

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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October 10, 2021

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go, sell what you have,
and give to the poor and you
will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me."

MR 10:21



Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, October 11

6:30 p.m. Ruth Spece
(Time Change) (Eric & Jennifer Lieberman)

Tuesday, October 12

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

Wednesday, October 13

9:00 a.m. Teresa & Joseph Fanelli
(Lucilla Kochol)

Thursday, October 14

9:00 a.m. Francis & Mary Burns

Friday, October 15

9:00 a.m. Marie Murphy
(Family)

Saturday, October 16

5:00 p.m. R.J. Post
(Bob & Irene Post)

Sunday, October 17

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

Sunday, October 17

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

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take the opportunity of this week's message to say a few words about Anointing of the Sick. Many Catholics learned this sacrament as the "Last Rites" and associate it with people who are in the process of dying. Again, the proper name for this sacrament today is Anointing of the Sick. It is not intended only for those who are dying. It is for anyone who is seriously ill, people of advanced age, and those who are about to have surgery, as well as for those who are approaching death. Through the sacrament, Jesus touches the recipient with His peace, strength, consolation, forgiveness, and even in some cases, physical healing.

With that in mind, it is wise to ask for the sacrament for yourself or a loved one in cases of serious illness, before serious surgery, or even when one moves into a nursing home or becomes confined to home because of age or physical condition. Do not wait until someone is actively dying to ask for the sacrament. Do not wait until the situation becomes an emergency. Unfortunately, there are a lot fewer priests in our area today. There is no guarantee that one of us will be available at a moment's notice. I personally can promise you that the sacraments of healing (Anointing of the Sick, Confession) are among my highest priorities as a priest. But, if there is an emergency request, I could be away, or otherwise delayed in responding, or even unable to safely drive to an unfamiliar location at night.

Never hesitate to ask for Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one when the situation warrants it. You are not inconveniencing me. The reason I am a priest is to celebrate the sacraments. But, once again, it is important to act early and not wait until the situation becomes an emergency.

*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 • Peter Darhun

Single Parent Mom and Dads. "Love them, don't judge them" — we pray for all single parent moms/dads and their children. In "choosing life", they commit to parenting their children well. They need our prayers and support. During this week we ask you to invoke our Blessed Mother to sustain them in their being good moms and dads.

Next Week's Readings

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 16/17)

Reading I: Isaiah 53:10-11

Reading II: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Upcoming Events

October

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 ‘Covered 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	7:00 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

October 2/3\$3,723.79
Parish Dues \$902.00

Candle Donations

BVM

1. IMO Ronald C. Kriston
by Eleanor Kriston & Family
2. IMO Edward Kuperavage
by Steve & Chris Zanis

St. Joseph

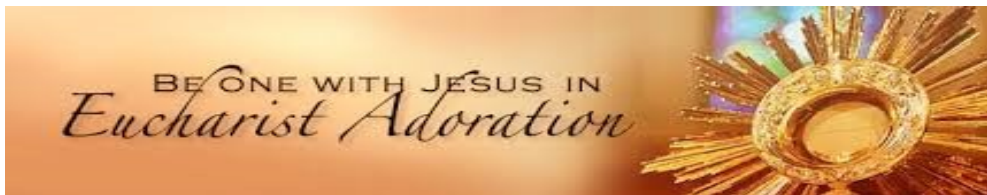
1. IMO Joseph Wollyung Jr.
by His Family
2. IMO Leo & Dorothy Lotz
by Ron & Pat Lombel

Sanctuary

IMO Ronald Pillo
by Steve & Chris Zanis

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Pat Mason Sr.
by Marie Mason
2. IMO Janet Bartholomew
Whitaker
by Frances Lorenz
3. Special Intention
by Maureen Derbes
4. Everyone’s Health
by Maureen Derbes



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.

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.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

October 16 — 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Heidi Gorski
Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz
Servers: Alek & Stanley Gorski

October 17 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Bob Bechtel
Euch.Min.: Rob Wiscount
Server: R.J. Post

October 17 — 10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Paul Gombola
Euch.Min.: Paul Herb
Server: Emma Lieberman

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.

Welcome New Parishioners

This week we welcome **Richard & Michelle Stone** and sons, **Richard and Patrick**, to St. John's Parish Family. Richard is employed by Penn DOT and Michelle is a secretary at Schuylkill IU. Patrick attends Lebanon Valley College and Richard is employed at Wegman's. Warmly welcome the Stone Family into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for Joy!



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 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.

Thank You

... to everyone who responded to the needs on "Father Bobbin's Wish List." A special thank you to Michelle Darhun and Heidi Gorski for their work of weeding and gardening outside church, the grotto and rectory, in addition to adding the beautiful mums. It takes many people pitching in and doing many small jobs to keep a parish going. Much of this work goes unseen. Thank you to everyone who helps care for St. John the Baptist Church!

Healthy Notes

Another reason to eat fruits and vegetables high in vitamin C: They may help reduce the risk of the most common type of age-related cataracts. In a study of 1,000 pairs of female twins (average age 62), researchers found that women consuming the most dietary vitamin C at baseline had a 20% reduced risk of such cataracts, compared to those who consumed the least. Ten years later, a follow-up of 324 of the pairs of twins found that those who consumed the most C were 33% less likely to have their cataracts progress. The researchers also estimated that about one-third of the difference in disease progression was related to genetic factors, the rest to lifestyle factors such as diet. Taking vitamin C (or other nutrients) in supplement form was not associated with reduced risk. Previous clinical trials on supplements and cataract risk have had inconsistent results. The study appeared in the journal *Ophthalmology*.

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

October 10, 2021

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11 | Heb 4:12-13 | Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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

In the Old Testament, wealth was considered a sign of God's favor. So imagine the rich young man's surprise when he approached Jesus, only to find out that he would need to sell what he had and then give to the poor in order to follow Jesus. His face fell and he walked away. His demeanor highlights the fundamental error of equating what we have, and what we do, with salvation - of relying on earthly things, rather than God, for our deepest comfort and security. In contrast, the Book of Wisdom speaks of the richness and worth of divine wisdom over that of any precious gem or gold. We understand that divine wisdom to be manifested in the person of Jesus Christ. Therefore, true wisdom means having faith in Jesus rather than in our own efforts and whatever we might have earned in our lifetime. Otherwise, we are like a camel trying to squeeze through the eye of a needle. Jesus truly offers us the only way. I like to think that the young man came around eventually. After all, as Jesus says, "all things are possible for God." As we reflect, we can ask Jesus what we need to "let go of" to turn our sights, our minds, and our lives over to God, knowing that following his will is the surest path to the Kingdom.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just a few days ago, we celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The behavior of the rich young man in today's Gospel - daring, enthusiastic, confident - brings the young Francis to mind. Born into wealth, he relished his carefree lifestyle and sought to become a knight. His dreams of glory, however, quickly became a nightmare as his comrades fell and he was imprisoned in a dank cell for a year. After his release, he fell seriously ill, and God spoke to him. Francis cast aside the trappings of wealth, choosing instead to seek God's will in all things. His example invites us to pray about our priorities: What things or attitudes get in the way of our relationship with God and one another? What is the Lord asking of us and how can we respond? How can we give witness to our belief that all things are possible with God?

ACTION Perhaps try a "consumption fast" for the next couple of weeks, purchasing only what you need - food and other necessities. Use time and energy you may have spent shopping to deepen your relationship with God and others by participating in Eucharistic adoration, going to confession, visiting an elderly relative, or contacting an old friend.



Neighboring Events

Rosary Rally

A Rosary Rally, sponsored by America Needs Fatima and local advocates for life will be held on Sunday, October 10th at 1 p.m. in front of the Schuylkill County Courthouse on Laurel Boulevard in Pottsville. The public is invited to participate in this event and a statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be awarded as a door prize to a lucky attendee. No purchase is necessary to be eligible. The rally will be held rain or shine.

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 Cizek Day


... scheduled for Sunday, October 17th at the Walter Cizek 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!

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 .



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available after all Masses on the following weekends:

October 9/10, 16/17.

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:

October 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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E-mail..... 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

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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“ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE
FOR GOD.”