

St. John the Baptist

Roman Catholic

Parish Family

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

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6TH, 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,

The readings for this Sunday work together to teach us about the real obligations of the law, which include gently correcting one another so that our communities may be in harmony.

In the reading from Ezekiel, the Lord tells Ezekiel that he will be held responsible for the death of the wicked one if he does not speak out to dissuade him from his way. In the letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes that the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. St. Paul explains how we must do this and do all things with love.

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus gives instructions for correcting another, his authority to bind and loose, and promises where two or three are gathered in His name, there He is in their midst. Jesus promises to remain with us always.

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – September 7 – 9:00 a.m.

ESTHER SMITH (Charles & Cindy Simms)

Tuesday, September 8 – 9:00 a.m.

JAMES CAMPION (Steve & Jan Kurtek)

Wednesday, September 9 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH WOLLYUNG (Joe & Ceil Burns)

Thursday – September 10 – 9:00 a.m.

ANNETTE LIEBERMAN (Barbara & Bruce Krupa)

Friday, September 11 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY CASE (Lynn & Jim Steidel)

Saturday – September 12 – 5:00 p.m.

PAUL & JOANNA BUBER, 25th Wedding Anniv.
(Living Intention)

Sunday, September 13 – 8:15 a.m.

EDWARD KRUPA (Barbara & Bruce Krupa)

Sunday, September 13 – 10:30 a.m.

JOSEPH & PHILOMENA RYAN

(Jim & Donna Pugh & Family)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – IMO Philomena Carroll by Family

St. Joseph – For Richard Oswald by Lorelei Oswald

Tabernacle – IMO Eleanor O'Brien

by John & Susan Minnichbach

Sanctuary

1. IMO James Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

2. IMO Raymond Frank by John & Susan Minnichbach

3. IMO Howard Minnichbach

by John & Susan Minnichbach

4. IMO Ruth Minnichbach by John & Susan Minnichbach

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Dorothy Prokop by Peggy Ebling

ChristLife is back!

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.

The virtual series will be offered on 7 consecutive Wednesday evenings from **October 7 through November 18 at 7:15-8:00 on ZOOM.**

The in-person series will take place on 7 consecutive Thursday evenings from **October 8 through November 19 at 7:00-8:30 in the Church.** All COVID-19 diocesan and CDC guidelines will be in place.

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 come join us!

Questions or interested in signing up? Please call Bobby Rienzo at the rectory 570-622-5470 or contact him by email at stjbparish@comcast.net. Look for signup information forthcoming on our Facebook page and Church website, and spread the word to your family, friends, and colleagues!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you experience Jesus in the midst of your family? Your parish? Your neighborhood?

Next Week's Readings

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(Sept.12/13)

Reading I: Sirach 27:30-28.7

Reading II: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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!

CURIOSITY SHOP / YARD SALE

Friday – Sept. 11th – 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturday – Sept. 12th - 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 **Take Out Only**. Something for everyone!! Join us!! (Questions... call the Rectory 622-5470 ext 3).

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.



CCD REGISTRATION

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: \$60.00 First Child

All Other Children: \$55.00 per Child

CCD PROGRAM

Teachers Needed

First Grade Teacher

Fourth Grade Teacher

for the 2020-2021 school year.

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.**



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

This week we welcome **Keri Cavenas** and her children **Nicholas, Joei and Emma** to St. John's Parish Family. Warmly embrace them into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's Hospitality by writing to 310 W. Railroad St., Pottsville 17901.



SEPTEMBER 11th

Friday, September 11th, marks the Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country ...

We pray today that from the ashes will rise a new spirit of beauty and unity in America. Already, all across this nation our hearts have been knit together into a new tapestry of one America.

Because of this tragedy, we have been bound together by a silver chord of hope and brotherhood and sisterhood.

What was meant to drive us apart has really drawn us together. May we always remember.



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, Anthony Gaburick Sr.*

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.

ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY will meet on **Wednesday, September 9th at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 30/31: \$ 4,647.13

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

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

CANDY SALE sponsored by St. Anne Guild of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Ashland. Chocolate Covered Peanut Butter Crackers 10 for \$5.00; Fritch \$7.00 a roll or 3 for \$20.00. Call Parish Office at **570-875-1521**, Pre-Orders **ONLY** must be placed by **Monday, September 14th**; Pick up is Wednesday, **September 30th** at the parish hall from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

SPAGHETTI DINNER sponsored by St. Patrick Church on **Sunday, September 13th** from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost \$8.00 includes pasta, two meatballs, salad and bread. For more info please call 570-622-1802.

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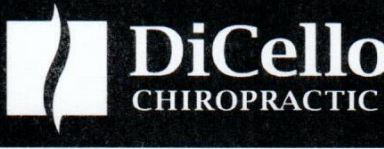
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