

St. John the Baptist

Roman Catholic

Parish Family

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

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2020

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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
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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Our readings this weekend remind us that forgiveness is a choice that leads to life.

The author of Sirach tells the people, wrath and anger are hateful things yet the sinner hugs them tight. Thus, they are to forgive their neighbor as they wish to be forgiven by the Lord. And in the gospel for this Sunday Jesus answers Peter's question of how often he must forgive by telling him the parable of the unforgiven servant.

Life always offers us choices – will we hold on to anger or choose to forgive? Will we live with the spirit of compassion or withhold mercy? Will we hold on to hurts and grievances or extend a hand in peace? Living out the commands of God is no easy task, but if we show mercy and forgiveness to others, we are assured of the same from our heavenly Father.

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – September 14 – 9:00 a.m.

THOMAS & EVA FRANCIS (Francis Family)

Tuesday, September 15 – 9:00 a.m.

CATHERINE SCHWEIKERT (Bill Schweikert)

Wednesday, September 16 - 9:00 a.m.

ROBERT & CATHERINE BECKER (Porter Family)

Thursday – September 17 – 9:00 a.m.

CHICK TAMBURELLI (Herb Tamburelli)

Friday, September 18 – 9:00 a.m.

DOROTHY LOTZ (Babe Murphy)

Saturday – September 19 – 5:00 p.m.

JOHN & LORRAINE TASSO (Kathleen Williams)

Sunday, September 20 – 8:15 a.m.

JOSEPHINE PARSICK (Joanne Schultz)

Sunday, September 20– 10:30 a.m.

RAMON GRAPSY (Joan Grapsy)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Ronald C. Kriston by Eleanor T. Kriston

St. Joseph – Welfare of Fr. Dave & Deacons

by Carl & Carol Forster

Tabernacle – IMO Frances & Arlene Smith

by Tom & CindyElison

Sanctuary

1. IMO Beth Resnick by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

2. IMO Francis & Arlene Smith by Tom & Cindy Elison

3&4. IMO Dorothy Prokop by Peggy Ebling

Guardian Angels

1. Welfare of St. John's Parishioners

by Carl & Carol Forster

2. IMO Rita Mae Switzler

by Stan & Heidi Gorski & Sons

NEW! EUCHARISTIC ADORATION NOW

AVAILABLE



Please join us for private prayer and devotion in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament on **Monday, September 14th from 7 to 8 p.m.** in the Church.

Drop by for as little as 15 minutes or stay for the full hour and commit to making time to be present with our Lord and experience His peace.

Confessions will be offered as well. Check out our video on our Facebook page for more information about this wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith!

Sign up using your phone's camera using the QR code below or by calling the rectory at 570-622-5470. Please bring a mask and social distance in the Church.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For what do you seek forgiveness?

Whom do you need to forgive?

Next Week's Readings

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(Sept. 19/20)

Reading I: Isaiah 55:6-9

Reading II: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

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: *Charles Maxwell.* **Deceased:** *Thomas F. Williams*

R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Addults

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!

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?



It's an opportunity to grow in your relationship with Our Lord by being present with Him and actively focusing on His word through prayer.

During Eucharistic Adoration, we pray to Jesus Christ, Who is present in the Eucharist.

While it is true that you can pray to God anywhere and that He is always within you, it is especially powerful to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. In the presence of the Eucharist, we pray to the power and sacrifice that it represents — the body of Jesus, who gave His life so that we may live. It is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity that is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist.

We adore and receive the Eucharist in Communion at Mass, which is the most beautiful act of worship that we have as Catholics. We have Jesus truly present in all of the tabernacles around the world. We can continue to adore Him in the Eucharist outside of Mass in a quiet time of prayer and contemplation. Being in the presence of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ gives spiritual strength and nourishment in a uniquely powerful way.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for reflection in our beautiful church and start receiving many blessings!

ChristLife Series

Due to an overwhelming positive response, we are pleased to be offering the second part of the ChristLife Series – ***FOLLOWING CHRIST*** – with **TWO OPTIONS** for participation .

Following Christ is designed for, but not restricted to, those who participated in Discovering Christ this past spring. In this 7-week journey, we will explore how to live as a Catholic disciple of Jesus Christ in today's world based on basic disciplines and truths that have been practiced by Christians from the time of the early Church. Please join us!

The **IN-PERSON SERIES** will take place on 7 consecutive **Thursday evenings** from October 8th through November 19th --- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Church.

(Masks and social distancing required.)

A **VIRTUAL SERIES** will be offered on **ZOOM** for 7 consecutive **Wednesday evenings** from October 7th through November 18th --- 7:15 to 8:00 p.m.

Interested in signing up? Click on the link on our Facebook page or use the QR code below through your phone's camera.

Questions? Call Bobby Rienzo at the rectory 570-622-5470 or email at stjbparish@comcast.net.



ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

PLEASE NOTE:

- 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.

PECANS - PECANS



St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be selling Pecans again this year at the Christmas Bazaar.

\$14.00 lb – Mammoth Halves

For more information, please contact the rectory.

CCD - FIRST CLASS

... will take place ...

Sunday, September 27th
from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in School

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

HOMEMADE PIES made by members of St. Mary's Church in Hometown. Homemade Shoo Fly Pie and Pie Crusts. Wet bottom pie \$8.00; Crusts \$3.00. Deadline for orders is Friday, Sept. 25; Pick up at church rectory on Monday, Sept. 28 from 12 to 4 p.m. To place an order, please call parish office 570-889-3850 --- leave message with name and phone number and your order.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 5/6: \$ 4,331.13

Dues: \$ 936.00

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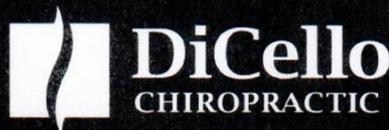
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