



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*

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 5, 2020

Rectory (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589
Russell Building (570) 628-3002
Website – SaintJohnPottsville.org.

Parish Council President: *Robert Bechtel*
Choir Director/Organist: *David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator: *Lucilla Kochol*
E-mail – stjbparrish@comcast.net

Nativity BVM High School (570) 622-8110
Assumption BVM Elementary (570) 622-0106
St. Joseph Center for Special Learning (570) 622-4638

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The focus of this Sunday's readings speak of Jesus' Kingship as being one of mercy with humility and compassion for all who struggle.

In the first reading Zechariah tells Jerusalem to rejoice, for their King shall come to them riding on a colt proclaiming a message of peace to the nations. In the second reading St. Paul instructs the moments that whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. And in the gospel this Sunday Jesus gives praise to the Father for what He has revealed to the little ones and then proclaims, "Come to Me all who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest."

In the Kingship of Jesus, we celebrate His humility and gentleness, and in a particular way, His understanding of the blessings of children. His dominion is not one of power or control but of a servant who lifts up the fallen and raises all who are burdened. He is gracious and merciful.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – July 6 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY CASE (Judy & Mike Buchinsky)

Tuesday, July 7 – 9:00 a.m.

ERIKA STANGL SEASOCK (Eleanor Schaeffer)

Wednesday, July 8 - 9:00 a.m.

LUCILLE SPOTTS (John & Joyce Gerace)

Thursday – July 9 – 9:00 a.m.

KEN CRIGHTON (M/M Albert Bladinger)

Friday, July 10 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNE O'PAKE (M.M Anthony Carroll)

Saturday – July 11 – 5:00 p.m.

DOROTHY ROSENBERGER (Paul Rosenberger)

Sunday, July 12 – 8:15 a.m.

RALPH JAEGER (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Sunday, July 12 – 10:30 a.m.

JOANNE GUSTITIS KRESSEL (Eugene Gustitis)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Health & Welfare of my mother
by daughter Ellen

St. Joseph – IMO Kathy Bowers by Joan Bowers

Tabernacle – IMO Scott Bowers by Joan Bowers

Sanctuary

1. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family

2. IMO Richard Setlock Sr. by Natalie Setlock & Family

3. Special Intention

4. Very Special Intention

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Debbie & Christine Bowers by Joan Bowers

Next Week's Readings

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (July 11/12)

Reading I: Isaiah 55:10-11

Reading II: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Praise God for the blessings he has given you.

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*

Deceased: *Marie Fitzpatrick*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the girls and boys of St. John's Parish Family who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, June 27th.

Dominic Bartholomew Alvarez

Liam Jude Benart

Owen Sebastian Cassidy

Thomas Longinus Gordon

Aleksandr Joseph Gorski

Ethan Timothy Grabowski

Logan Ronald Hable

Ethan Joseph Hahner

William Sebastian Mongrain

Vincent Francis Prestileo

Dylan Anthony Shea

Brandon Alexander Smith

Cole Anthony Wagner

Ava Ann Bowers

Amelia Sophia Deibert

Abigail Elizabeth Garrity

Kelly Rose Goodman

Lily Olivia Heinbach

Emma Emiliana Lieberman

Samarra Katherine Reedy

Emma Teresa Seiger



Confirmation

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.

FAMILY MATTERS

Fourth of July – let freedom ring. We give thanks to God today for the many rights and responsibilities that come with our freedom as citizens. As a parish family we give thanks to God for our freedoms, especially our right to worship on this Independence Day.

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

**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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 27/28: 4,616.13

Parish Improvements & Repairs: \$ 991.00

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

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.

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.**



PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS AROUND THE WORLD

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."

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

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL ...

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Chemistry Teacher (PT) --- Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry/Science Education; certification is preferred.

Math Teacher (PT) - Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics Education; certification is preferred.

Interested candidates for either position should send résumé, certifications and all clearances no later than July 3, 2020 to

Nativity BVM High School
Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal
One Lawton's Hill
Pottsville, Pa. 17901
lsabol@nativitybvm.net

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. Discover why St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is truly a special place for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship and, of course... golf! For more information, please visit **www.stjosephctr.com**.

DO REMEMBER

Do remember your parish in your last will and testament ... an act of thanksgiving for all God's gifts to you. Future generations will be the beneficiaries of your kindness, even as we have benefited from our generous ancestors.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

*Women of all ages are invited to join
the Catholic Women's Union.*

Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women's Union by joining us on **Wednesday, July 15th at 7 p.m.**

in Longinus Hall. Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Spring Covered Dish Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed.

For more information call St. John's Rectory at 570-622-5470.



CEMETERY REGULATIONS

- All decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day and Christmas.
- All decorations except those flowers or plants planted in the ground, must be removed by **July 12th**.
- Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden.
- All rubbish should be taken with you or placed in receptacles at Cemetery

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We appreciate advertisers who support St. John's by advertising in our bulletin. Please patronize their business and let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin.



Why Advertise In A Church Bulletin?

- * It's inexpensive Advertising
- * It's Effective in Catching New Neighbors' Attention
- * It's Advertising Concentrated in Your Neighborhood
- * It Develops Good Community Relationships
- * It's Good For Developing Loyal Customers

CURIOSITY SHOP/ Yard Sale

July 2020

... Watch future bulletins for dates and times ...



Look around your home for any items you wish to contribute to our next Curiosity Shop. You'd be surprised what you might find – Here are some suggestions ...

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| Christmas Items | Garden Flags | Toys / Games |
| Puzzles | Vintage Items | Jewelry |
| Knick Knacks | Purses | Tablecloths |
| Kitchen Items | Candles | CD's, DVD's |
| Small Appliances | Religious Items | Bakeware |
| Fall / Halloween / Thanksgiving Decorations | | |
| Laptop Computers in working condition | | |

CLEAN ITEMS ONLY

- NO PLASTIC
- NO EASTER / SPRING ITEMS
- NO VHS TAPES
- NO GLASSES OR CUPS
- NO TELEVISIONS --- NO BEDDING
- NO DESKTOP COMPUTERS
- NO MONITORS OR KEYBOARDS
- NO BOOKS --- NO VASES --- NO CLOTHING
- NO LARGE FURNITURE
- NO STUFFED ANIMAL TOYS
- NO LARGE CHRISTMAS TREES

ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE

Saturday, July 18th ----- 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Items can be dropped off at
St. John's Russell Building

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED
BEFORE OR AFTER THIS DATE.

Do Not Leave Articles at the
Door or in the Parking Lot

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BLEENIE SALE – sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Parish , 1115 Walnut St., Ashland, on Saturday, July 11th from noon until 6 p.m. or sell out. Pre-orders are being accepted by calling parish office 875-1521. Pre-order pick up will be 12:30 to 2 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome from noon to sell out. All proceeds benefit St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

BULLETIN BOOSTERS

June 2020

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

HEALTHY NOTES ... How fast do you need to walk to meet federal guidelines to do “moderate-intensity” activity for 150 minutes a week or “vigorous” exercise for 75 minutes a week? Walking at least 100 steps per minute constitutes moderate exercise for most people, and at least 130 steps per minute is vigorous exercise, according to a small study in the *International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*. These step counts were calculated while participants walked on treadmills at various speeds, holding portable devices that measured oxygen consumption (which was used to compute METs, a unit of measure of the intensity of physical activity). One caveat: “This ongoing NIH-funded study has so far included only people ages 21 to 40, but will continue testing older groups, up to age 85. At least six previous studies have also found that 100 steps per minute is the threshold for moderate-intensity walking, the researchers stated

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.