



St. John the Baptist

Roman Catholic

Parish Family

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

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 2, 2020

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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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Pamela Russo, MSW, MS
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204
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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Christ gives us all we need to feed those He calls us to serve.

In today's readings we are being called like the disciples to feed others but only after having been nourished ourselves. The Lord speaks through Isaiah, exhorting his people to come to the water and be renewed by the everlasting covenant. Paul tells the Romans that nothing can separate them from the love of Christ. And in the gospel, after hearing of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus heals the sick and feeds the five thousand abundantly.

We are invited to delight in rich fare feasting on the love of God that is stronger than death. In responding to God's call we can trust that Christ will give us all that we need to carry out His commands.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – August 3 – 9:00 a.m.

RONALD E. DEANE SR. (M/M John Carroll)

Tuesday, August 4 – 9:00 a.m.

ESTHER SMITH (Pat & Allison Elko)

Wednesday, August 5 – 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS & VERA SAUERS

Thursday – August 6 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY LOTZ (Tina Mercuri & Family)

Friday, August 7 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY BLUM (Peggy Stoppi)

Saturday – August 8 – 5:00 p.m.

SCOTT BOWERS (Scott Williams)

Sunday, August 9 – 8:15 a.m.

JOSEPH & MARY GALLAGHER

(Kathleen Hohman & Family)

Sunday, August 9 – 10:30 a.m.

THEODORE CASEY (Ron & Pat Lombel)

CANDLE DONATIONS

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Sanctuary

1. IMO Mary Hahner by Hahner Family

2. For Kevin by Bob & Mary Porter

3. IMO Theresa Sencak by Frances Lorenz

4. Special Intention by Laverne Yackel

Guardian Angels

1. Special Intention by Chris Black & Jared

2. Special Intention by Bob & Mary Porter

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How has Jesus worked miracles for your family?

Next Week's Readings

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (August 8/9)

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Reading II: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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!

CCD REGISTRATION

DEADLINE – August 1st

Now is the time to register your child for next year's CCD class. **There are reduced rates until August 1st.** If you have not received a form in the mail, please call the rectory or pick one up in church. The forms are at the entrances of the Church. The longer form is for new students and new first graders. The shorter form is for students who are presently attending class.

Registration Fee: \$50.00 First Child

(after August 1st - \$60.00)

All Other Children: \$45.00 per Child

(after August 1st - \$55.00)

CCD PROGRAM

Teachers Needed

First Grade Teacher

Fourth Grade Teacher

for the 2020-2021 school year.

Classes are held on Sunday mornings

from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in our school building. No experience necessary, just a desire to pass on our faith to our youth. All volunteers must have all required clearances including Protecting God's Children. For more information, call **Lucilla Kochol at the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 5.**



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: *Connor Satterwhite, Dolores Brophy, Tony Gaburick Sr.*

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

PLEASE NOTE:

- There will **NOT** be a meeting in August
- The Kauffman Chicken BBQ is cancelled.
- 2020 Dues are now due

Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, September 16th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.

ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

29TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC TOURNAMENT ... sponsored by St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville on Friday, **August 14th** at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship and, of course... golf! For more information, please visit www.stjosephctr.com.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 25/26: \$ 4,320.26

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CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

Friday – August 7th – 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturday – August 8th - 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
in the Russell Building

Don't miss it !!! If you like yard sales this is the place to be. Various items including ... knick-knacks, dishes, kitchen items, appliances, jewelry, holiday decorations, framed prints, special Vintage Section and much, much more, plus foods are available for purchase. Something for everyone!! Join us!! (Questions... call the Rectory 622-5470).

ALL COVID-19 CDC GUIDELINES WILL BE IN PLACE

MASKS MUST BE WORN

SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE IN EFFECT

DESSERTS/BAKED GOODS NEEDED

If you would like to donate a dessert item for our **Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale**, please drop off at the times listed above or call the rectory 622-5470. **Please individually wrap or bag all items to be sold.** Thank you in advance for your generosity.



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Atty. William & Lori Burke** and their children, **William and Anna** to St. John's Parish Family. Warmly embrace the **Burke's** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality by writing to 136 Pike St., Port Carbon 17965.



FAMILY MATTERS

Parents of Young Children. We pray for parents of young children – that they can survive today's challenges well and that God continues to strengthen them in responding to the ever-changing needs of their little ones.

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

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BLEENIE SALE sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Ashland on **Saturday, August 8th** in the courtyard beside the church at 115 Walnut St.. Pre-order Pick Up 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Orders are welcome day of sale from 1 p.m. to sell-out. Price \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00; 12 for \$9.00. Pre-orders due by Tuesday, August 4th ... no exceptions! **To place order please call church rectory at 570-875-1521.**

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