

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

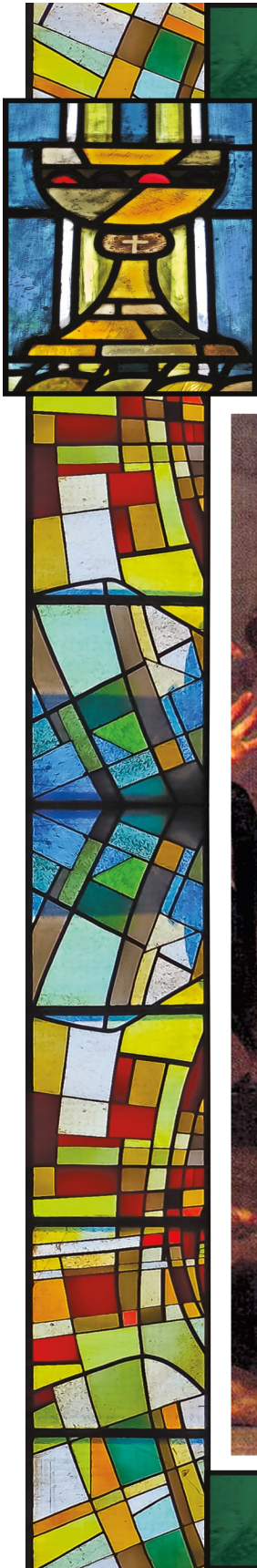
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October 20, 2024

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."

Mk 10:45



Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, October 21

6:30 p.m. William Schmitt
(Shawn & Karen Schmitt)

Tuesday, October 22

9:00 a.m. Mary McQuillain
(Robert McQuillain)

Wednesday, October 23—NO MASS

Thursday, October 24—NO MASS

Friday, October 25—NO MASS

Saturday, October 26

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

Sunday, October 27

8:15 a.m. Michael Klembara
(Anita Klembara)

Sunday, October 27

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

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

Next Week's Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(October 26/27)

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Reading II: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

We have been going through the prophetic books of the Old Testament. So far we looked at three of the earliest prophets: Amos, Hosea, and Micah. These are all considered minor prophets. Today let's look at the first of the major prophets, Isaiah.

Isaiah is the first prophetic book in the order that they appear in the Bible, and the longest prophetic book. It is impossible to overstate how important and influential Isaiah has been in both the Jewish and Christian traditions. Isaiah is one of the most frequently read books at Mass. There are numerous passages that are read as prophecies or foreshadowings of Jesus.

Isaiah himself lived in Judah in the 8th century BC, around the same time as the prophet Micah. Most scholars believe that the Book of Isaiah actually represents three different prophets living in three different time periods. "First Isaiah" lived in the 8th century BC (chapters 1-39), "Second Isaiah" lived at the time of the Babylonian Exile (chapters 40-55), and "Third Isaiah" lived after the Exile (chapters 56-66). More recently, other scholars have made convincing arguments that the entire book may be the work of one prophet. But the book does seem to reflect three different time periods, so we will just look at the first part next week and return to Isaiah later.

In Christ,
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.



New Altar Servers

We invite any boys and girls currently finishing fourth grade or older to consider becoming altar servers. Parents, please speak with Father Bobbin or call the rectory. We will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet for training.

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 Those Struggling to Find God in Their Families.

God is in the ordinary events of our family life. All we need to be is look. We ask that the Spirit of God enlighten our families to see His presence in our loved ones and in the quiet or tumultuous moments of family life.

Upcoming Events

October

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|----|------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 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. |
| 31 | 7:00 p.m. | All Saints Day Mass..... | Church |

November

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| 1 | 9:00 a.m. | All Saints Day Mass..... | Church |
| 1 | 5:15 p.m. | All Saints Day Mass..... | Church |
| 2 | 5:00 p.m. | All Souls Day Memorial Mass..... | Church |
| 3 | 9:00 a.m. | CCD Parent Mtg..... | L.H. |
| 3 | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School..... | L.H. |
| 7 | 6:30 p.m. | Scripture Study..... | L.H. |
| 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation Class..... | L.H. |
| 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Scripture Study..... | L.H. |
| 14 | 7:30 p.m. | Summer Festival Planning Mtg..... | L.H. |
| 16/17 | | Christmas Bazaar..... | R.B. |
| 17 | 9:00 a.m. | CCD Community Mtg..... | L.H. |
| 17 | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School..... | L.H. |
| 20 | 7:00 p.m. | Catholic Women's Union Mtg..... | 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

October 12/13.....4,674.12
Improvement & Repairs...1,695.00

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

All Candles

IMO William Schmitt
 by Shawn & Karen Schmitt

Liturgical Min. Schedule

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26— 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Bob Wollyung
Euch.Min.: Frank Murphy
 Ray Petrilla
Server/Sacristan: Connor Felty
Cantor: Dave Derbes

October 27— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Michelle Heenan
Euch.Min.: Mike Ambrose
 Janet Daubert
Servers: Lukas & Finley McNamara
Cantor: Ensemble

October 27— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Jennifer Daubert
Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder
 John Crane
Servers: Cooper & Cole Felty
Cantor: Dave Derbes

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study: will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on 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).

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 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. |

Mass Intention Book

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2025 is now open

Masses can be schedule until Tuesday, October 22nd

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.

Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend will be taken up for the Helene and Milton hurricane relief fund. Your support is urgently needed. Please be generous!

**"FOR THE SON OF MAN
 DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED
 BUT TO SERVE AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE
 AS A RANSOM FOR MANY."**

All Souls Day Envelopes

Please drop your All Souls Day envelope in the collection as soon as possible so your intentions can be placed on the altar for All Souls Day. Additional envelopes for your intentions can be found at the church exits.

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."

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshiping 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.



PASSES ... \$5.00

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

12 noon to 3 p.m. October 20

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
October 19 & 20

Thank you in advance for your support!

Church Cleaning Crew—Thank You

We thank our Church Cleaning Group for doing a wonderful job cleaning our beautiful church including Longinus Hall and the Chapel.

Everything looks just perfect!

Those volunteering their time and talent this month:

Michelle Ambrose, Darla Fabiani, Sandy Frinzi, Debbie Kubilus, Ray Petrilla, Theresa Skrobak, Joanne Wood. The more the merrier — newcomers are always welcome — please call the rectory if interested or just show up at our next cleaning on November 9th.

Diocesan News and Events ...

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 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

World Mission Sunday

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

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 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.

Donated Baskets & Sponsors:

Auto Supplies Bucket - Advanced Auto Parts
Afghan - Carol Rehnert
Art — Mary Beth Harvey
Baking - Chris Black
Baking Supplies - Parishioners
Bicycle - Mary Bound
Candy - Mother Bears Candy
Christmas Wreath - Queen Bee
Christmas Gnome - Mary Bound
Everything Red - Parishioners
Gingerbread Mr. & Mrs. - J. Robert & Ellen Zane
Harvest Blessings - Lucilla Kochol
Holiday Décor - Parishioners
Kitchen Gadgets - Parishioners



Donated Baskets & Sponsors:

Ladies - Parishioners
Lottery—Michael & Janet Dzurarin
Nativity BVM High School
Penn State - Dan & Hermine Murphy
Schuylkill county AAA - Vera Bradley Purse
Scratch, Snack, Sip - Carl & Kathy Hughes
Snacks - Miller Distributing
Various Crafts & Wreaths - Mary Bound
Wine - Luis & Virginia Visot's
Wine/Snack - Joan Bowers
Wine & Supplies - Parishioners
 Sponsor: John B. Lieberman
 Sponsor: Barbara Wollyung—\$50.00
 Sponsor: J. Robert & Ellen Zane—\$50.00

Neighboring Events

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.

Fall Roofstock 2024

... Saturday, November 16th from 7 to 11 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall (Annunciation BVM), 9 S. Broad Mt. Ave. in Frackville. Advances Tickets \$10; at the door \$15 Band "Another Side" ... Refreshments and adult beverages available for purchase. Must be 21 year of age or older.



October 20, 2024

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Our world lays down rules for greatness: wealth, accomplishment in the performing arts, beauty, business acumen. Hmmm. I don't recall hearing any of these attributes in the Scripture passages today. What I do remember is Jesus saying that whatever authority the disciples exercise must be rendered as service rather than for personal gain: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant." Jesus, as we heard in the second reading, can "sympathize with our weaknesses" and understands that, as humans, we may be tempted to seek power and authority. And yet Jesus calls us to service. Does our service have to be something spectacular that the world would deem "great"? I believe that God's grace allows us to embrace the role of Christian servant in whatever way is most fitting for us, and that makes it great in God's eyes.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

On earth, we are told again and again the most powerful people are the toughest. Strength is measured by prestige and how many people serve you. Weakness will get you crushed. Jesus turns this message inside out and reminds us we must find strength in our weakness and use that strength to serve other people. Of course, being a servant to others may involve self-sacrifice and foregoing worldly cares and aspirations. But the more we take care of others, the happier we will be. Let us ask God to lift us up when we feel weak. As we heard in the second reading: "Confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help." Continuing the work of Jesus here on earth can transform our corner of the world.

WITNESS This week, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your family to help people in need. Prepare food for a soup kitchen, do yard work tasks for an elderly or ill neighbor, sign up to take the Eucharist to homebound parishioners in your parish, or offer tutoring services through a local school or library. Bring the gift of Jesus to others through your family's service. God wants us to use the gifts he gave us to care for others and create his kingdom here on earth.

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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

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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 trustworthy 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.

