

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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September 11, 2022

24th Sunday in *Ordinary Time*

“In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15:10

The Lost Son

The Lost Sheep

The Lost Coin

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10

5:00 p.m. Ann Lowe
(John & Barb Powers)

Sunday, September 11

8:15 a.m. Philomena & Joseph Ryan
(Donna & Jim Pugh)

Sunday, September 11

10:30 a.m. Joseph & Anna Orłowski
(Joe Orłowski & Family)

Monday, September 12

6:30 p.m. Ralph Thomas
(R.W. & J.M. Thomas Family)

Tuesday, September 13

9:00 a.m. Francis, Paul, Elmer Lotz

Wednesday, September 14

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

Thursday, September 15

9:00 a.m. Catherine Bortzel

Friday, September 16

9:00 a.m. John & Lorraine Tasso

Saturday, September 17

5:00 p.m. Dorothy Rosenberger
(Paul Rosenberger)

Sunday, September 18

8:15 a.m. Deceased of Sninsky Family
(Stan & Geri Grabowski)

Sunday, September 18

10:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to
St. Michael the Archangel
(Charlene Preddie)

Next Week's Readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(September 17/18)

Reading I: Amos 8:4-7

Reading II: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

As we remember the events of September 11, 2001, there are two commemorations this week that remind us of the power of our faith to conquer evil and suffering.

This Wednesday, September 14, is the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. It commemorates the finding of the Cross by St. Helena and also the building of what would eventually be the Church of the Holy Sepulcher over the tomb of Jesus. The Cross conquers evil, suffering, and death. By giving Himself totally out of love for us, taking upon Himself the evil and suffering of the entire world, and allowing Himself to be put to death, Jesus robbed evil and death of its power. No matter what happens, in the end, evil will not win. All suffering will end.

The next day, September 15, we honor Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows. Because of her love for Jesus, Mary suffered the pain of seeing Jesus misunderstood, rejected, persecuted and put to death. But she remained with Jesus to the very end. Mary reminds us that sharing other people's suffering is a sign of love. We may not be able to alleviate someone's suffering, but we can be with them through it.

The best answer – the *only* answer – to the problem of evil and human suffering is our Savior and the example of His Mother.

In Christ,

Fr. Bobbin



Eucharistic Adoration

- ◆ A holy hour in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This will be 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.

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 • Mary Jean Morgalis

For our Deceased

Paul Rosenberger

Upcoming Events

September

11	8:15 a.m.	Confirmation Inscription Mass	Church
11	9:15 a.m.	CCD Parent Meeting	L.H.
11	10:15 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday Pre-school	L.H.
11	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
14	8:00 p.m.	St. John’s Beneficial Society Mtg.	F.R.
15	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
21	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg.	L.H.
24/25	after Masses	Pugh Family Bean Soup Sale	L.H.
25	10:15 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday Pre-school	L.H.
25	11:30 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg.	R.B.
25	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.

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



Weekly Collection

September 3/4\$5,112.75
Monthly Dues\$1,046.00

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

Thank you for using your Improvements & Repairs envelopes to help us meet the maintenance needs of our parish.

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Beth Resnick
by Barb Wollyung
2. Good Health for Myself
by Linda Ralston

St. Joseph

1. Mary Eileen Grabowski
by Stan & Geri Grabowski
2. John Sninsky
by Stan & Geri Grabowski

Sanctuary

IMO Pat Mason Sr.
by Maria Mason

Guardian Angels

All four candles
IMO Pat Mason Sr.
by Maria Mason

Liturgical Min. Schedule

September 17 — 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Janet Daubert
Euch.Min.: Heidi Gorski
Servers: Aleksander Gorski
Cantor: Stanley Gorski

September 18— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn
Euch.Min.: Rob Wiscount
Servers: Kelly, Lauren, Megan Goodman
Cantor: Dave Derbes

September 18— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Michelle Ambrose
Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder
Servers: Ryan Grabowski
Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on September 15, October 13, 20, 27, and November 17.** Join us in person in Longinus Hall (usually) or at home on Zoom (*Please email Father for the Zoom link: kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org). Fr. Bobbin's Scripture study attempts to give an overview and background for the books of Sacred Scripture to be of help with personal reading and study, Bible study groups, and getting more out of hearing the Word proclaimed at Mass. All are welcome.



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.

Healing Mass

Join Father George Winne for a Healing Mass at Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, 1825 West Turner Street, Allentown on September 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Praise and worship music begin at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Attention — Your Help is Needed!
Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... please let us know your plans for **October & November** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please call or email the rectory before **September 19th.**



Electric Votive Lights

In the interest of fire safety, we will be replacing some of our real votive candles with a rack of electric votive lights. We would be grateful for any donations to defray the cost of the new candle rack.

Married in Christ

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Rebecca Derbes** and **David Bobersky** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on August 27 in the presence of Father Bobbin. They are called now to total dedication to each other. May their love each day draw them closer to God and to each other.

Families Matters

Grandparents Day.

Please pray today and this week for the many grandparents in our parish and communities who are lovingly caring for their grandchildren. Pray that the Lord give them strength to cope with the energy, vitality and challenges of their grandchildren.

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."

**I WILL RISE
AND GO TO
MY FATHER.**

"Grandparents are a treasure...

...the elderly are those who transmit history to us, who transmit doctrine, who transmit the faith and give it to us as an inheritance."

~ Pope Francis



Sunday School Registration

St. John the Baptist and St. Patrick's Parishes are happy to welcome some of our youngest parishioners to Sunday School beginning this September! Children ages 3 to 6 are welcome to join our laid-back, fun, Catholic Sunday School program. Classes take place twice a month for the duration of the school year from 10:30 am to 11:15 am in Longinus Hall at St. John's Parish. Our September classes will be held on September 11th and 25th. Children must be potty trained or have a parent or guardian stay with them for the program. Sunday School includes a weekly lesson, songs, and snack.

Parent's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Any Allergies: _____

Circle how you can help: Teacher //Helper / Snacks

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!



Pugh Family Bean Soup Sale

55 Years of Tradition over an Open Fire!

Saturday, September 24th from 3 to 7 p.m.

Russell Building Parking Lot Remaining soup will be sold after 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, September 25th. Quarts only both days weather permitting.

Quarts — \$9.00



Parish Council

Please approach any Parish Council Member listed below and ask that a question, concern, etc. be brought up at the next meeting on ...

Monday, September 12th.

Elected Members

- Bob Bechtel
- Michael Brennan *
- John Consugar
- John Crane *
- Darren DeArment
- Joseph Gerchak
- Heidi Gorski *
- Sister Mary Jane Hahner *
- Michael Hummel *
- Joseph Kurtek
- Nannette Major
- Kevin McNamara
- Al Norkus
- Patty O'Neill
- John Powers
- Nick Quinn

Appointed Members

- John Consugar
- Lucilla Kochol
- Patty O'Neill

Ex-Officio

- Father Kevin Bobbin
- Deacon Larry Lonergan
- Deacon Luis R. Visot
- Ed Brahler

*** Denotes newly elected members**

Neighboring Events

Fall Fest

St. Ambrose Fall Fest Has Returned! The Wine and Beer Festival at St. Ambrose (302 Randel St., Sch. Haven) will be held on **Saturday, September 17** from 5:30 until 10:30 pm and will feature local wineries, craft beers, food trucks, crafts, and music by Another Side and Sapphire. Admission, parking, and music are all free. Check out St. Ambrose Fall Festival on Facebook for more information.

Homemade Shoo Fly Pie & Pie Crusts

Made by members of St. Mary's Church, Ringtown ... Wet Bottom Pie \$9.00; Crust \$3.00 Pick up at St. Mary's Church Rectory, Ringtown on Tuesday, October 4th from 10 a.m. to noon Deadline to Order if Thursday, September 29th To order, call the Parish Office 570-889-3850—leave a message with Name, Phone and your order.

Harvest Fest

At St. Mary Church in Hamburg on **Friday, October 7** (4-9 pm) and **Saturday, October 8** (12-9 p.m.) Music, homemade ethnic food, activities, ongoing entertainment and games for all ages including bungee jump & rock wall, hay rides, bounce house, bingo, theme baskets, quilt & cash raffles, corn maze and more! Free admission, plenty of parking, no coolers, no BYOB/F. Questions 610-562-7657 ext. 0 or www.stmaryhamburg.org or Facebook.

Rosary Repair



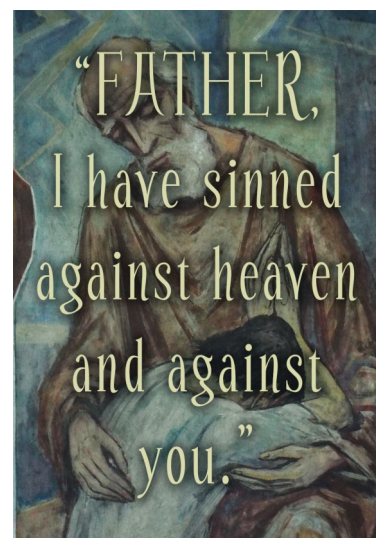
When it's time to clear out the accumulated clutter from cabinets, drawers and chests, you might find a partial rosary with a missing crucifix or several beads that you could not part with because of the sentimental value. These partial rosaries can be repaired successfully and returned to wholeness with little or almost no cost. If you have no sentimental attachment, please consider donating these partial/incomplete rosaries to the Missions, both foreign and domestic. Thus far, I have repaired and reconstituted several hundred

rosaries and forwarded them to the foreign Missions. You can place the rosary to be repaired in an envelope with my name on the outside and place it in the collection basket. If you would like it repaired and returned, please put your name and phone number on the envelope.

Thank you **Paul Gombola**

For that special someone / occasion: Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Wedding, First Communion, Confirmation or any occasion.

Call St. John's Rectory 570-622-5470 ext 3.





September 11, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 | 1 Tm 1:12-17 | Lk 15:1-32
or Lk 15:1-10

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

I think I lose more things than the average person. Car keys. That magic security card that gets me into my office. My son's birth certificate (the night before the driver's test). And my wedding ring, more often than I care to admit. I can't rest until I find them. Oh, the elation when the missing item turns up! So this is one parable I think I "get." Of course, these items pale in comparison to our value as human beings – sons and daughters of God. Even – or perhaps especially – us sinners. As Jesus tells us, "There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." What good news for all of us! Rather than wallow in our failures or close ourselves off to God, we are challenged to follow Paul's example and turn to God for our strength – we can turn to him knowing we are loved, valued, and cherished.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I confess I sometimes feel unworthy to become very active in my parish. I've made more mistakes than I can count; so, no, I'll pass on volunteering to be a lector or a catechist. That's a job for the "good Catholics." As we see time and again in Scripture, ours is a Church of sinners. As was the case with Paul, "once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant," the Lord has mercy upon us, and his grace is abundant. Just as he considered Paul trustworthy to lead the Church, he trusts us; we need only trust ourselves. Gaining our strength from God, we can share our gifts through ministry and service. What's more, we can actively reach out to those on the fringes of our parish or those who have left the Church feeling as though they don't belong. Jesus reminds us that all are welcome at his table.

ENGAGE At Sunday Mass, make a point of welcoming newcomers and strangers with a smile or greeting. Consider getting involved in a parish ministry.

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

Parish Council President*Robert Bechtel*
Choir Director/Organist*David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator..... *Lucilla Kochol*

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Russell Building (570) 628-3002
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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WE SHALL NEVER FORGET.



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