

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

Established in 1841

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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 4TH, 2020

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot and Lawrence Lonergan*



Pastoral Assistant: *Bobby Rienzo*

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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

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the gospel this weekend from Matthew, Jesus tells a parable about vineyard tenants who killed the servants who come to claim the produce.

As humans, we can be possessive of worldly goods and take credit for our talents. Yet, everything we have is a gift from God – even the work we do to earn our living is done through the energy and talents that God gave to us. Like the tenants in this Sunday's gospel, we owe everything to God, our Divine Landlord.

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 5 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY BLUM (Connie Brown)

Tuesday, October 6 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH WOLLYUNG (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Wednesday, October 7 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICK MURPHY (Chris McCoach)

Thursday, October 8 – 8:00 a.m. (Time Change)

ERIKA STANGL SEASOCK (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Friday, October 9 – 9:00 a.m.

GINNY BURNS (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Saturday, October 10 – 5:00 p.m.

ANTHONY & ANNA KUSHMANIK

(John & Mary Jean Morgalis)

Sunday, October 11 – 8:15 a.m.

SR. BARBARA DEITRICH (John & Bernie Petock)

Sunday, October 11 – 10:30 a.m.

ERNEST ZAMBO (Zambo Children)

CANDLE DONATIONS

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Sanctuary

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2. IMO Burton & Eleanor Forney by Jennifer Daubert
3. IMO Cody Chaklos by Jennifer Daubert
4. IMO Richard Glaim Sr. by Jennifer Daubert

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intention



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: *Scott Glunz, Mary Louise Lisowski, Mary Chiplonia.*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What fruits of faith do you see in the world today?

Next Week's Readings

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October (11/12))

Reading I: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Reading II: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



FIRST RECONCILIATION

PARENT MEETING

Tuesday, October 6th at 7 p.m.

in Longinus Hall

Parents are required to attend this meeting.

Bring your pets to receive a blessing on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Sunday, October 4th at 1:30 p.m. in the Russell building parking lot. You don't want to miss this! See Bobby outside or our Facebook page for more information.

 Blessing of the Animals

NO ADORATION this MONDAY 9/5

CHRIST LIFE: FOLLOWING CHRIST

starts this week. Virtual participants have been contacted. In-person participants will meet this

Thursday 10/8 at 7 pm in Church.

MEN'S GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Our *Men's Gospel Reflection Group* meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. on Zoom. We pray and reflect together on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. We are eager to welcome new members. Call Bobby at the rectory.

Franciscan Animal Blessings

FOR ALL ANIMALS

Blessed are you, Lord God,
maker of all living creatures.
On the fifth and sixth days of creation,
you called forth fish in the sea,
birds in the air, and animals on the land.
You inspired St. Francis to call all animals
his brothers and sisters.
We ask you to bless this animal.
By the power of your love,
enable [him or her] to live according to your plan.
May we always praise you
for all your beauty in creation.
Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

FOR A SICK ANIMAL

Heavenly Father,
you created all things for your glory
and made us stewards of this creature.
If it is your will, restore [him or her] to health and strength.
Blessed are you, Lord God,
and holy is your name forever and ever. Amen.

--- 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.

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



Help us get to
1000 Likes!

MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2021 will open
Monday, October 19th to Thursday, October 22nd.

Masses can be scheduled from
10 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, October 19th
in Longinus Hall.

Tuesday to Thursday at the Rectory.

(All COVID-19 Precautions will be in place.)

Masses can also be scheduled by mailing your intentions to the rectory or by calling the rectory 622-5470 ext 3

THREE 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 2021.

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!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 26/27: \$ 4,511.00

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

Did You Know ?
Our bulletin is also
available on our website !

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

October

- 4 Blessing of Animals – 1:30 p.m. – R.B.
- 5 NO Adoration
- 6 Men's Gospel Reflection – 7 p.m. – Zoom
- 6 First Reconciliation Parent Mtg – 7 p.m. - L.H.
- 8 Christ Life: Week 1 – 7 p.m. in Church
- 11 Coast-to-Coast Rosary – 4 p.m. in Church
- 12 NO Adoration
- 13 Men's Gospel Reflection – 7 p.m. – Zoom
- 14 St. John's Beneficial Society – 8 p.m. – F.R.
- 15 ChristLife: Week 2 – 7 p.m. in Church
- 19 Adoration – 7 to 8 p.m. in Church
- 20 Men's Gospel Reflection – 7 p.m. – Zoom
- 21 Catholic Women's Union – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 22 ChristLife: Week 3 – 7 p.m. in Church
- 25 CCD – 9 a.m. in School
- 25 Confirmation Class – 5:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 26 Adoration – 7 to 8 p.m. in Church
- 27 Men's Gospel Reflection – 7 p.m. – Zoom
- 29 ChristLife: Week 4 – 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.

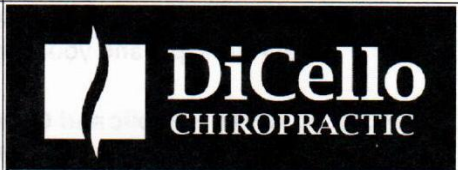
**** L.H. – Longinus Hall**

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The church will receive 5% of total sales accredited to its name!

2 Days of fun and FREE MONEY for the Church!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER ... Drive or Walk-through ... sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Sunday, October 4th** from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** (or sell out). Cost \$8.00 which includes pasta with homemade sauce, two meatballs, salad & bread. Extra meatballs or just meatballs with sauce \$6.00 for six (sold in half dozen). For more info call St. Pat's Rectory 622-1802.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...

Saturday and Sunday, November 14 & 15

'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 7th & 8th.

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!

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.

Homemade craft items are also very welcome.

Gift Cards / Certificates are especially needed.

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

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**.

Helping hands at the Bazaar are always welcome. If you can help or have questions, please call the **Rectory 622-5470 ext. 3**

Baskets should be dropped off 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.

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.**

PECANS - PECANS

St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be selling Pecans again this year at the Christmas Bazaar. For more information, please contact the rectory.

\$14.00 lb - Mammoth Halves

GROW: AS A DISCIPLE / Pray, Study, Engage, Serve

Have you ever had that feeling that all is right with the world? Perhaps it's the cool breeze on a crisp fall day, holding a newborn baby for the first time, or watching your friends or family enjoying each other's company around the dinner table. These are grace-filled moments that bring to mind St. Paul's words today which speak of "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding." It can be all too easy to lose sight of them amid the stresses of daily life and a news feed dominated by negativity and catastrophic events. Paul, never one to shy away from taking a stand, is not asking us to bury our heads in the sand, however. His Letter to the Philippians encourages us to "have no anxiety at all," and turn our thoughts to "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious." In doing so, we can not only counter the negativity, but persevere in faith as we confront the challenges of 2020.

GO: EVANGELIZE / Prayer, Invitation, Witness, Accompaniment

Paul goes on to say, in that same reading: "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." I think Paul just offered us the secret to a happy life! Allow this passage to speak to you today. Allow God's peace to permeate your heart and calm the unrest that can so easily creep in these days. And then pray that you can be the true, honorable, and gracious presence in another's life. Send this passage to a friend who may be hurting in some way, and invite him/her to think of a time recently when they felt the presence of God, the peace of God, in their life. And then offer to accompany them in their struggles – walk beside them and encourage them to "think about these things" that are excellent or worthy of praise.

PRAY: Focus on the encouragement of St. Paul's words today and pray Psalms 100, 136, and 148. Pray these sacred hymns of praise and thanksgiving, and then suggest that you pray them together with your friend.

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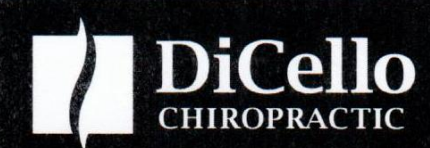
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