



# St. John the Baptist

## Roman Catholic

### Parish Family

10<sup>th</sup> & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot / Lawrence Lonergan*

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**MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**JUNE 7, 2020**

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**Rectory Fax** (570) 622-4589  
**Russell Building** (570) 628-3002  
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**Parish Council President:** *Robert Bechtel*  
**Choir Director/Organist:** *David Derbes*  
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**Nativity BVM High School** (570) 622-8110  
**Assumption BVM Elementary** (570) 622-0106  
**St. Joseph Center for Special Learning** (570) 622-4638

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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**

Office of Safe Environment  
Pamela Russo, MSW, MS  
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204  
[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. God is one and yet three, a Trinity of pure love. Today's feast is a celebration of God's self revelation to us through the mystery of the Incarnation.

In our readings for this Sunday, on Mount Sinai Moses encounters the God of Israel as a God of compassion and kindness. St. Paul urges the Corinthians to live in fellowship and peace as brothers and sisters, children of the one God. And in the gospel Jesus teaches that His mission is grounded in the total love of the Father for all creation.

It is in Christ that we come to know that within the Godhead there is a Trinity of three Divine Persons to whom belong all glory, praise and honor and from whom all life flows.

As we come back to church on this first Sunday since the pandemic began, a warm welcome back to all of you on behalf of myself, our Deacons Dr. Visot and Larry Lonergan, our seminarian Bobby Rienzo and our parish staff. Even though things will look a little different in church, we are still united as one even though we are social distanced. Hopefully the day will come soon when we can get back to a more normal celebration of the Eucharist and be able to celebrate as usual once again. God bless and stay well.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday – June 8 – 9:00 a.m.**

LEON MACK (John & Joyce Gerace)

**Tuesday, June 9 – 9:00 a.m.**

CATHERINE BORTZEL

**Wednesday, June 10 – 9:00 a.m.**

KATHY NORKUS (Al & Linda Baldinger)

**Thursday – June 11 – 9:00 a.m.**

GEORGE HAHNER SR. (Ed Hahner)

**Friday, June 12 – 9:00 a.m.**

PHILOMENA LOEPER (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

**Saturday – June 13 – 5:00 p.m.**

JOHN & MARGARET KASINECZ

(John & Barbara Powers)

**Sunday, June 14 – 8:15 a.m.**

CHARLES LORENZ (Frances Lorenz)

**Sunday, June 14 – 10:30 a.m.**

DEC. OF SCHEUREN, TARRIS, BUBER,

SARNOSKY FAMILIES (Paul & Joanna Buber)

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## CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** – Wedding Anniversary of John & Bernice Petock

**St. Joseph** – Special Intention

**Tabernacle** – IMO Leo & Dorothy Lotz

by Ron & Pat Lombel

**Sanctuary**

1. IMO Frank & Josephine Brozana

by Don & Joanne Doyne

2. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family

3&4. For Chloe & Joseph by Joseph & Frances Manus

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. Special Intention

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### This Week's Readings

**MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY** (June 6/7)

**Reading I:** Exodus 34-4b-6, 8-9

**Reading II:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**Gospel:** John 3:16-18

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does your parish show love for the world?

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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:** *Paul Filiac, Connor Satterwhite.*

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### BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC

#### ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the 'Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal'. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org)

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**May 30/31: \$ 4,449.00**

**Ascension Thursday: \$ 744.00**

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

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## PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

*May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.*

*May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.*

*May those who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.*

*May those who have the flexibility to care for our children when schools close remember those who have no options.*

*May we who have to cancel a trip remember those who have no safe place to go.*

*May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.*

*May those who settle for quarantine at home remember those who have no home.*

*As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace to God and our neighbor.*

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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### DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

#### **CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE**

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS - 2020

It is now time to nominate new members to the council to fill the places of those whose term has expired. The term of office is three (3) years with the possibility of a second consecutive term

Any parishioner who is at least 21 years old is eligible for nomination. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Please put nominations in the collection or mail your nomination to the rectory. When nominating, please don't choose just the most popular people, but choose people who will work for the parish.

We wish to thank the following members who will be completing a three-year term on the Parish Council. They **are eligible** to be nominated for a second three-year term.

**Joseph Gerchak**  
**Alicia Kleman**  
**Al Norkus**

**Josette Peckman**  
**John Powers**

The following should **NOT** be nominated as they are presently serving or finishing their term:

#### Term expires 2021

Heidi Gorski  
Eric Lieberman  
Melissa Scheetz  
Martin Smith

#### Term expires 2022

John Consugar  
Darren DeArment  
Patty O'Neill  
Nick Quinn

**President:** Robert Bechtel

**1st Vice-President:** Kevin McNamara

**2nd Vice-President:** Darren DeArment

**Past President:** Paul Datte

### NOMINATION BALLOT

I Nominate:

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please email your nominations to:**  
**[stjbparish@comcast.net](mailto:stjbparish@comcast.net)**  
**or mail to: St. John's Rectory**  
**913 Mahantongo St., Pottsville, Pa. 17901**

### FAMILY MATTERS

**Families with Chronically Ill Children.** We lift up in prayer those families with chronically ill children. May they be nurtured and supported in their love and care of their children. Our parish will continue to hold all of you up in prayer.

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