

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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October 23, 2022

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Luke 18:13



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 22

5:00 p.m. Cathy Bowers  
(Kathleen Williams)

### Sunday, October 23

8:15 a.m. William Schmitt  
(Shawn & Karen Schmitt)

### Sunday, October 23

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

### October 24—October 26 — NO MASS

### Thursday, October 27

6:00 p.m. Special Intention  
(Time Change)

### Friday, October 28

9:00 a.m. James Cavanaugh  
(Ed & Scott Hahner)

### Saturday, October 29

5:00 p.m. R.J. Post  
(Bob, Irene, Sandi, Sheri,  
R.J.Post III)

### Sunday, October 30

8:15 a.m. Mary Ann Holley  
(Family of  
Mark & Debbie Purcell)

### Sunday, October 30

10:30 a.m. John Kutch  
(Joe & Marie Palerino)

## Next Week's Readings

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(October 29/30)

**Reading I:** Wisdom 11:22-12:2

**Reading II:** 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

**Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10



## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

As the month of November approaches, I offer the following reminders.

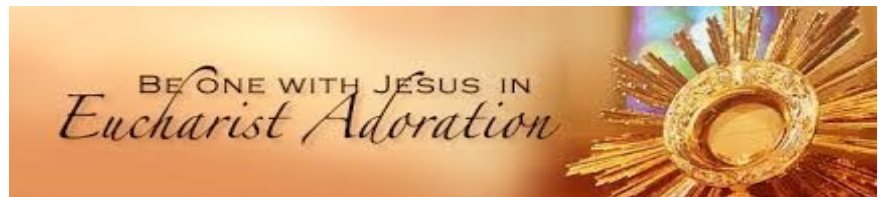
November 1 is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. Please take holy days of obligation seriously and make every effort to join with us in the celebration of Mass. Because of the pandemic and the fact that it is not obligatory to attend Mass when certain holy days fall on a Monday or Saturday, I believe many people have stopped paying attention to the *obligation* to attend Mass on these days. All Saints Day is a very joyful celebration that reminds us of the countless men and women who lived exemplary lives as followers of Jesus and who are "cheering us on" as we journey through this present life. For your convenience, we will celebrate All Saints Day Mass on October 31 at 6:30pm, and on November 1 at 9:00am and 5:15pm.

November 2 is All Souls Day. It is not obligatory to attend Mass on this day, but consider joining us to pray for your deceased loved ones. Besides the 9:00am Mass, we will celebrate a special memorial Mass at 7:00pm offered especially for all St. John parishioners who passed away since last All Souls Day.

Traditionally, the entire month of November is dedicated to praying for the faithful departed. Like last year, we will have a prayer list at the side altar to which you are welcome to add the names of deceased loved ones. We will remember them collectively in our prayers throughout November.

In Christ,

Fr. Bobbin



## Eucharistic Adoration

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 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.

## 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 • Robert Kline • Chuck Majestic • Tyler Wilson*

### For our Deceased

*Bill Webber • Ann Lotz*

# Upcoming Events

## October

27	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
30	8:00 a.m.	Reconciliation Class .....	L.H.
31	6:30 p.m.	All Saints Day Mass .....	Church

## November

1	9:00 a.m.	All Saints Day Mass .....	Church
1	5:15 p.m.	All Saints Day Mass .....	Church
2	9:00 a.m.	All Souls Day Mass .....	Church
2	7:00 p.m.	All Souls Day Mass .....	Church
6	9:10 a.m.	CCD Parenting Mtg. ....	L.H.
6	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday School.....	L.H.
12/13		Christmas Bazaar .....	R.B.
13	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
15	7:15 p.m.	Men’s Group Mtg .....	F.R.
16	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg. ....	L.H.
17	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
20	9:10 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg. ....	Church
20	10:30 a.m.	Little Children’s Sunday School.....	L.H.
20	2:00 p.m.	Paint & Sip .....	L.H.

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



## Weekly Collection

**October 15/16.....\$4,786.50**  
**Hurricane Ian Relief ..... \$932.00**

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 Schmitt & Geri Beane

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### October 29—5:00 p.m.

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Hermine Murphy  
Danny Murphy

Servers: Aleksander Gorski

Cantor: Joanne Matina

### October 30— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Jeff Naffin

Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla

Servers: Luke Schane

Cantor: Ed Brahler

### October 30— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Jen Daubert

Euch.Min.: Debbie Herb

Servers: Leah & Jude Scheidel

# SCRIPTURE STUDY

## Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on October 27 and November 17**. Join us in person in Longinus Hall (usually) 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.



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.

## Mass Intention Book

The Mass Intention Book for the year 2023 will be open on the following days:

**October 24 and 25.**

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 2023.

## Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend (October 30/31) will be taken up for this year’s **Christmas Bazaar**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## 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.



## Baptismal Preparation

Before your youngest members are baptized, parents are asked to come for Baptismal Preparation. It is preferable that this be done **before** your baby is born. Please call Father Bobbin to arrange for this important preparation. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

## Welcome to St. John's

This week we welcome new parishioners, **Kimberly Downey** and children — Connor, Coogan, Cole, Callie and Lucas. Warmly welcome them into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.

## Family Matters

### Couples in Conflict.

Sometimes couples really struggle in their marriages. We ask that you pray for our couples that are facing serious challenges in living out the vocation of their sacramental marriage. Pray that the graces of this sacrament sustain them during their struggles. For information about RETROUVAILLE, a weekend for troubled marital relationships, see the website [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## 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."*

## Catholic Men's Conference "Warriors for Christ"

Men of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to learn how to be a Catholic man in the world today from notable keynote speakers, Devon Schadt, Dr. Edward Sri, and Father Patrick Lamb; enjoy fellowship, and celebrate Mass with Bishop Schlert of the Diocese of Allentown.

### EVENT PROGRAM

The conference will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 5:00 PM on **Saturday, November 19th.**

The Conference will offer two language tracks:

DeSales University Center – English speaking sessions

DeSales University, Gambet Hall – Spanish speaking sessions

Check-in begins at 8:00 AM. Holy Mass for the Sunday Vigil will be celebrated by Bishop Schlert at 4:00 PM.

Men can register and find more information at [MenAliveInChrist.org](http://MenAliveInChrist.org)

## Assumption BVM School

### Maintenance Person Needed

Assumption BVM School is seeking a Full-time or part-time Maintenance person. Please send applications to the attention of Mrs. Teresa Keating at Assumption BVM School, 112 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Pottsville, PA 17901. For questions please contact Mrs. Teresa Keating at 570-622-0106.

### Substitute Teachers Needed

Assumption BVM School is seeking substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact Mrs. Teresa Keating for more information or to apply at 570-622-0106.

## Position Available

**St. Joseph Center for Special Learning** located at 2075 W Norwegian Street, Pottsville is looking to fill two **Full -Time Direct Support Professional** positions. Applicants will work with adults in a state-licensed day program designed to enhance their independence and quality of life. Applicants must be able to assist with lifting (60 lbs. or more) as needed. This is a 35 hour/week, year-round position with medical/dental benefits. For more information contact the school at 570-622-4638.

**Note:** *The following clearances need to be obtained before employment can begin: Criminal History Check, Child Abuse Clearance, FBI Clearance, Mandated Reporting Certificate, and Protecting God's Children Certificate. Applications are available at the school and questions can be direct to Principal Bob Giba at [rgiba@stjosephctr.com](mailto:rgiba@stjosephctr.com).*

## Paint 'n Sip

Enjoy a Sunday afternoon in Longinus Hall for our first Paint 'n Sip get together on **November 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, November 5th so that needed planning can be done. For more information please call the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday and Sunday, November 12 & 13**

**(PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A PREVIEW WEEKEND)**

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**' — '**Lottery Frames**' — '**Wine Baskets**' — '**Gift Cards**' are always a huge success. If you would like to donate Lottery Tickets (any amount) or Gift Cards, 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**.

**Last Drop Off Date & Time ... October 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:

Baking Bskt — Parishioners  
 Car Care Bucket — Auto Zone  
 Children's Bskt. (2) — Parishioners  
 Coffee Bskt. — Parishioners  
 Coffee Maker — Joannie Scheetz  
 Cookie Time — Parishioners  
 Christmas Gift Wrapping — Dee Dunkel  
 Grocery Bskt & \$25 Gift Card — Pat Kutch  
 It's Waffle Time — Robyn & John Consugar  
 Kitchen Bskt. — Dee Dunkel  
 Ladies Bskt. — Parishioners  
 Lego Bskt. (2) — Joanne & Ralph Wood



Movie Night Snack Bskt. — Parishioners  
 Mr. Coffee Bskt. — Parishioners  
 Nativity BVM High School Bskt.  
 Quesadilla Bskt. — Pat Scheetz  
 Squishmallows — Julie & Jordan Szeliga  
 Sponsor \$25 — Dorothy & Joseph Stangl  
 Sponsor \$50 — Barbara Wollyung  
 Tea Time — Parishioners  
 Vera Bradley — AAA  
 Wine Bskt. — Larry Steficek  
 Wine Bskt. — Visot's  
 6 Wreaths, Swags, Ornaments, Lavender, Catnip  
 Various Crafts — Mary Bound

## Neighboring Events

### Forever in Our Hearts Mass

Monday, October 24th at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem

Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert for those who have lost a child due to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth or in early infancy.

### Theology on Tap

For Young Adults on Thursday, October 27th at 7pm at The Crimson House, Pottsville. \*\* Gathering in the entertainment room. Guest speaker: Maggie Riggins. Topic: Faith & Football: Spiritual Lessons from the Gridiron Game.

### Dignity of Life and the Informed Conscience

A retreat for women, by women on Saturday, October 29th 9am – 1pm at St. Mary's Parish Center, Kutztown

For more details visit the registration page: <https://register.allentowndiocese.org/day-of-reflection/>

### 2023 Pilgrimage to Italy

Join Fr. Stokes and Holy Family Parish of Minersville for a wonderful pilgrimage to Italy (April 23 - May 2, 2023). We are traveling with Globus Journeys and will spend 2 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Florence, 2 nights in Milan and 2 nights in Venice. We are also visiting Assisi, Bologna and Padua. 18 meals included! Contact Fr. Stokes at (570) 544 - 4741 for more information - spots are going quickly!

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

October 23, 2022

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 | 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 | Lk 18:9-14

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

I love baseball. Have you ever seen a batter strike out three times straight, only to hit a game-winning home run or base hit on his fourth at-bat? It doesn't happen often, but when it does, the victory is all the sweeter! I do not believe God actually influences the outcome of baseball games (well, maybe a little; I'm a Cubs fan after all). But I do believe ours is a God who stands by us even in the worst of slumps. Like St. Paul, the key is to keep the faith even when life throws us curveballs, as it inevitably will. If we approach the Lord with the perseverance of Paul and the humility of the tax collector, he will give us the strength we need to finish the race. We can make an effort to approach each day with gratitude, knowing the Lord is always at our side.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Have you heard of Blessed Solanus Casey? He became a Capuchin Franciscan priest, but because of his academic difficulties his ministry was limited. Ordained a "simplex priest," he could say Mass but not preach or hear confessions. And so he was assigned to become a porter, or "doorkeeper." Rather than complain, Father Solanus embraced this ministry. "He was always ready and willing to listen to anyone any time of the day or night," according to the biography read at his beatification in 2017. Because of his humility and holiness, people from all walks of life were drawn to him, often waiting hours to greet him at the door of St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit. Hearing today's reading about the prideful Pharisee and the humble tax collector brought his story to mind. Through this parable, Jesus challenges us to approach God and others with humility, understanding that all we are and all we do come from God. We don't have to be the "first," the "best," or the "brightest" - but simply need to ask God to help us grow in love and faith.

**ACT** Read about Blessed Solanus and recite the "Canonization Prayer," which asks God: "May your will be done in my life today."



**Pastor**..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*  
**Deacon**.....*Lawrence Lonergan*

**Parish Council President** ..... *Kevin McNamara*  
**Choir Director/Organist** .....*David Derbes*  
**CCD Coordinator**..... *Lucilla Kochol*

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**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

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