

St. John the Baptist R.C. Church

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
2020**

**Held at St. John's Russell Building
9th St. & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville**

Saturday, November 14th – 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 15th – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Over 70 Theme Baskets



**Specials / Various Crafts
Handmade Items / 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

**St. John the Baptist
Roman Catholic**

Parish Family

Established in 1841

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

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 15, 2020

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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Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589

Russell Building (570) 628-3002

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Assumption BVM Elementary (570) 622-0106

St. Joseph Center (570) 622-4638

Facebook St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish Family

Instagram [stjb_parish](https://www.instagram.com/stjb_parish)

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

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the first reading for this Sunday the author of Proverbs declares a worthy wife as having value beyond pearls. She is described as bringing goodness, being entrusted with her husband's heart, hard working and in fear of the Lord. In this Sunday's gospel Jesus tells a parable of the faithful servant who multiplies the talents given him by his master.

We are called to participate in God's work to multiply goodness in our world and God gives us all we need for this work especially in the Eucharist. We receive God's grace and strength that we too may be faithful in small matters and in great responsibilities.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 16 – 9:00 a.m.

PATRICK MUPRHY (McCoach Family)

Tuesday, November 17 – 9:00 a.m.

CLAIR & MARGARET FRY

Wednesday, November 18 - 9:00 a.m.

SUZANNE KERN (Emily Carpenito)

Thursday, November 19 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY & LEO LOTZ (Pat Klassen)

Friday, November 20 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY BLUM (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Saturday, November 21 – 5:00 p.m.

LIVING & DECEASED OF ST. JOHN'S
BENEFICIAL SOCIETY

Sunday, November 22 – 8:15 a.m.

JOSEPH LE BLANC (Joe Bosack)

Sunday, November 22 – 10:30 a.m.

DECEASED OF JOHN & GRETCH LIEBERMAN
FAMILY (John Lieberman Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Joseph & Elizabeth Brahler

by Frances Brahler Mickey

St. Joseph – IMO Emily, Joyce & Leo Leinheiser Sr.

by Miriam Tirjan & Rosie Kenderes

Tabernacle - IMO Emily Leinheiser by Family

Sanctuary

1,2,3. IMO Emily, Joyce, Leo Leinheiser Sr.

by Miriam Tirjan & Rosie Kenderes

4. IMO Jim Wollyung by his Family

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Emily, Joyce, Leo Leinheiser Sr.

by Miriam Tirjan & Rosie Kenderes

2. IMO Joseph & Elizabeth Brahler

by Frances Brahler Mickey

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

November

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**

26 **NO Thanksgiving Day Mass**

30 Adoration & Confession – 7 p.m. in Church

December

2 Catholic Women's Union Christmas Party

3 First Reconciliation Rehearsal – 7 p.m. in Church

5 First Reconciliation – 10 a.m. – 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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who has affirmed your talents?

Who needs your affirmation of their talents?

Next Week's Readings

CHRIST THE KING (November 21/22)

Reading I: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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, Anastasia Bulino.*

Deceased: *Jean Hill, Joseph Ferraro, Sara Blackwell*

Adoration & Confessions will be Monday 11/16 from 7 to 8 p.m.

*The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:7*

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

*Women of all ages are invited to join
the Catholic Women's Union.*

Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women's Union by joining us on **Wednesday, November 18th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Spring Covered Dish Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed.



**For more information call
St. John's Rectory: 622-5470.**

Installation of Officers will take place at this meeting.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: Wednesday, December 2nd
Where: Longinus Hall
Time: 6 p.m.
Cost: \$25.00



Menu: Mixed Hot & Cold Buffet catered by Hess
Catering featuring ... Roasted Chicken, Baked
Haddock with Lemon & Dill Butter, Baked Ham

We will also exchange a \$5.00 gift, wine or snack item you would serve for the holidays – please wrap the item. For more information please call the Rectory at 570-622-5470 ext. 3.

WEEKLY COLLECTION November 7/8--- \$ 4,359.26

Parish Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,002.00

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

FAMILY MATTERS

Being Pro-Life Daily. Every time we promote the dignity of a human being we are pro-life. God, grant us the courage to choose life in our words and our actions. May our families reflect the importance of promoting the goodness of life in the ordinariness of their daily activities.

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

*The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.
Revelation 22:21*

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 to the needy of the area each year 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.

--- 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.

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CHRIST LIFE: FOLLOWING CHRIST

WEEK 6: THE HEART OF A DISCIPLE

We are called to imitate Jesus as our model by having the heart of a disciple. The heart of a discipline means we have...

...A heart of love for one another: rejoicing and weeping with one another, praying and fasting for other's needs, providing for the financial needs of others.

...A heart for our neighbors: learning our neighbor's names and praying for them, starting conversations with people instead of just passing by them, fostering relationships with those who are interested, inviting neighbors to events at church.

...A heart for the lost: praying for people who are far from God, loving the lost, even when they are hostile or don't love you back, evangelizing and sharing the reason for your hope and what God has done in your life.

...A heart for the least: identifying people who might be considered "the least" and finding a way to serve them, volunteering with a homeless ministry, serving with a prison ministry.

...A heart for the littlest: encouraging families who bring their children to church, smiling at young children near you in the pews, praying for children you encounter throughout the day.

...A heart of generosity: giving your "first fruits" through a tithe--for example, 10% of your income; allowing your financial priorities to flow from a place of generosity; having a generous heart for the poor; trusting that God will provide for your needs.

CEMETERY STATIONS OF THE CROSS



If you visited St. John's Cemetery at 20th & Mahantongo Sts., you may have noticed the Stations of the Cross are not there. We are in the process of having them refurbished. More details to follow ...

BULLETIN BOOSTERS

November 2020

IMO Carl Bartholomew	IMO Clare & Linda Houser
IMO Harold Bartholomew	IMO Philomena Loeper
IMO Robert Berger	IMO Charles Lorenz
IMO Edward Christ	Dorothy Parsick
Mildred A. Fredericks	IMO Jeanne Rehnert
Fr. Don Henry	IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert
IMO M/M Herbert Henry	IMO Erika Stangl Seasock
IMO Joanne Hepler	IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
	IMO Margaret Zelinsky

Living & Deceased of St. John's CYO Program

What is a Bulletin Booster?? Some of our newer parishioners have asked what it means to be a Bulletin Booster. We have a wonderful bulletin – it is timely and keeps us informed of what is going on within our parish family and its surroundings. Paper and supplies are needed on a weekly basis to continue this family tradition. So, if you'd like to donate toward the supplies. **\$1.00 and up ...** you too can be a ... **Bulletin Booster**

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.

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.”

GROW: I'm bemused by the servant in today's Gospel who basically buries the single talent that was entrusted to him. (A talent was an ancient measuring unit of weight for silver and gold.) Meanwhile, the other two wisely invested the talents entrusted to them, and doubled their money. Building on last week's Gospel which showed those who were prepared to meet the bridegroom were invited into the wedding feast, this parable challenges us to realize that the invitation to the feast is the beginning, not the end. We are not to rest comfortably with what we have been given – the gift of faith – but to invest in the Kingdom, and to build on that gift of faith. For example, we may have a palpable experience of God's presence at a retreat or through Eucharistic adoration. However, if that goes no further than being buried as a memory or feel-good experience, we are no better than the wicked, lazy servant. Faith is a gift intended to be put into practice and shared. When we invest in it through the sacraments, serving others, and reading the Scriptures, our faith will continue to grow.

GO: So, I'm a bit of a hoarder. I cling to mementoes of days past, whether it's my son's first plastic Playskool vacuum (sold at a garage sale by my husband, but that's another story), a book given to me by a friend, or a treasured letter. I admit I relate to the servant who buried his money for fear he'd lose it. Sometimes I think I cling to memories – relationships and experiences that are important to me – and fail to invest in what makes those memories valuable. A similar dynamic can happen with our faith and our friendship with Jesus. We can go through the motions without giving it much thought. Today's Gospel challenges us to seek opportunities to grow in our faith and “make new memories” with Jesus – to invest in building the kingdom of God, whether that's inviting a friend to Mass, returning to the Eucharist ourselves, or spending more time with Scripture. By putting our faith into action in this way, we cannot only grow in our faith, but invite others to come along with us on the journey.

ENCOUNTER: Find a Eucharistic adoration chapel near you and spend some time with Christ. Thank Jesus for the blessings in your life. Bring him your needs. Ask Jesus to give you his grace that you might grow in union with him.
