



St. John the Baptist

Roman Catholic

Parish Family

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

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot / Lawrence Lonergan*

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 21, 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
Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services

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Pamela Russo, MSW, MS
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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The last Sunday we celebrated in Ordinary Time was February 23rd and then came Lent, followed by Easter time, and then two special solemnities of the Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of Jesus.

But during that time the Coronavirus Pandemic has ended the world's community from within nature itself. Maybe in time, myths will be created about how exactly it occurred. We live these days with its consequences, even death. The law of Moses indicated how to live free from the virus of sin, but sin prevailed. Now, though sin enters humanity through one "man", grace, the generous overflowing healing, is now entering the human condition through the "Obedient One Man" – Jesus Christ. What a perfect picture these words form, the "Old Adam" and the "New Adam".

Hopefully one day there will be a saving vaccine for us but Jesus is not that at all. The virus has modified the behavior of many of us, but not all, so there are sad consequences of the passing on of the disease. A vaccine will perhaps help with the sicknesses and deaths. Jesus is not a cure-all like that, he is the divine continuation of God's love. He is revealed as an invitation rather than an inoculation. He does not prevent our sins but His obedient life, death and resurrection heals the fractures of our own sense of being receptive to that love.

We do pass on the virus by reckless living. We pass on sin in a similar manner. Jesus, "New Adam", is constantly overflowing with that saving grace. He heals us so as to enter again and again that creating love with which the Eucharist heals us and sends us. As his new apostles are sent, we too are sent to live, not as little vaccines, but as the real presence of the one sent to heal – Jesus Christ our Savior!

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

Next Week's Readings

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (June 27/28)

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Reading II: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What role does fear play in your life?

What role does faith play in your life?

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Special Intention

St. Joseph – Special Intention

Tabernacle – IMO Mary Wollyung

by Joe & Barbara Wollyung

Sanctuary

1. IMO Donald F. Doyne by Don & Joanne Doyne

2. IMO Frank Brozana by Don & Joanne Doyne

3. IMO James Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

4. IMO Carol Siegle by Ellen, Millie, Barb

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Charles Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

2. IMO Charlie Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – June 22 – 9:00 a.m.

ERIKA SEASOCK (Maria Schaeffer)

Tuesday, June 23 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNETTE LIEBERMAN

(Tom, Michelle, Samantha Heenan)

Wednesday, June 24 – NO MASS

Thursday – June 25 – 9:00 a.m.

JAMES HUMPHREY (Babe Murphy & Family)

Friday, June 26 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH BRAHLER (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Saturday – June 27 – 5:00 p.m.

SAMKAVITZ & ORZECOWSKI FAMILIES

(Joe & Eleanor Orzechowski)

Sunday, June 28 – 8:15 a.m.

FRANCIS & JANE MOONEY (Nora Chiplonia)

Sunday, June 28 – 10:30 a.m.

MAURICE & HELEN MIRABELLA

(Christine Maccarone)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 13/14: \$ 4,028.13; Dues: \$ 719.00

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

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.*

CONFIRMATION

Sacrament of Confirmation

will be conferred

on Saturday, June 27th at 10 a.m.



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	Josette Peckman
Alicia Kleman	John Powers
Al Norkus	

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

<u>Term expires 2021</u>	<u>Term expires 2022</u>
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Heidi Gorski	John Consugar
Eric Lieberman	Darren DeArment
Melissa Scheetz	Patty O'Neill
Martin Smith	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
or mail to: St. John's Rectory
913 Mahantongo St., Pottsville, Pa. 17901

F. Y. I.

MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL
will not take place this year.

FOOD SALE
Take-out ONLY
... More details to follow ...

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our graduates from high school and eighth grade. May God continue to bless and guide you in your future endeavors.



High School

Cora Alvarez
James Blake
Brendan Bosack
Brent Burns
Mason Curry
Bryan Daniels
Evelyn Datte
Noah Fredericks
Anastasia Garvey
Owen Golden
Elizabeth Hahner
Noah Lecher
Anna Lieberman
Ashton McClure
Isabelle Myers

Logan Palko
Emily Peleschak
Jack Piccioni
Elizabeth Rakus
Meghan Rowlands
Madison Rushannon
Madison Ryan
Grace Sadusky
Grace Scheidel
Ryan Seiger
Jacqueline Steffan
Olivia Tokonitz
Anya Wojciechowski
Peter Zwiebel

Grade School

Dominic Alvarez
Liam Benart
Owen Cassidy
Amelia Deibert
Riley Doyle
Abigail Garrity
Kelly Goodman
Thomas Gordon
Aleksander Gorski
Ethan Grabowski

Logan Hable
Ethan Hahner
Emma Lieberman
William Mongrain
Vincent Prestileo
Samarra Reedy
Emma Seiger
Dylan Shea
Brandon Smith
Cole Wagner

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **Anna Lieberman**, daughter of Eric and Jennifer Lieberman, who graduated from Nativity BVM High School as class **Valedictorian**.

We congratulate **Noah Fredericks**, son of John and Suzanne Fredericks, who graduated from Pottsville Area High School as class **Valedictorian**.

We congratulate **Anastasia Garvey**, daughter of Timothy and Alyssa Garvey, who graduated from Schuylkill Haven High School as class **Salutatorian**.

May God continue to bless and guide you in your future endeavors.

FAMILY MATTERS

Graduation Time. Today's graduates need support and courage to face the challenges of life. So, let us pray today for all our graduates: Elementary, High School and College that our Lord will guide them in their endeavors as they seek further knowledge, schooling or employment.

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

A Father's Day Blessing

May God bless you and guide you
in your very special role as a father.
May it always be a joy and a privilege.

May you treasure your children
from their birth through adulthood,
as unique and precious gifts from God.

Thank you for the times
you have embraced them,
comforted them, forgiven them
and loved them without measure.

May God reward your fatherly love with good
health, peace of mind, contentment in your
work and joy in your times of leisure.

And may God bless all our fathers
who have gone to their rest.

May they find comfort in the arms of
our heavenly Father. Amen.

A FATHER'S LOVE

"A father is respected because he gives his children leadership; Appreciated because he gives his children care; Valued because he gives his children time; Loved because he gives his children the one thing they treasure most --- himself"

FAMILY MATTERS

Father's Day – those suffering the loss of parents. Dads are really important in our lives. It's hard to lose a dad – no matter what the age. We pray today in our parish especially for all the dads and grandfathers who have died. We ask the protection and direction of St. Joseph for us, just as he cared for the Holy Family.

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

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

We congratulate the following servers who graduated from high school this year. We thank you for your faithful and loyal service in serving with various ministries at the altar.

SERVERS

*Evelyn Datte,
Noah Fredericks,
Noah Lecher,
Anna Lieberman,*

*Thank
You*

*Logan Palko
Madison Ryan
Ryan Seiger
Olivia Tokonitz*

*Yet I am always with you;
you take hold of my right hand,
with your counsel you guide me ...
Psalm 73:23-24*

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - June 24th

On December the 25th, we celebrate the big one—the birthday of Jesus, the Word of God made flesh. The Church actually does not celebrate the birthday of the saints, except that of Jesus' mother and one notable exception.

Since we celebrate the birthday of the Word, we also celebrate the birthday of the *Voice*. We're referring to Jesus' cousin of course, John the Baptist, the Voice crying out in the wilderness.

John plays a unique role in the history of salvation. We call him the Baptist. Eastern Christians call him the Forerunner. Only Luke's gospel tells us of the marvelous circumstances surrounding his birth. But each of the four gospels tells us of his essential work in preparing the way for Jesus. But they also tell us something further—that John was a model of the key virtue of *humility* extolled by the first Beatitude of the Sermon on the Mount—*Blessed are the Poor in Spirit*.

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

Our CCD Program is in need of a First 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.**



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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

**NO STEUBENVILLE?
NO PROBLEM!!
GOD'S GOT THIS!**

"LISTENING AMIDST THE STORM"

Catholic teens (grades 8-12) talks, praise & worship, adoration, and confession

SUN JULY 19th 7- 8:30 p.m.

at ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

RSVP by 7/12 by email at:

stjbparish@comcast.net

or call 570-622-5470

Join us for a night of "letting go." Learn what God is saying to YOU about your life, the world, and your relationship with God

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Schuylkill County Permanent Diaconate Aspirants ask for your help with a Schuylkill/Carbon Catholic Charities Drive. A local neighbor-helping-neighbor drive to help restock needed supplies listed below will run from **Saturday, June 27th thru Sunday, July 19th.**

Your donated item(s) can be dropped off in the Drive containers located in church. Any questions, please call the rectory 570-622-5470. Thank you for any help during these very trying times.

Diapers (ALL sizes), baby wipes, baby bottles, baby shampoo, baby body wash, teething rings, small toys, early reading books, car seats, 2T & 3T clothing, onesies, cleaning supplies, paper bags- all sizes, sandwich bags, plastic utensils, and grocery gift cards- Aldi's, Weis, Giant, Boyers, etc. (place gift cards in collection basket)

Yours in service with Jesus Christ,
John Matulevich - St. John The Baptist
Robert "Bo" Reiley - St. Ambrose
John Sutter - St. Patrick's

**BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC
ANNUAL APPEAL**

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org. Thank you for your support!

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May 2020

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| IMO Carl Bartholomew | M/M James Loeper |
| IMO Harold Bartholomew | IMO Charles Lorenz |
| IMO Robert Berger | Dorothy Parsick |
| IMO Edward Christ | IMO Jeanne Rehnert |
| Mildred A. Fredericks | IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert |
| Fr. Don Henry | IMO Dorothy Rosenberger |
| IMO M/M Herbert Henry | IMO Marcie Schnerring |
| IMO Joanne Hepler | IMO Margaret Zelinsky |
| IMO Clare Houser | |

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**



**ARE YOU PLANNING A
CHANGE ??**

If you are making a change in ... **address, parish affiliation, e-mail, or phone number**, please call the Rectory Office. We strive to keep our records up to date.