

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

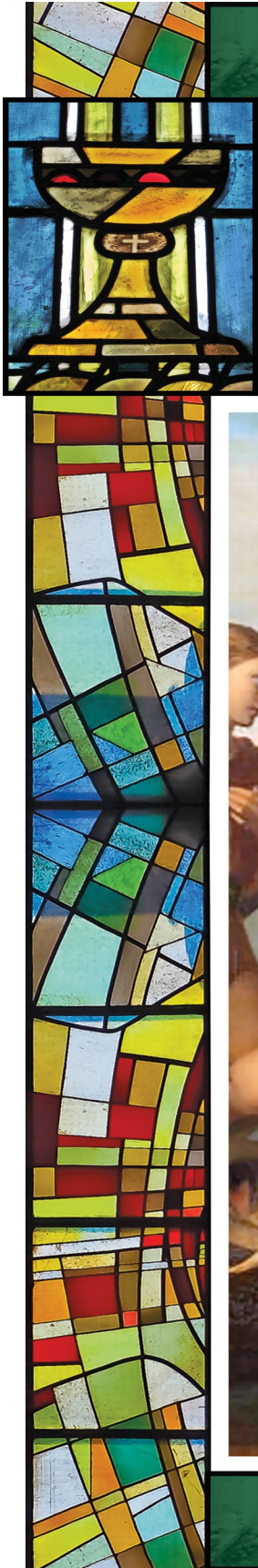
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July 21, 2024

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many things.

Mt 6:34



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 20

5:00 p.m. Erika Stangl Seasock
(Dorothy & Joe Stangl
& Michael Felker)

Sunday, July 21

8:15 a.m. Paul Filiac
(Paul & Clare Lorange)

Sunday, July 21

10:30 a.m. Joseph A. Orłowski
(Joe Orłowski)

Monday, July 22

6:30 p.m. John Wollyung
(Joseph & Suzanne Wollyung)

Tuesday, July 23

9:00 a.m. Anne Lowe
(Dan & Hermine Murphy)

Wednesday, July 24

9:00 a.m. Betty Ketner
(Mary Ann Schweikert)

Thursday, July 25

9:00 a.m. Catherine Bortzel

Friday, July 26

9:00 a.m. St. John's Parish Family

Saturday, July 27

5:00 p.m. Robert Holdyk
(Paul & JoAnna Buber)

Sunday, July 28

8:15 a.m. Anthony S. Gaburick
(Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Sunday, July 28

10:30 a.m. James Pugh Jr.
(Peggy Stoppi)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

We continue our overview of the Bible, starting with the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament. We briefly looked at Genesis. Today, consider the Book of Exodus. Exodus is an easy book in the sense that most people are familiar with the basic story: God frees Israel from slavery in Egypt, Moses is the hero of the story, the plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, the Ten Commandments, etc.

Exodus can be divided into three basic parts. There is the story of the Exodus itself: God gets His people out of Egypt. The important thing here is not that God freed His people from slavery in a physical sense. Rather, God wanted to free His people from sin. He wanted to break their attachment to Egyptian religion and culture and teach them that He alone is God, their greatest good. The second part of Exodus is centered on Mount Sinai, where God gives the Ten Commandments. God enters a special covenant with His people. A covenant is an agreement that creates a family bond between two parties. God is "adopting" His people Israel. The third part of the book is all about establishing divine worship. These final chapters contain God's instructions for setting up the Meeting Tent (Israel's portable "temple"), the role of priests and sacrifices, and other matters. Why is this important? Because worship brings God and humanity into contact, into communion with each other, which is the ultimate goal: the reconciliation of God and humanity. Of course, at the time of the Exodus, there was a long way to go...

In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin

Eucharistic Adoration



We offer opportunities to spend time in prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament ...

◆ A holy hour in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This is a simple holy hour without any formal prayer or Benediction. It is not necessary to come for the entire hour. Just stop by as you desire.

Flowers at the Altar

The flowers at the altar this weekend are donated ...
IMO of Ericka Stangl Seasock
by Bob & Susan Hahner



Next Week's Readings

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(July 27/28)

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Pray

We remember in prayer those who are ill or recently deceased. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

For our Sick

Sheri Post • Robert Kline • Tony Kochol • Tom Jefferson • Drew Schaeffer • Shawn Matz • Miriam Tirjan • John Bernetsky • John & Mary Jean Morgalis • Joanne Mestishen

Upcoming Calendar

July

21	9:00 a.m.	Summer Festival Clean-up	R.B.
28	2:00 p.m.	Paint 'n Sip	L.H.

L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building

Tuesdays 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men's Group F.R.



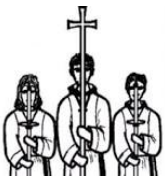
RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John's Rectory, 622-5470, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today.

Welcome to St. John's

This week we welcome **Matthew & Heather Maccarone** and their children, **Haley & Kyla**. Matthew is a teacher at Pottsville School District and Heather is a kindergarten teacher in St. Clair. Warmly welcome the Maccarone Family into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality



New Altar Servers

We invite any boys and girls currently finishing fourth grade or older to consider becoming altar servers. Parents, please speak with Father Bobbin or call the rectory. We will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet for training.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayers and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to your call. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Weekly Collection

July 13/14\$4,232.75
Improve. & Repairs\$1,186.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes at the rectory, by mail and online giving.

Please do not use tape or staples to seal your offertory envelopes

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Emily Leinheiser by Family
2. Special Intention by Marianne Wollyung

St. Joseph

1. IMO George Hahner Sr. by Hahner Family
2. For Chloe Manus by Neil & Frances Manus

Sanctuary

IMO Erika Stangl Seasock by Dorothy & Joe Stangl & Michael Felker

Guardian Angels

- 1&2. Health of Erika Hauptly by William Hauptly
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy Family

Liturgical Min. Schedule

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27— 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Carleigh Palmieri

Euch.Min.: Bob Wollyung

Joseph Palmieri

Server: Sophia Palmieri

Cantor: Dave Derbes

July 28— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Jeff Naffin

Justina Majestic

Server/Sacristan: R.J. Post

Cantor: Dave Derbes

July 28 — 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Jen Daubert

Euch.Min.: Janet Daubert

Ray Petrilla

Servers: Michael & Spencer Prestileo

Cantor: Ensemble

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Major Sponsors

Hahner Bros. Inc. — Chance Books
Joe & Nancy Schlitzer --- Tent

Festival Patrons

\$500.00

Ed & Carole Quirin

\$200.00

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\$150.00

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A Friend
David & Alice Bechtel
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Nancy Lescavage
Christine Maccarone
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John & Barb Powers
Susan & Stephen Puddu
Nick & Maria Quinn
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Festival Patrons

\$50.00

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St. John's Catholic Women's Union
Dianne Stoudt
Judith Williams
Barbara Wollyung
Robert & Kay Wollyung

\$40.00

Bob & Irene Post
Larry Steficek

\$30.00

Ann Blankenhorn
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Carl & Kathy Hughes
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Peggy Smith
Ann Marie Souchak
Joe & Dorothy Stangl
Bruno Tassone

\$20.00

Tony Gaburick
Joe & Denise Gerchak
Richard & Susan Jochems
John & Annette Lisowski
Jack & Aggie Messner
John & Diane Sabados
Barbara Schoenauer
Chris Tray

\$15.00

Rosie Kenderes & Fran Wetzel

\$10.00

Liz Kleckner
Mary Zambo

Festival Sponsors

Band Sponsor --- **\$100.00** each
Coke Sponsor --- **\$ 50.00** each
Pizza Sponsor --- **\$ 50.00** each
Bleenie Mix ---- **\$ 40.00** per bucket
Ice Cream ---- **\$ 25.00** each

Festival Sponsors

Band (1) — John & Christine Eagan
Bleenie Mix (5) - Frank Angelo
Bleenie Mix (1) - Paul & JoAnna Buber
Bleenie Mix (1) - Doyle Family
Bleenie Mix (1) - Stan & Geri Grabowski
Bleenie Mix (1) - Nancy Lescavage
Bleenie Mix (1) - Jim & Donna Pugh
Bleenie Mix (1) - Linda Ralston/Sue Legutko
Bleenie Mix (1) - Eleanor Schaeffer
Bleenie Mix (1) - Theresa Skrobak
Bleenie Mix (1) - Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot
Bleenie Mix (2) - Jay & Ellen Zane
Pizza (1) — Don & Joanne Doyne
Pizza (1) — Frances Lorenz
Pizza (2) — Christine Maccarone
Pizza (1) — Mary Jo Nabholz
Pizza (1) — Dan & Anne Marie Wachter
Ice Cream (1) — Anonymous
Ice Cream (1) — Ken & Tammy Cooper
Ice Cream (1) — Mary Ann Filiac
Ice Cream (1) — Natalie Setlock
Ice Cream (1) — Ralph & Joanne Wood
Coke Sponsor (2) — John & Sandy Bosche
Coke Sponsor (1) — Helen Heimbaugh

Special's Table

Baby Bskt. — Joanne Doyne
Baking Bskt. — Chris Black
Bath & Body—Christine Maccarone
Coffee Bskt—Rosann Sitkus
Crimson House — Gift Card
Estate Planning—Lieberman & Tamulonis
Fun in the Sun — Sandy Frinzi
Kitchen Bskt. — Darla Fabiani
Knoebel's Gift Card—Herb Family
Lottery Frames (2) — Prezelski Family
Movie Bskt.— Katelynn & Jon Miller
Over 21—Maria Mason
Penn State/Wine—Paul & JoAnna Buber
Candle Bskt—Pod & Petal Florist
Sports Bskt—Janet & Michael Dzurani
32" Amazon Fire TV—John & Gayle Rehnert
John Deere Ride On Tractor (child's)
—John & Donna Kalovcak

Religious Education

CCD Registration for 2024/2025 School Year

Parents please register your child(ren) for Religious Education for the school year 2024-2025 using the Google Form link below. You must have a Google email account to use this form. Please contact Lucilla Kochol at the rectory if you do not have a Google Account to register. There will also be open registration after all the Masses the weekend of August 3-4, 2024.

<https://forms.gle/aajKRARUv54G3axG9>

Sunday School Registration

All children ages 3 to 6 years old are welcome to join our Sunday School Program, Little Saints that starts in September and goes until May. We usually meet twice a month in Longinus Hall. A calendar will be provided upon registration. Class time takes place during the 10:30 mass.

Sunday School Registration Ages 3-6

<https://forms.gle/Ux27kPodx617XuLM9>



Children's Liturgy Grades 1-3

*Children's
Liturgy of the
Word*

All children first to third grades are welcome to join our Children's Liturgy Program during the 10:30 mass. Children will learn about the readings for that weekend on an age appropriate level. More information will be received once your child is registered.

Please use the links below to register your child for the desired religious education program. You will need to use a Google email account to utilize the links. Or you can also call the rectory and register with our Director of Religious Education, Lucilla Kochol.

Children's Liturgy Registration Grade 1-3

<https://forms.gle/T1vAiug4bqPrF4Xu9>

Yard Sale / Curiosity Shop Drop Off — Saturday, August 3rd —

Look around your home for any items you wish to donate to our next Yard Sale. You'd be surprised what you might find. Here are some suggestions:

Decorations for Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Puzzles, Knick Knacks, Kitchen Items, Purses, Small Appliances, Candles, Toys, Games, Jewelry, Tablecloths, CD's, DVD's, Bakeware, Phones, Vintage items, etc.

DO NOT donate the following: Plastics, VHS tapes, Glasses, Cups, Televisions, Bedding, Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, Books, Clothing, Large Furniture, Stuffed Animal Toys, Large Christmas Trees.

ONLY ONE DROP-OFF DATE on **Saturday, August 3rd from 9 a.m. to noon** at the Russell Building. No items will be accepted before or after this date. Do not leave articles at the door or in the parking lot. Call the parish office 570-622-5470 ext. 3 for more information.



Nativity BVM High School News ...

Host Families Needed Educatius International is looking for host families for International students attending Nativity BVM High School this Fall. Please contact Amanda Rymarkiewicz-Bobella at 570-527-5104 or call Nativity directly at 570-622-8110.

Positions Available

Boys Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 season. Interested candidates for either position, please send resume, clearances and references to: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Nativity BVM High School, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville 17901 or Isabol@nativitybvm.net

Paint 'n Sip



Enjoy a Sunday afternoon in Longinus Hall for our next Paint 'n Sip get together on **July 28th at 2:00 p.m.** Artist Kimberly Searle will guide us step by step. We will have all equipment necessary so that you can paint a lovely project plus light snacks and drinks available. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite snacks for sharing. BYOB! Sign-up sheets are available in the back of church. **Cost is \$40.00 per person.** All sign-ups with fee included should be returned to the rectory **by Monday, July 22nd** so that needed planning can be done.

For more information please call the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.

Flowers in Church

Generally speaking, flowers are donations. The parish decorates the church for the Christmas and Easter seasons (partly thanks to your donations). The rest of the year, we welcome donations of flowers.

Flowers are **not** appropriate during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. Flowers **are** appropriate on:

- Sundays in Ordinary Time
- Sundays in the Easter Season (after the original Easter flowers have died)
- Holy Days—such as—Ascension Thursday, Assumption (August 15), All Saints Day (November 1), Immaculate Conception (December 8)



If you would ever like to donate flowers (perhaps in memory of a loved one), please call the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.

Church Cleaning Crew—Thank You

We thank our Church Cleaning Group for doing a wonderful job cleaning our beautiful church including Longinus Hall and the Chapel. Everything looks just perfect! Those volunteering their time and talent this month:

Michelle Ambrose, Sandy Frinzi, Theresa Skrobak.

The more the merrier — newcomers are always welcome — please call the rectory if interested or just show up at our next cleaning on August 10th.

Neighboring Events

Basket Raffle St. Joseph Center for Special Learning will host its first Annual Basket Raffle, "Christmas in July," on July 27th from 10am to 1 pm and 4 to 7 pm & July 28th from 9:30 am to 1 pm, with tickets being pulled at 1:30 pm at the St. Ambrose Parish Center. Amazing prizes include a Yeti cooler, TV, and Phila. Eagles tickets! Don't miss your chance to participate and win big! SJC is in search of baked goods, as well as volunteers for the event. If you would be willing to volunteer or bake something for concessions, please contact Monica Walborn at 570-622-4638 or mwalborn@stjosephctr.com! Thank you for your consideration and support!

Bus Trip to Emmitsburg, MD ... August 1st ... Seton Shrine (Home of the First American-Born Saint) includes: Morning Prayer & Mass in the Basilica. Tours of the Stone House, White House, Museum & Visitors Center. **National Shrine Grotto** includes :Sites of the Grotto, Lourdes Novena, Rosary Walk, the Way of Fr. Stanley Rother & Gift Shop; **Mount St. Mary's Seminary** includes: St. Bernard's Chapel, Prayer for Vocations, Tour of Seminary, St. John's Well and Tour of Immaculate Conception Chapel. Cost \$75 per person (bring your own brown bag lunch) Bus departs 8 a.m.; return approx. 8:30 p.m. Contact St. Clare of Assisi Rectory to reserve your seat ... **570-429-0370**.

Pastor *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*
Deacon *Lawrence Lonergan*
Parish Council President..... *Darren DeArment*
E-mail *dbd269@gmail.com*
Choir Director/Organist.....*David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator *Lucilla Kochol*
Rectory..... (570) 622-5470
Rectory Fax (570) 622-4589
E-mail *stjbparish@comcast.net*
Nativity BVM High School (570) 622-8110
Assumption BVM Elementary (570) 622-0106
St. Joseph Center (570) 622-4638

Cemetery Information..... (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.

Bulletin Deadline
 Monday prior to publication

New Parishioners
 Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

Sick Calls
 Please notify the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturdays 4:15 to 4:45 p.m..
 Sundays..... 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
 Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.
 Baptismal Preparation for Parents must precede the Baptism.
 Please contact Father Bobbin for an appointment.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
 Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., N.C.C.,L.P.C. (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services
 Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.
 Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services
 P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
 610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan News & Events

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Your Life Retreat

Malvern Retreat House would like to invite men and women to experience a period of refreshment, support, reassurance, learning, and concentration on the gift of their lives. Learn, reflect, “dump your stuff”, fortify yourself, increase your personal communion with the Lord. Come join the men's weekend, Sep 6, 7, and 8; or a women's weekend, Sep 13, 14, and 15; Fri night to Sun morning. Contact: Anthony Scarselletti, 610-393-4671, OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Diocesan Pilgrimage tradition to Mary's House is typically held every four years. More information will be forthcoming for individuals, parishes, and schools. Contact Father Hoffa directly at his diocesan email ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

Pilgrimage to Ireland

Ireland in October! Travel on Pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle with Father Hoffa, October 6-15, 2024. Enjoy an amazing itinerary including Galway, Our Lady of Knock, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Dingle Peninsula, and Dublin! Cost: \$4,999 – includes airfare from anywhere in the U.S. (Travelers responsible for lunch & optional trip insurance.) Time is running out to reserve your spot! Contact Father Hoffa directly: ahoffa@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205 to book today. For more information and a detailed itinerary visit <https://bit.ly/3WrEzfe>.