

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

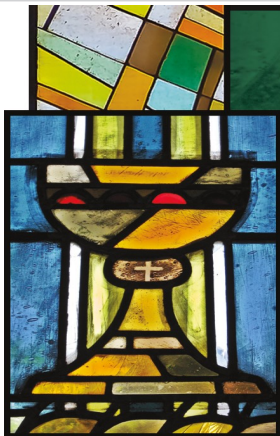
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October 13, 2024

## 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 12

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

### Sunday, October 13

8:15 a.m. Dec. of Walkusky Family  
(Karen Lenard)

### Sunday, October 13

10:30 a.m. Teresa & Joseph Fanelli  
(Lucilla Kochol)

### Monday, October 14

6:30 p.m. Francis & Mary Burns

### Tuesday, October 15

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

### Wednesday, October 16

9:00 a.m. Ted Casey  
(Bill & Sally Casey)

### Thursday, October 17

9:00 a.m. Margaret 'Maggie' Glunz  
(Glunz Family)

### Friday, October 18

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

### Saturday, October 19

5:00 p.m. RJ Post  
(Sandi, Sheri, RJ III)

### Sunday, October 20

8:15 a.m. Dot & Jack Ryan  
(John & Christine Eagan)

### Sunday, October 20

10:30 a.m. Mary & Lenny Yenilaitus  
(Carol Rhoades)

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

In our long tour of the Bible, we have been looking at the Old Testament prophets. Going in chronological order, more or less, we looked at the books of Amos and Hosea so far. Next we come to the prophet Micah.

Micah lived around the same time as Amos and Hosea, the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC. But Amos and Hosea were active in the Northern Kingdom of Israel, while Micah lived in Judah in the south. Micah's message contains themes common to several of the prophets: social injustices like the rich taking advantage of the poor, hypocritical worship, and corrupt leaders. Micah emphasizes the abuse of power on the part of the political and religious leaders of Judah and prophesies that Jerusalem will be destroyed. He uses a lot of "courtroom" language to suggest that God's people have violated their covenant with God.

But Micah is not all oracles of doom. He envisions a restored Jerusalem and includes the Messianic prophecy in chapter 5: "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrahtah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who has labor pains has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the sons of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord..." (5:2-4).

In Christ,  
Fr. Bobbin

## Parish Bookkeeper

We are beginning to look for a part-time bookkeeper to take over for Dr. Visot. The job would require a few hours of work, 2-3 days a week. The schedule is flexible. Some bookkeeping experience is helpful but no formal background in accounting is necessary. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact 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.



## 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 • Tony Kochol • Tom Jefferson*

### For our Deceased

*Rita Lotz*

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

## Next Week's Readings

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(October 12/13)

Reading I: Wisdom 7:7-11

Reading II: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

### Upcoming Events

#### October

16	10:00 a.m.	2025 Mass Book Opens .....	L.H.
16	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg .....	L.H.
17	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
20	9:00 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg. ....	L.H.
20	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School.....	L.H.
20	2:00 p.m.	Paint n’ Sip.....	L.H.
27	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
27	4:00 p.m.	Chronic Pain Support Group.....	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.

<><><> MARK YOU CALENDARS <><><>

SUMMER FESTIVAL—2025

July 18 & 19

## SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study: will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on October 17, November 7 and 14.** Join us in person in Longinus Hall 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.

### Reciting of the Rosary

We will be reciting the Rosary twenty minutes before Mass during the month of October. The month of October and May are dedicated by the Church to the Blessed Mother. Please come, bring your rosary and join us to honor Our Mother and ask for her powerful intercession.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
October 12	5:00 p.m.	4:40 p.m.
October 13	8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	7:55 & 10:10 a.m.
October 19	5:00 p.m.	4:40 p.m.
October 20	8:15 & 10:30 a.m.	7:55 & 10:10 a.m.
October 26	5:00 p.m.	4:40 p.m.
October 27	8:15 & 10:30 a.m.	7:55 & 10:10 a.m.



### Weekly Collection

October 5/6 .....\$5,068.75  
Parish Dues .....\$1,063.00

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

Please **do not** use **tape** or **staples** to seal your offertory envelopes

### Candles

#### BVM

1. IMO Ted Casey by Bill & Sally Casey
2. IMO Barbara Weiss by Sandy Clauser

#### St. Joseph

1. IMO Carl Weiss by Sandy Clauser
2. IMO Anthony S. Gaburick by Anthony J. Gaburick

#### Sanctuary

IMO Carl & Barbara Weiss by Sandy Clauser

#### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Ted Casey by Bill & Sally Casey
- 2&3. IMO Ronald Kriston by Joan Grapsy Family
4. Health & Welfare of Ann M. Gaburick by Anthony J. Gaburick

### Liturgical Min.Schedule

#### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### October 19— 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Patty O’Neill

Euch.Min.: John O’Neill

Gerry Schwartz

Server/Sacristan: Luke Schane

Cantor: Joanne Matina

#### October 20— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: John Corbacio

Servers: Maggie & Rhyann Brennan

Cantor: Vincent Prestileo

#### October 20— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: John Crane

Euch.Min.: Frank Murphy

Justina Majestic

Servers:Michael & Spencer Prestileo

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

## Mass Intention Book

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2025 will open

**Wednesday, October 16th to Tuesday, October 22nd**

**Masses can be scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

**on Wednesday, October 16th 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 2025.

## Bulletin Boosters

IMO Carl Bartholomew  
 IMO Harold Bartholomew  
 IMO James J. Bartholomew  
 IMO Robert Berger  
 IMO Rita Bartholomew Foley  
 John & Mildred Fredericks  
 Fr. Don Henry  
 IMO M/M Herbert Henry  
 IMO Joanne Hepler  
 IMO Kathleen Hohman  
 IMO Clare & Linda Houser  
 MO Charles Lorenz  
 IMO Dorothy Parsick  
 IMO Erika Stangl Seasock  
 IMO Theresa Bartholomew Sencak  
 IMO Janet Bartholomew Whitaker  
 IMO Margaret Zelinsky  
 Living & Deceased of St. John's  
 CYO Program

*Thank you for supporting our  
 bulletin this month!*

## 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.

## 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 Catholic Women's Union



Women of all ages are invited to join the Catholic Women's Union. Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women's Union by joining us on **Wednesday, October 16th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** Our Fall Auction will be featured. Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Covered Dish Dinner. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed. Join us!

**Please Note: 2024 Dues are now due!**

**ONE DAY ONLY - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024  
 SHOP 8AM - 11PM**

**DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:**

- 25% OFF DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS\*
- REGISTER TO WIN A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD  
 One Winner at every Boscov's store

**100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TO OUR ORGANIZATION**

## PASSES ... \$5.00

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

**October 9, 10, 11, 16, 18**

**11 a.m.—4 p.m. October 12, 19**

**12 noon to 3 p.m. October 6, 13, 20**

**4 to 9 p.m. — October 17**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m. — October 21**

**8 a.m. to 11 p.m.—October 22**

Passes are also available

in the back of church on

**October 12 & 13 and October 19 & 20**

**Thank you in advance for your support!**

## Paint 'n Sip

Enjoy a Sunday afternoon in Longinus Hall for our Paint 'n Sip get together on **October 20th at 2:00 p.m.** Artist Kimberly Searle will guide us step by step. We will have all equipment necessary so that you can paint a lovely project plus light snacks and drinks available. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite snacks for sharing. BYOB! Sign-up sheets are available in the back of church. Cost is \$40.00 per person. All sign-ups with fee included should be returned to the rectory by Monday, October 13th so that needed planning can be done. For more information please call the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.



## Neighboring Events

### Theme Basket & Prize Auction

... sponsored by St. Patrick Church at the parish center ... Shop and drop: October 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20. Drawing is on Sunday, October 20, at 2 pm. Food available October 12, 16, 19, and 20. Please call 570-622-1802, ext. 0 for more information.

### Back From the Dead Cemetery Walk.

This is a walk through the grounds of the Seton Shrine where participants will experience the Saints come back to life for one evening on **Friday, October 25th**; Cost is \$40 per person. Please bring a brown bag dinner or snacks and a drink as no meals will be provided. Bus departs from the Carroll St. lot at 4 p.m. Estimated arrival time in Emmitsburg is 6-6:30 p.m.. Tours at 7:45 and 8 p.m. Departure 8:30-9 p.m. Time permitting, you can visit the Basilica, say a prayer at Mother Seton, and/or visit the gift shop. Call St. Clare of Assisi Rectory at 570-429-0370 to reserve your seat.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday and Sunday, November 16 & 17**

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 28th** at the Russell Building on the following dates:

**Drop Off Dates & Times ..... October 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 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.

### Diocesan Events ...

#### 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, October 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. SPACE IS LIMITED. Please register by September 15! To register, please call Immaculate Conception Parish at 570-325-2791.

#### DRIVERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities is looking for one or two part-time drivers for its food truck mission. Hours are Monday through Thursday, approximately 10am to 3pm. The truck is loaded and unloaded at Holy Family Parish Hall, located in Minersville, PA and the truck serves various communities each day in Schuylkill County. A standard PA Drivers license, a clean driving record and background clearances are required. Basic truck maintenance experience is also helpful. Anyone interested in the position should contact Andrea Kochan Neagle, Catholic Charities Managing Director, at [aneagle@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:aneagle@allentowndiocese.org) or call 610-435-1541 ext. 5334.

#### DIOCESAN BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF ST. JANUARIUS

From now until December 16th, the Diocese of Allentown is partnering with Miller-Keystone Blood Center to help alleviate the national blood shortage, serving accident, trauma, and burn victims, as well as premature babies and cancer patients. The drive also celebrates St. Januarius, patron saint of blood banks and blood donors. Donors will receive a St. Januarius medallion blessed by Bishop Schlert. For more info please call 800-223-6667 ext. 2

#### ST. MONICA MINISTRY HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th at 6 p.m. at St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown. All are invited to join in asking Our Lord's mercy and invoking the intercession of St. Monica for our prodigals. For information, please email [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)





October 13, 2024 | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

All this talk about wisdom in today's readings ... why should we care? Born of a familiarity with the heart of God, wisdom is a virtue that grants us discernment to know right from wrong and to follow God's plan. It is so important to the life of the disciple that it is a gift given to us by the Holy Spirit. In our first reading from – notice – the *Book of Wisdom*, the author, likely expressing the sentiments of King Solomon, praises and esteems wisdom above everything else. Prized over money, health, or beauty, wisdom brings together “all good things.” If wisdom is so valuable, we must follow Solomon's lead and seek it. Where do we find wisdom? In the second reading from Hebrews, we learn that we can seek wisdom in the word of God. God's word penetrates “between soul and spirit” and is “able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.” Therefore, immersing ourselves in God's word allows us to discern between right and wrong and choose the path most pleasing to God.

**ACT** Like Solomon, we, too, can pray for wisdom. Read Scripture prayerfully, asking God to help you understand his Word and grant you the gift of wisdom. When you come across Scripture verses that are especially meaningful to you, write them out and put them in prominent places in your home. This will help you keep God's word ever before you.



Almighty God, Lord of Life and King of all Nations, we beg you to look kindly upon our country and help us to wisely choose our new leaders. Inform our consciences and enlighten our judgement, that we may elect those who will mercifully uphold justice and strive to protect the least among us. Help us to discern which candidates will uphold both the letter and spirit of the law. May our nation once again respect religious freedom, authentic marriage, the importance of family and the value of every human life — from conception to natural death. Heal the divisions which wound our unity and help us to overlook political tensions that keep us from becoming a united force for good. May our great land, built on both personal responsibility and charity towards the less fortunate, always balance prosperity with care for the elderly, the poor, the sick and the abandoned. May we elect honest and trust-

worthy candidates who will always uphold the common good and protect our God-given rights. In concert with the great founders of our nation, may we confidently proclaim, “In God we trust”. Amen.

## Flowers in Church

Generally speaking, flowers are donations. The parish decorates the church for the Christmas and Easter seasons (partly thanks to your donations). The rest of the year, we welcome donations of flowers. Flowers are **not** appropriate during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. Flowers **are** appropriate on:

- Sundays in Ordinary Time
- Sundays in the Easter Season (after the original Easter flowers have died)
- Holy Days—such as—Ascension Thursday, Assumption (August 15), All Saints Day (November 1), Immaculate Conception (December 8)



If you would ever like to donate flowers (perhaps in memory of a loved one), please call the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.

**Pastor**..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*  
**Deacon**..... *Robert A. Reiley*  
**Parish Council President**..... *Darren DeArment*  
**E-mail**..... *dbd269@gmail.com*  
**Choir Director/Organist**.....*David Derbes*  
**CCD Coordinator**.....*Lucilla Kochol*  
**Rectory**..... (570) 622-5470  
**Rectory Fax**..... (570) 622-4589  
**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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**MEN ALIVE IN CHRIST**  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*Spirit of Jesus, Renew Us*

Catholic men of the Diocese of Allentown, we invite you to renew and strengthen your faith at our annual Men's Conference. Embrace the mission of the Church and deepen your relationship with God through a powerful day of community, Sacraments, and talks from nationally renowned speakers.

We are excited to equip you with the tools you need to go forth as strong Catholic men, invigorated by the fire of the Holy Spirit!

**JOIN US:**  
 October 19, 8:00am - 3:00pm  
 St. Joseph the Worker Church  
 1879 Applewood Drive  
 Orefield PA 18069

**Register here:** 

Contact:  
 Mark McDevitt, markmcd@outlook.com

Sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown's Commission for Men

**MEN ALIVE IN CHRIST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 19th at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Orefield. We invite you to renew and strengthen your faith, embrace your relationship with God through a powerful day of community, Sacraments, and talks from nationally renowned speakers. We are excited to equip you with the tools you need to go forth as strong Catholic men, invigorated by the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Please take advantage of the Early Bird and bring a son, brother, father, or friend! Regular Admission \$35; Students (HS & College) \$15.

The Men's Conference is an enjoyable day with good meals, inspiring speakers, good fellowship, and a chance to go to confession and attend Mass celebrated by the bishop at the end of the day. We will carpool from St. John's. Call the rectory or Bill Gianfagna 570 573-0105 if you are interested in going.