

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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September 25, 2022

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When the poor man died,  
he was carried away by angels  
to the bosom of Abraham.  
The rich man also died and was buried,  
and from the netherworld, where he was in torment,  
he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off  
and Lazarus at his side."

Luke 16:22-23



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 24

5:00 p.m. Theresa & Jim Brennan  
(Joan & Dave Deiter)

### Sunday, September 25

8:15 a.m. Joseph Toomey  
(Sons—Dan, Jim, John)

### Sunday, September 25

10:30 a.m. Deceased of the John &  
Gretchen Lieberman Family  
(John Lieberman Family)

### Monday, September 26

6:30 p.m. Mary Ann Holley  
(Debbie & Mark Purcell)

### Tuesday, September 27

9:00 a.m. David Musket  
(Hazelton Boscov's  
Employees & Kim Gormley)

### Wednesday, September 28

9:00 a.m. Eleanor Pothering  
(George Pothering)

### Thursday, September 29

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

### Friday, September 30

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

### Saturday, October 1

5:00 p.m. John Wollyung  
(Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

### Sunday, October 2

8:15 a.m. Charlie & Catherine  
Schaeffer  
(Maria Schaeffer)

### Sunday, October 2

10:30 a.m. Carl & Barbara Weiss  
(Weiss Family)

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

We recognize that there is such a thing as "sins of omission." Sin is not just *doing* or *saying* something wrong. It can be sinful to *fail to do* a good thing. But sometimes we struggle with where to draw the line. Is it sinful if you don't give a handout to the person you pass on the street on any given day?

Today's Gospel (Luke 16:19-31) gives us an insight. The rich man in the parable is not condemned for any evil he committed. He is condemned because he failed to help Lazarus. But the parable suggests that the rich man did not just come across Lazarus one time in passing. Lazarus was at the rich man's doorstep everyday. Maybe at first Lazarus was hard for the rich man to ignore. But, little by little, the rich man simply got accustomed to Lazarus so that it was like the poor man was not even there. Lazarus started to blend into the background. The rich man became blind to him. In the end the rich man was condemned because he developed a blindness toward his fellow human beings, a hardened heart toward them. He failed to see Lazarus as a fellow human being in need of help.

Perhaps it is not necessarily sinful to pass by the person on the road looking for a handout, or pass up an opportunity to help a family member, coworker, or classmate. We usually have to weigh several factors when we find ourselves faced with these choices. But we need to be careful. Our individual choices have a tendency to become patterns. Those patterns make us who we are. And who we are will determine where we end up. So, if in a single instance, I choose to pass by an opportunity to help someone or get involved in something, perhaps I can at least remember to include the person or need in my prayers... and make it a point to help next time.

In Christ,

Fr. Bobbin



## Eucharistic Adoration

- ◆ 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 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.

## Next Week's Readings

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(October 1/2)

**Reading I:** Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

**Reading II:** 2 Timothy 1:6-8 13-14

**Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10

## 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*

## Upcoming Events

### September

25	9:10 a.m.	CCD Parent Mtg. ....	L.H.
25	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday School.....	L.H.
25	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.

### October

2	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday School.....	L.H.
9	9:10 a.m.	CCD Parent Meeting .....	L.H.
9	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
13	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
16	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday School.....	L.H.
19	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union .....	L.H.
20	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
23	9:10 a.m.	CCD Community Meeting .....	Church
23	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
27	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	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.



## Weekly Collection

September 17/18 .....\$4,481.00

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

## Candles

### BVM

1. IMO Pat Mason Sr. by Maria Mason
2. IMO Marjorie Angelo by Frank Angelo

### St. Joseph

1. IMO Joseph E. Rosenberger by Barbara Wollyung
2. Pat Mason Sr. by Maria Mason

### Sanctuary

IMO Marjorie Angelo by Frank Angelo

### Guardian Angels

- 1&2. IMO Pat Mason Sr. by Maria Mason
3. IMO Marjorie Angelo by Frank Angelo
4. IMO George Klassen Jr. by Family

# SCRIPTURE STUDY

## Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on 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](mailto: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.

## Retrouaille: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouaille (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. An upcoming weekend program will be held October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### October 1 — 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Lucilla Kochol  
Euch.Min.: Janet Daubert  
Servers: R.J. Post

### October 2— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Jeff Naffin  
Euch.Min.: Bill Gianfagna  
Servers: Sophia Palmieri

### October 2— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Jen Daubert  
Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace  
Servers: Jackson Daubert



## 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.

## Families Matters

**College Students.** As the new school year begins, we pray especially for our college students. May the Lord bless our family members as they begin their studies and time of learning. We ask the Lord to guide and direct them in all their efforts to grow, academically, personally and spiritually.

## Flowers at the Altar

The flowers at the altar this weekend ...

**In Memory of  
Mary Ann Holley  
Donated by  
Deborah & Mark Purcell**

## Pecans—Pecans

St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be selling pecans again this year at the Christmas Bazaar. Mammoth Halves \$15. Pre-orders available by calling the rectory 570-622-5470 ext.3.

## 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."*

## St. John's Choir

St. John's Choir is welcoming new and current members to the choir to sing Saturday 5:00 p.m. Masses and special Masses. This is a very rewarding experience for anyone seeking to become more involved in our Parish Family. No prior singing experience or reading of music is required. Contact St. John's Rectory 570-622-5470 for more information.



## St. John's Ensemble



The purpose of this ministry is to serve the parish at Mass, singing liturgical hymns, using contemporary instruments like the guitar, keyboard, drums or other instruments, and using contemporary music arrangements.

We invite **ANYONE** in the parish wanting to share his or her voice and musical gifts whether you are a beginner or more experienced.

Arrangements are not complicated and songs are familiar. You do not need to know how to read music to join us. We will teach anyone who has a willing heart.

Our goal is to play/sing once a month at one of the weekend Masses. This is a great way to participate in parish life and have fun with only a small commitment of your time.

Why not give it a try and give back to your parish family by sharing the gifts God has given to you? If interested please call the rectory 570-622-5470.

## Communion to the Sick and Homebound

If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor who is a member of St. John is confined to home, a nursing home or assisted living facility because of illness, age, or disability and would like to receive Holy Communion on a monthly basis, please call the rectory. We traditionally visit the sick and homebound on or around the first Friday of the month. Please help us meet the spiritual needs of our homebound parishioners.



**ONE DAY ONLY - OCTOBER 19, 2022  
SHOP 8AM - 11PM**

**25% OFF** LOWEST SALE PRICE  
**SHOPPING PASS**

This pass entitles you to 25% off\* your purchases in-store and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts and promotions.

Present this pass at time of purchase to receive your **25%\* discount**.  
Valid October 19, 2022 only.

**PASSES ... \$5.00**

available after all Masses on the following weekends:

**October 1/2, 8/9, 15/16**

Passes are also available at the parish rectory Monday to Thursday 622-5470.

**PRE-SALE**

for St. John's will be available at Bosco's on the following dates:

**Sept. 25, 28, 30**

**October 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19**

**Weekdays 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Saturdays 11 am to 3 pm**

**Sundays 12:30 to 3:30 pm**

**October 19—8 am to 11 pm**

**Thank you in advance**

**for your support!**



September 25, 2022

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Am 6:1a, 4-7 | 1 Tm 6:11-16 | Lk 16:19-31

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

Don't let the purple garments and fine linen throw you. We who are fortunate enough to not have to think about our daily needs being met don't have to be dressed in fancy clothing. But it would not hurt to reflect for a moment on the unsettling parable of Lazarus and the rich man. Why? As Amos reminds us in the first reading, complacency isn't an option. Perhaps one of the simplest elements of this teaching of Jesus is the fact that the name Lazarus comes from the Hebrew name Eleazar, which means "God is my helper," or "God will help." Lazarus had no one on earth to help him and so he trusted in God completely. Although this may not be easy for us to do, it is what God asks of us. This coming week, seek to know the Lord better through studying his word and seeking him in prayer more often. Allow him to walk beside you.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Who is "Lazarus" today? He could be the homeless person who smells of cigarettes and hasn't bathed in a while, or the mentally ill woman who shouts at us as we walk by. Today's readings challenge us to move out of complacency and judgment and, instead, see the poor as human beings deserving of dignity and care. Unlike the rich man in today's parable, we still have time to reorder our priorities and find ways to close the "chasm" between rich and poor. As Pope Francis said during the Mass for the World Day of the Poor in 2021, indifference is not an option. The Church "asks us not to turn aside, not to be afraid to take a close look at the suffering of those most vulnerable." Then, act. Today's psalm tells us all we need to know: "Blessed he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry."

**ACT** If you encounter someone in need on the street, consider giving away socks, a gift card to an area restaurant, or simply offer a nod and a smile. Then perhaps seek volunteer opportunities near you.

## Assumption BVM School

### Gift Card Calendar Raffle

will take place for the month of October. This fundraiser will directly benefit the school and its students. The calendars are \$10.00 each and are good for all 31 drawings during the month. Calendars can be purchased from any ABVM family or from the school (school phone: 570-622-0106 or e-mail: [tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net](mailto:tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net)). Thank you for your help in making our Calendar Raffle a success!



### First Grade Teacher

Assumption BVM School is seeking a full-time first grade teacher. Please send application, credentials, and clearances to Mrs. Teresa Keating via email to [tkeating@assumptionbvmschool.net](mailto:tkeating@assumptionbvmschool.net) or mailed to 112 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Pottsville, PA 17901. For questions please contact Mrs. Teresa Keating at 570-622-0106.

### Maintenance Person Needed

Assumption BVM School is seeking a Full-time Maintenance person. Please send applications to the attention of Mrs. Teresa Keating at Assumption BVM School, 112 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Pottsville, PA 17901. For questions please contact Mrs. Teresa Keating at 570-622-0106.



### Parish Outreach

As members of one parish family, we try to be attentive to each other's needs and help each other when possible. We are looking for anyone who would be able and willing to assist senior parishioners with limitations by driving them to appointments or errands, etc. Please call the rectory if you are interested in being someone we can call upon to assist a fellow parishioner.

## Neighboring Events

### 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 is Thursday, September 29th

To order, call the Parish Office 570-889-3850—leave a message with Name, Phone and your order.

### Annual Retreat

The Notre Dame Women's Group Annual Retreat ... Maria Regnat / Mary Reigns — will take place **Saturday, October 1st** at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem. Retreat will begin after 8 a.m. Mass. During the retreat we will reflect on the Fifth Glorious Mystery—The Coronation of Mary. Please join us for this 'glorious' day! For more information please call 610-866-4371.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage

St. Ambrose Church (Schuylkill Haven) bus to the Diocesan Pilgrimage - cost is \$95/person and includes all meals (coffee and donuts, boxed lunches from Hess Catering, and dinner on the way home), transportation, tips, and fees. We will be departing St. Ambrose at 6:30AM and anticipate returning to St. Ambrose by 10PM. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the St. Ambrose Parish Office at 570-385-1031 or [stambroseoffice@comcast.net](mailto:stambroseoffice@comcast.net).

### Basket Auction

... Sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 1115 Walnut St., Ashland on **Sunday, October 2nd**. Shop and Drop on the following days and times ... Sept. 24 — 2 to 6 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 25 — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sept. 30 — 4 to 7 p.m.; Oct. 1 — 2 to 6 p.m.; Oct. 2 — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Auction begins Sunday, October 2 at 3 p.m. Please call the parish office for more information 570-875-1521.

### 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](http://www.stmaryhamburg.org) or Facebook.

**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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**Rectory Fax** ..... (570) 622-4589  
**E-mail** ..... [stjbparish@comcast.net](mailto:stjbparish@comcast.net)  
**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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How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me?  
I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.  
Lord, I am your servant.