

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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October 30, 2022

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Son of Man has come to seek  
and to save what was lost.

Luke 19:10





## Mass Intentions

### 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)

### Monday, October 31

6:30 p.m. Florence Lescavage  
(Linda & Martin Smith)

### Tuesday, November 1

9:00 a.m. Esther Smith  
(John & Annette Lisowski)

5:15 p.m. Calvin Hoy  
(Judy Meseravage)

### Wednesday, November 2

9:00 a.m. All the Faithful Departed  
7:00 p.m. All the Faithful Departed

### Thursday, November 3

9:00 a.m. Bill & Marie Flynn

### Friday, November 4

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

### Saturday, November 5

5:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Cross  
(Lou Cross &  
Marlo Cross Lipko)

### Sunday, November 6

8:15 a.m. Caroline & Peter Darhun  
(Darhun Family)

### Sunday, November 6

10:30 a.m. Ralph Thomas  
(John & Annette Lisowski)

## Next Week's Readings

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(November 5/6)

**Reading I:** 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

**Reading II:** 2 Thessalonians 2:15-3:5

**Gospel:** Luke 20:27-38

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

There is a lot going on in the month of November, both spiritually and socially.

As I discussed in more detail in last week's message, we begin the month by celebrating All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The entire month is traditionally dedicated to praying for the faithful departed. Later we come to Thanksgiving, a secular holiday, but a good reminder to give constant thanks to God for His innumerable blessings in our lives. The month of November ends with the first days of Advent, the start of a new Church year and our journey to Christmas.

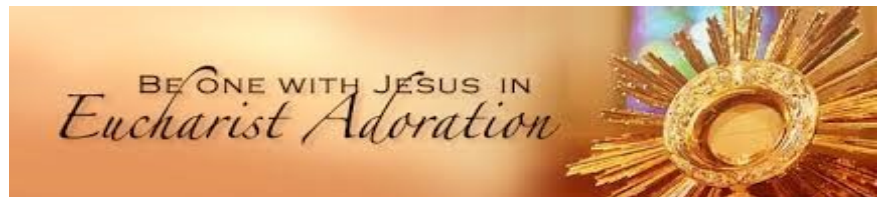
Please stop by the Christmas bazaar on the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. A lot of work goes into making this one of our most important social and fundraising events. Plans are also underway to bring back the summer festival. If you have been involved in helping to organize any part of the festival in the past, please try to join us for our first planning meeting dedicated specifically to the summer festival. We will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

We have a new event on Sunday, Nov. 20: the Paint and Sip. Kim Searle will guide us step-by-step through a Christmas-themed painting. The cost to participate is \$40, which covers all supplies and gives us some fundraising income. No artistic ability or experience is necessary. Just bring something to sip. (We will also provide some snacks and beverages.)

Please participate as much as you are able. Parish life is much more than Sunday Mass!

In Christ,

Fr. Bobbin



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 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.
- ◆ A holy hour in the **main church on the eve of First Friday** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will be a formal holy hour ending with Benediction. Father will be available for Confessions.

## 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*

# Upcoming Events

## October

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	6:30 p.m.	Parish Events Mtg. ....	F.R.
15	7:00 p.m.	Summer Festival 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.
22	7:15 p.m.	Men's Group Mtg .....	F.R.
24	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Mass.....	Church

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



## Weekly Collection

**October 22/23.....\$4,464.65**  
**Mission Sunday .....\$1,121.00**

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

## Candles

### BVM

1. IMO John J. Carroll Sr. by Family
2. IMO Joseph & Josephine Toomey by Jim Toomey

### St. Joseph

1. IMO Charles & Elizabeth Tamburelli by Herb Tamburelli
2. IMO Chick Tamburelli by Herb Tamburelli

### Sanctuary

IMO Viola Lubinsky  
by Michelle & Rick Stone

### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Ann Hopkins by Michelle & Rick Stone
2. IMO Leo & Dorothy Lotz by Ron & Pat Lombel
3. Special Intention
4. Living & Deceased of St. John's Catholic Women's Union

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### November 5 — 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Patty O'Neill  
**Euch.Min.:** John O'Neill  
**Server:** R.J. Post  
**Cantor:** Stanley Gorski

### November 6 — 8:15 a.m.

**Reader:** Michelle Ambrose  
**Euch.Min.:** Bill Gianfagna  
**Servers:** Ryan Grabowski  
**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

### November 6 — 10:30 a.m.

**Reader:** Frank Murphy  
**Euch.Min.:** Charlie Miller  
**Servers:** Maggie & Rhyan Brennan  
**Cantor:** Marianne Wollyung

# SCRIPTURE STUDY

## Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

will be offered **Thursday evening 6:30-7:30 on 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.

## 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.

## Special Thank You

A special “thank you” goes out to **Sandy Frinzi**, who took care of the Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends certificates again this year. Also, thank you to those who helped Sandy ... *Judy Meseravage, Reene Reddington, Natalie Setlock.*

A total of **\$ 4,160.00** was raised for St. John’s Parish. It was the best year ever! Thank you for all your hard work and time in selling these certificates.

## Family Matters

**All Saints—Communion of Saints—Saints in one’s own family.** We are called to be saints. Can you imagine one of your family members as a saint? We pray today Lord for all those who have gone before us who were witnesses to their faith by their actions, as well as their words. Saints of God, pray for us!

## Liturgical Schedule

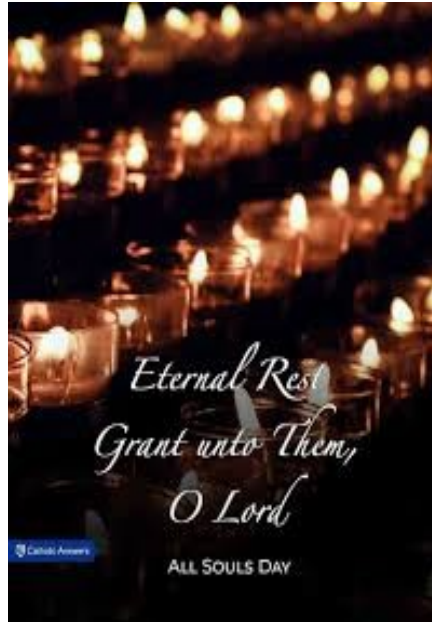
All those involved in ministries at the altar—Readers, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers — please email Larry Lonergan or the Rectory to let us know your schedule for December 2022 and January 2023. Please do so **by November 14th**. Thank you.

## 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."*

## Remembering Our Faithful Departed

Please remember in your prayers those who during the past year have completed their pilgrimage of faith on earth.



*Clara Becker  
Gary Bradley  
Rev. William Campion  
John Centra  
James J. Curran Jr.  
John E. Dougherty  
Gary Hassenbein  
Mary Ann Holley  
Calvin Hoy  
John Kutch  
Dorothy Letcavage  
Ann Lowe  
Kelly Jo Messina  
Mark Mickey  
Paul Rosenberger  
James Siket  
Ralph Thomas  
William Webber  
John Wollyung  
Carol Zuppert*

## 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 at 4:00 PM.

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

## 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.



## Parish Outreach

As members of one parish family, we try to be attentive to each other's needs and help each other when possible. We are looking for anyone who would be able and willing to assist senior parishioners with limitations by driving them to appointments or errands, etc. Please call the rectory if you are interested in being someone we can call upon to assist a fellow parishioner.



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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

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

**Baked Goods** and **Candy** are needed for our Baked Goods Stand. All donations are most appreciated!

**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:**

Art Bskt. — Mary Beth Harvey  
 Art Supplies — Lucilla Kochol  
 Autumn Cheers & Fall Afghan — Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski  
 Baking Bskt — Parishioners  
 Beauty Bskt. — Bee Hive Salon  
 Bee Bskt — Hydrangea  
 Beekman 1802 Skin Care — Mary & Bob Porter  
 Car Care Bucket — Auto Zone  
 Car Care Bucket — Advanced Auto Parts  
 Cheers Bskt. — Mary & Ed Hauck  
 Children's Bskt. (2) — Parishioners  
 Christmas Joy, \$50 Gift Card — Christine & Michael Maccarone  
 Christmas Train Set — Carole & Ed Quirin  
 Coffee Bskt. — Parishioners  
 Coffee Break — Patty & John O'Neill  
 Cook / Grill / Stow — Barbara Munster  
 Cookie Time — Parishioners  
 Christmas Baskets (5) — Dee Dunkel  
 Doll House & Furniture — Phil & Carol Lasco  
 Fall Centerpiece — Pod & Petal  
 Feelin' Good Bskt. — Jan & Steve Kurtek  
 Fine Wine & Spirits \$100 — Larry Lonergan  
 Gambler's Delight — Kathy & Carl Hughes  
 Grocery Bskt & \$25 Gift Card — Pat Kutch  
 Happy Fall Ya'All — Chris Black  
 It's Waffle Time — Robyn & John Consugar  
 Kitchen Bskt. — Dee Dunkel  
 Lego Bskt. (2) — Joanne & Ralph Wood  
 Lottery Bskt. — Nora Chiplonia & Chris Zanis  
 Lottery Frame — John & Joyce Gerace  
 Lottery Special — Carole & Ed Quirin  
 Movie Night Snack Bskt.—Parishioners  
 Mr. Coffee Bskt.—Parishioners  
 Mr. Coffee Pour Over —Joannie Scheetz



Nail Care —Sunseekers  
 Nativity BVM High School Bskt.  
 Night at the Movies — Sandy & Joe Frinzi  
 Noah's Ark — Carole & Ed Quirin  
 Penn State Bskt. (2) — A Friend  
 Philosophy Bskt. — Phil & Pat Markovich  
 Picnic in December — Patty & John O'Neill  
 Quesadilla Bskt.—Pat Scheetz  
 Razor Kick Scooter — Eleanor Schaeffer  
 Snack Bskt. — Miller Distributing  
 Squishmallows —Julie & Jordan Szeliga  
 Sophy Jewelers  
 Sponsor \$25 — Dorothy & Joseph Stangl  
 Sponsor \$50 — Barbara Wollyung  
 Sponsor \$50 — J. Robert & Ellen Zane  
 Sponsor \$100 — Lieberman & Tamulonis Law  
 Tea Time — Parishioners  
 Turkey Centerpiece — Frances Lorenz  
 Vera Bradley — AAA  
 Vera Bradley — Jan & Steve Kurtek  
 Visa Gift Card \$50 — Pat & Bill Pugh  
 Welcome Ladder — Donna Pugh  
 Wine Bskt. — Larry Steficek  
 Wine Bskt. — Visot's  
 Wine Bskt. — Joan Bowers  
 Wine & Snack — Joan Bowers  
 Wreath — Bella Florist  
 Wreath — A Frieid  
 Yuengling Bucket — Yuengling Brewery  
 6 Wreaths, Swags, Ornaments, Lavender, Catnip  
 Various Crafts — Mary Bound  
 \$75.00 Cracker Barrel Gift Card — Martin & Linda Smith  
 \$50.00 Weis Gift Card — Heenan Family  
 \$30.00 Starbucks Gift Card — Martin & Linda Smith  
 \$25.00 Cracker Barrel Gift Card — Jan & Steve Kurtek

### **Boyer's Food Market Caring & Sharing Program ...**

St. John's is now participating in Boyer's Caring and Sharing Program. Here's How it works:

1. Use the scannable key tag and present it to the cashier, who will scan it and record with your order.
2. Boyer's will electronically accumulate all of our group members' purchases.
3. Boyer's will then rebate St. John's 1% of the total purchases (excluding tax, milk, and cigarettes). Rebates are issued twice per year.
4. It's an ongoing program—year over year, just use the key tag every time you shop at Boyer's.

The tags are available at the church exits after Masses. Please pick one up for your family to use. And if you have a neighbor that shops at Boyer's, maybe they'd like one too!



## 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.

## Positions Available

### Music Teacher (Full or Part time) and Business Teacher (Part time)

Nativity BVM High School is accepting applications for the immediate openings of the above positions. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree and Teacher Certification required for both positions. Send resumes, certification and all clearances to Nativity BVM High School, Attn. Mrs. Lynn Sabol, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville 117901 or [Isabol@nativitybvm.net](mailto:Isabol@nativitybvm.net).

## 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 [rjiba@stjosephctr.com](mailto:rjiba@stjosephctr.com).*

## Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will be delivering a Turkey Dinner complete with turkey, filling, yams, grave, vegetable, dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day (November 24). If you or someone you know is in need of a meal, please call either 570-628-3333 or 570-516-9514 and leave the following information if no one answers (Name and Phone Number) and we will get back to you. You can also contact us at [KofC431@yahoo.com](mailto:KofC431@yahoo.com). The only requirement for the meal is that the person be home. Closing date to order is November 17th at 5 p.m. in order for us to order the required items for the meal.

Anyone available to help deliver the meals is asked to come to St. Patrick's social hall on Thanksgiving day at 8 a.m. You can sign up for an area you may know or any area. We usually finish by 1 p.m.

## Neighboring Events

### Designer Purse Bingo

Sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker in Frackville on Saturday, November 5th. Doors open 5 p.m.; Bingo begins 6:30 p.m. \$30.00 for 20 Games (tickets purchased before 10/30 will be entered in a special drawing). Extra packs available for purchase on bingo night; four specials available; side raffles; food and adult beverages available; 50/50 raffle.

### Dine In or Take Out Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by St. Patrick Church on Sunday, November 6 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (or sell out) at 313 Mahantongo St. Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and bread. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

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

**Parish Council President** ..... *Kevin McNamara*  
**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.  
Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services  
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Wis 11:22—12:2 | 2 Thes 1:11—2:2 | Lk 19:1-10

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

When will wisdom kick in? Even so many years later, I still struggle with some of the same questions that kept me up at night when I was 21. Fortunately, God is patient with late bloomers. The Book of Wisdom reassures us that, first, God loves us, no matter where we are on the continuum of “having it all together.” Second, the Lord won’t judge us on our worst days, but wants us to grow in wisdom and holiness. The Wisdom writer knows it’s not an overnight process; it is often marked by one step forward, two steps back: “You rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O Lord!” Like Zacchaeus in today’s Gospel, if we seek out Jesus and ask for his help, he will show us the way. Thanks be to a God who comes “to seek and to save what was lost.”

**GO EVANGELIZE PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

At Mass recently, the priest encouraged parishioners to turn to the person next to them and ask them for whom they would like us to pray. I’ve been at Masses where we introduce ourselves, but this “Hi, how are you, please pray for X” was new to me. As Mass continued, I prayed for Matt, the son of the woman in front of me. She prayed for my friend Jim, whose sore knee had sidelined him during his walk along the Camino de Santiago. How encouraging it must have been for the early Christians to know that St. Paul held them in prayer, “that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith.” Just as Jesus seeks us out, we, in turn, can accompany others who may be lost or hurting or who just happen to be in the next pew. Through our prayers, we can build up one another, our parish, and the wider Church.

**PRAY** When a friend shares a struggle or challenge, don’t be shy about offering your prayers. Make a list of people to pray for and set it by your bedside so you don’t forget.