

# St. John the Baptist R.C. Church

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2020

Held at St. John's Russell Building  
9<sup>th</sup> St. & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville

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.

### Over 50 Theme Baskets



Various Crafts / Handmade Items  
Wreaths / Bargain Table



Menu includes:  
Hot Roast Turkey Platters  
BBQ / Beef Burgers / Hot Dogs / Sauerkraut  
Pugh Family Bean Soup / Coffee / Soda / Ice Tea

**DON'T MISS OUR HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS**

**ALL FOOD ITEMS --- TAKE-OUT ONLY**

**CDC GUIDELINES WILL BE IN PLACE**

#### Preview Weekend

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – after 5 p.m. Mass  
Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – after 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Masses  
Chances can be purchased at this time

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

Established in 1841

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

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**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**November 8, 2020**

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

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

**Pastoral Assistant:** *Bobby Rienzo*

**Parish Council President:** *Robert Bechtel*

**Choir Director / Organist:** *David Derbes*

**CCD Coordinator:** *Lucilla Kochol*

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**St. Joseph Center** (570) 622-4638

**Facebook** St.John the Baptist Catholic Parish Family

**Instagram** [stjb\\_parish](https://www.instagram.com/stjb_parish)

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## **Cemetery Information**

John Consugar 622-2389

St. John's Rectory 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 Phone (800) 791-9209

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

Office of Safe Environment

Pamela Russo, MSW, MS

610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's first reading the author of Wisdom says resplendent and unfailing is wisdom and it can be found by those who seek her. In the second reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he writes that Jesus' Resurrection enables them to have hope that those Christians who have preceded them in death will also rise in Christ.

Do we live each day as if we were to meet God tomorrow? As Christians we know that this life is not an end.

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins. Five of them were foolish, five were wise. We need to stay awake and be prepared to meet the Lord just as those five wise virgins were because we do not know the day or the hour of His return.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 9 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH WOLLYUNG (Jim & Kate Blackwell)

Tuesday, November 10 – 9:00 a.m.

MARIE ASAIF (Justina Mitchell)

Wednesday, November 11 - 9:00 a.m.

THERESA LYNCH (Margaret & Keith Naffin)

Thursday, November 12 – 9:00 a.m.

EUGENE GUSTITIS (Ann Marie Tranquillo)

Friday, November 13 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN B. LIEBERMAN IV (Friends of St. John's)

Saturday, November 14 – 5:00 p.m.

LIVING & DECEASED OF ST. BERNARD'S SOC.

Sunday, November 15 – 8:15 a.m.

MARY CHIPLONIA (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Sunday, November 15 – 10:30 a.m.

HERBERT RHOADES (Carol Rhoades)

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### CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Special Intention by Mary Jean Morgalis

St. Joseph – IMO Charles & Veronica Shattar  
by Martin & Linda Smith

Tabernacle - IMO Charles & Veronica Shattar  
by Martin & Linda Smith

Sanctuary

1,2,3. IMO T. Mary Rinaldo

by Chuck Rinaldo & Family

4. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does your parish minister to those who grieve?  
What other support can be offered?

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### November

- 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

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### Next Week's Readings

33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (November 14/15)

**Reading I:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

**Reading II:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

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### 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 Morgalis.*

**Deceased:** *Mary Muldowney, Jean Hill.*

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## **Next Adoration will be Monday 11/16**

## **SCAM**

**Scam emails and texts:** There have been reports from some people in the Diocese about emails or text messages saying that their Pastor or priest is soliciting money or gift cards. Please be aware that this is a scam.

# 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**

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 31/November 1--- \$ 4,527.44

All Saints --- \$ 866.00

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

## A PRAYER FOR ALL VETERANS

O God, Great and Almighty Creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.

Thank you for America's heroes, who have fought for our freedoms and who have faithfully served our country. We honor all of our veterans, for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.

As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation.

We thank You for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations. Amen.



## FAMILY MATTERS

**Honoring Veterans.** In our families, over the years many have served in the military. Too many have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country's freedom. Today we give thanks to God for all those families who have had loved ones die for the cause of freedom. We salute also our veterans and thank them for their service.

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

## 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."*

## 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.

## THE GIVING TREE

On the weekend of November 21/22, a barren tree is placed in the front of church adorned with gift tags. The gift tags will have suggestions for the needy in our area. If you are able, please take one. Return your gift wrapped with the gift tag on the outside, attached to the ribbon. Please return the package under the tree before the weekend of **December 5/6**. The tag is **very important** because it has the person's identity number on it.

**Please Note:** If you are not able to purchase the item on the gift tag, please return it to the tree.

### **PLEASE DO NOT TAPE TAG TO THE PAPER**



Our gifts each year to the needy of the area are our way of reaching out to those who have meant so much and saying we love them and wish them the blessings of Christmas.

**GIFTS ARE DUE BACK before  
DECEMBER 5/6 WEEKEND**

**PLEASE NOTE: If more than one item is listed on the tag ... You are asked to get one item ONLY.**

## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**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

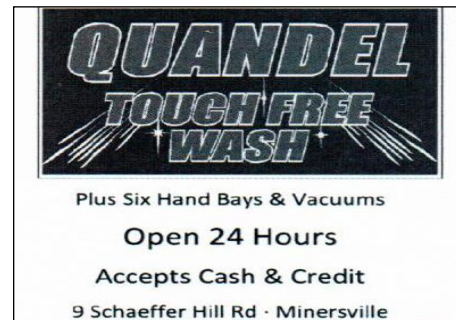
Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's need ... we want to remind our parishioners and friends that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services whenever that need occurs.

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

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

## 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.



### **Why Advertise In A Church Bulletin?**

- \* It's inexpensive Advertising
- \* It's Effective in Catching New Neighbors' Attention
- \* It's Advertising Concentrated in Your Neighborhood
- \* It Develops Good Community Relationships
- \* It's Good For Developing Loyal Customers

## CHRIST LIFE: FOLLOWING CHRIST WEEK 5: THE SPIRIT-EMPOWERED LIFE

- The more we acknowledge our weakness, the more God's power is able to provide for us; we need the power of the Holy Spirit to live as a disciple of Jesus.
- Four ways the Holy Spirit fills us with power to live new life in Christ:
  - In Christ and through Baptism, God has adopted us as His own sons and daughters
  - We are promised a supernatural power to conquer sin
  - We are empowered to share in and live out the mission of Jesus Himself
  - God gives supernatural gifts to each individual for the sake of the mission

**GROW:** Google is a mixed blessing for me. One time, it helped me figure out I had a medical emergency and needed to get to the ER pronto! But a glance at my search history reveals that 99 out of 100 times that I'm searching for wisdom of some sort, I'm searching for things like "meatless Monday recipes," "best long-run shoes," or "living room paint colors" (plus 12 variations on each theme). This recognition came to mind when I listened to the words of our first reading. "She [Wisdom] is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." Hearing this reminds me to spend less time Googling and more time searching for what really matters – God's love, goodness, and wisdom. The Gospel story of the virgins keeping vigil for the bridegroom expands on this, for it is the wise who are most prepared to sustain their watch.

**GO:** Like many people, I have a bookshelf full of self-help books – guides to parenting, figuring out the color of my parachute, various diets, the magic of "tidying up." Today's readings have me wondering whether these well-meaning efforts to become "the best version of myself," or plumb the meaning of life, miss the point. After all, as today's readings remind us, the source of all wisdom is right before us, in the person of Jesus. We don't have to have all the answers, we just need to know where to look, and to have the patience and wherewithal to be prepared to receive it. By studying the Scripture and opening our eyes to the presence of God in others and even in the challenges we face, we can grow closer to Jesus and be ready to meet the bridegroom when he comes.

**REFLECT:** Read and pray today's responsorial psalm. (Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

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