



St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

Established in 1841

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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 11TH, 2020

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot and Lawrence Lonergan*



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Cemetery Information

John Consugar (570)-449-1675

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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

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As we move toward the end of another liturgical year, our readings begin to speak to us about the end times.

The prophet Isaiah tells of the great banquet the Lord will prepare for His people at the end of time. And in the gospel, Jesus tells the parable likening the Kingdom of Heaven to a king hosting a wedding feast for his son.

Full of hope and encouragement these readings are meant to spur us on to faithful gospel living no matter what befalls us in this life. Set among them is the responsorial psalm for this Sunday – Psalm 23, where the Lord is our Shepherd who leads us to green pastures. We are all invited to live in the house of the Lord for all eternity.

Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 12 – 11:30 a.m. (TIME CHANGE)

LEO & DOROTHY LOTZ (Dave & Joan Deiter)

Tuesday, October 13 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH & TERESA FANELLI (Lucilla Kochol)

Wednesday, October 14 - 9:00 a.m.

FRANCIS & MARY BURNS

Thursday, October 15 – 9:00 A.M.

MARIE MURPHY (Family)

Friday, October 16 – 9:00 a.m.

TED CASEY (Sally & Bill Casey)

Saturday, October 17 – 5:00 p.m.

R.J. POST (Bob, Irene, Sandi, Sheri, RJ Post III)

Sunday, October 18 – 8:15 a.m.

DAVID & BASTINA NICASTRO

(Julian D. Chiplonia)

Sunday, October 18– 10:30 a.m.

BARBARA & CAROL WEISS (Weiss Children)

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Special Intention by Mary Jean Morgalis

St. Joseph – IMO Joseph Wollyung by Barb Wollyung

Tabernacle – Special Intention by Mary Jean Morgalis

Sanctuary

1. In Thanksgiving req. anonymously

2. Special Intention req. anonymously

3&4. IMO my mother Erika Stangl Seasock

by Michael Felker

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

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: *Lawrence Haffey, Anthony Gaburick Sr.,*

John Kutch, Deceased: *Mary Chiplonia*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Pray for married couples.

How does your parish support them?

How do You?

Next Week's Readings

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October (17/18))

Reading I: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

**NO ADORATION MONDAY;
CHURCH IS OPEN 4-5 FOR
PRAYER ON SUNDAY 10/11**

MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2021 will open

Monday, October 19th to Thursday, October 22nd.

Masses can be scheduled from

10 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, October 19th

in Longinus Hall.

Tuesday to Thursday at the Rectory.

(All COVID-19 Precautions will be in place.)

Masses can also be scheduled by mailing your intentions to the rectory or by calling the rectory 622-5470 ext 3

THREE MASSES ONLY

- additional Mass requests may be sent to the Missions. The remaining dates will be used to schedule previously requested Masses as well as keep dates open for those who will be deceased in the year 2021.

--- ATTENTION ---

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG FAMILIES

Please like the Facebook page

"Schuylkill County Catholic

Young Adults and Young Families."

The purpose of this group is to connect one another across parishes and form a young adult community in our area.

Please 'like' our **St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish Family** Facebook page. We currently have 865 followers.



UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

October

- 11 Coast-to-Coast Rosary – 4 p.m. in Church
- 12 NO Adoration
- 13 Men's Gospel Reflection – 7 p.m. – Zoom
- 15 ChristLife: Week 2 – 7 p.m. in Church
- 19 Adoration – 7 to 8 p.m. in Church
- 20 Men's Gospel Reflection – 7 p.m. – Zoom
- 21 Catholic Women's Union – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 22 ChristLife: Week 3 – 7 p.m. in Church
- 25 CCD – 9 a.m. in School
- 25 Confirmation Class – 5:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 26 Adoration – 7 to 8 p.m. in Church
- 27 Men's Gospel Reflection – 7 p.m. – Zoom
- 29 ChristLife: Week 4 – 7 p.m. in Church

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

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!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 3/4: \$ 5,670.00

Dues: \$ 1,114.00

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

CEMETERY FLAG REMOVAL

PLEASE NOTE: All flags in the cemetery are required to be removed before Veterans Day. Removal will take place within the next few weeks. Please call the rectory with any questions.



Did You Know ?

**Our bulletin is also
available on our website !**

New Church Sanctuary Furniture

After many months of waiting, our new sanctuary furniture is finally in place. I would like to thank **Bahret Church Interiors** for a splendid design and job of building the new sanctuary furniture.

I especially would like to thank two particular donors who made this possible:

The Altar Repose

**In memory of Joseph Wollyung Jr.
donated by the Wollyung Family**

The Main Altar Pulpit & Tabernacle Altar

(The old Tabernacle Altar was redesigned)

donated Anonymously

The total cost of the project was **\$18,280.00** which included installation and repositioning of the sanctuary furniture. The new altar and furnishings really added beauty to our sanctuary.

Thank you again to these particular donors for making these renovations possible.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

NEXT WEEKEND .. OCTOBER 17/18 ... we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Rosary Coast-to-Coast and Hour of Prayer for our Nation – 10/11 from 4-5 PM

We are inviting Catholics across the country to pray together to call upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary to heal our country and return it to Holiness.

Today our battle is spiritual. We continue to live in peace-less times with laws and court rulings in conflict with God's laws; especially the disregard for the rights of the unborn, elderly and weak in our society and the attacks on marriage and family values. Society and many levels of government continue to demonstrate intolerance towards biblically based religious belief and practice. In conflict with First Amendment constitutional rights, persecution of traditional religious expression has reached historically high levels.

The Church will be open until 5 PM for private prayer after the 4 PM rosary concludes.

CHRIST LIFE: FOLLOWING CHRIST

WEEK 1: PERSONAL PRAYER

This week's teaching was **Daily Personal Prayer**.

- Prayer is more than quick "texts" to God
- The Lord can change your emotions in prayer. Don't avoid it because you're tired, discouraged, anxious, etc.
- Talk to Him as a person using your own words.
- Prayer is all about relationship!

We learned practical ways to establish and grow our personal prayer:

- Choose a time to pray when you will give your best to the Lord.
- Find a place where you can be in solitude without distraction.
- Decide on an amount of time of pray. 10-15 minutes is a good start.
- Decide what to bring: your Bible, a devotional (e.g. Word Among Us), and journal
- Recognize your prayer will need adjustments for different seasons of life: marriage, babies, illness, new job, etc.

We also learned how to pray using the Lord's Prayer:

- Place yourself in the presence of God with the sign of the cross: "Our Father who art in heaven"
- **Praise the Lord: "Hallowed be your name"**
Express praise to God through praying the Psalms, singing a worship song, and offering thanks for blessings in your life and answered prayers.
- **Listen to the Lord and receive His word: "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done."**
Slowly read from Scripture until you sense the Lord speaking to you through His word and meditate on the words that speak to you.
- **Confession: "Forgive us our trespasses"**
Tell God what's on your mind and in your heart, including the ways in which you have failed Him and your need for His mercy and grace.
- **Petition and Intercession: "Give us this day our daily bread"**
Ask the Lord for His will in the situations of your life. Keep a journal of situations, needs, people that you regularly bring to the Lord.
- **Response and Resolutions**
What does the Lord want you to do after you speak with Him and read His Word?
Write these resolutions in your journal.
- End with praise and thanksgiving.



TWO BIG DAYS
OCTOBER 14 & 15
9 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

SHOPPERS GET
20%*
OFF
OUR LOWEST
SALE PRICES

WE GIVE
5%
BACK
TO YOUR NON-PROFIT
When chosen as a recipient
by customers.

ATTENTION: St. John's Shoppers
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IN- STORE OR ONLINE

At checkout just give "St. John the Baptist Catholic Church" Specify "Catholic" because in the past there have been some confusion due to other denominations with the same name and that is how we are registered. The church will receive 5% of total sales accredited to its name!

2 Days of fun and FREE MONEY for the Church!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...
Saturday and Sunday, November 14 & 15

'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 7th & 8th.

We are asking families to donate a **Theme Basket** with a suggested value of at least **\$25.00** in merchandise or gift certificates. If you would like to donate the items, we would be happy to put a basket together and wrap it for you. Be creative and come up with your own unique idea!

Our 'Lottery Baskets & Lottery Frames are always a huge success. If you would like to donate **lottery tickets** (any amount), please drop tickets off at the rectory or place in the collection basket at Mass.

As always, **Monetary donations** are greatly appreciated. **Homemade craft items** are also very welcome.

Gift Cards / Certificates are especially needed.

So many families donated baskets last year --- it was wonderful to see the spirit of St. John's shine through.

In addition to our many various **THEME BASKETS**, there will be beautiful **CRAFTS**, many of which are handmade, **SPECIALS**, and of course, delicious **FOOD** and our famous homemade **BAKED GOODS**.

Helping hands at the Bazaar are always welcome. If you can help or have questions, please call the **Rectory 622-5470 ext. 3**

Baskets should be dropped off at the Russell Building on the following dates:

October 14, 19, 21, 26

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. ONLY

Baskets / Items for baskets CANNOT be dropped off at the Rectory.

WINE / CHEESE / SNACK BASKETS If you would like to donate **Wine, Cheese, or Snacks** for our **Wine/Snack Baskets** for this year's Christmas Bazaar, please drop your donation off at the **Russell Building on the dates and times listed above.**

PECANS - PECANS

St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be selling Pecans again this year at the Christmas Bazaar. For more information, please contact the rectory.

\$14.00 lb – Mammoth Halves

Grow & Go

October 11, 2020

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10A; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10

GROW: I would guess we've all experienced lean times along with better times. Ramen noodles and boxed mac and cheese in college, fine dining with "rich food and choice wines" once we got real jobs, then back to pizza and beer when balancing school tuition, car payments, and kids' growing feet. Paul has seen it all and much worse; after all, he is writing from a prison cell! Yet, rather than focus on his own troubles, he expresses gratitude for the support of the Philippians and assures them that God will provide. Paul is not writing about food, fine wine, or financial security, but the "glorious riches in Christ Jesus." No matter our circumstances, we, too, can trust that God will give us what we need.

GO: Imagine Paul, stuck in a prison cell – hungry, thirsty, and probably in pain. And yet he seeks to bolster the Philippian Church, assuring them, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me," and *thanking them*: "Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress." What a powerful faith, and a witness to gratitude of God's gifts – including the gift of people who love us. I've been fortunate to have met people who, facing a chronic disease, the loss of a loved one, or physical challenges, still seem to be looking out for everyone else. Nearly to a person, they say they draw on their faith – and I've had the rare opportunity to hear their stories as an editor for a Catholic magazine. They inspire me to keep talking to God every day, so when that next challenge comes – and it will – I, too, can turn to my faith for strength. And it doesn't stop there. By our example, we can accompany those around us as they carry their burdens, assuring them that they don't face their trials alone.

ACTION: St. Paul says: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Keep a gratitude journal and write down the ways God has provided for you. Thank God, and then reach out and thank the people who have supported you when things got tough.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We wish to thank the following for their donations ...

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Carolyn Bernatonis	Tote Bags/Purses
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Giant	Gift Card
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Patty & John O'Neill	Surf & Turf Bskt.
Pottsville Pizzeria	Gift Card
Carole & Ed Quirin	Lottery Board
Visot's	Wine Bskt.
Weis	Gift Card
Ellen & Jay Zane	\$50.00 Sponsor
