

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

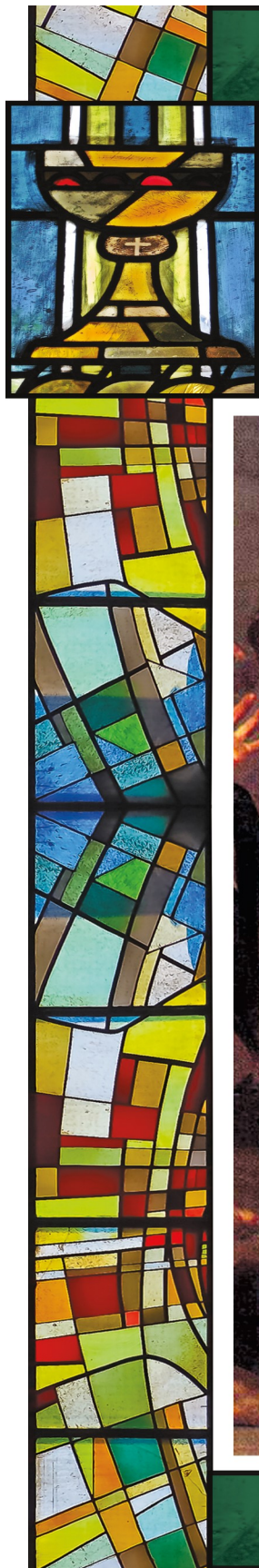
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October 17, 2021

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man did not come
to be served but to serve
and to give his life
as a ransom for many."

MR 10:45



Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, October 18

9:00 a.m. Marie Fitzpatrick
(Donna Bound Steidle)

Tuesday, October 19

9:00 a.m. James Loeper
(John & Joyce Gerace)

Wednesday, October 20

9:00 a.m. Robert Bowers
(Eric & Jennifer Lieberman)

Thursday, October 21

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

Friday, October 22

9:00 a.m. William Joseph McGraw
(Joseph D. McGraw)

Saturday, October 23

5:00 p.m. M/M William Bercher
(Kathleen Williams)

Sunday, October 24

8:15 a.m. David & Bastina Nicastro
(Julian Chiplonia)

Sunday, October 24

10:30 a.m. Jack & Dot Ryan
(Chris & John Eagan)

Next Week's Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 23/24)

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Reading II: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

"All LIFE has inestimable value, even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation." ... Pope Francis

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Looking ahead to the month of November...

November begins with All Saints Day to celebrate and honor everyone who is in heaven, canonized or not. Because this solemnity falls on a Monday this year, it is not obligatory to attend Mass. We will only have our usual 9am Mass that day. However, if you are unable to attend Mass, consider doing something to acknowledge All Saints Day in your personal prayer, Scripture reading, or even doing something to celebrate the day.

November 2 is All Souls Day when we remember and pray for all of the faithful departed who are still "on the way" to heaven, passing through the stage of purification we call purgatory. Although we like to think all of our deceased loved ones are already in heaven, this is a good day to pray for them. It is an act of love to pray for the deceased. Besides the usual 9am Mass, we will also celebrate Mass at 7pm in the main church, offered especially for all the members of our parish who passed away within the last year. All are welcome.

Not just All Souls Day but the entire month of November is traditionally a time for remembering and praying for the faithful departed. We will have a prayer list in the main church throughout November on which you are welcome to write the names of any deceased loved ones. We will remember them collectively in our prayers throughout the month.

*In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin*



Year of Real
PRESENCE
CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

For our Deceased

Florence Yeager • Peter Darhun

Our Elderly Parents. They have done a wonderful job in raising all of us. These elders of our parish have sacrificed and shared their faith, laughter, and tears. Let us pray that they be given the energy to remain filled with the light of Christ, which we can follow. May God grant them the path of sainthood!

Upcoming Events

October

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.

November

1	9:00 a.m.	All Saints Day Mass	Church
2	9:00 a.m.	All Souls Day Mass	Chapel
2	7:00 p.m.	All Souls Day Mass	Church

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 9/10.....\$4,439.33
Improvements&Repairs . \$1,254.00**

Candle Donations

BVM

1. IMO Edward Kuperavage by Steve & Chris Zanis
2. IMO Erika Stangl Seacock by Joe & Dorothy Stangl, &Michael Felker

St. Joseph

1. IMO Becker Family by Bob & Mary Porter
2. IMO Porter Family by Bob & Mary Porter

Sanctuary

Special Intention

Guardian Angels

1. Birthday Wishes for Michael Felker by Joe & Dorothy Stangl
2. Special Intention by Linda Ralston
3. Special Intention by Eleanor Schaeffer
4. IMO Pat Mason Sr. by Maria Mason



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 23 — 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Bill Gianfagna
Euch.Min.: Hermine & Dan Murphy
Servers: Sophie Palmieri

October 24 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Jeff Naffin
Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla
Server: Kelly, Lauren, Megan Goodman

October 24—10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Mary Matulevich
Euch.Min.: Debbie Herb
Server: Maggie & Ryan Brennan

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.

Bulletin Boosters

IMO Carl Bartholomew
 IMO Harold Bartholomew
 IMO Robert Berger
 IMO Edward Christ
 Mildred A. Fredericks
 Fr. Don Henry
 IMO M/M Herbert Henry
 IMO Joanne Hepler
 IMO Clare & Linda Houser
 IIMO M/M James Loeper
 MO Charles Lorenz
 IMO Dorothy Parsick
 IMO Jeanne Rehnert
 IMO Eugene & Rita Rehnert
 IMO Dorothy Rosenberger
 IMO Erika Stangl Seasock
 IMO Margaret Zelinsky
 Living & Deceased of St. John's
 CYO Program

Thank you for supporting our bulletin this month!



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 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.

Donated Baskets & Sponsors:

Christmas Wreaths, Lavender Wands, Bicycle, Centerpieces
 Tea Time Basket by Mary & Bob Porter
 Ice Cream Maker & Fixins by Linda Ralston
 \$25.00 Sponsor— Joe & Dorothy Stangl
 \$20.00 Sponsor – Joe Hohman

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 20th at 6 p.m. in Longinus Hall. Our "Covered Dish" will be featured at this time. 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 Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed. Join us!

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



October 17, 2021

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11 | Heb 4:14-16 | Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

What do we do best? Some of us might be math whizzes, others can send a golf ball exactly where we intend. How do we get there? Practice, natural talent, and a good coach or teacher. Following Jesus, though, is another matter entirely. As today's readings remind us, we grow as Christians not by building ourselves up but by giving ourselves away. In Isaiah, we hear about the suffering servant who "did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." That suffering servant is Jesus, who admonishes the Apostles as they jostle for position as his right-hand man. Ultimately, the greatest among them will be "a slave of all," Jesus reminds them. His words challenge us to put as much energy and prayer into finding ways to better serve others as we do other areas of our lives. We can look to Jesus, Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints as role models.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I bet most of us can think of a friend who seems like a natural "giver." He shovels the neighbor's walk without being asked. She sends flowers or a meal during a difficult time. Serving others can take so many forms, from a simple hug or phone call to volunteering at a soup kitchen. In today's readings, Jesus invites us to bear witness to his sacrifice through humble service. It may not come naturally for all of us all the time, but that's where God's grace and the Holy Spirit come in. We can ask for the strength, creativity, flexibility - whatever we may lack - to recognize the needs around us and respond. Before we know it, our generosity will overflow and encourage others as they, too, seek to grow in Christian service.

ACTION Watching the news or even scrolling through your social-media feed can be overwhelming at times. Instead of tuning out, find a small way to help - through prayer, a donation to a Catholic organization, or a phone call or card to a friend going through a difficult time.

Neighboring Events

Rosary Walk

... hosted by Holy Family Parish of Minersville on Sunday, October 17th. All will meet at 11:45 a.m. in the Religious Education Center and Parish Office building at 538 Sunbury St. The walk will begin promptly at noon. Please join us on our Rosary Walk as we ask Our Blessed Lady's intercession for peace in our troubled world, for the conversion of sinners, and a return to the morals and values on which the USA was founded. Our hearts turn to Jesus ask His Most Holy Mother, Mary, to intercede for us.

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. Teresa of Calcutta Fall Basket Raffle

... sponsored by St. Teresa of Calcutta, 600 W. Mahanoy St., Mahanoy City on October 22 & 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. Food sale—take out only ... Pulled Pork on a Kaiser roll with cole slaw and French fries. Hundreds of dollars in prizes plus Cash and Lottery prizes. Winners will be notified October 24th.


Spaghetti Dinner

... sponsored by St. Patrick Church, 313 Mahantongo St. in Pottsville on Sunday, November 7th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or sell out). Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad and bread. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase. Please call the parish office for more information 570-622-1802.

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshipping 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.



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available after all Masses on the following weekends:

October 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 date:

October 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

**Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection
& Catholic Human Services**

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LORD, LET YOUR MERCY
BE ON US, AS WE
PLACE OUR TRUST
IN YOU.

