



# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

*Established in 1841*

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

**29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

**Pastor:** *Rev. David J. Loeper*

**Deacons:** *Luis R. Visot and Lawrence Lonergan*



**Pastoral Assistant:** *Bobby Rienzo*

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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

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the gospel for this Sunday Jesus' opponents questioned Him about the lawfulness of paying taxes. Jesus sees their hypocrisy and answers, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Our primary allegiance is not to a particular nation, kingdom, or institution, but to God. We belong to Him in whose image we are made and whose law is inscribed in our hearts. We must give back to God what is His, thus we give Him our love, our first fruits, our very selves, in union with Christ.

*Father Dave*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 19 – 9:00 a.m.

JOHN B. LIEBERMAN IV (Ron & Pat Lombel)

Tuesday, October 20 – 9:00 a.m.

SUZANNE KERN (Kathy Carpenito)

Wednesday, October 21 – 9:00 a.m.

PHILOMENA LOEPER (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Thursday, October 22 – 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH REHNERT (Pat Klassen)

Friday, October 23 – 9:00 a.m.

KATHY NORKUS (Joe Budresky & Betty Lenosky)

Saturday, October 24 – 5:00 p.m.

M/M WILLIAM BERCHER (Kathleen Williams)

Sunday, October 25 – 8:15 a.m.

GEORGE & DOLORES LYNN

(David, Tony, Joan Marie & Bob Lynn)

Sunday, October 25 – 10:30 a.m.

JOHN & DOROTHY RYAN

(John & Christine Eagan)

### CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM – Barbara Weiss by Sandra Clauser

St. Joseph – IMO Carl Weiss by Sandra Clauser

Tabernacle - Special Intention req. Anonymously

Sanctuary

1. IMO Barbara & Carl Weiss by Sandra Clauser

2. IMO Maureen Minchhoff Kalymun

by Paul & Bernie Gombola

3&4. IMO Dorothy & Leo Lotz by Ron & Pat Lombel

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Marian & Alex Kriston 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:** Joseph LeBlanc

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does your faith influence your citizenship?

### Next Week's Readings

30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (October (24/25))

**Reading I:** Exodus 22:20-26

**Reading II:** 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40

### MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2021 will open

Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Masses can be scheduled from

10 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

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.

## NO ADORATION MONDAY 10/19

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

#### October

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 Christ Life Prayer Training – 1 p.m. – L.H.

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!

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### FAMILY MATTERS

**Actions Speak Louder than Words.** "Go out and preach the Good news. And, if necessary use words!" We ask that this week we all share with our families the Gospel daily – through our actions. Pray that the Lord give us the strength to do this even when we are most exasperated.

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

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**October 10/11: \$ 5,518,39**

**Improvements & Repairs: \$ 1,047.00**

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

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### CEMETERY FLAG REMOVAL

**PLEASE NOTE:** All flags in the cemetery are required to be removed **AFTER** Veterans Day. Removal will take place sometime after that date. Please call the rectory with any questions.



### 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.

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## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

**Today is World Mission Sunday.** We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities, in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

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### ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

Please drop your All Souls Day envelope in the collection as soon as possible so your intentions can be placed on the altar for All Souls Day. Additional envelopes for your intentions can be found at the church exits.

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### 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, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** A "**Harvest Auction**" will be featured! 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.



**DUES FOR 2020 ARE NOW DUE - \$5.00**

**For more information call: St. John's Rectory  
(570) 622-5470.**

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### 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.

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

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# CHRIST LIFE: FOLLOWING CHRIST

## WEEK 2: HEARING GOD IN SCRIPTURE

### SCRIPTURE IS IMPORTANT IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

- Read Scripture with an expectation that God's Word is going to accomplish in your life the very thing it declares.
- Read Scripture with an expectation that the Lord wants to reveal His will and plan to you.
- Read Scripture with an expectation that the Lord can remove what shouldn't be in our hearts and also cause the good fruit of love to grow.

### PRACTICAL WAYS TO GROW IN LOVE OF SCRIPTURE

- Make a habit of praying with Scripture daily.
- Pray with God's Word expecting it to come powerfully, personally, and to prune.
- Use the daily Mass readings or read through one of the Gospels.
- Start with books of the Bible that tell the narrative of salvation.
- Use devotional resources like *The Word Among Us*.
- Prepare your heart for Sunday Mass by reading the Gospel for that day.
- Take advantage of Catholic Bible studies and commentaries.
- Avoid reading God's Word only for information.
- Be open to the Lord leading you to specific passages in your daily prayer that give you direction and encouragement.

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#### Grow & Go

October 18, 2020

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5B; Mt 22:15-21

**GROW:** I took up distance running some years ago, thanks largely to a group of friends who encouraged me along the way. We'd share the peaks and valleys of our lives as we tackled rolling hills. Those long runs come to mind when I hear Paul give thanks to the Thessalonians for having "endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul here speaks of hope in Jesus – a hope that has the risen Christ as its foundation, and is central to the Christian life. When I think of what lies at the end of a long run, such as water and blissful rest, and how grateful I am for these simple pleasures, I cannot help but rejoice in the hope that St. Paul refers to today. Our catechism makes it clear: "We firmly believe, and hence we hope that, just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and lives forever, so after death the righteous will live forever with the risen Christ and he will raise them up on the last day." (989)

**GO:** During a particularly challenging time, I confided in a close friend over the phone. She didn't just offer to pray for me, she actually prayed *with* me on that phone call. I don't recall her exact words, but she called on Jesus to help me trust that God would see me through. So often, it can be hard to find the words to encourage others in their faith. When that happens, why not bring Jesus into the conversation? It may seem awkward at first, but offering to pray with another person in real time can be a powerful witness and encouragement. As Christians, we don't rely on "hoping" that everything will work out in the end; instead, we know that our hope is in Christ Jesus. As the catechism says: "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness." (1817) It doesn't get much more direct than that. Reflect on what "hope" looks like for us as Christians. And then tell a friend about it.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The source of our second reading today, the First Letter from Paul to the Thessalonians, contains the earliest mention within Christian literature of the three theological virtues: "faith, hope and love." Reread today's passage,

and then read 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8. In prayer, we can ask God to help us grow in all three virtues and show us ways to share them with others.

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ...

**Saturday and Sunday, November 14 & 15**

*'View & Drop' Preview weekend is November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.*

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 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**

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

Adelphia	Gift Cards
Auto Zone	Car Wash Bucket
Bake Shop VI	Gift Card
Carolyn Bernatonis	Tote Bags/Purses
Mary Bound	Wreaths (2)
Joan Bowers	Wine & Snack Bskt.
Cake Pros	Gift Cards
C & C Candy	Gift Card
Dairy Queen	Gift Cards
Peggy Ebling	Starbuck's Gift Card
Joyce & John Gerace	Lottery Wreath
Joyce & John Gerace	Wine Baskets (3)
Giant	Gift Card
Mary Beth Harvey	Art Basket
Joey Kurtek	\$50.00 Sponsor
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Miller's Distributing	Snack Bskt.
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Mary & Bob Porter	Lottery Frame
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Roma Pizzeria	Gift Card
Rosie Write Craft	Gift Card
Natalie Setlock	Cozy Christmas
Linda & Martin Smith	Cracker Barrel Gifts Cards
Linda & Martin Smith	Dairy Queen Gift Cards
Dorothy & Joseph Stangl	\$25.00 Sponsor
Sunseekers	Gift Card
Visot's	Wine Bskt.
Weis	Gift Card
Toni & Carl Wiest	Longaberger Bskt.(2)
Toni & Carl Wiest	Boyds Bears
Toni & Carl Wiest	Porcelain Dolls
Toni & Carl Wiest	Beanie Babies
Yuengling Gift Shop	Signed Dog Mirror
Ellen & Jay Zane	\$50.00 Sponsor

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

A separate collection basket will be located next to the regular collection basket.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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*Fill us at daybreak with Your love,  
that all our days we may sing for joy. Psalm 90:14*

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### October 2020

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IMO Robert Berger	IMO Charles Lorenz
IMO Edward Christ	Dorothy Parsick
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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**

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### 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.”*

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