

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*

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 6TH, 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*
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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,

The prophet Habakkuk complains to the Lord who responds that what Habakkuk awaits will come in time and the just shall live because of his faith. St. Paul writes to Timothy and encourages him in his faithfulness to the gospel. And in the gospel, the apostles say to Jesus, "increase our faith." He responds by comparing faith to the size of a mustard seed and expounding on the role of a good servant.

Courage lies at the heart of all these readings today and courage to be faithful to the Lord in all things. Like the disciples, we too, should be unafraid to ask him for an increase in faith for Jesus reminds us that even with the smallest amount of faith we have the capacity to do great things in his name.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 7 – 9:00 a.m.

JEAN CONNORS (Cathy, John, Hannah Kostick)

Tuesday, October 8 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANK KUTASH (John & Joyce Gerace)

Wednesday, October 9 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICIA RAKIEWICZ (Ned & Millie Hummel)

Thursday – October 10 – 9:00 a.m.

CHARLES LORENZ

(Rita & Ellen Foley, Jason & Jared Fedor)

Friday, October 11 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY NORKUS (Pat, Missy, Amy Schetz)

Saturday, October 12 – 5:00 p.m.

MICHAEL & DOROTHY COOPER

(Ken & Tammy Cooper)

Sunday, October 13 – 8:15 a.m.

JOHN & MARGARET MESSAROS

(Tom & Jane DeStefano)

Sunday, October 13 – 10:30 a.m.

BARBARA & CARL WEIS (Weiss Children)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - Health of Friends by Barb & Al Munster

St. Joseph - IMO Joseph Gulbinsky

by Mildred Fredericks

Tabernacle – IMO Sheppo & Buehler Family

by Barb & Al Munster

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family

2. IMO Kathy Case by Paul & Bernadette Gombola

3. Health & Welfare of Schweikert Family

by Bill Schweikert

Guardian Angels

1&2. Special Intention

SCHEDULE

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – October 12th

Reader: Robert Wollyung

Euch.Min.: Molly Zwiebel

Servers: Alyssa Sheriff, Joshua Steffan, Riley Doyle

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 13th

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Bob Bechtel, George Forney

Servers: Madison & Caden Wright, Sophia Palmieri

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 13th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: John Ventura, Sharon Snyder

Servers: Evielynn Hower, Ava Orlowsky,

Madison Ryan

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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.

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.*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have you experienced the power of faith?

Next Week's Readings

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October 12/13)

Reading I: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Reading II: 1 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

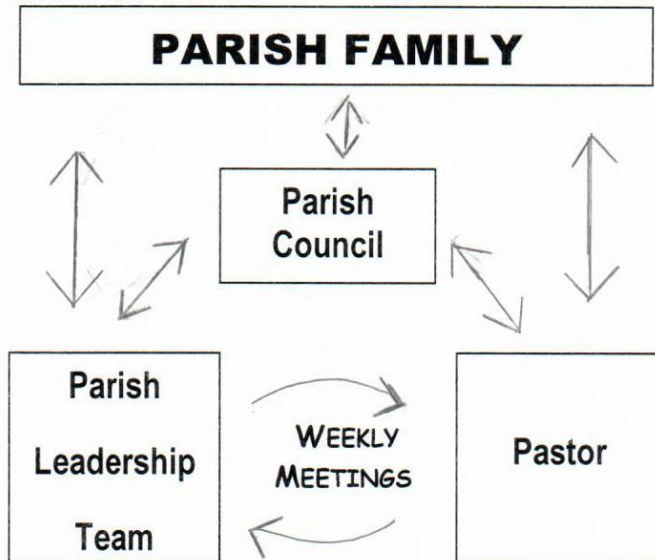
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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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!

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.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

As we strive to make our parish even more *Amazing* we will be meeting with all our ministry groups. Our first meeting will be with our **Ministers of Hospitality** on **Monday, October 7 at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.**

A letter will be sent to our Ministers of Hospitality in the near future. Please RSVP by calling the rectory and invite anyone you think would be interested in being part of our Hospitality Ministry.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION

"It is no little thing for a poor human creature of Mine to prefer My Eucharistic love to an hour of sleep in the night. Only in heaven will you know the worth of an hour so spent. Come to me, then, Visit Me, and remain with Me by night, and I will work for you, and with you, and through you by day."

Words of Christ from "IN SINU JESU"

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 St. Patrick's Rectory 570-622-1802.

FALL PARISH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

(in Longinus Hall)

Saturday, October 19th after 5 p.m. Mass
Wine and Cheese/light hors d'ouvers

Sunday, October 20th after 8:15 & 10:30 Masses
Coffee and Pastries

Take this opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new friends, and learn about the role of groups enhancing our experiences together as a parish family.

This month you are invited to meet the members of the *Amazing Parish Team* to learn more about how the team integrates into the life of our parish. Learn how the team will work with the Pastor, Parish Council, and Parish Family to help us be a parish family that exists to encounter Jesus and to be disciples.

If your parish group would like to participate and offer information in future months or if you would like to volunteer to help with preparation and serving after Masses, please call the rectory 570-622-5470.

Please join us! All welcome and encouraged to attend!

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.)

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Patrick & Angela Mason** and their children, **Cassidy, Coy, and Colt** to St. John's Parish Family. Pat is a teacher at Minersville School District and Angela is employed by Geisinger. Cassidy attends Weidner Law School, Coy and Colt are students at Assumption BVM School.



We also welcome **Maria Mason** into our parish family. Maria is a self-employed beautician in Minersville.

Warmly embrace the **Mason Family** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to:

Patrick & Angela Mason, 196 High Road, Pottsville
Maria Mason, 201 N. 5th St., Minersville

The grass withers, and its flowers fall away, but the Word of God endures forever. ... 1 Peter 1:24

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 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
St. John's CYO Program	\$50.00 Amazon
Visot's	Wine Basket.
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

This year's net profit ... **\$ 18,149.62**

Once again, a special "Thank You" to all who made the Festival a huge success!

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

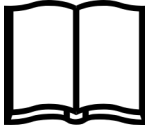
BUS TRIP - N.Y. CITY sponsored by Nativity Alumni Assoc. on **Saturday, November 2nd** ... only \$45.00 ... For more information or reserve your seat, call Nativity BVM High School at 570-622-8110.

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

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.



ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, October 9th at 8 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room.



FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

Thursday, October 10th at 7 p.m.
Longinus Hall

Parents are required to attend this meeting.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Eligibility ... male or female, 4th grade (in Fall) to 12th grade ... if interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 28/29: \$ 4,195.25

Hurricane Relief Fund: \$ 851.50

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

October

- 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 & Muffins after Masses - L.H.
- 21 Christmas Bazaar Basket Drop-off – 4:30 – R.B.
- 21 Family Guild Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – F.R.
- 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 a.m. – Chapel

**** L.H. – Longinus Hall**

**** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room**

**** R.B. – Russell Building**

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY GUILD

The **Family Guild** is a small organization which sponsors activities for the elementary school students of the parish.

Through our fundraising efforts we sponsor two spiritual based programs throughout the year. The programs are the Lent Event and the Advent-ure.



The **Family Guild** also strives to make the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation a little more special for our children by purchasing gifts and providing flowers for these joyous occasions.

If you would like to become more involved within the parish and be a positive influence in the spiritual lives of our parish youth, consider joining the **Family Guild**. We always welcome a new face among us.

If interested please call the Rectory 622-5470 or just come to our next meeting which is scheduled for ...

Monday, October 21st

6:30 p.m. – Rectory Fellowship Room

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

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.allentowndioocese.org/cfm-spirituality

HEALING MASS on **Monday, October 28th** at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Mass Celebrating the Lord's Comfort and Healing Love. All are invited to join in prayer at this Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert as celebrant and homilist at St. Mary's Church in Hamburg, located at 94 Walnut Rd, Hamburg. Following Mass there will be a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:30 p.m.

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thank you for doing the small things, like feeding your neighbors, with great love. God bless.

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Canned Fruit
Broth	Macaroni & Cheese
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Hot Chocolate
Hot Cereal packages	Apple Sauce
Cereal – boxed	Vegetable - Canned
Beef Stew	Spaghetti
Soups	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Canned Gravy	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Gravy	

PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS

Item needed this week: **Soups**

Please Do Not donate any nutritional drinks

(Ensure, etc.)

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the 10th Street entrance at the bottom of the steps. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thanksgiving Day Meal Project: A meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 16th – 7 p.m.** at the Pottsville Council Headquarters, 1842 West End Ave. in Pottsville. Anyone who would like to volunteer and give of their time are asked to attend as plans will be discussed for the preparation and distribution of the meals.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR OPENINGS!

St. John's Choir is welcoming new members To the choir to sing Saturday 5:00 PM Masses and special Masses. This is a very rewarding experience for anyone seeking to become more involved in our Parish Family.

No prior singing experience or reading of music is required. Practices are held **Tuesday's at 7:00 in Longinus Hall.** Contact David Derbes at daderbes@yahoo.com with any questions for more information.



Hope to see you Tuesday!

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ROSARY CRUSADE Every year America Needs Fatima sponsors a Rosary Crusade that honors the Miracle of the Sun event at Fatima. Last year there were more than 21,000 locations across America that prayed the Rosary in honor of Our Lady. A local Rosary Crusade will be held on **Saturday, October 12th at noon** in front of the Schuylkill County Courthouse in Pottsville. All are invited to attend and participate in this Rosary Crusade.

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.

BASKET AUCTION sponsored by Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Mt. Carmel on **Sunday, October 13th**. Doors open 11:30 a.m.; Auction begins 2 p.m. Browse & Bid Saturday, October 12th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission \$5.00 --- Food available for purchase. For more info please call parish office at 570-339-0650.

FR. WALTER CISZEK DAY on **Sunday, October 20th** at 218 W. Cherry St. in Shenandoah from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mass celebrated at 2 p.m. at St. Casimir Church, 229 N. Jardin St. in Shenandoah. Refreshments served after Mass in the church hall. Books, brochures, prayer cards, etc. available for purchase.

GOD'S SUNFLOWER ... *As I watched a tall sunflower nodding toward the sun each hour, I turned to God and begged in prayer that in His light and love I'd share.*

... Sister Mary Gemma Brunke

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FOOD SALE

Saturday, October 12th

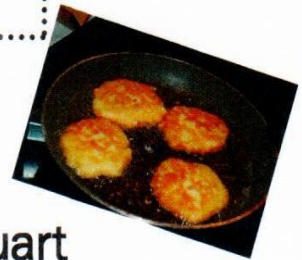
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 13th

9 a.m. until sell out



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



TAKE-OUT ONLY

at the Russell Building
9th & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville

