

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

Established in 1841

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



The front cover of our bulletin this weekend is a sketch by the late Dr. David Marshall. The scene is St. John's Crèche. It was made of hand-carved wood in the 1870's and shipped to Pottsville from Southern Germany. It is a beautiful and priceless treasure of our parish

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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 29, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate and recognize the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph – as the model of all Christian families.

In our readings Sirach writes about family relationships and duties, especially that of honoring one's parents all the days of their lives. St. Paul instructs the Colossians on how to love one another and live for Christ. And in this Sunday's gospel, Joseph follows the instructions of the angels who led him safely into and out of Egypt.

St. Joseph set a good example for all of us as his family faced the crisis of Herod's plot to kill Jesus. He listened to God's voice and cared for his family according to the word of God. Let us do the same with our own families.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

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. .

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – December 30 – 9:00 a.m.

GERALD J. FEY (Donna Kern & John Jefferson)

Tuesday, December 31 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNA ROKOWSKI

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Tuesday, December 31 – 5:15 p.m.

THERESA RINALDO (Mike & Susan Prokop)

Wednesday – January 1 – 10:00 a.m.

DOROTHY BLUM (Frances Lorenz)

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Thursday – January 2 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS & MARY BURNS

Friday, January 3 – 9:00 a.m.

ELIZABETH BAMBRICK BURNS

(Leo & Dorothy Lotz)

Saturday, January 4 – 5:00 p.m.

DOLORES LYNN (Catholic Women's Union)

Sunday, January 5 – 8:15 a.m.

ROBERT NORKUS (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Sunday, January 5 – 10:30 a.m.

MARIE R. MURRAY, 20th Anniv. (Messer Family)

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 622-5470

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

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

Direct Phone (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT

(610) 332-0442 ext. 2019

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - Special Intention by John & Mary Jean Morgalis
St. Joseph - IMO Dorothy & Leo Lotz by Family
Tabernacle – Special Intention
Sanctuary

- 1. IMO Leo & Dorothy Lotz by Family
- 2. For the most abandoned soul in Purgatory
- 3. For the Pope’s intentions
- 4. Special Intention

Guardian Angels
1&2. Special Intention

SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

5:15 p.m. – Tuesday – December 31st

Reader: Robert Wollyung
Euch.Min.: Carol Lasco
Servers: R.J. Post, Luke Garvey, Cooper Chiplonia
Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

10:00 a.m. Wednesday – January 1st

Reader: Michelle Ambrose
Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz
Servers: Jude, Justice, Leah Scheidel
Cantor: Dave Derbes

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5 p.m. – Saturday – January 4th

Reader: Mary Ann Schweikert
Euch.Min.: Bobby Rienzo, Molly Zwiebel
Servers: Brooke Siket, Joshua Steffan, Luke Garvey
Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – January 5th

Reader: Jeff Naffin
Euch.Min.: Carol Forster, John Corbacio
Servers: Madison & Caden Wright, Luke Schane
Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – January 5th

Reader: Susan Hahner
Euch.Min.: Phil Markovich, John Ventura
Servers: Ronald & John Yourey, Macie Rushannon
Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

Next Week’s Readings

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (January 4/5)

- Reading I:** Isaiah 60:1-6
- Reading II:** Ephesians 3:2-2a, 5-6
- Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which family in your parish or neighborhood needs encouragement or comfort from your family during this season?

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises,
thank you for the gift of a new year.
May it be a time of grace for us,
a time to grow in faith and love,
a time to renew our commitment
to following Your Son, Jesus.
May it be a year of blessing,
a time to cherish our family and friends.
May it be a time to renew our efforts at work,
as we embrace our faith more fully.
Walk with us, please, in every day
and every hour of this New Year,
that the light of Christ might shine through us,
in spite of our weaknesses and failings.
Above all, may we remember this year
that we are pilgrims on the sacred path to You.
Amen.

FAMILY MATTERS

Holy Family of the Year – We pray this week for the intercession of our Holy Family --- Jesus, Mary and Joseph to intercede for all families. Whether we struggle as family or not we ask to see Jesus’ presence in our families’ everyday lives.

New Year’s Day. This New Year offers your family a new beginning. Consider making a family commitment (AKA resolution). Make it simple, for all to be able to do. Put it on the refrigerator door. Pray for the grace to follow through.

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

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL

SURF & TURF BINGO sponsored by the Green and Gold Booster Club on **Sunday, January 5th** at the high school. Doors open 11:30 a.m.; Bingo begins at 1 p.m. Cost is \$20.00. Refreshments available. Questions call Nativity BVM at 570-622-8110.

OPEN HOUSE and registration for 2020-2021 on **Sunday, January 12th** beginning at 1 p.m. We invite you and your family to join us. Members of the Nativity community will be available for questions. Please contact the school at 570-622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. PAULINE VISINTAINER ... You are invited to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Monday, December 30th 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.