

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

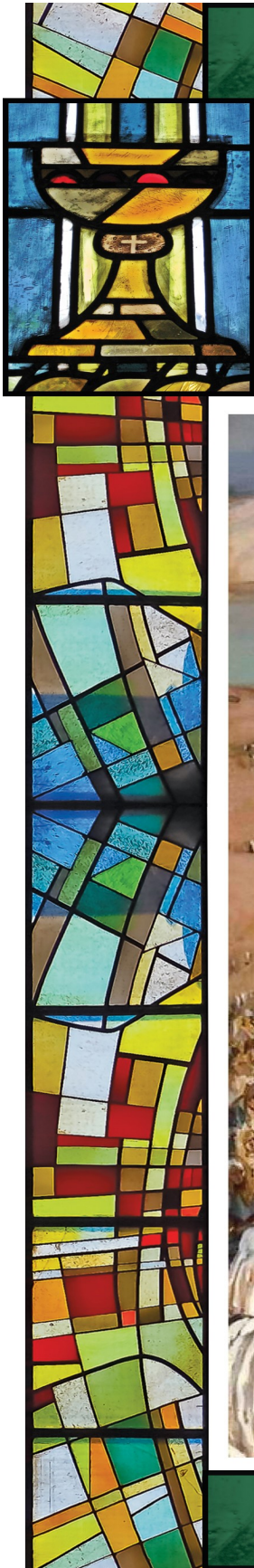
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August 11, 2024

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Jn 6:51



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 11

8:15 a.m. Ed & Mary Glunz
(Glunz Family)

Sunday, August 11

10:30 a.m. Sninski/Yenilaitus Family
(Tina Zambo)

Monday, August 12—NO MASS

Tuesday, August 13—NO MASS

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 14

7:00 p.m. St. John's Parish Family

Thursday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Mary Connell
(Joan & Dave Deiter)

5:15 p.m. Joseph & Anna Orlowsky
(Joe Orlowsky)

Friday, August 16—NO MASS

Saturday, August 17

5:00 p.m. Paul Filiac
(Chris Black)

Sunday, August 18

8:15 a.m. Ted Casey
(Bill & Sally Casey)

Sunday, August 18

10:30 a.m. Dolly Parsick
(Debbie & Paul Herb)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our tour of the Bible, last week we came to the Historical Books of the Old Testament. There are three groups of Historical Books.

The first group is called the "Deuteronomistic History." (You don't have to remember that for the test.) It contains Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, and 1 and 2 Kings. The Book of Joshua is about the conquest of the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua, the successor of Moses. The Book of Judges is about the time period just after Israel settled the Promised Land. This was a chaotic time when Israel constantly fell away from God, was defeated by enemies, and had to rely on charismatic leaders called judges to save the nation. The book is a collection of individual stories about the judges, such as Gideon, Deborah, and Samson.

Because this was a chaotic time, the people of Israel began to clamor for a strong king to protect them. This brings us to the books of 1 and 2 Samuel (one book divided into two volumes because of its length). Samuel was the last of the judges. He anoints the first king of Israel, Saul. Later, after Saul starts off on a dark path to his own ruin by disobeying God, Samuel anoints David to be the next king. David will be the greatest king of Israel, prefiguring Jesus Himself. The Books of Samuel are about the rise of King David.

The story continues in the books of 1 and 2 Kings (again, one book divided into two volumes). Kings begins with the reign of David's son Solomon. Under Solomon, Israel was at its best, both religiously and politically. But, because of Solomon's infidelity to God later in his life, there is conflict among the twelve tribes of Israel, which split into two separate kingdoms in the time of Solomon's son. The rest of the books of Kings trace Israel's history through the kings in the south (the successors of David, ruling in Jerusalem) and the kings of the north. Some kings were faithful to God, others were not. In these centuries, prophets like Elijah (who first appears in 1 Kings 17) become important for keeping God's People "on track." More on this history next week...

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.



Next Week's Readings

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(August 17/18)

Reading I: Proverbs 9:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

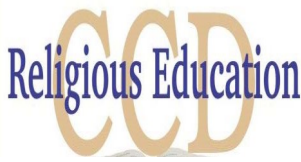
Pray

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
Joanne Mestishen • Chuck Majestic • Brian Eckley • Carolyn Leinheiser*

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. <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) <https://forms.gle/Ux27kPodx617XuLM9>

Children's Liturgy Grades 1-3

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) <https://forms.gle/T1vAiug4bqPrF4Xu9>



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 Father Bobbin at St. John's Rectory 622-5470.



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

August 3/4\$ 5,520.75
Parish Dues\$1,005.00

Candles

BVM

- 1. Special Intention
by John & Mary Jean Morgalis
- 2. IMO Barbara & Eleanore Forney
by Heenan Family

St. Joseph

- 1. IMO Marjorie Angelo
by Frank Angelo
- 2. IMO George Hahner Jr.
by Hahner Family

Sanctuary

IMO Marjorie Angelo
by Frank Angelo

Guardian Angels

- 1&2. IMO Marjorie Angelo
by Frank Angelo
- 3&4. IMO Mildred Ditzler
by Eleanor Schaeffer

Liturgical Min. Schedule

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17— 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Patty O'Neill

Euch.Min.: John O'Neill

Gerry Schwartz

Servers: Michael & Spencer Prestileo

Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

August 18— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn

Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic

George Forney

Servers/Sacristan: Ryan Grabowski

Cantor: Stanley Gorski

August 18— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Vince Balulis

Euch.Min.: Debbie Herb

Ray Petrilla

Server: Gabe Scheidel

Cantor: Ensemble

Flowers at the Altar

The flowers at the altar this weekend are donated ...

IMO of Ed & Marie Glunz
by the Glunz Family

Summer Festival

Thank You Department

Festival Committee

Thank you to this year's Festival Committee — especially a huge thank you to Co-Chairpersons—**Shanna Deibert & Jason Prestileo** — for the many hours of preparation to make sure everything ran smoothly. What a great job — well done!!

Michelle Ambrose, Ed Brahler, Sandy Clauser, Michelle Darhun, Maureen Derbes, Sandy Frinzi, Rik Jochems, Joe Palmieri, Ray Petrilla, Rick Smith.

Kitchen Committee

Special thank you to **Joe Palmieri and Rick Smith** who did a great job overseeing the kitchen, making sure everything ran smoothly.

Thank you to all those dedicated volunteers who helped prepare, serve, shopped for food items and supplies, cleaned up, etc.

Brian Comfort, John Corbacio, Darla Fabiani, Sandy Frinzi, Chris Maccarone, Maria Mason, Joe & Sophia Palmieri, Tom Robinson, Tina Seiger, Linda Smith, Rick Smith, Joanne Wood

Pugh Family

Thank you to the Pugh Family for preparing and donating all the ingredients for that delicious Pugh Family Bean Soup and for donating everything needed for the stand as well. What a huge success!

Camden Deibert, Shanna Deibert, Jackie Gordon, Adam Maley, Fred Maley, Fritz Maley, Hilda Maley, Jamie Lee Nace, Vicki Pinder, Mike Pinder, Vinnie Prozzillo, Bill Pugh, Carrie Pugh, Christy Pugh, Robert Pugh, William Pugh, Sandy Schwarz.

Baked Goods

Once again our Baked Goods Stand was a great success! A very special thank you to Joan Deiter, Michelle, Ben, Allie Darhun, Sue Jochems, for serving our many delicious desserts. Thank you to all our wonderful bakers for your delicious desserts.

Chris Black, Colleen Bowers, Sandy Clauser, Michelle Darhun, Joan Deiter, Kelly Derbes, Darla Fabiani, Mary Ann Filiac, Karla Garland, Sue Jochems, Joe Kurtek, Pat Kutch, Anne Liptock, Frances Lorenz, Chris Maccarone, Hilda Maley, Jane Petrilla, Carole Quirin, Pat Scheetz, Natalie Setlock, Rosann Sitkus, Michelle Stone, Ellen Zane.

Set-Up / Take Down

As in all we do at St. John's, things don't "just happen" without the involvement of many people. We especially thank all who helped to set-up and take-down and clean up for our Festival. Because of your help, things got done very quickly.

Ed Brahler, Mike Brennan, Sandy Clauser, Michelle Darhun, Darren & Mena DeArment, Amelia Deibert, Camden Deibert, Shanna Deibert, Sandy Frinzi, Bob Hahner, Bill Hauptly, BJ Hauptly, Jaxson Hauptly, Charles Kustan, Annie Murphy, Frank Murphy, Gerard Newton, John O'Neill, Ray Petrilla, Jason Prestileo, Ryan Seiger, Rick Smith, Larry Steficek, Bob Stock, Angie Urban, Jerome Urban

Pot Luck Stand

Thank you to **Maureen and Kelly Derbes** for a fantastic job organizing and setting up the Pot Luck Stand.

We greatly appreciate all the donations made to the Pot Luck Stand. Thank you to all of our generous parishioners and to all the local businesses who so kindly contributed great prizes. We could not do the Pot Luck Stand without your generosity!

Adelphia Seafood, Jane Baker, BeeHive Salon, Jen Berger, Jennifer & Dirk Berger, BG's Market, Ann Blankenhorn, Chris Black, Blu Tavern, Becky Bobersky, Boyer's, Melissa Brennan, Nannette Brophy Major, Cake Pros, C&C Candies, Nora Chiplonia, Debbie Chitwood, James Dailey, Michelle & Ben Darhun, DeArment Family, Shanna Deibert, Kelly Derbes, Maureen & Dave Derbes, Thomas & Jane DeStefano, Dunkin Donuts, Michael & Janet Dzurainin, Anne Gaburick, Joe & Denise Gerchak, Bernie & Paul Gombola, Heidi Gorski, Stan & Geri Grabowski, Lori Guzick, Theresa Hossler, Rik & Sue Jochems, Alicia Kleman, Anita Klembara, Lucilla Kochol, Pat Kutch, Frances Lorenz, Rita Lotz, Rosemary & Bob Lynn, Momma Millie's Bakery, Debra Matz, Brooke Mickshaw, Sharon Miller, Katelynn & Jon Miller, Palermo's, Cassandra Pelton, Sandi Post, Prezelski Family, Redner's Market, Marie Ryan, Barb Schoenauer, Geraldine Schwartz, Natalie Setlock, Peggy Smith, Rick & Michelle Stone, Bruno Tassone, Anthony Family, Dale Verchick, Luis & Virginia Visot, Weis Market, Barb Wolylung, Jay & Ellen Zane.

Special's Tables

Thank you to everyone who donated Item's, Gift Baskets, Gift Cards, and Lottery Frames to our Special's Table. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Chris Black, Paul & JoAnna Buber, Crimson House Don & Joanne Doyne, Michael & Janet Dzurainin, Darla Fabiani, Sandy Frinzi, Herb Family, John & Donna Kalovcak, Eric Lieberman, Chris Maccarone, Maria Mason, Jon & Katelynn Miller, Pod & Petal, Prezelski Family, John & Gayle Rehnert, Ingrid Roeding, Rosann Sitkus.

Summer Festival

Thank You Department

As we all catch our breath from all the Festival festivities, Jason and I wanted to express our heartfelt thanks once more! From the kitchen crew and prep, set up crew, committee, volunteers, festival workers, clean up crew, parishioners, festival goers, our community and donors — THANK YOU!! Your dedication and help are absolutely incredible. We are truly blessed to have all of you and appreciate you so much!

To our Festival Committee Family, we cannot say it enough — THANK YOU! We are blessed beyond measure to have all of you, your wisdom, time, and dedication. You are all truly amazing! Working alongside all of you is an absolute honor! You inspire us and keep us going! ALL IN—always!

We look forward to making more memories and celebrating what we love most about St. John’s — all of you!

Shanna Deibert & Jason Prestileo

Thank You to Dave Derbes for donating his time in providing the great music entertainment on Friday night.

Thank You to Sandy Clauser for setting up the prizes for the various stands.

Thank You to Sandy Frinzi for donating the supplies for the Children’s Spin Art and Sand Art.

Thank You to the Prestileo Family for donating the Guers Ice Tea, Soda and Heisler’s Ice Cream.

Thank You to the Deibert Family for donating the cases of bottled water.

Thank You to the Gaburick’s for donating the Hot Dogs.

Thank you to Don & Joanne Doyne for the case of ketchup.

Thank you to Ray Petrilla for painting the Festival stands and ticket booths.

Thank you to Bill Hauptly for the lighting.

Thank You to Mary Bound for making those delicious Halupkies.

Thank You to Michelle & Mike Ambrose for their help counting tickets and proceeds.

Thank You to St. Patrick’s Church for the use of their canopies.

Thank You to Yuengling’s for the Banner and donation of cases of beer.

Thank You to Mrs. T’s Pierogies for the discounted price on pierogies.

Thank You to Tina Seiger and Sarah DeArment for advertising on our Facebook page.

Thank you to our Sponsors, Patrons and everyone who patronized the Festival itself. All your donations make a big difference and we thank you for your generosity.



Chance Book—Prize Winners

\$ 1,000 — Vince Baiocco

\$ 500 — Paula Lorence

\$ 250 — Francis Tamburelli

\$ 100 — Frances Mickey

\$ 50 — Mary Hahner

\$ 50 — Mark Grapsy

\$ 50 — Bruno Tassone

TOTAL PROFITS
\$18,637.00

Despite our very best efforts, we invariably misspell, misplace, or omit the name of an important person ... YOU!
We apologize if we have done this!

Catholic Women’s Union Fundraiser

St. John’s Catholic Women’s Union is introducing a new fundraiser ... **Penn State Ye Olde Diner World Famous ‘Grilled Stickies’**. Members will be taking orders after Masses on the weekends of ...

August 10/11 and August 17/18. Pick up date is September 11th at the Russell Building.

Plain \$9.00 — Nut \$12.00 — Apple \$12.00. For more information, please contact Joan Deiter 570-622-1381 or St. John’s Rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.



Diocesan News & Events

“My Heart—A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus”

The first local Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place **Friday, September 20th** at the National Centre for Padre Pio in nearby Barto, Pa.

All the faithful in the Diocese of Allentown are invited! No registration is required. Pilgrims are invited to “Feel the Presence of Padre Pio.” The National Centre for Padre Pio is a scenic destination filled with the peace and prayerfulness of Padre Pio’s spirit. Built to resemble Padre Pio’s friary in San Giovanni Rontondo, Italy, the Centre offers a number of outdoor statues, a magnificent chapel, and a full museum filled with cultural and religious relics. Learn more at www.padrepio.org.

The Pilgrimage includes Mass with Bishop Schlert, Confession, Adoration, Kaynote address by Megan Murphy, time for personal prayer & to explore everything the Centre has to offer, interactive activities, Eucharistic Procession.

Megan Murphy is a dynamic Catholic speaker, teacher, and evangelist, engaging audiences of all ages in the New Evangelization, She is featured nationally at women’s conferences, retreats, seminaries, universities, and youth and young adult events.

For more information, please email pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org.

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.

Neighboring Events

ST. MONICA MINISTRY HOLY HOUR. Deacon Christopher May will preside at the next St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour, taking place at St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown on Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00pm. Deacon May, who serves Sacred Heart Parish, Reading as a permanent deacon, will lead us in prayer for the return to the Faith of our fallen-away loved ones. All are invited to join in asking Our Lord's mercy and invoking the intercession of St. Monica for our prodigals. A St. Monica Ministry meeting and book discussion will immediately follow the Holy Hour. All are welcome. For information, please email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com 370

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Blessed are they who mourn, they shall be comforted. Matt. 5:4

Announcing our Fall “Bereavement Support Group” at Immaculate Conception Parish. If you have lost a loved one through death and feel you need some support on your grief journey, please call to register. It is 6 sessions and we ask that you attend all 6 sessions.

Trained Grief Ministers are available. Registration is Required. No Charge.

The Dates are: Mondays, September 30, October 7, 14, 28 and November 4, 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Brogan Room at St. Joseph Rectory, 526 North St., Jim Thorpe. Light Refreshments will be served. SPACE IS LIMITED. Please register by September 15! To register, please call Immaculate Conception Parish at 570-325-2791.

HEALING MASS

Most Blessed Trinity Parish will host a Healing Mass on Friday, August 30th at 7 p.m. Our Celebrant will be Rev. Christopher Zelonis, Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Lehighton. Confessions begin at 6 p.m. Anointing with Holy Oil will take place after Mass.

BASKET AUCTION

... sponsored by Holy Family Parish of Minersville at the Parish Center at Hillcrest, 631 Minersville-Llewellyn Highway. Shop and Drop on Friday, August 16 from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturday, August 17 from 4 to 8 p.m., Sunday, August 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets pulled at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 18th. Come take a chance on our great prizes!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Combined choirs of All Saints Church and St. Ambrose Church will present the Homeland Cantata to honor all of our veterans and active military, on Sunday, August 11, at 3:00 PM in All Saints Church, McAdoo and then again on Sunday, August 25, at 3:00 PM on the Island in Schuylkill Haven. This is a free event and open to everyone so bring your family and friends and give thanks to our veterans and active military.

SCHUYLKILL CHORAL SOCIETY

Are you a singer? The Schuylkill Choral Society is holding OPEN AUDITIONS on Monday, September 9th and 16th at 7 p.m. at the 1st United Church of Christ, 110 PA 61, Schuylkill Haven (Use lower back entrance). First Concert: Exultation—Traditional and Classic Christmas Carols with Strings, Brass, and Organ.

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*
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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
 Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.
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Elijah visited by an angel, Rijksmuseum, CCO

August 11, 2024 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8 | Eph 4:30—5:2 | Jn 6:41-51

Written by
 THE
 FAITHFUL
 DISCIPLE

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

In the first reading, we encounter the prophet Elijah as he is fleeing for his life from King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He accomplishes a day’s journey, then sits under a tree and prays for death. This is a tough scene! He is at the lowest point a human being can be. Yet in this darkest moment of despair, the light of faith flickers: Elijah cries out to God. He cries out for what he thinks he wants, and God provides him with what he *needs*, sending an angel (a messenger) to him with food and water for nourishment and strength. Thus fortified, Elijah continues his journey to Horeb. God took care of his tired, hungry, and despairing child. And over time, and through generations, his people continued to cry out to him, and in abounding love, God took care. Yet they remained separated from him. So he sent them, and the whole world, another messenger to bring food and drink for nourishment and strength: his Son. Jesus says in today’s Gospel, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.” With even just a flicker of faith at our lowest point, or in the best of times, we call upon the Lord and can receive the perfect nourishment of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. Through God’s merciful love, he is food for this life and the next.

SERVE Think of someone you know who is struggling right now. This week bring this person some food or drink. Say a prayer for and with them. You’ll be a messenger of God’s redeeming love, offering nourishment for the spirit and soul as well as the body.

GO EVANGELIZE PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our earthly life is never going to be easy. We will have exhausting days where we feel tired, hungry, and possibly despairing. What’s important to remember at those times is that God loves us, travels with us, and he gave us the gift of Jesus to lead us to a heavenly banquet. To have a foretaste of that banquet here on earth requires us to let go of our fears, doubts, anger, and selfishness. Paul tells the Ephesians they need to leave their bad temperament behind and imitate God, living in love. When we open our hearts to the love and joy Jesus offers, we can turn to others and share the Good News that Jesus is “the bread of life” and the bread that he gives is his flesh for the life of the world. He gives us the strength to continue *our* journey, and to help others in theirs. We become his earthly messengers, bringing nourishment and sharing his love.