

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

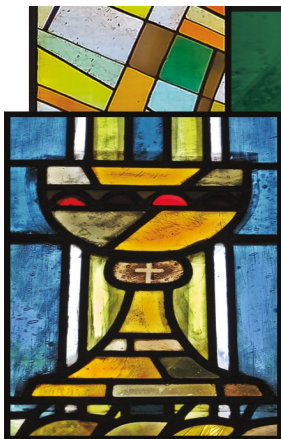
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October 24, 2021

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply,
"What do you want me to do for you?"
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

Mk 10:51



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 23

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

Sunday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 24

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday, October 28

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

Friday, October 29

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

Saturday, October 30

5:00 p.m. George & Dolores Lynn
(David, Tony, Joan Marie
& Bob Lynn)

Sunday, October 31

8:15 a.m. R.J. Post
(Sheri, Sandi, RJ Post)

Sunday, October 31

10:30 a.m. Florence Lescavage
(Linda & Martin Smith)

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. It is much more than just another monetary collection to support the missionary work of the Church throughout the world.

Today reminds us that evangelization – spreading our faith – is part of who we are. At the very end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sends out the Apostles with the words: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..." A follower of Jesus should always be "on the move," so to speak.

However, Catholics today tend to be rather quiet and reserved. Perhaps we are afraid to stick out from the people around us. We know that our faith is challenging to individuals and to society and we are afraid to offend. Or maybe we feel as though we don't know our faith well enough and we are afraid of being asked questions we can't answer. So we tend to practice our faith quietly and keep it to ourselves when we are with family, friends, coworkers, etc.

Today reminds us that the Church's missionary work is not just a matter of bringing our faith to distant parts of the world where Christians are few in number. It is just as important (if not more so) to share our faith right here at home. In recent decades the Church has spoken of a New Evangelization: the work of bringing the Gospel back to societies that were formerly strongly Christian but are much less so today, societies like our own.

So today is an opportunity to help the Church's missionary work around the world by our monetary donations. But, far more importantly, today reminds us to ask our Lord for the wisdom and courage to share our faith by word and example with the people in our own lives.

*In Christ,
Fr. Bobbin*

Next Week's Readings

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

Reading I: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Reading II: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34



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 • Joan Steficek

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

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
1	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour.....	Church
2	9:00 a.m.	All Souls Day Mass	Chapel
2	7:00 p.m.	All Souls Day Mass	Church
4	7:00 p.m.	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
7	9:15 a.m.	CCD Parent Meeting	Church
8	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour.....	Chapel
15	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour.....	Chapel
17	7:00 p.m.	Building Committee Mtg.....	L.H.
18	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	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 16/17.....\$5,189.00

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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Barbara Schmidt by Barbara Fox
2. IMO Sharon Lonergan by Mary & Bob Porter

St. Joseph

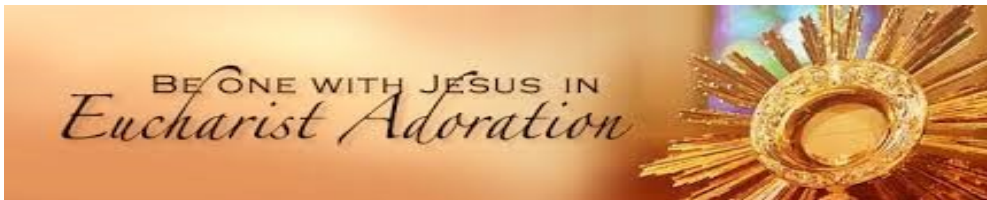
1. IMO James Cavanaugh by Hahner Family
2. IMO John J. Schmidt by Barbara A. Fox

Sanctuary

IMO Daniel Fox by Barbara A. Fox

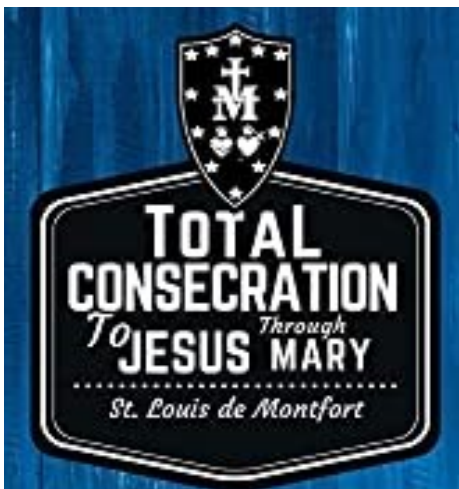
Guardian Angels

- 1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy
3. IMO Mary Welch by Barbara A. Fox
4. IMO Louis & Florence Fox by Barbara A. Fox



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.



Consecration to Mary

Join Fr. Bobbin in making a special consecration of yourself to Jesus through Mary, according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort. We will meet in the chapel after the 9:00am Mass on Friday, November 5 (the first day of preparation) and Tuesdays November 9, 16, 23, 30, and December 7 for prayer and a brief talk, in preparation for making the consecration on the Immaculate Conception, December 8. If you would like to participate, please contact us as soon as possible so enough booklets can be provided.

Liturgical Minister

Schedule

October 30 — 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Lucilla Kochol
Euch.Min.: Nick Quinn
Servers: Reese Ketner

October 31 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Michelle Ambrose
Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic
Server: Caden & Madison Wright

October 31—10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Frank Murphy
Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla
Server: Leah & Jude Scheidel

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.

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, Sandy Frinzi, Debbie Kutilus, Ray Petrilla, Theresa Skrobak, Mim Tirjan, 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 13.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday and Sunday, November 13 & 14

(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.

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 — Mary Bound
 Afghan—Handmade — Carol Rehnert
 Art Supplies Bskt. — Lucilla Kochol
 Art Bskt. — Mary Beth Harvey
 Beauty Bskt. — Beehive Salon
 Christmas Bskt.—Chris Black
 Coffee & Lottery Bskt.—John & Patty O'Neill
 Doll House—Phil & Carol Lasco
 Fall Centerpiece — Pod & Petal
 Fall Cozy Afghan & Wine—Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski
 Kitchen Bskt. — Parishioners
 Lasagna Bskt. — Parishioners
 Penn State Bskt.—Dan & Hermine Murphy
 Penn State Bskt.—Anonymous
 Salsa Bskt. — Parishioners
 Surg & Turf Bskt. — John & Patty O'Neill
 Time for Tea Bskt. — Parishioners
 Tea Time Bskt. — Mary & Bob Porter
 Ice Cream Maker — Fixins by Linda Ralston
 Wine & Candle Bskt—Ed & Mary Yarashus
 Wine & Lottery Bskt.—Carl & Kathy Hughes
 Wine Bskt. — Larry Steficek
 Wine Basket — Visot's
 \$75.00 Giant Gift Cards — Martin & Linda Smith
 \$25.00 Ruby Tuesday G.C.-Janet Thomas
 \$35.00 Sponsor—Frances Lorenz
 \$25.00 Sponsor — Joe & Dorothy Stangl
 \$20.00 Sponsor — Joe Hohman





October 24, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9 | Heb 5:1-6 | Mk 10:46-52

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

How often do we pray with abandon? Perhaps when turbulence makes us wonder if our plane's going down, when a friend or loved one faces a difficult diagnosis or life-threatening injury, when we face a setback, a major decision, or a heartbreak. On some days, though, have we been guilty of just going through the motions when we pray? Not so for Bartimaeus. "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me," he repeatedly implores, ignoring the shushing of the crowd. When Jesus asks him what he wants, the blind man doesn't beat around the bush. "I want to see." Recognizing his faith, Jesus heals him. Bartimaeus could not see, yet he had recognized Jesus as the Messiah and persisted in prayer. His example reminds us to be persistent in prayer, holding nothing back from Jesus who desires to make us whole.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

While Bartimaeus faced physical blindness, this did not prevent him from recognizing Jesus as the Son of David, the Messiah. In our modern-day world so filled with distractions, we can become blind to the face of Jesus, or simply take his abundant love for us for granted. As the psalmist reminds us, "The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy." Looking back on our lives, we can probably see a few miracles - the birth of a child, the stunning beauty of a sunrise over the mountains or the arborvitae in our backyards, the friends who walk alongside us through each chapter of life. Today's readings encourage us to open our eyes to the face of Jesus in our lives, and in turn to reflect his steadfast love to those we encounter.

PRAY Read today's psalm response: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Reflect on experiences and people who have brought you closer to God - friends, family, or your parish priest. Write them a note or say a prayer of thanksgiving.

Neighboring Events

Life in the Spirit

Most Blessed Trinity Parish in Tremont invited you to this series of 6 video sessions every Tuesday beginning October 26th at 6:30 p.m. at their social hall. Moderators are Fr. Johnson and Jim Heller. Revitalize your Faith; Experience Spiritual Growth; Enrich your Prayer Life; Learn about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; Deepen your Spiritual Relationship with Jesus. Register by calling the rectory at 570-695-3648. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

Basket Auction

... at St. Joseph the Worker parish hall, S. Broad Mt. Ave., Frackville on Saturday, November 6th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Shop and Drop on Friday, November 5th from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets \$10 for 26 (includes door prize). 50/50 available plus other special prizes. Lottery Calendars available for \$15 for the months of January, February, March 2022.

A **Fall Food Sale** will also take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 6th in the social room of the former Holy Family School. Foods available are Perogies, Halushki, Bandukies, etc. and Baked Goods. For more information please call the parish office at 570-874-0610.

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.

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 mission. Thank you 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.

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.

Cemetery Burial Plots & Regulations

Burial Plots

Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's need ... we want to remind our parishioners and friends that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services whenever that need occurs.

Grave Lots \$ 600.00 each which includes Perpetual Care

Regulations / Guidelines

The following are guidelines established by St. John's Cemetery Committee ...

- * Shrubs are not permitted on cemetery grounds
- * Flowers or plants may be planted in the ground, but must remain within 12 inches of base of memorial. **NO** Perennials are permitted.
- * All artificial decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4, Christmas, etc.
- * Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden
- * All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in available receptacles located at top of cemetery
- * Please refrain from placing any tombstone in or on the grounds for one year after a death to allow the ground to settle back to its natural state.

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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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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The Lord has done great things
for us; we are filled with

joy.