



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*

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 27TH, 2019

Rectory (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589
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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,

Our relationship with the Lord requires us to recognize our dependence on Him.

While pride is at the root of much sin, humility is the soil in which a life of virtue can grow. The more we recognize our need for God and His mercy, the more we can open ourselves up to the grace He will wish to pour out upon us. It is when we think ourselves independent of God that we close ourselves off to His saving mercy and grace.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 28 – 9:00 a.m.

JAMES CAVANAUGH (Ed & Scott Hahner)

Tuesday, October 29 – 9:00 a.m.

MARIANN RICH (Rita Tamalavage & Annie)

Wednesday, October 30 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPHINE KOCHOL (Kathy Vicic)

Thursday – October 31 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN J. CARROLL SR. (Family)

ALL SAINTS DAY

Friday, November 1

9:00 a.m.

FLORENCE LESCOVAGE (Martin & Linda Smith)

5:15 p.m.

JOHN B. LIEBERMAN IV (Denise & Greg Rautzhan)

ALL SOULS DAY

Saturday, November 2 – 9:00 a.m.

ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Saturday, November 2 – 5:00 p.m.

DOROTHY ELISON (Saturday Night Choir)

Sunday, November 3 – 8:15 a.m.

JOHN HELLER (Mr. & Mrs. Dave Wartella)

Sunday, November 3 – 10:30 a.m.

ANNETTE LIEBERMAN (Joel & Jennifer Gerace)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - IMO John J. Carroll Sr. by Family

St. Joseph - Special Intention

Tabernacle - IMO Mary Rinaldo

by Chuck Rinaldo & Family

Sanctuary

1. IMO James Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

2. IMO Jim Wollyung by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

3&4. IMO Dorothy Elison by Denise & Joe Gerchak

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Mary Rinaldo by Chuck Rinaldo & Family

2. IMO Special Intention

SCHEDULE ALL SAINTS DAY

9:00 a.m. – Friday – November 1st

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert

Servers: Brandon & Andrew Smith, Joshua Reilly Doyle

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

5:15 p.m. – Friday – November 1st

Reader: Paul Gombola

Euch.Min.: Carol Forster

Servers: Bethany, Izabella, Trinity Reedy

Cantor: Mary Bound

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – November 2nd

Reader: Evelyn DeJesus

Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz, Molly Zwiebel

Servers: Reese Ketner, Madison Ryan, Joshua Steffan

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – November 3rd

Reader: Ray Petrilla

Euch.Min.: Mary Jean Morgalis, Nicholas Quinn

Servers: Sophia Palmieri, Madison & Caden Wright

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – November 3rd

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder, Joe Rehnert

Servers: Dylan Bohorad, Lauren & Kelly Goodman

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

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.

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!

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.

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. John's 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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you understand humility?

How do you practice it?

Next Week's Readings

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (November 2/3)

Reading I: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-22

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers those who during the past year have completed their pilgrimage of faith on earth.

November 2018 – to present

Charles Becker Jr.

Kathryn Case

Theodore Casey

Mildred Ditzler

Dorothy Elison

Carole Heacock

John Heller

Cecelia Hock

Ann Marie Koch

Annette Lieberman

Dorothy Lotz

Leo Lotz

Sue Klem Moore

Patrick Murphy

Robert Norkus

Richard Oswald

George Post

Richard Pugh

Rita Troutman

CHOSEN, BLESSED, SHARED

In the next few weeks, the Diocese of Allentown will be conducting a special annual fund for our retired and infirmed priests in good standing. Gifts to this fund will support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. Each household will receive a mailing, and brochures will be available in the coming weeks in the narthex describing the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests and how you can give.

FAMILY MATTERS

All Saints – Communion of Saints – Saints in one's own family. We are called to be saints. Can you imagine one of your family members as a saint? We pray today Lord for all those who have gone before us who were witnesses to their faith by their actions, as well as their words. Saints of God, pray for us.

You pray for my family and I'll pray for yours.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 19/20: \$ 4,288.00

Missions: \$ 1,232.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

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.

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.

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)

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

October

- 29 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
31 RCIA – 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. in Church
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.
16/17 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
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.
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**

ATTENTIONALL 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!

SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special "thank you" goes out to parishioner, **Sandy Frinzi**, who took care of the Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* certificates.

Also, those who helped Sandy ... **Judy Meseravage, Reene Reddington, Ann Marie DeFrank.**

Over \$2,950 was raised for St. John's Parish.

Thank you for all your hard work and time in selling these certificates to help out our parish.



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.**

Ann Marie DeFrank

Millie Fredericks

Friendly's

Karla Garland

Giant

Lori Gurlavage

Mary Beth Harvey

Heaven & Earth Salon

Hidden River

Hughes Family

John Jefferson/Donna Kern

Sue & Ric Jochems

Ken's Tires

Lucilla & Tony Kochol

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Pat & John Kutch

Lieberman, Tamulonis, Hobb

Frances Lorenz

Manus Family

Patty Markovich

Theresa McCabe

Charlie & Pattie Miller

Miller's Distributing

Erika Montalvan

Moore's Sneakers

Everything Dessert Bskt

Pancake Party

Gift Cards

Back to School Bskt.

Gift Card

Wine Bskt.

Art Bskt.

Beauty Products Bskt.

\$100 Sponsor

Fall Bskt.

Wine Bskt.

Penn State Bskt.

Gift Card

Wine/Snack Bskt.

Kitchen Bskt.

Cracker Barrel Bskt.

Estate Planning

Scentsy Bskt.

\$25.00 Sponsor

Fiber Optic Tree

Home Sweet Home

\$50 Red Lobster G.C.

Snack Bskt.

Child's Activity Bskt.

Gift Card

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

AAA	Vera Bradley
Adelphia	Gift Card
Vince Albo	\$35 Sponsor
Anonymous	Trinity Necklace
Bake Shop VI	Gift Card
Beehive Salon	Beauty Bskt. Carolyn
Bernatonis	Quilted Tote Bags
BG's	Gift Card
Cake Pros	Gift Card
Chris Black	Christmas Bskt.
Blu Tavern	Gift Card
Mary Bound	Christmas Centerpiece
Mary Bound	Baby Basket
Joan Bowers	Wine/Snack Bskt.
CCD Program	Lottery Frame
Nora Chipionia/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
Family Guild	\$50 Giant G.C.
Father Dave	Mason Jar Canisters

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Barb Munster	Bath & Beauty Bskt.
Murphy Jewelers	Necklace
Bobby Murray (Headquarters)	Hair Care Bskt.
Patty & John O'Neill	Warm Holiday
Parishioners	Kitchen Bskt.
Parishioners	Feeling Pretty Bskt.
Parishioners	Cozy Night Bskt.
Parishioners	Tea Time Bskt.
Parishioners	Holiday 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
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.
Kathleen & Jim Scheibelhut	Children's Activity Box
Pat Scheetz	Rachael Ray Cookware
Scheidel's Little Peace Farm	Gift Card
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
St. John's CYO Program	\$50.00 Amazon
Dianne Stoudt	\$50.00 Sponsor
Strike Zone Alley	Gift Card
Sunseekers	Gift Card
Tony's Meat Market	Gift Card
Visot's	Spanish Wine Bskt.
Vito's Coal Fired Pizza	Gift Card
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
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

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER ... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Monday, October 28th 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.

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!

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO ... sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Frackville, on **Saturday, November 2nd**. Doors open 4 p.m.; Bingo starts 6 p.m. Pre-sale tickets \$20; Tickets price date of Bingo is \$25. Food – Fun – Drinks – Raffles. Please call 570-874-0610 for more information.

SPAGHETTI DINNER ... sponsored by St. Patrick Church, Pottsville, on **Sunday, November 3rd** at the Parish Center, 319 Mahantongo St., from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat; Adults \$8; Children \$3.50. Eat- or Take-out.

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 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 of the Month: Stuffing Mix & Gravy

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

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

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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