

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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July 7, 2024 • 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor
except in his native place and among his own kin
and in his own house."

MR 6:4



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 6

5:00 p.m. Dorothy Rosenberger
(Janet Thomas)

Sunday, July 7

8:15 a.m. Vince Albo
(Rose Marie Turnitsa)

Sunday, July 7

10:30 a.m. Gary Yenilaitus
(Carol Rhoades)

Monday, July 8

6:30 p.m. M/M Thomas Francis
(Francis Family)

Tuesday, July 9

9:00 a.m. Mary Connell
(Babe Murphy)

Wednesday, July 10

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

Thursday, July 11

9:00 a.m. Joan Steficek
(Larry Steficek Family)

Friday, July 12

9:00 a.m. Larry Kelly
(Frances Lorenz)

Saturday, July 13

5:00 p.m. Charles Bowers
(Kathy Williams)

Sunday, July 14

8:15 a.m. Jean Meyer
(Mary Bildheiser)

Sunday, July 14

10:30 a.m. Catherine Schaeffer
(Maria Schaeffer)

Message from Father Bobbin

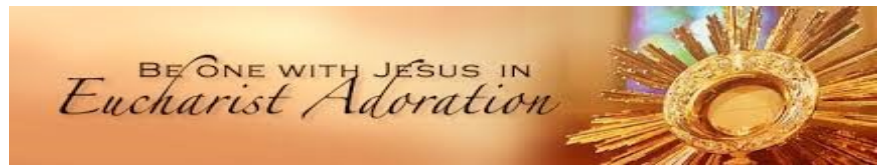
Dear Parishioners,

We're taking a tour of the Bible, starting with the first collection of books: Genesis through Deuteronomy. Last week we saw that Genesis begins with eleven chapters of stories that, while not meant to be taken too literally, teach fundamental truths about God, the world, and humanity.

The rest of Genesis, chapters 12 to 50, are called the "Patriarchal Narratives." While not everything in these stories should simply be taken at face value, they are generally historical. They describe the origin of God's Chosen People. In chapter 12, around 1800 BC, God reaches out to a nomad in the Middle East named Abraham. He will become the father of the Chosen People, a nation in a special covenant with God, the nation from which our Savior will come. Abraham is the first patriarch. Genesis 12-50 contains three cycles of stories: about Abraham, then about his grandson, the patriarch Jacob, then about his son, the patriarch Joseph. Throughout these stories, we see God's faithfulness to His people, and God's promises to Abraham and his descendants starting to come true.

Ominously, the Book of Genesis ends with Jacob's entire family migrating to Egypt to get relief from a famine. This sets the stage for the next book, Exodus.

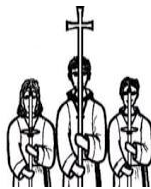
In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin



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.



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.

Next Week's Readings

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(July 13/14)

Reading I: Amos 7:12-15

Reading II: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

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 • John & Mary Jean Morgalis • Joanne Mestishen

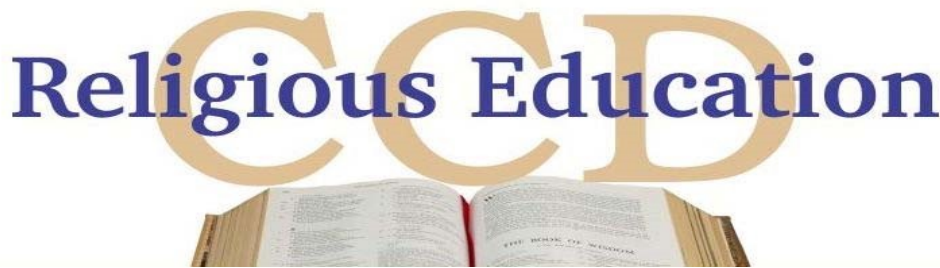
Upcoming Calendar

July

17	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg.....L.H.
17/18	6:00 p.m.	Summer Festival Set-Up..... R.B.
19/20	5-9:30 p.m.	Summer Festival..... R.B.
21	9:00 a.m.	Summer Festival Clean-up R.B.

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

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



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>

Nativity BVM High School News ...

Host Families Needed

Educatus 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.

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 3rd through 8th 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 22nd to 25th** (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.

Weekly Collection

June 29/30\$3,425.75
 Peter’s Pence \$941.00

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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Mary Menchinsky by Joseph & Melissa Palmieri
2. IMO Tom & Anna Stone by Rick & Michelle Stone

St. Joseph

1. IMO Donald M. Lubinsky by Rick & Michelle Stone
2. IMO Paul Filiac by Mary Jean Morgalis

Sanctuary

- IMO Carl Wiest
 by John & Mary Jean Morgalis

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Thomas & Kayoko Stone by Rick & Michelle Stone
2. IMO Joan Wassell by Rick & Michelle Stone
3. IMO Adam Duffy by Rick & Michelle Stone
4. Special Intention by John & Mary Jean Morgalis

Liturgical Min.Schedule

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13— 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Patty O’Neill

Euch.Min.: John O’Neill

Hermine Murphy

Server: Sophia Palmieri

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

July 14— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Mike Ambrose

Jeff Naffin

Server/Sacristan: R.J.Post

Cantor: Tina Seiger

July 14 — 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Frank Murphy

Euch.Min.: Debbie Herb

Justina Majestic

Servers: Lauren & Megan Goodman

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

Summer Festival

Major Sponsors

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

Festival Patrons

\$500.00

Ed & Carole Quirin

\$200.00

Gorski Family

\$150.00

Brahler Contracting & Roofing
Lieberman & Tamulonis Law

\$100.00

David & Alice Bechtel
Paul & JoAnna Buber
Friends of St. John's
Alicia Kleman
Nancy Lescavage
Christine Maccarone
Frank & Annie Murphy
Bob & Mary Porter
Martin & Linda Smith
Joe & Sherri Souchak

\$75.00

John & Bernice Petock

\$50.00

Ed & Jane Baker
Dolores Brophy
DeArment Family
Tom & Cindy Elison
Vince & Darla Fabiani
Frank & Mary Fetterolf & Family
Michael & Annie Grabowski
George Harig
Barbara Jean Krupa
Patricia Kutch
Frances Lorenz
Dan & Hermine Murphy
Joe & Marie Ryan
St. John's Catholic Women's Union
David & Mary Ann Shoopack

\$50.00

Dianne Stoudt
Judith Williams
Barbara Wollyung
Robert & Kay Wollyung

Festival Patrons

\$30.00

Ann Blankenhorn
David & Joan Deiter
Ted Gurecki Jr.
Henry Minnig
Wartella Family

\$25.00

James Brentari
Bob Daniels
Mary Ann Filiac
Diane Hudock
James & Laura Kramer
Ron & Pat Lombel
Frances Brahler Mickey
Ed & Gerry Schwartz
Peggy Smith
Joe & Dorothy Stangl
Bruno Tassone

\$20.00

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

\$15.00

Rosie Kenderes & Fran Wetzel

\$10.00

Liz Kleckner

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.

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) - 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 (1) — Dan & Anne Marie Wachter

Ice Cream (1) — Anonymous

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

Coffee Bskt.—Rosann Sitkus

Crimson House — Gift Card

Estate Planning—Lieberman & Tamulonis

Fun in the Sun — Sandy Frinzi

Movie Bskt.— Katelynn & Jon Miller

Over 21—Maria Mason

Penn State/Wine—Paul & JoAnna Buber

Sports Bskt—Janet & Michael Dzurantin

Basket—Darla Fabiani

Knoebel's Gift Card—Herb Family

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 of the great fellowship of our parish! We will happily help you fulfill those hours! Sign-up sheets are located in the back of church.

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.)



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 weekends of **July 6/7 and 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 will be in the back of church in the near future Perishable items can be dropped off at the Rectory)

Attention — All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ...

Please let us know your plans for **August & September** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please call or email the rectory by **July 15th**. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$ 941.00

Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. Thank you for your generosity!

Baptized in Christ

We celebrated on June 23rd, the glorious baptism day of **Julian James Muldowney**, son of Joshua and Angela Muldowney. He became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and is now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity. We warmly welcome Julian into our parish family.

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshipping 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.

Neighboring Events

Cathletics! Training to be Champions for Christ

Who? Kids going into Preschool through 5th grade

Where? St. Patrick Parish Center, 313 Mahantongo St. in Pottsville

When? July 22 to 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.

We know you love Sports and Jesus, so we hope you will sign up and join us for a week of fun! All are welcome! Please call Debbie at 570-622-1802 ext 0, to register for more information.

Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey

The Survey team is back to you with some additional information about what we are working on, and things we've learned since participating in the Survey.

Our survey was presented to the 325 Regularly attending Mass going parishioners.. This is NOT the total number of parishioners who are registered to St. John The Baptist Church. It's just those parishioners who regularly attend weekend Mass. Of the 325 attendees, 205 people completed the survey (63%). And of those who completed it, 70% (144) were done using the online survey link.

This may sound like a small reason to celebrate, but we feel the participation overall was **extremely good**, and the online completion rate shows we have a large number of parishioners who will use online links & portals. The celebration part of this is, our parishioners want to participate in our church, and to want to Grow Their Faith.

We plan to be posting every few weeks in the bulletin, with small items about what we know. Thank you all.

The DMI Survey Committee Team members

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 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 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>.

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.

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CCD Coordinator *Lucilla Kochol*
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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
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