

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*

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 20TH, 2019

Rectory (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589
Russell Building (570) 628-3002
Website – SaintJohnPottsville.org.

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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,

Endurance runners need a great deal of perseverance. They cannot expend all their energy at the beginning or they won't be able to complete the race. Nor can they run the race without the proper training, fuel and clear direction as to the route. We need a tremendous amount of perseverance to run a race of good faith.

In the readings for this Sunday, the first reading Moses needs help in keeping his hands raised so that Joshua will be victorious. St. Paul reminds Timothy to remain faithful to what he has learned. And in this Sunday's gospel Jesus uses the parable of the persistent widow to remind the disciples to pray always without becoming weary.

Perseverance in prayer and fidelity to God's ways lead us to the Kingdom prepared by sacraments. Fueled by grace and headed toward Jesus, we can reach the Kingdom.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 21 – 9:00 a.m.

WALTER MISTISHEN (Charles & Mary Tamburelli)

Tuesday, October 22 – 9:00 a.m.

GERALD SCHOENAUER (John Lieberman Family)

Wednesday, October 23 – 9:00 a.m.

SUE KLEM MOORE (Susan & Jim Zimmerman)

Thursday – October 24 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY LOTZ

(St. John's Catholic Women's Union)

Friday, October 25 – 9:00 a.m.

ANGELINE CARESTIA (Paul & Sharon Mabry)

Saturday, October 26 – 5:00 p.m.

KATHY NORKUS (Norkus Family)

Sunday, October 27 – 8:15 a.m.

R.J. POST (Bob, Irene, Sandi, Sheri, R.J. Post III)

Sunday, October 27 – 10:30 a.m.

DOROTHY BLUM (Maureen & Joe Kurtek)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO Mary Adams by Fred & Hilda Maley

St. Joseph - IMO Bill Pugh by Fred & Hilda Maley

Tabernacle - IMO Mary Pugh by Fred & Hilda Maley

Sanctuary

1. IMO Jackie Pugh by Fred & Hilda Maley

2. IMO Rick Pugh by Fred & Hilda Maley

3. IMO Francis Maley by Fred & Hilda Maley

4. IMO Thelma Maley by Fred & Hilda Maley

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Alice Crosby by Fred & Hilda Maley

2. IMO Mickey Morris by Fred & Hilda Maley

SCHEDULE

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – October 26th

Reader: Carol Lasco

Euch.Min.: Bill Gianfagna, (Larry Lonergan)

Servers: Noah & Helena Fredericks, Kaitlin Painter

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – October 27th

Reader: Jeff Naffin

Euch.Min.: John Corbacio, (Dr. Visot)

Servers: Luke Schane, Evan & Gavin Woodward

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – October 27th

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto, Justina Majestic

Servers: Anna, Livia, Emma Lieberman

Cantor: Melody Newhard Kirk



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, Eileen Conway Goodwin.* **Deceased:** *Ann M. Koch*

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!

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We celebrated last weekend the glorious baptism day of **Maria Frances Neifert**, daughter of Eric & Juliette (Holtzer) Neifert.. 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 **Maria** into our parish family.



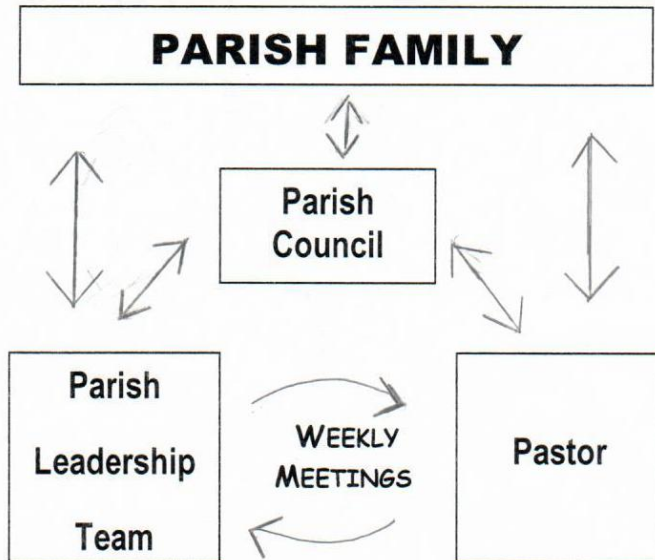
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Stanley & Germaine Grabowski** to St. John's Parish Family. Stanley is retired and Germaine is a staff supervisor for Home Health. Warmly embrace the Grabowski's into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 1502 Howard Ave., Pottsville 17901.



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.

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!!

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

Please drop your All Souls Day envelope in the collection as soon as possible so your intentions can be placed on the altar for All Souls Day. Additional envelopes for your intentions can be found at the church exits.

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.

SCHUYLKILL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Meeting

Sunday, November 3rd

2 to 4 p.m. at the Russell Building

**Join us for Games, Catechesis, Sweet Treats,
Election of YCS Officers.**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What or who helps you to pray?

Next Week's Readings

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October 26/27)

Reading I: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Reading II: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18; 9-14

THANK YOU



A special thank you to Mr. **Ray Petrilla** for volunteering his time and pressure washer to clean the steps and sidewalk in front of the church. It really made a big difference!

You don't realize how dirty the cement gets until it is pressure washed clean. We appreciate all your hard work, **Ray**, to make the front of the church sparkle!

FAMILY MATTERS

Married Couples. Married couples – don't forget to pray for our single, separated, divorced and widowed. Also, we ask our single, separated, divorced and widowed to pray for all married couples. We need each other.

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.

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 23^d at the Russell Building on the following dates:

October 21 & 23

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**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 ...

AAA	Vera Bradley
Adelphia	Gift Card
BG's	Gift Card
Mary Bound	Christmas Centerpiece
Mary Bound	Baby Basket
Joan Bowers	Wine/Snack Bskt.
CCD Program	Lottery Frame
Nora Chiplonia/Chris Zanis	\$50 Lottery/Wine Sleigh
Consugar Family	Coffee/Tea/Hot Choc.
Jenn Daubert	\$25 Sponsor
Peggy Ebling	\$25.00 Applebee's
Father Dave	Mason Jar Bskt.
Karla Garland	Back to School Bskt.
Giant	Gift Card
Lori Gurlavage	Wine Bskt.
Mary Beth Harvey	Art Bskt.
Heaven & Earth Salon	Beauty Products Bskt.
Hughes Family	Fall Bskt.
John Jefferson/Donna Kern	Wine Bskt.
Sue & Ric Jochems	Penn State Bskt.
Lucilla & Tony Kochol	Wine/Snack Bskt.
Lucilla & Tony Kochol	Kitchen Bskt.
Pat & John Kutch	Cracker Barrel Bskt.
Frances Lorenz	Scentsy Bskt.
Manus Family	\$25.00 Sponsor
Charlie & Pattie Miller	\$50 Red Lobster G.C.
Erika Montalvan	Child's Activity Bskt.
Barb Munster	Bath & Beauty Bskt.
Patty & John O'Neill	Warm Holiday
Parishioners	Kitchen Bskt.
Parishioners	Feeling Pretty Bskt.
Parishioners	Cozy Night Bskt.
Parishioners	Tea Time Bskt.
Mary & Bob Porter	Beekman 1802 Bskt.
Pottsville Pizzeria	Large Pizza
Roma Pizzeria	Gift Card
Carole & Ed Quirin	Lottery Board
Carol Rehnert	Afghan
Eleanor Schaeffer	Donna Sharp Bskt.
Kathleen & Jim Scheibelhut	Children's Activity Box
Pat Scheetz	Rachael Ray Cookware
Serendipity	Christmas Bskt.
Natalie Setlock	Misc. Bskt.
Rosann Sitkus	Nativity Scene/Misc.
St. John's 8 th Gr. Class of 1964	\$50.00
St. John's CYO Program	\$50.00 Amazon
Visot's	Spanish Wine Bskt.
Bob Weaver Auto	\$50.00 Sponsor
Toni Wiest	Framed Oil Painting
Write Craft	Gift Card
Yorkville Drug Store	\$25.00 Sponsor
Jeff & Linda Zwiebel	\$25.00 Amazon G.C.
Jeff & Linda Zwiebel	\$25.00 Lottery

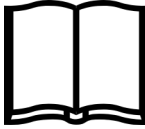
MASS INTENTION BOOK

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

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!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 12/13: \$ 4,570.45

Parish Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,798.25

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SECOND COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND ... OCTOBER 26/27

... will be taken up for this year's **Christmas Bazaar.**
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

October

- 21 Family Guild Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – F.R.
- 21-24 Mass Book for 2020 opens
- 21 Christmas Bazaar Drop-Off – 4:30 p.m. – R.B.
- 22 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 23 Christmas Bazaar Drop-Off – 4:30 – R.B.
- 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

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO sponsored by Nativity Green & Gold Booster Club on **Sunday, October 20th** at the high school. Doors open 11:30; Bingo starts 1 p.m. Cost is \$25.00. Food & refreshments available for purchase. Call Nativity BVM High School with questions 570-622-8110.

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.

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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA A panel of Hope, Help and Understanding on Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (5:30 dinner if interested) at the Pottsville Senior Community Center, 201 North Centre Street, Pottsville. Virtual Dementia Tour (beginning at 5:30). Register by calling Debbie at 570-624-3016.

SOUP / BAKE SALE ... sponsored by St Matthew the Evangelist Parish in Minersville on Saturday, October 26th from 2 to 6:30 p.m. & Sunday, October 27th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon \$8.00 Quart / \$4.00 Serving Chicken Pot Pie, Bean Soup, Chicken Vegetable Soup, Cream of Potato Soup, Cabbage Soup, Lentil Soup, Italian Wedding Soup, Halupkie Soup. Walk-ins welcome! Pre-orders call 544-2211.

FALLFEST CHOOSE & WIN ... at St. Clare of Assisi Parish, Mill & Hancock Sts. in St. Clair on Sunday, October 27th. Shop & Drop on Saturday, October 19 from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, October 26th at 6 p.m. Doors open at 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 27th; Auction begins 2 p.m. Food available for purchase. Fun for all ages ... Come join us!

GUZ'S 7TH ANNUAL CHARITABLE PROJECT ... on Saturday, October 26th at Barefield Outdoor Recreation Complex, Pottsville, from noon til 6 p.m. This year's efforts benefit *Servants to All* in Pottsville. For more information - www.guzscharitableproject.com/current.

HEALING SERVICES ... at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 114 S. Chestnut St., Shenandoah on Thursday, October 24th & 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.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

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.

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 mensconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610) 289-8900 ext. 2021.

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