

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

*Established in 1841*

10<sup>th</sup> & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

## **SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

**Pastor:** *Rev. David J. Loeper*

**Deacons:** *Luis R. Visot and Lawrence Lonergan*



**Pastoral Assistant:** *Bobby Rienzo*

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### **Cemetery Information**

John Consugar (570)-449-1675

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.

### **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**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC

Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

### **Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services**

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. In the gospel, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount reassuring His followers that the reward for those who live according to the new law will be great in heaven.

Gathered at each Mass we are like the crowd in this Sunday's gospel, sitting at the feet of Jesus and seeking direction through His word and spiritual nourishment through the Eucharist. Placing our hope in God and striving to lead virtuous lives, we look toward salvation and eternal life and we are reminded that we are all called to be saints.

*Father Dave*

### MASS INTENTIONS ALL SOULS DAY

Monday, November 2 – 9:00 a.m.

**ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Tuesday, November 3 – 9:00 a.m.

**ERIKA STANGL SEASOCK** (Eleanor Schaeffer)

Wednesday, November 4 – 9:00 a.m.

**JOSEPH WOLLYUNG** (Dave & Joan Deiter)

Thursday, November 5 – 9:00 a.m.

**HELEN TRASATT** (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Friday, November 6 – 9:00 a.m.

**PHILOMENA LOEPER** (Joe & Dorothy Stangl)

Saturday, November 7 – 5:00 p.m.

**JOSEPH REHNERT** (Mary Jean & John Morgalis)

Sunday, November 8 – 8:15 a.m.

**SCOTT GLUNZ** (Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Sunday, November 8 – 10:30 a.m.

**STEPHEN & ANNA KURTEK** (Joey Kurtek)

### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** – Special Intention

**St. Joseph** – Special Intention by Mary Jean Morgalis

**Tabernacle** - IMO Joseph Rehnert, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

by Carol Rehnert

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO Harold Bartholomew by Frances Lorenz

2. IMO James J. Bartholomew by Frances Lorenz

3. IMO Carl J. Bartholomew by Frances Lorenz

4. IMO T. Mary Rinaldo by Chuck Rinaldo & Family

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. IMO John J. Carroll Sr. by Family

### Next Week's Readings

32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (November 7/8)

**Reading I:** Wisdom 6:12-16

**Reading II:** Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### November

- 2 Rosary & Adoration – 7 p.m. in Church
- 5 Christ Life: Week 5 – 7 p.m. in Church
- 6 First Friday Adoration – Church open 9-5
- 7/8 Christmas Bazaar Preview after Masses – R.B.
- 8 Christ Life Retreat – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Church
- 9 NO Adoration
- 12 Christ Life: Week 6 – 7 p.m. in Church
- 14 Christmas Bazaar – 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. – R.B.
- 15 Christmas Bazaar – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – R.B.
- 16 Adoration & Confession – 7 p.m. in Church
- 18 Catholic Women's Union – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 19 Christ Life: Week 7 – 7 p.m. in Church
- 22 CCD Class – 9 a.m. – in School
- 22 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 23 NO Adoration
- 30 Adoration & Confession – 7 pm. in Church

Men's Gospel Reflection group meets **every Tuesday at 7 PM** on Zoom

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary are prayed live **every Wednesday at 8 PM** on our Facebook page.

\*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall

\*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

\*\* R.B. – Russell Building

## FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

### November 2019 – to present

<b>Lorrie Cunningham Botella</b>	<b>Joseph LeBlanc</b>
<b>Joseph Brahler</b>	<b>Robert McNamara</b>
<b>Paul E. Burns</b>	<b>Mary Muldowney</b>
<b>James E. Campion Sr.</b>	<b>Dorothy Parsick</b>
<b>Mary Chiplonia</b>	<b>Joseph Rehnert</b>
<b>Viola Direnzo</b>	<b>Beth Ann Resneck</b>
<b>Catherine Dusel</b>	<b>Erika Stangl Seasock</b>
<b>Marie Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>Esther Smith</b>
<b>Scott Glunz</b>	<b>John J. Steffan Jr.</b>
<b>Eugene Gustitis</b>	<b>John Whelski</b>
<b>Linda Houser</b>	<b>Thomas F. Williams</b>
<b>Thomas Hughes Sr.</b>	<b>Joseph Wollyung</b>

## 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:** *Lawrence Haffey, Anthony Gaburick Sr., John Kutch, John Morgalis.*

# Rosary 7:10 p.m. during Adoration on Mon. 11/2

## VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 1-7

Did you know that in our country compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc. During National Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people today will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider priesthood and religious life.

Join us as we pray a rosary together on Monday 11/2 at 7:10 p.m. in front of the Blessed Sacrament asking for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and for happy and holy marriages in the Diocese of Allentown.

## BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD, FATHER MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY

The Beatification Mass for Father McGivney was held at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, CT on Saturday, October 31, 2020. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 with the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism and now, with 2 million members strong, serves parishes and communities around the world. Please continue to pray for Father McGivney's canonization. For more information, please go to KofC.org.

## FAMILY MATTERS

**All Saints – Communion of Saints – Saints in one's own family.** We are all 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.*

## CEMETERY FLAG REMOVAL

**PLEASE NOTE:** All flags in the cemetery are required to be removed **AFTER** Veterans Day. Removal will take place sometime after that date. Please call the rectory with any questions.



--- 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**October 24/25: \$ 5,927.26**

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

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We appreciate advertisers who support St. John's by advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize their business and let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin.

### **Lord-Bixler Funeral Home, Inc.**

1818 Mahantongo Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

**570-622-0230**

Terry L. Bixler, Supv.

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## 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."*

## **Did You Know ?**

**Our bulletin is also available on our website !**

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Bazaar

**\*\* Location: at the Russell Building \*\***

**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

(Preview weekend is November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)  
(Chances can be purchased at this time.)

## **Hot Roast Turkey Platters**

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

**Hot Roast Turkey Platters** include:

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

## **A la Carte**

**Pugh Family Bean Soup – Quarts only**

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

**All Food Items – Take Out Only**

**CDC Guidelines will be in place  
(Masks – Social Distancing)**

## **ATTENTION ...ALL BAKERS, CANDY MAKERS**

Baked Goods and Candy are needed  
for our **Baked Goods Stand** at the  
Christmas Bazaar on **November 14<sup>th</sup> &  
15<sup>th</sup>**. All donations are very much  
appreciated!



**All desserts must be  
individually bagged or wrapped.**

## **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**

## **ARE YOU PLANNING A CHANGE ??**

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.



## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** ... sponsored by St. Patrick  
Church, Pottsville ... **Take Out ONLY** --- on **Sunday,  
November 1<sup>st</sup>** from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (or sell out)  
at 313 Mahantongo St. Cost: \$8 per spaghetti platter  
(which includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two  
meatballs, a salad, and bread). Extra meatballs or Just  
meatballs - with sauce - \$6 for six (sold in half dozens)

**WINTER BAZAAR** ... sponsored by St. Charles  
Borromeo Parish in Ashland on **Saturday, November  
7<sup>th</sup>** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish Hall – 1115  
Walnut St. in Ashland. Basket Raffle, Bake Sale, Soups,  
Halupkies, Halushki, BBQ, Sausages, Door Prizes and  
more! For more info please call the parish office at 570-  
875-1521.

**HOLY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** ... at St. Joseph  
the Worker Parish (St. Ann location) in Frackville on  
**Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** to pray for our  
deceased loved ones and to provide support for those  
who are mourning. CDC guidelines will be in place.

## **BURIAL PLOTS**

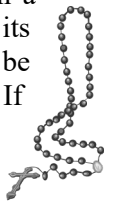
Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear  
thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's  
need ... we want to remind our parishioners and friends  
that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services  
whenever that need occurs.

**Grave Lots \$ 600.00 each  
(Includes Perpetual Care)**

**For further information contact the  
Rectory 570-622-5470.**

## **ROSARY REPAIR**

Parishioner, **Paul Gombola**, repairs rosaries on a  
case by case basis and each situation offers its  
own unique challenges. A damaged rosary can be  
dropped off at the Rectory or at Paul's home. If  
you have all the parts, a very simple repair is  
usually **FREE**. When the repair is more  
complex and requires additional parts or  
rewiring, this can be accomplished with minimum cost  
for \$5 or \$10. In extreme cases where parts need to be  
ordered the repair cost can be \$20 or over. If your rosary  
is missing a piece of chain, a crucifix, centerpiece or  
several beads, Paul has several on hand and will attempt  
to match them as closely as possible. This service is  
provided **FREE**. For more information, please call the  
Rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

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Chris Black	Christmas Bskt.
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Catholic Women's Union	\$25 Sponsor
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Maria Mason	\$50.00 Sponsor

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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Sharon & Lou Miller	Mrs.Meyer's Bskt.
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Parishioners	Children's Bskt.
Parishioners	Kitchen Bskt.
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Rosann Sitkus	For Kid's Only Bskt.
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Linda & Martin Smith	Dairy Queen Gift Cards
Dorothy & Joseph Stangl	\$25.00 Sponsor
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Wheel	Gift Card
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Toni & Carl Wiest	Beanie Babies
Toni & Carl Wiest	Afghan
Barb Wollyung	\$50.00 Sponsor
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Ellen & Jay Zane	\$50.00 Sponsor

## ***FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS***

*"WHERE THE LORD'S PRESENCE IS HONORED, REVERENCED AND ADORED IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, THE WHOLE CHURCH IS LIFTED UP AND STRENGTHENED."*

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which venerates and honors the heart of Jesus, became widespread through St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1675 within the octave of the Feast of Corpus Christi. When Jesus spoke to St. Margaret Mary and revealed the beauty and mercy of his heart to her, he spoke of several promises for those who reverence his heart, including an abundance of graces, blessings and even the conversion of the most hardened hearts. The 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus made to St. Margaret Mary are:

- I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
- I will establish peace in their families.
- I will comfort them in their trials.
- I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.
- I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
- Sinners will find in my heart an infinite ocean of mercy.
- Lukewarm souls will become fervent.
- Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.
- I will bless every place where an image of my heart shall be exposed and honored.
- I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in my heart, never to be blotted out.
- I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of my heart, that my all-powerful love will grant the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving my sacraments; my divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.



We will be honoring the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on **November 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** starting with Mass at 9 a.m., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 9:30 a.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m., Evening Prayer and Benediction at 4:30 p.m. Sign up in the back of church for an hour. **We need 2 adorers for every hour.**

## **CHRIST LIFE: FOLLOWING CHRIST**

### **WEEK 4: FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER**

**WE ARE COMMANDED TO FORGIVE OTHERS AS GOD HAS FORGIVEN US.**

#### **PRACTICAL TIPS FOR FORGIVENESS**

- Recognize the person who hurt you is a fellow human being.
- Ask yourself, "What happened?"
- Surrender your right to "get even."
- Choose to forgive.
- Don't wait for the other person to ask forgiveness.
- Bless the other person.
- Distinguish between forgiveness and reconciliation.
- Learn to ask and receive forgiveness in daily living. Ask, "Would you please forgive me for \_\_\_?"
- Seek help if needed for major trauma or recurring abuse. Forgiveness does not mean you have to stay in harmful environments or situations.
- Take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## Grow & Go

November 1, 2020

Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12A

**GROW:** In journalism school, a professor admonished future reporters: “Show, don’t tell.” In other words, don’t start a story with a generality such as: “It was a nice day.” Instead, be specific: “The sun shone through the clouds and the air had a hint of the first snow.” This Sunday, we hear Jesus not only tell us, but show us through the poetic language of the beatitudes what holiness looks like. As if that weren’t enough, we celebrate All Saints’ Day, honoring those holy men and women (known and unknown) in heaven whose lives exemplified the beatitudes. Jesus and the saints remind us that we cannot do it alone; we need God’s help to live “blessed” lives. With God’s grace, we, too, can aspire to holiness and sainthood.

**GO:** In his apostolic letter on the call to holiness, Pope Francis reminds us that the beatitudes are not simply platitudes. “Let us allow his words to unsettle us, to challenge us and to demand a real change in the way we live,” he writes. “Otherwise, holiness will remain no more than an empty word.” (*Gaudete et Exsultate* 66) He points out that we cannot do it alone, but only with the help of the Holy Spirit, who can free us from those stumbling blocks that may hold us back. Strengthened through prayer and the Eucharist, the road to holiness begins by putting one step in front of another – whether that means reordering our priorities, being more patient with our children, friends, or spouse – or aspiring to be what Pope Francis calls the saints next door: “Those who, living in our midst, reflect God’s presence.” (*GE* 7)

**REFLECT:** Read the section on the beatitudes in Chapter 3 of *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Pope Francis’ 2018 apostolic letter on the call to holiness. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us become the saints “next door” to those we encounter in our daily lives.

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