

**St. John the Baptist
Roman Catholic
Parish Family**

Established in 1841

10th & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 3, 2019**

**Pastor: Rev. David J. Loeper
Deacons: Dr. Luis R. Visot & Lawrence Lonergan**

Rectory (570) 622-5470
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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 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

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 622-5470 ext.3

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC
Direct Phone (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT
(610) 332-0442 ext. 2019

Sacrament of Reconciliation

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the Book of Wisdom for this Sunday's readings the author says that God loves all things because they are his and he overlooks sin so that all may repent. In the gospel for this Sunday Jesus empowers Zaccheus, who is looked upon as a sinner, to return to a right relationship with him.

In love, God created the world with all things in it. No one is lost to the love of God. His love for all souls moves him to forgive sins so that all can repent and know of his love. Jesus is the embodiment of his love and comes to invite and empower each of us, especially the lost, to turn back to God and to know the joy of his mercy.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 4 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY NORKUS (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Tuesday, November 5 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHLEEN FINN (living intention)

(Joseph D. McGraw Jr.)

Wednesday, Nov. 6 to Friday, Nov. 8

NO MASSES

Saturday, November 9 – 5:00 p.m.

JEAN MACALUSO (Jan Macaluso)

Sunday, November 10 – 8:15 a.m.

LIVING & DECEASED OF ST. BERNARD'S SOC.

(St. Bernard's Society)

Sunday, November 10 – 10:30 a.m.

DEC. OF CONNELLY & PETROVITCH FAMILY

(Dave & Maureen Derbes)

Tuesday – November 5

at York Terrace Nursing Home

RUTH PUCHES (Staff & Residents)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Philomena Carroll by Family

St. Joseph - IMO Theresa Holley by Mary Ann Holley

Tabernacle – IMO Theresa Holly by Mary Ann Holley

Sanctuary

All Candles IMO Theresa Holley by Mary Ann Holley

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I – Michele Poleschak & Steven Compomizzi

SCHEDULE

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – November 9th

Reader: Patty O'Neill

Euch.Min.: Robert Wollyung, Bobby Rienzo

Servers: Luke Garvey, Andrew & Brandon Smith

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – November 10th

Reader: Dave Smith

Euch.Min.: Bob Bechtel, Bill Gianfagna

Servers: Logan, Brooke, Joseph Palko

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – November 10th

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: Phil Markovich, Debbie Guers

Servers: Ronald, Kathryn, 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: *Beth Thomas Resnick, Doug Broughton, Mary Lou Roeder, Helen Hufnagle, Debbie Miller.*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you participate in Jesus' mission to "save what was lost?"

Next Week's Readings

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (November 9/10)

Reading I: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

CHOSEN, BLESSED, SHARED

Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You will be receiving a request letter in the mail within the next few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 26/27: \$ 3,860.50

Christmas Bazaar: \$ 445.75

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

THE AMAZING PARISH

St. John's Parish Mission:

.. To encounter Christ and make disciples ..

The leadership team wants to thank everyone who stopped by after Mass last weekend to enjoy the refreshments and to learn a little more about the Amazing Parish. Many thanks to all who set up, organized and served the food and drinks. We received many good suggestions and comments about what parishioners want to see the parish do in the future.

The suggestion box will be in the back of church and everyone is always welcome to contact the team or the rectory with your ideas and critiques.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a minister at the altar or joining our new greeter ministry for the good of St. John's Parish. More to come!

*Father Dave, Josette Peckman, Tara DeStefano,
Bob Hahner, Bill Gianfagna.*

GREETERS / MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Are you...

- ❖ Someone who likes to greet people with a smile?
- ❖ Someone who could commit to arriving at Mass 10-15 minutes early to greet parishioners and answer questions from new parishioners or visitors?
- ❖ Someone who wants to help the parish become *AMAZING*?

THEN WE HAVE THE POSITION FOR YOU!!

St. Johns is looking for members to be part of their GREETERS/MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY ministry! Please contact the rectory or notify a Parish Leadership Team member....

*Bill Gianfagna, Bob Hahner, Josette Peckman,
Tara DeStefano, Bobby Rienzo, Father Dave.*

Don't be shy...Give it a try....you just might LOVE IT!!

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

ATTENTION : READERS

A very important refresher session will be held:

**Saturday, November 16,
9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Longinus Hall.**

A light breakfast fare will be followed by updated instruction in this important ministry of Reader led by Deacon Lonergan. A reminder note will be sent as the date approaches. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Any parishioner who would like to volunteer to become a Reader is also cordially invited. Please contact the rectory with your intention and contact information.

*The Lord is my strength and my shield ...
with my song I praise my God. Psalm 28:7*

COFFEE AND MUFFINS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

AFTER SUNDAY MASSES

Muffins, fruit, coffee, and juice will be served in Longinus Hall after 815 and 1030 Masses. Join your fellow parishioners again this month for light refreshments, to meet new parishioners and to catch up with friends. This opportunity to get together as a welcoming parish family will continue on the third Sunday of each month. If your parish group would like to provide information at one of these gatherings or you would like to volunteer to help, please call the rectory or speak to one of the volunteers while enjoying your coffee.



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.)

St. John's ENSEMBLE

The purpose of this ministry is to serve the parish at Mass, singing liturgical hymns, using contemporary instruments like the guitar, keyboard, drums or other instruments, and using contemporary music arrangements.



We invite **ANYONE** in the parish wanting to share his or her voice and musical gifts whether you are a beginner or more experienced. Arrangements are not complicated and songs are familiar. You do not need to know how to read music to join us. We will teach anyone who has a willing heart.

Our goal is to play/sing once a month at one of the weekend Masses. Practices will be one or, at most, twice a month for 90 minutes, to prepare for music at Mass that week. This is a great way to participate in parish life and have fun with only a small commitment of your time.

Why not give it a try and give back to your parish family by sharing the gifts God has given to you? If interested call the **Rectory 622-5470.**

Our next practice is:

Wednesday, November 13th at 7 p.m. in Church

**The Ensemble is scheduled for
Sunday, November 17th at 10:30 a.m. Mass**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

21st Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 9th – 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 10th – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Preview weekend is November 2nd & 3rd)

(Chances can be purchased at this time.)

Helping hands are always welcome. If you can volunteer or have any questions, please call the Rectory 622-5470 x 3.

Hot Roast Turkey Platters

will be available after 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday and on Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

(Take-outs are also available.)

Hot Roast Turkey Platters include:

Turkey Breast / Gravy
Mashed Potatoes / Vegetable /
Applesauce or Cranberries
Dessert & Beverage

A la Carte

Homemade Soups, Beef BBQ, Hot Dogs,
Sauerkraut, Sirloin Burgers, Haluski
Desserts, Beverages
(Prices will be posted)

CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSORS

Our 8th graders are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Please consider supporting this important decision by praying for one or more candidates. Cards containing the names of the candidates are located on the table in back of church. Please take one and during this time of preparation, please pray for that person in a special way and write notes of encouragement. Our parish will be doubly blessed!



THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL



The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will deliver a Turkey Dinner complete with Turkey, Filling, Yams, Gravy, Vegetable and Dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day. If you or someone you know is in need of a meal, please call 570-628-3333 or contact us at KofC431@yahoo.com. **Closing date to order is November 22nd at 5 p.m.**

ATTENTION ...ALL BAKERS, CANDY MAKERS

Baked Goods and Candy are needed for our Baked Goods Stand at the Christmas Bazaar on **November 9th & 10th**. All donations are most appreciated!



DESSERTS NEEDED We are grateful for any dessert you would be willing to make to be served with our Roast Turkey Platters ... jello, pudding, tapioca. Sugar-free desserts are also needed.

PECANS - PECANS



St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be selling Pecans again this year at the Christmas Bazaar.

\$13.00 lb – Mammoth Halves

For more information, please contact the rectory.

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

November

- 2/3 Christmas Bazaar Preview after Masses
- 3 Youth Ministry Mtg. - 2 to 4 p.m. – R.B.
- 5 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 7 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 9/10 Christmas Bazaar
- 12 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 14 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 16 Reader's Mtg. – 9:30 a.m. – L.H.
- 17 Coffee & Muffins after Masses – L.H.
- 17 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 18 Family Guild Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – R.B.
- 19 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 20 Catholic Women's Union – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 21 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 23/24 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
- 24 Advent-ure – 9 a.m. – R.B.
- 26 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 28 Thanksgiving Day Mass – **8 a.m.**

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- UPDATE

Total Goal: \$ 31,744.76

Amount Collected: \$ 15,181.00;

Number of Donors: 98; Participation: 14.52%

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

AAA	Vera Bradley
Adelphia	Gift Card
Vince Albo	\$35 Sponsor
Anonymous	Trinity Necklace
Assumption BVM School	School Bskt.
Bake ShopVI	Gift Card
Beehive Salon	Beauty Bskt.
Bella Floral	Autumn Lantern
Jennifer Berger	Ceramic Christmas tree
Carolyn Bernatonis	Quilted Tote Bags
BG's	Gift Card
Kate & Jim Blackwell	\$20.00 Sponsor
Chris Black	Christmas Bskt.
Blu Tavern	Gift Card
Mary Bound	Christmas Centerpiece
Mary Bound	Baby Basket
Joan Bowers	Wine/Snack Bskt.
Cake Pros	Gift Card
CCD Program	Lottery Frame
Nora Chiplonia/Chris Zanis	\$50 Lottery/Wine Sleigh
Consugar Family	Pottery/Beverage Bskt.
Craft Haus	Gift Card
Dairy Queen	Gift Cards
Janet Daubert	Wine Bskt.
Jenn Daubert	\$25 Sponsor
Joanne & Don Doyne	Laundry/Cleaning Bskt.
Peggy Ebling	\$25.00 Applebee's
Empire Beauty School	Gift Cards
Father Dave	Mason Jar Canisters
Ann Marie DeFrank	Everything Dessert Bskt
Millie Fredericks	Pancake Party
Friendly's	Gift Cards
Karla Garland	Back to School Bskt.
Giant	Gift Card
Paul & Bernadette Gombola	\$50.00 Sponsor
Lori Gurlavage	Wine Bskt.
Missy Hahner	Cookie Tray
Mary Beth Harvey	Art Bskt.
Heaven & Earth Salon	Beauty Products Bskt.
Hidden River	\$100 Sponsor
Hughes Family	Fall Bskt.
John Jefferson/Donna Kern	Wine Bskt.
Sue & Ric Jochems	Penn State Bskt.
Ken's Tires	Gift Card
Lucilla & Tony Kochol	Wine/Snack Bskt.
Lucilla & Tony Kochol	Kitchen Bskt.
Pat & John Kutch	Cracker Barrel Bskt.
Frances Lorenz	Scentsy Bskt.
Eric Lieberman	Estate Planning
John B. Lieberman III	\$50.00 Sponsor
Nannette Brophy Major	Limited Edition Print
Manus Family	\$25.00 Sponsor
Patty Markovich/Mary Lipton	Fiber Optic Tree

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Theresa McCabe	Home Sweet Home
Charlie & Pattie Miller	\$50 Red Lobster G.C.
Miller's Distributing	Snack Bskt.
John & Joanne Mistishen	Crock Pot/Tote Bag
Momma Millie's	Cupcakes
Erika Montalvan	Child's Activity Bskt.
Moore's Sneakers	Gift Card
Barb Munster	Bath & Beauty Bskt.
Murphy Jewelers	Pendant Necklace
Bobby Murray (Headquarters)	Hair Care Bskt.
Nativity BVM High School	Nativity Bskt.
Patty & John O'Neill	Warm Holiday
Parishioners	Holiday Bskt.
Parishioners	Kitchen Bskt.
Parishioners	Feeling Pretty Bskt.
Parishioners	Cozy Night Bskt.
Parishioners	Tea Time Bskt.
Parishioners	Soup Time
Mary & Bob Porter	Beekman 1802 Bskt.
Pottsville Pizzeria	Large Pizza
Roma Pizzeria	Gift Card
Pat Pugh	Pioneer Woman Bskt.
Carole & Ed Quirin	Lottery Board
Carole & Ed Quirin	Truck Bskt.
Carol Rehnert	Afghan
Rodnick's	Candy
Mary Lou Roeder	Baby Girl Bskt.
Mary Lou Roeder	Knitted items
Sasha's	Dog Treat Bskt.
Eleanor Schaeffer	Donna Sharp Bskt.
Eleanor Schaeffer	Luggage on Wheels
Kathleen & Jim Scheibelhut	Children's Activity Box
Butch & Sue Scheetz	Boscov's G.C.
Pat Scheetz	Rachael Ray Cookware
Scheidel's Little Peace Farm	Gift Card
Schuylkill Valley Sports	Sports Bskt.
Gerry & Ed Schwartz	Vera Bradley Bskt.
Serendipity	Christmas Bskt.
Natalie Setlock	Misc. Bskt.
Rosann Sitkus	Nativity Scene/Misc.
Linda & Martin Smith	\$100 Giant Gift Cards
Sophy Jewelers	Gift Card
St. John's 8 th Gr. Class of 1964	\$50.00 Sponsor
St. John's CYO Program	\$50.00 Amazon G.C.
St. John's Family Guild	\$50.00 Giant G.C.
Dianne Stoudt	\$50.00 Sponsor
Dorothy Stangl	\$25.00 Sponsor
Strike Zone Alley	Gift Card
Sunseekers	Gift Card
Mim Tirjin	Kitchen Bskt.
Tony's Meat Market	Gift Card
Visot's	Spanish Wine Bskt.
Vito's Coal Fired Pizza	Gift Card

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Bob Weaver Auto	\$50.00 Sponsor
Weis	Gift Card
Wheel	Gift Card
Toni Wiest	Framed Oil Painting
Joanne Wood	Legos Bskt.
Write Craft	Gift Card
Yuengling Brewery	Yuengling Bskt.
Yorkville Drug Store	\$25.00 Sponsor
Ellen & Jay Zane	Car Care Bskt.
Kathleen & George Zwiebel	Movie Night
Kathleen & George Zwiebel	Kid's Fun Bskt.
Linda & Jeff Zwiebel	\$25.00 Amazon G.C.
Linda & Jeff Zwiebel	\$25.00 Lottery

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! Our parish is collecting food items now for Thanksgiving Baskets

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Cranberries
Broth	Spaghetti's
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Instant /Canned Potatoes
Hot Chocolate	Ravioli
Beef Stew	Gravy
Soups	Cake Mixes
Icing	Baked Beans
Canned Vegetables	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Canned Fruit	Macaroni & Cheese
Apple Sauce	Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce	Jelly



Needed Items: Jelly, Soup, Canned Vegetables, Stuffing

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the bottom 10th St. side entrance of church.

Gift cards to purchase turkeys will be gladly accepted. Thank you.

PLEASE -- NO OUTDATED ITEMS

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

HEALING SERVICES ... at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 114 S. Chestnut St., Shenandoah on **Thursday, November 21st** both days at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome! For more information call the Rectory at 570-462-0809 or stmichaelsukrainian@verison.net.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ... at St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Rd., Hamburg on **Saturday, November 23rd** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crafts, gifts, theme basket raffle, homemade Christmas cookies, quilt raffle tickets. Kitchen will be opened for Breakfast & Lunch. For more info call 610-562-7657 or www.stmaryhamburg.org

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

ESSAY CONTEST Annual *Stand Up for Life* Essay Contest ... The theme is "Christ our Hope: In Every Season of Life."

Deadline for essay submission is December 2nd.

This is a voluntary contest open to all students in grades seven through twelve in public and private schools in the Allentown Diocese, as well as home-schooled students at those grade levels. Four winners will be chosen in each deanery – a first and second place winner in each division. From these deanery winners, the top four essays will be chosen, and the winners awarded the following prizes at an awards banquet in January:

Grades 7 & 8: \$100 First Prize Second Prize \$50

Grades 9 - 12: \$200 First Prize Second Prize \$100

Information, visit: allentowndiocese.org/essaycontest

MEN'S CONFERENCE "*Standing Firm in Our Faith*"

Register today to see Dr. Ralph Martin, Fr. Jim Greenfield, Gus Lloyd, and Sam Guzman at the 8th Annual Allentown Diocese on **Saturday, November 23rd** at DeSales University. In addition to a Vigil Mass, there will be opportunities for Adoration and Confession. Register by November 13th at www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference. Questions menconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610) 289-8900 ext. 2021.

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 If you are making a change in ... *address, parish affiliation, e-mail, or phone number*, please call the Rectory Office. We strive to keep our records up to date.