at **10:00 a.m. in the Rectory Fellowship**

Room on Monday, October 21st.

Scheduling will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to the backlog of Masses we already have from the past year, each person will be able

to schedule **TWO MASSES ONLY** - additional Mass requests may be sent to the Missions. The remaining dates will be used to schedule previously requested Masses as well as keep dates open for those who will be deceased in the year 2020.



PLEASE NOTE

The Mass Intention Book for 2020 will be open from **October 21st to October 24th** - all Masses must be scheduled during this time. No scheduled Mass Intentions will be taken after **October 24^h.**

Two Masses Only

PARISH FOOD SALE

St. John's will host a food sale
Saturday and Sunday, **October 12th & 13th**
at the Russell Building after Masses.

Food Items include: (take out only)

Clam Chowder	\$ 8.00 per Quart
Chicken Noodle Soup	\$ 7.00 per Quart
Bleenies	\$ 1.00 each or 3/\$2.75
Halushki	\$ 7.00 per Quart
	\$ 2.25 one serving

If you would like to volunteer to sell food items, please call the rectory 570-622-5470 x 3.

CEMETERY FLAG REMOVAL

PLEASE NOTE: All flags in the cemetery are required to be removed before Veterans Day. Removal will take place within the next few weeks. Please call the rectory with any questions.



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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

September

- 29 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 30 Festival Wrap-Up Mtg. - 7 p.m. – F.R.

October

- 1 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 2 Christmas Bazaar Basket Drop-off – 4:30 – R.B.
- 7 Ministers of Hospitality Mtg. – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 8 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 9 Christmas Bazaar Basket Drop-off – 4:30 – R.B.
- 10 Parent Mtg. 1st Reconciliation – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 12/13 Parish Food Sale after Masses – R.B.
- 13 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 14 Christmas Bazaar Basket Drop-off – 4:30 – R.B.
- 15 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 16 Christmas Bazaar Basket Drop-off – 4:30 – R.B.
- 16 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 19 Wine & Cheese Social – after Mass – L.H.
- 19/20 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses-Chapel
- 20 Coffee & Pastries after Masses - L.H.
- 21 Christmas Bazaar Basket Drop-off – 4:30 – R.B.
- 21-24 Mass Book for 2020 opens
- 22 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 27 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 29 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.

November

- 1 All Saints Day – Masses 9 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- 2 All Souls Day – Mass 9:00 – Chapel

**** L.H. – Longinus Hall**

**** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room**

**** R.B. – Russell Building**

FAMILY MATTERS

Giving Thanks to God for Our Pets (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). It may seem silly to point out the obvious! Our pets can teach us – in particular our children – how to be more caring. They are also meaningful companions for our loved ones who live alone. We pray that all God's creatures – especially our pets – continue to provide us with joy and comfort.

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.

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."

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE Calling All Women! The Diocese of Allentown is hosting its third annual women's conference on **Saturday, October 5th** at **DeSales University** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. beginning with a Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert. \$40/Adult, \$10/High School Students, \$15 College Students and Vowed/Consecrated Religious. The theme "**Women: Chosen for A Purpose**" will feature presentations by nationally known speakers **Dr. Edward Sri, Sarah Christmyer, Sr. Sophia Marie Peralta, S.C.C. (Spanish Track), and Martha Fernández-Sardina (Spanish Track)**. Continental breakfast, lunch, Confession, Adoration, and Exhibitors included. For more information: visit www.allentowndiocese.org/womens-conference. Questions call 610-289-8900 x 2021 or email adultformation@allentowndiocese.org Hope to see you there!

TEEN RETREAT Teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to join us for a relaxing day of faith and fellowship, including Eucharistic Adoration, opportunities for Confession, talks by Fr. Mark Searles, and other activities. The Anchored in Peace Teen Retreat is on **Sunday, October 6th** from 2 to 6 p.m. at Stone Lake Inn, 407 Greenview Dr., Saylorsburg. Lunch will be included and there is no cost to attend. More information allentowndiocese.org/anchored.

HOPING AGAINST HOPE Living the Gospel where it is **unwelcome** – The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's morning of reflection on **Saturday, October 19th** at Queenship of Mary in Northampton. An optional Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00 AM followed by refreshments. Presentations by Rev. Eric Gruber, Rev. Patrick Lamb, and Rev. David Anthony will begin at 9:15 AM. To register for this free offering visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER ... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Monday, September 30th 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.

BASKET AUCTION ... sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Church, 1115 Walnut St., Ashland on **September 29th**. Shop & Drop Saturday, Sept. 28th noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Auction starts at 3 on Sunday. For more information, call Parish Office at 570-875-1521.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

HARVEST FEST '19 ... at St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg on **Friday, October 4** (4-9 p.m.) and **Saturday, October 5** (12-9 p.m.). Friday music – Oldies Band; Saturday music includes a Polka Band 1 p.m.; Polka Mass at 4:30 p.m.; more music until 8:30 p.m. Homemade ethnic foods, fun, rock wall and bungee jump, hayrides, bingo, theme baskets, corn maze and escape rooms. Free admission, plenty of parking, no coolers. Held rain or shine. For information call 610-562-7657 or visit www.stmaryhamburg.org.

AMERICAN GIRL DOLL BINGO ... at Divine Mercy Hall, 400 block of W. Cherry St., Mt. Carmel on **Saturday, October 12th**; Doors open 11 a.m.; Bingo starts 1 p.m. Tickets \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Food available for purchase. Bring your doll and be eligible for a prize. Tickets available at the Divine Redeemer Church Office, 438 West Ave., Mt. Carmel.

PASSION PLAY 2020 ... visiting France, Germany, Austria and Switzerland: Trip runs **July 3 – 16, 2020**. Bus transportation (departs from Holy Guardian Angels Church) to PHL airport. 12 nights in Superior First Class hotels, daily buffet breakfast, full dinner daily, admission to the Passion Play, tickets for "The Glacier Express Train" across the alps, Tyrolean Dinner Show in Innsbruck, Alpine excursions in Interlaken area, plus more. All ground and airfares are included. Price is \$5,790 / person. For more information please contact montanatours@hotmail.com.

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