

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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October 3, 2021

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But from the beginning of creation,
'God made them male and female.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and
be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

MR 10:6-8



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 2

5:00 p.m. Ed Smith
(Grandchildren)

Sunday, October 3

8:15 a.m. Sharon Lonergan
(John & Joyce Gerace)

Sunday, October 3

10:30 a.m. George Minchhoff
Elizabeth Dornsife
(Rita Lotz)

Monday, October 4

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

Tuesday, October 5

9:00 a.m. Francis Madden
(Pat Klassen)

Wednesday, October 6

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

Thursday, October 7

9:00 a.m. Patrick McGinley
(Ron & Pat Lombel)

Friday, October 8

9:00 a.m. Edward Zemantauski
(Bob & Peg Daniels)

Saturday, October 9

5:00 p.m. Joseph LeBlanc
(Ed & Gerry Schwartz)

Sunday, October 10

8:15 a.m. James & Philomena Loeper
(Ron & Pat Lombel)

Sunday, October 10

10:30 a.m. Ernest Zambo
(Mary Zambo & Family)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

This Thursday, October 7, the Church honors Mary as Our Lady of the Rosary. Traditionally October is the month of the rosary.

If you don't already pray the rosary, I encourage you to consider it. Some people may not be attracted to it because it seems long and repetitive. But, as my spiritual director once pointed out, you can pray one decade at a time as you go through the day instead of having to find 20 minutes to pray it all at once. It is a prayer that can be said while doing other things, like driving (which may also help mitigate some of those unholy thoughts toward your fellow drivers). So, time is not really an excuse.

Yes, the rosary seems repetitive (some would say boring). But it is meant as a tool for *meditation*. It is not necessary to pay attention to every word of every Hail Mary. Repeating the words of the prayers over and over again helps us clear our minds and think about the mysteries of the rosary or the people or needs we're praying for. Sometimes I think about a different person in my life on each Hail Mary. The repetitive nature of the rosary has a calming effect. I definitely experience this myself. I have even seen this calming effect on an entire student body of high school students.

Consider turning to the rosary or praying the rosary with renewed attention during this month of the rosary. It is a powerful spiritual tool and a powerful weapon against sin and evil. But most importantly it keeps us connected with Mary our Mother.

*In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin*



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.

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

Patricia Thomas • Sheri Post • Florence Yeager

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. E ask the Lord to guide and direct them in all their efforts to grow, academically, personally and spiritually.

Next Week's Readings

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 9/10)

Reading I: Wisdom 7:7-11

Reading II: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Upcoming Events

October

3	9:15 a.m.	CCD Parent Meeting	L.H.
3	10:30 a.m.	Pre-School Program	L.H.
3	4:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation	L.H.
3	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class	L.H.
4	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour.....	Chapel
6	4:30 p.m.	Christmas Bazaar Drop Off.....	R.B.
7	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	F.R.
7	7:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting	L.H.
10	4:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation	L.H.
11	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour.....	Chapel
13	4:30 p.m.	Christmas Bazaar Drop Off.....	R.B.
14	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
17	10:30 a.m.	Pre-School Program	L.H.
17	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class	L.H.
17	4:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation	L.H.
18	10:00 a.m.	Mass Intention Book Opens.....	L.H.
18	4:30 p.m.	Christmas Bazaar Drop Off.....	R.B.
18	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour.....	Chapel
20	4:30 p.m.	Christmas Bazaar Drop Off.....	R.B.
20	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union ‘Cover Dish’	L.H.
21	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
24	10:30 a.m.	Pre-School Program	L.H.
24	11:30 a.m.	CCD Community Meeting	L.H.
24	4:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation	L.H.
25	4:30 p.m.	Christmas Bazaar Drop Off.....	R.B.
25	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour.....	Chapel
28	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
31	10:30 a.m.	Pre-School Program	L.H.
31	4:30 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation	L.H.

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

Tues. 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men’s Group Zoom
Meeting ID: 824-780-6433 Password: Mary



Weekly Collection

September 25/26\$5,443.54
Hurricane Ida Fund..... \$847.00

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

Candle Donations

BVM

1. For Alphonse Baldino by Steve Higgins
2. IMO Ronald Pillo by Steve & Chris Zanis

St. Joseph

1. IMO George Hahner Jr. by Hahner Family
2. IMO Pat Mason Sr. by Maria Mason

Sanctuary

IMO David Zanis
by Steve & Chris Zanis

Guardian Angels

1. IMO George Zanis by Steve & Chris Zanis
2. IMO Gladys Kuperavage by Steve & Chris Zanis
- 3&4. Special Intention

Liturgical Minister Schedule

October 9 — 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Patty O’Neill
Euch.Min.: Frank Murphy
Server: Riley Doyle

October 10 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn
Euch.Min.: George Forney
Servers: Ethan & Ryan Grabowski

October 10 — 10:30 a.m. Mass

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

Mass Intention Book

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2022 will open

Monday, October 18th to Thursday, October 21

Masses can be scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, October 18th in Longinus Hall.

All other Mass intentions can be scheduled by calling the rectory, placing in the collection basket or email.

Three Masses ONLY

The remaining dates will be used to schedule previously requested Masses as well as keep dates open for those deceased in 2022.

Contemporary Music Ensemble

We are looking for new members! We are interested in both singers and instrumentalists. Commitment is minimal (2-3 hours per month) and musical experience/reading music is NOT required. Children and families are encouraged! We encourage parishioners who are interested in making a joyful noise to the Lord! Please email or call the rectory to join us! See you in the choir loft!

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. Please email or call the rectory for more information.

Married in Christ

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Caitlin Marie Goodman and Christopher Robert Hippeli** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on September 25th 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.

Church Cleaning Crew

The more the merrier — new-comers are always welcome — please call the rectory if interested or just show up at our next cleaning which will take place on Saturday, October 16th at 8:00 a.m.



Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place ... Saturday and Sunday, November 13 & 14

'View & Drop' ... Preview weekend is November 6 & 7

We are asking families to donate a **Theme Basket** with a suggested value of at least **\$25.00** in merchandise, gift cards, or lottery tickets. If you would like to donate the items for a basket, we would be happy to put it together and wrap it for you. Be creative and come up with your own unique idea! Homemade craft items are also very welcome! So many families donated baskets last year — it was wonderful to see the spirit of St. John's shine through again!

Our '**Lottery Baskets**' and '**Lottery Frames**' and '**Wine Baskets**' are always a huge success. If you would like to donate Lottery Tickets (any amount), please drop off at the rectory or at one of our drop off days at the Russell Building. As always, monetary donations are greatly appreciated and helping hands at the Bazaar are always welcome. If you can help or have questions, please call the rectory 622-5470 ext. 3.

In addition to our many various **Theme Baskets**, there will be beautiful **Crafts**, many of which are handmade by our very talented parishioners, **Specials**, and of course, delicious **Food** and our famous homemade **Baked Goods**.

Baskets should be dropped off by October 25th at the Russell Building on the following dates:
Drop Off Dates & Times October 6, 13, 18, 20, 25 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

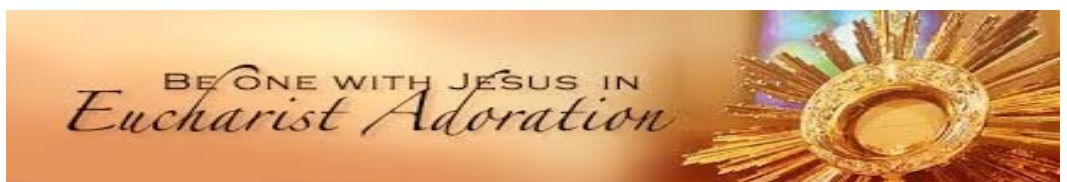
Baskets / Items for baskets **CANNOT** be dropped off at the rectory.

Pecans: St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be selling pecans again this year at the Christmas Bazaar. Mammoth Halves—\$15.00 per pound.



Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study

... will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30** on **October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 18**. 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.



Eucharistic Adoration

Join us for 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.



Respect Life Sunday

When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

Mark 10:14



October 3, 2021 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24 | Heb 2:9-11 | Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Social media certainly has its downsides, but it’s a wonderful way to keep up with friends and family. Lately, I’ve noticed a number of wedding day snapshots - with couples finally able to celebrate their “big day” as pandemic restrictions have eased. Today’s readings bring these beautiful images to mind. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about marriage: “God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” While the readings focus on the relationship between man and woman, we are reminded that God created all of us - no matter our state in life - to love one another as he loves us. The capacity to love is in our DNA. Jesus invites us to be companions on life’s journey, reflecting to others Christ’s love for the Church.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each year in October, our diocese invites married couples to a “Wedding Anniversary Mass.” Friends and family are invited to join them as they celebrate milestone anniversaries - whether it be 5 years or 50. Just as we celebrate newlyweds, it’s nice to recognize these couples - and the love that has endured well after the honeymoon ended. Just as they witnessed their love for one another on their wedding day, they have continued to do so through the ensuing years by their example. Despite the inevitable hardships, they cling to one another; through disagreements and quarrels, they find a way back to each other - and I suspect they laugh together too. By sharing their stories we, too, can witness to others a love that endures through thick and thin. In doing so, we help build up our families, our communities, and our Church.

WITNESS You may have heard of *The Moth*, a popular storytelling platform. Each of us has a story to tell, and recording family “love stories” can be a fun way to witness to our children and grandchildren what good relationships look like. Take some time to interview your parents or others in your extended family about how they met, how they’ve overcome the challenges they have faced as a couple, and how they have kept God at the center.

Neighboring Events

Shower of Roses Festival

... at the Shrine of St. Therese, 1 E. Garibaldi Ave., Nesquehoning on Sunday, October 3rd. Food Sale begins 11 a.m.; Mass 1 p.m.; Dedication of the Intention Book/Housing 2 p.m.; Procession & Recital of the Rosary 3 p.m.; Benediction 4 p.m. Ethnic Foods, Spaghetti Dinner, Raffle Tickets available. For more information contact St. Joseph's Rectory 570-645-2664 or email sjvpvparish@gmail.com or visit www.shrineofsainttherese.com.

Rosary Rally

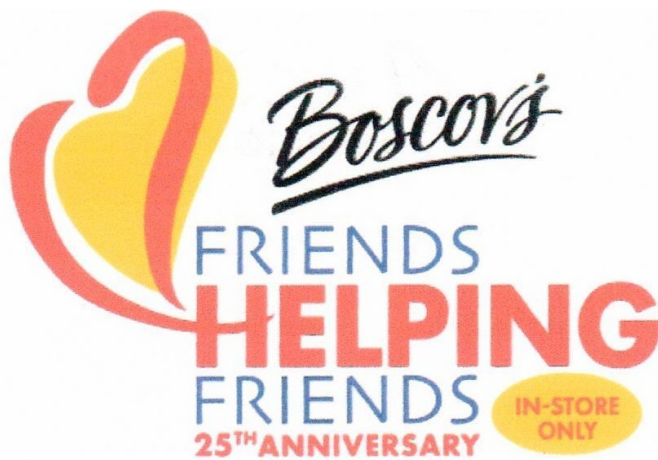
St Ambrose Church, Schuylkill Haven invites you to join in the Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 16th at 12 noon at the Island Park Pavilion, 1 Broadway, Schuylkill Haven. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place across the United States on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. Come pray with us on this very important day. We want to host a living body candlelit Rosary. If you can be part of our living Rosary, please call the office at St. Ambrose (570-385-1031).

Father Walter Ciszek Day

... scheduled for Sunday, October 17th at the Walter Ciszek Prayer League Center, 218 W. Cherry St. in Shenandoah. Visitors are welcome from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Mass celebrated at 2 p.m. at St. Casimir Church, 229 N. Jardin St. in Shenandoah. Rev. Thomas Stegman, SJ, Dean of Boston College School of Theology and Ministry will be the homilist. Refreshments served after Mass in the church hall; book, prayer cards, etc. available for purchase. Please join us!

St. Paul Street Evangelization

... this is a grassroots, non-profit Catholic evangelization organization dedicated to responding to the mandate of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations by taking our Catholic Faith to the streets. Visit www.streetevangelization.com today to learn more. Come and learn more about how to share the gospel message with others, whether it be with strangers on the street, family and friends, or co-workers. Training is offered at St. John XXIII in Tamaqua beginning Sunday, October 3rd. Training will consist of 8 sessions held on Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Wednesdays 6 to 8 p.m. throughout the month of October. For more information please contact parish office at 570-225-7410.



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October 2/3, 9/10, 16/17.

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PRE-SALE

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

October 4, 8, 11, 13, 15, 20
From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Thank you in advance
for your support!*

Parochial Administrator *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

Tuesday 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

First Sunday of each month 11:30 a.m.
Second Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass
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

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