

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

Established in 1841

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

Pastor: *Rev. David J. Loeper*

Deacons: *Luis R. Visot / Lawrence Lonergan*

**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 10TH, 2019**

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

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Choir Director/Organist: *David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator: *Lucilla Kochol*
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Nativity BVM High School (570) 622-8110
Assumption BVM Elementary (570) 622-0106
St. Joseph Center for Special Learning (570) 622-4638

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule (in Chapel)

Monday thru Friday – 9:00 a.m.

Cemetery Information

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday – 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.
Or by appointment

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.

Outreach Program

Rectory (570)-622-5470

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC
Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT
(610) 332-0442 ext. 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The theme that runs through this Sunday's readings is the fact that the God we worship is the God of the living. In the first reading from Maccabees, it recalls the bravery of seven brothers and their mother who preferred death to denying their hope in the God of Israel.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Thessalonians of God's fidelity and encourages them to find hope and strength in the Lord. And in the gospel, Jesus being put on the spot, the Sadducees were unexpectedly rewarded with a firm declaration of the truth of the Resurrection. By proclaiming God to be the God of the living, Jesus strengthens the resolve of all who place their trust in Him and who hope to share in the eternal life of God.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dave

CANDLE DONATIONS

BVM - In thanksgiving for blessings received

by Babe Murphy

St. Joseph - In thanksgiving for blessings received

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Tabernacle – Special Intention

Sanctuary

1. IMO Emily Leinheiser by Family

2. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

3&4. IMO James L. McGinley by Denise Gerchak

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO June Alice Collins by Jennifer & Dirk Berger

SCHEDULE

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 p.m. – Saturday – November 16th

Reader: Heidi Gorski

Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz, Molly Zwiebel

Servers: Olivia Tokonitz, Stanley & Aleksander Gorski

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – November 17th

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Carol Forster, Mike Ambrose

Servers: Luke Schane, Caroline & Christopher Hobbs

Cantor: Tina Seiger

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – November 17th

Reader: Carol Lasco

Euch.Min.: Bobby Rienzo, Charlie Miller

Servers: Anna, Livia, Emma Lieberman

Cantor: Ensemble

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II – Michele Poleschak & Steven Compomizzi

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 11 to Friday, Nov. 15

NO MASSES

Saturday, November 16– 5:00 p.m.

GEORGE L. POST (Ann Marie Lynn)

Sunday, November 17 – 8:15 a.m.

RICHARD PUGH (Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Sunday, November 17 – 10:30 a.m.

DECEASED OF JOHN & GRETCHEN

LIEBERMAN FAMILY (Lieberman Family)

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: *Beth Thomas Resnick, Doug Broughton, Mary Lou Roeder, Helen Hufnagle, Debbie Miller.*

Deceased: *Joseph Rehnert.*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Explain the ways in which God is the God of you "living".

Next Week's Readings

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Nov. 16/17)

Reading I: Malachi 3:19-20a

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

CHOSEN, BLESSED, SHARED

Make sure to remember the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese!

MEN'S GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Men's Gospel Reflection Group meeting will take place on **Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Rectory Fellowship Room.** This group is open to any men interested in reflecting on how the Gospel impacts their lives. All are welcome! Please call the rectory with any questions 570-622-5470.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 2/3: \$ 4,507.00

Parish Dues: \$ 1,252.00; All Saints Day: \$ 1,020.00

THE AMAZING PARISH

St. John's Parish Mission:

.. To encounter Christ and make disciples ..

The leadership team wants to thank everyone who stopped by after Mass last weekend to enjoy the refreshments and to learn a little more about the Amazing Parish. Many thanks to all who set up, organized and served the food and drinks. We received many good suggestions and comments about what parishioners want to see the parish do in the future.

The suggestion box will be in the back of church and everyone is always welcome to contact the team or the rectory with your ideas and critiques.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a minister at the altar or joining our new greeter ministry for the good of St. John's Parish. More to come!

*Father Dave, Josette Peckman, Tara DeStefano,
Bob Hahner, Bill Gianfagna.*

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

ATTENTION : READERS

A very important refresher session will be held:

Saturday, November 16,

9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Longinus Hall.

A light breakfast fare will be followed by updated instruction in this important ministry of Reader led by Deacon Lonergan. A reminder note will be sent as the date approaches. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Any parishioner who would like to volunteer to become a Reader is also cordially invited. Please contact the rectory with your intention and contact information.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

(Ushers, Greeters, Refreshment Committee)

Looking for a way to become involved? Have a desire to serve to your community? Please join St. John's on our endeavor towards becoming an *Amazing Parish!* We are looking for parishioners to join our Ministry of Hospitality. We are in need of Ushers, Greeters and members of the Refreshment Committee. Please contact the St. John's Rectory, 622-5470, or a Parish Leadership Team member with your interest. We look forward to you becoming a Minister of Hospitality!

STEWARDSHIP LIBRARY

Stewardship Displays are located at the church exits. There are many items available including CD's, Rosaries, Self-help and Informational Booklets, etc.

New Items include: Music (lower door); Divine Mercy (main church), in addition to other great CD's or books.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR OPENINGS!

St. John's Choir is welcoming new members to the choir to sing Saturday 5:00 PM Masses and special Masses. This is a very rewarding experience for anyone seeking to become more involved in our Parish Family.

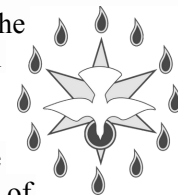
No prior singing experience or reading of music is required. Practices are held

Tuesday's at 7:00 in Longinus Hall. Contact David Derbes at daderbes@yahoo.com with any questions for more information.

Hope to see you Tuesday!

CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSORS

Our 8th graders are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday, April 29, 2020.** Please consider supporting this important decision by praying for one or more candidates. Cards containing the names of the candidates are located on the table in back of church. Please take one and during this time of preparation, please pray for that person in a special way and write notes of encouragement. Our parish will be doubly blessed!



COFFEE AND MUFFINS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

AFTER SUNDAY MASSES

Muffins, fruit, coffee, and juice will be served in Longinus Hall after 815 and 1030 Masses. Join your fellow parishioners again this month for light refreshments, to meet new parishioners and to catch up with friends. This opportunity to get together as a welcoming parish family will continue on the third Sunday of each month. If your parish group would like to provide information at one of these gatherings or you would like to volunteer to help, please call the rectory or speak to one of the volunteers while enjoying your coffee.



FAMILY MATTERS

Honoring Veterans. In our families, over the years many have served in the military. Too many have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country's freedom. Today we give thanks to God for all those families who have had loved ones die for the cause of freedom. We salute also our veterans and thank them for their service.

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

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

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| Patty & John O'Neill | Warm Holiday |
| Parishioners | Holiday Bskt. |
| Parishioners | Kitchen Bskt. |
| Parishioners | Feeling Pretty Bskt. |
| Parishioners | Cozy Night Bskt. |
| Parishioners | Tea Time Bskt. |
| Parishioners | Soup Time |
| Mary & Bob Porter | Beekman 1802 Bskt. |
| Pottsville Pizzeria | Large Pizza |
| Roma Pizzeria | Gift Card |
| Pat Pugh | Pioneer Woman Bskt. |
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| Natalie Setlock | Misc. Bskt. |
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| Kathleen & George Zwiebel | Kid's Fun Bskt. |
| Linda & Jeff Zwiebel | \$25.00 Amazon G.C. |
| Linda & Jeff Zwiebel | \$25.00 Lottery |

THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will deliver a Turkey Dinner complete with Turkey, Filling, Yams, Gravy, Vegetable and Dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day. If you or someone you know is in need of a meal, please call 570-628-3333 or contact us at KofC431@yahoo.com.

Closing date to order is November 22nd at 5 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The final meeting for the planning of the Knights of Columbus of Sch. Co. Thanksgiving Day Meal Project will take place **Wednesday, November 13th** at the Pottsville Council Headquarters at 1840 West End Ave. at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend the meeting to find out more information on the project.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our 8th grade CCD class students for their generous donations to the *Guz's 7th Annual Charitable Project*. This year the project benefitted Servants to All homeless shelter in Pottsville. I am proud of the student's support of this project that annually benefits a local organization and raises awareness to the dangers of distracted driving.

Bob Hahner

ST. JOHN'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY will meet on **Wednesday, November 13th at 8 p.m.** in the Rectory Fellowship Room.

A PRAYER FOR ALL VETERANS

O God, Great and Almighty Creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.

Thank you for America's heroes, who have fought for our freedoms and who have faithfully served our country.

We honor all of our veterans, for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.

As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation.

We thank You for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations. Amen.



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."

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY GUILD

The **Family Guild** is a small organization which sponsors activities for the elementary school students of the parish.

Through our fundraising efforts we sponsor two spiritual based programs throughout the year. The programs are the Lent Event and the Advent-ure.

The **Family Guild** also strives to make the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation a little more special for our children by purchasing gifts and providing flowers for these joyous occasions.

If you would like to become more involved within the parish and be a positive influence in the spiritual lives of our parish youth, consider joining the **Family Guild**. We always welcome a new face among us.

If interested please call the Rectory 622-5470 or just come to our next meeting which is scheduled for ...

Monday, November 18th

6:30 p.m. – Rectory Fellowship Room

OPEN ARMS MINISTRY

If you have good used furniture that you would like to donate, *Open Arms Ministry* is in need for these items for their transitional housing. If you would like more information about this organization, check out their website at www.openarmshelp.org, or email Pastor Vincent Murray at Oathmainoffice@gmail.com.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

November

- 12 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 14 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 16 Reader's Mtg. – 9:30 a.m. – L.H.
- 17 Coffee & Muffins after Masses – L.H.
- 17 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.
- 18 Family Guild Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – F.R.
- 19 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 20 Catholic Women's Union – 7 p.m. – L.H.
- 21 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 23/24 Blood Pressure Screenings after Masses
- 24 Advent-ure – 9 a.m. – R.B.
- 26 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.
- 28 Thanksgiving Day Mass – **8 a.m.**

** L.H. – Longinus Hall

** F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

** R.B. – Russell Building

FOOD COLLECTION for Pantry

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! Our parish is collecting food items now for Thanksgiving Baskets

Items Needed:

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| Stuffing Mix | Cranberries |
| Broth | Spaghettio's |
| Coffee/Tea (instant) | Instant /Canned Potatoes |
| Hot Chocolate | Ravioli |
| Beef Stew | Gravy |
| Soups | Cake Mixes |
| Icing | Baked Beans |
| Canned Vegetables | Canned Sweet Potatoes |
| Canned Fruit | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Apple Sauce | Spaghetti |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Jelly |

Needed Items: Jelly, Soup, Canned Vegetables, Stuffing

Kindly place your donations in the basket at the bottom 10th St. side entrance of church.

Gift cards to purchase turkeys will be gladly accepted. Thank you.

PLEASE -- NO OUTDATED ITEMS

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ROOFSTOCK ... presented by St. Joseph the Worker Parish on **Saturday, November 16th** from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.; Doors open 6 p.m. at Annunciation Hall, 9 S.

Broad Mt. Ave. in Frackville. Live music by *Another Side* and *Sakes Alive*; dancing and food. Benefits St. Joseph Building & Maintenance Fund.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

HOLIDAY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ... at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 49 N. Line St., Frackville on **Thursday, November 21st at 6 p.m.** Participants may display a photograph, candle, or memento on the table which will be placed in the sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ... at St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Rd., Hamburg on **Saturday, November 23rd** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crafts, gifts, theme basket raffle, homemade Christmas cookies, quilt raffle tickets. Kitchen will be opened for Breakfast & Lunch. For more info call 610-562-7657 or www.stmaryhamburg.org

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

ESSAY CONTEST Annual *Stand Up for Life* Essay Contest ... The theme is "*Christ our Hope: In Every Season of Life.*"

Deadline for essay submission is December 2nd.

Opened to all students in grades 7 - 12 in public and private schools in the Allentown Diocese, as well as home-schooled students. Four winners will be chosen in each deanery – a first and second place winner in each division. From these deanery winners, the top four essays will be chosen, and the winners awarded the following prizes at an awards banquet in January:

Grades 7 & 8: \$100 First Prize Second Prize \$50

Grades 9 - 12: \$200 First Prize Second Prize \$100

Information, visit: allentowndiocese.org/essaycontest

MEN'S CONFERENCE "*Standing Firm in Our Faith*"

Register today to see Dr. Ralph Martin, Fr. Jim Greenfield, Gus Lloyd, and Sam Guzman on **Saturday, November 23rd** at DeSales University. A Vigil Mass and opportunity for Adoration and Confession. Register by November 13th at www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference. or mensconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610) 289-8900 ext. 2021.

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