

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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June 16, 2024

## 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This is how it is with the kingdom of God;  
it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land...  
and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.

MR 4:26-27





## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 15

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Fathers  
of St. John's Parish Family

### Sunday, June 16

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Fathers  
of St. John's Parish Family

### Sunday, June 16

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Fathers  
of St. John's Parish Family

### Monday, June 17

6:30 p.m. Charles Bowers  
(Anne & Francis Holley)

### Tuesday, June 18

9:00 a.m. Timothy A. Haley  
(Tim & Elaine McGoey)

### Wednesday, June 19

9:00 a.m. Xenia Pristas  
(Pat Kutch)

### Thursday, June 20

9:00 a.m. Sadie Post & Susan Legase  
(Sandi, Sheri, RJ III)

### Friday, June 21

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

### Saturday, June 22

5:00 p.m. George & Mary Connell  
(Mary Ellen Tarman)

### Sunday, June 23

8:15 a.m. Charles Lorenz  
(Frances Lorenz)

### Sunday, June 23

10:30 a.m. Edward J. Buber  
Dec. Buber & Panick Fam.  
(Paul & Joanna Buber)

## Message from Father Bobbin

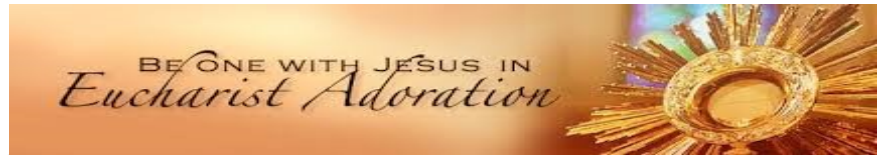
Dear Parishioners,

Last week I started to explain how the Bible is organized. Before we can even begin to understand the various books of the Bible, it helps to break things down into smaller parts and put them in categories. First there is the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The Old Testament is made up of four collections of writings. The first collection contains the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. This collection goes by at least three different names. It is called the *Pentateuch*, from Greek, meaning "five scrolls." It is also called the *Torah*, a Hebrew word meaning something like "instruction." This is the part of the Bible that is also called the *Law* or the *Law of Moses*. More on this later. The other three parts of the Old Testament are the Historical Books, the Wisdom Literature, and the Prophets. We will break these categories down even more and look at the books they contain as we go on.

The New Testament begins with the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They are followed by Acts of the Apostles, an account of the beginning of the Church. Then there are many letters: 13 letters by St. Paul, a work known as the Letter to the Hebrews, and 7 letters by other Apostles. The New Testament ends with the Book of Revelation.

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 Tony S. Gaburick  
by Anne Gaburick & Family



## Next Week's Readings

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(June 22/23)

**Reading I:** Job 38:1, 8-11

**Reading II:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

**Gospel:** Mark 4:35-41

## 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 • Dominic Maccarone • Drew Schaeffer • Shawn Matz • Miriam Tirjan • John Bernetsky • Carol Rhoades • John & Mary Jean Morgalis • Joanne Mestishen*

### A Father's Day Blessing

May God bless you and guide you in your very special role as a father.

May it always be a joy and a privilege.

May you treasure your children from their birth through adulthood, as unique and precious gifts from God.

Thank you for the times you have embraced them, comforted them, forgiven them and loved them without measure.

May God reward your fatherly love with good health,

Peace of mind, contentment in your work and joy in your times of leisure.

And may God bless all our fathers who have gone to their rest.

May they find comfort in the arms of our heavenly Father.

Amen.



### 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, June 19th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.**

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 Covered Dish Dinner. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed. Join us!

**Please Note: 2024 Dues are now due!**

### Nativity BVM High School News ...

#### Positions Available

**Science Teacher** (full time) with Bachelor's Degree in Science is required. Science Certification is preferred.

**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 lsabol@nativitybvm.net

**Little Girls Volleyball Camp** for girls entering 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to be held **July 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th** at Nativity High School Gymnasium (Girls in Grades 3, 4, 5: 5 to 6:30 PM; Girls in Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 to 8:00 PM). Cost is \$80.00. Camp includes: individual instruction, team concepts, competitions, t-shirt. Instruction is by Nativity coaching staff, former and current Nativity players. Brochures are available at Nativity HS. Please phone Mrs. Jennifer Daubert at 570-622-8110 for more information.

**Little Golden Girls Basketball Camp** will be held at the school from **July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>** (grades 2 to 5: 9 AM to 12 PM and grades 6 to 8: 1 PM to 4 PM). Cost is \$65 per camper/ \$50 siblings rate and includes t-shirt. Camp highlights: basketball fundamental skill development, offense and defense stations, 1 on 1 and group skill instruction, competition and games that incorporate basketball skills and teamwork. Please contact Coach Scott Forney at 570-573-4275 for more information.

### 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.

### Weekly Collection

**June 8/9** .....\$4,365.75

**Parish Dues** .....\$1,054.00

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

### Candles

#### BVM

1. IMO John J. Carroll Sr. by Family

2. IMO Mary Ann Holley by Deborah & Mark Purcell

#### St. Joseph

1. IMO Frank Brozana by Don & Joanne Doyne

2. IMO Donald Doyne by Don & Joanne Doyne

#### Sanctuary

IMO Mary Ann Holley by Deborah & Mark Purcell

#### Guardian Angels

1. IMO John Wollyung by Barb Wollyung

2. IMO James Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

3. IMO Charles Schaeffer by Eleanor Schaeffer

4. IMO Charlie Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

### Liturgical Min.Schedule

#### 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**June 22— 5 p.m. Mass**

**Reader:** Heidi Gorski

**Euch.Min.:** John Crane

Frank Murphy

**Server/Sacristan:** Connor Felty

**Cantor:** Stanley Gorski

#### June 23— 8:15 a.m.

**Reader:** Michelle Ambrose

**Euch.Min.:** Michael Ambrose

Janet Daubert

**Servers:** Cooper & Cole Felty

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

#### June 23 — 10:30 a.m.

**Reader:** Ray Petrilla

**Euch.Min.:** Bob Wollung

Justina Majestic

**Servers:** Michael & Spencer Prestileo

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes



## Baptismal Preparation

Before your youngest mem-

bers are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. It is preferable that this be done **before** your baby is born. Please call Father Bobbin to arrange for this important preparation. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

## 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."*

## Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting our beautiful church, please know you are most welcome!

If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish family, please call the rectory 570-622-5470.

## Moving? Relocating?

### Let us Know!

Have you moved, changed your phone or email address? If so, would you please contact the Rectory Office at 622-5470 ext. 3. Help us update records!

# Summer Festival



## Summer Festival—Pot Luck Stand Donations

We are in need of 35 children's and 25 adult prizes and time is running out!

Prizes can be placed in the bins marked "Pot Luck" at the back of church. To make donating more convenient, we've also set up an Amazon Gift list. Scan the code below or visit [Amazon.com/registries](https://www.amazon.com/registries) and search for

"St. John the Baptist Pottsville" under the "Gift List" option. Items purchased will ship directly to Maureen Derbes.

Please remember we can only accept recently purchased, NEW items in original package. Any old, used or opened items will not be able to be used for prizes. If you like, include your name so we can keep track of those who donated. Any questions of concerns or wanting to arrange drop off please call or text Maureen at 570-691-6098. Thank you for your generosity and helping make our festival better than ever.



## Amazon Gift List QR Code

## Major Sponsors

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



## Festival Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor one or more of the following — please drop in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

<b>Band Sponsor</b>	<b>\$100.00 each</b>	<b>Bleenie Mix</b>	<b>\$ 40.00 per bucket</b>
<b>Coke Sponsor</b>	<b>\$ 50.00 each</b>	<b>Ice Cream</b>	<b>\$ 25.00 each</b>
<b>Pizza Sponsor</b>	<b>\$ 50.00 each</b>		

Bleenie Mix (1) —Theresa Skrobak

Bleenie Mix (1) —Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot

Ice Cream (1) — Mary Ann Filiac

Pizza (1) — Don & Joanne Doyne

## SUMMER FESTIVAL NEWS ....

### VOLUNTEER



**Attention all upcoming Confirmation candidates and anyone needing service hours.** It is never too early to start working on accumulating your service hours! Get a jump start and avoid last minute scrambling for hours. St John's Summer Festival is in need of volunteer help!! From set up to clean up and helping at the stands - serve your community and enjoy being part

## Family Matters

**Graduation Time.** Today's graduates need support and courage to face the challenges of life. So, let us pray today for all our graduates: Elementary, High School and College, that our Lord will guide them in their endeavors as they seek further knowledge, schooling or employment.

## Help Needed

My name is Anthony J. Gaburick. I suffer from a nerve disease that requires treatments for me to stay functional. My treatments are out of town in places such as Allentown, West Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre and Wyomissing. I'm looking for drivers who can help me get to these treatments. Doctors will not allow me to drive myself to and from treatments. If anyone is interested in

*Father's Day*  
I will instruct  
you and show  
you the way you  
should walk,  
give you  
counsel with my  
eye upon you.  
Psalms 32 : 8

# Summer Festival

## Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20

### 5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

### Specials Table

**Would you like to donate a basket for our Special's Table at the Festival?** We are asking for 15 baskets. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church ... suggestions are listed. Basket minimum value should be approximately \$30—\$50. Gift Certificates are always accepted and greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

(Baskets should be **completed** and **wrapped**. Baskets can be dropped off at the Russell Building on Wednesday, July 17 or Thursday, July 18. Baskets **CANNOT** be dropped off at the rectory.)



### Pot Luck Stand

Please see information on page 4 of today's bulletin.

### Music Entertainment



**Friday evening, July 19th**, our very own **Dave Derbes** will play acoustic. We have been blessed to have the wonderful talent of Dave and his upbeat and fun music that truly has become a festival tradition! **Saturday evening, July 20th**, we will welcome back **"The New Individuals"** oldies and party band from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. They will play an exciting mix of 50s, 60s, 70s music that is sure to get your toes tapping. Bring your lawn chair or have a seat in one of our shaded accommodations and enjoy all the amazing music celebrating our summer tradition!

### Volunteer to Help at a Stand

There are a variety of stands that need help .... Games of Chance, Children's Games, Food Service, Ticket Stands, etc. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church ... add your name and phone number to one of the many areas.

### Dedicated Workers Needed

Your help is needed for the big job of set-up on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** evenings before the Festival, and **Friday** morning to prepare the grounds for the festivities, and **Sunday** for clean-up and take-down. Your help in these areas is essential. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church.

### Bakers Needed

Desserts/Baked Goods needed—If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop off at the Russell Building on July 19 or 20th.

### Food Committee

We need volunteers to help prepare food for this year's Festival .... If you would like to help, please call the Rectory or add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheets in the back of church.



### Advanced Ticket Sales



Why stand in line for tickets when you could be enjoying yourself ... **Advanced Food & Game Tickets** will be available before and after all Masses the weekend of **July 6/7; July 13/14**. Purchase \$9.00 worth of tickets in **ADVANCE** and receive \$1.00 worth of tickets **FREE!**

### Festival Supplies

**Sour Cream — Mustard — Ketchup (original/regular tomato only)**

(A container is in the back of church ..... Perishable items can be dropped off at the Rectory)



June 16, 2024

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24 | 2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mk 4:26-34

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

If we walk through the woods on a beautiful spring day, we'll see the signs of life bursting forward. Green shoots coming up from the ground, leaf buds poking out from the branches of a tree – even the birds and animals are busily scampering. Life, growth, and new beginnings are all around. Today's readings have a common theme of nature as one of the ways we can experience God's design. Like the crowds Jesus taught, we may not know the exact cause of what makes a plant grow from a tiny seed to a towering tree, but that's OK – we don't have to know. As St. Paul writes, "we walk by faith, not by sight." We trust the Lord to lead and guide us. And, like the harvester in the parable, we can observe, tend, and act when the time is right to bring in the harvest, for, as Paul continues in his letter: "We aspire to please [God]."

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does it look like to play an active role in bringing in the harvest? Faith is a lifelong journey, and everyone is in a different place. The delicate shoot needs different care than the full-grown tree. In prayer, God can speak to us to help us discern the best way to help the people he has put in our lives. Perhaps we offer encouragement, or a shoulder to lean on. Maybe someone needs a friend to converse with. No matter where or who we are, each one of us can be like the harvester that Jesus references, observing and acting as appropriate, helping support the seed of faith God plants in each person. And as we heard in the Gospel today, the smallest seed can become the largest of plants; therefore, our work is plentiful as laborers working to help build God's kingdom here on earth.

**PRAY** Pray for the wisdom to recognize where you are in your journey, what you need to keep growing, and how you can offer to help others.

*Lord God, fill me with your gifts and put your words in my mouth, that through them, others may be filled with the power and warmth of your love. Amen.*





**Pastor**..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*  
**Deacon**..... *Lawrence Lonergan*

**Parish Council President**..... *Darren DeArment*  
**Choir Director/Organist**.....*David Derbes*  
**CCD Coordinator**..... *Lucilla Kochol*  
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**Rectory Fax** ..... (570) 622-4589  
**E-mail** .....stjbparish@comcast.net  
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**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**  
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# God Bless OUR FATHERS

I will instruct you and show you the way you should walk, give you counsel with my eye upon you.

Psalms 32:8

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# Honor thy Father



- Dad
- Father
- Grandpa
- God
- Joseph
- Caring
- Handsome
- Strong
- Helpful
- Love
- Protector
- Role Model

