

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

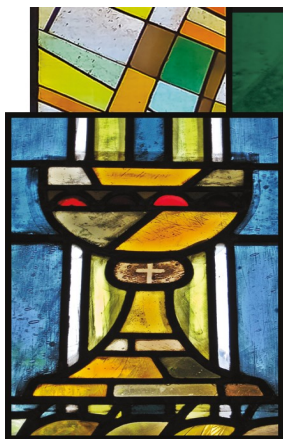
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October 31, 2021

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Mt 12:30



Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, November 1—All Saints Day

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

Tuesday, November 2—All Souls Day

9:00 a.m. All the Faithful Departed

7:00 p.m. All the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 3

9:00 a.m. John J. Carroll Sr.
(Family)

Thursday, November 4

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

Friday, November 5

9:00 a.m. Bill & Marie Flynn

Saturday, November 6

5:00 p.m. Mildred & Ed Deiter
(Joan & Dave Deiter)

Sunday, November 7

8:15 a.m. Mary T. Chiplonia
(John & Eric Lieberman)

Sunday, November 7

10:30 a.m. Noel Glunz
(Rita Lotz)

Next Week's Readings

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 6/7)

Reading I: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Reading II: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

While it is not obligatory to attend Mass on All Saints Day this year (since November 1 is a Monday), it is still an important holy day that we do not want to ignore. All Saints Day is a joyful day that reminds us of the home that awaits us in heaven. It also reminds us that the Church family includes those who have already gone before us and are now "home." We are joined to the saints in heaven. They care about us and intercede for us with God. We can establish relationships with them and ask for their prayers. Technically, we do not "pray" to saints (we only pray to God) but we can talk to them, asking for their prayers, just as we ask for each other's prayers.

Not only do the saints intercede for us; they are also models and examples to inspire us and guide us as we journey to heaven. All Saints Day reminds us of the incredible variety of people who have embraced holiness during their earthly lives: men and women, old and young, ordinary people from every walk of life no less than clergy and people in religious life. There are canonized saints from every part of the world and every century of Christian history, right up to our own time. There are saints who did extraordinary things, and there are saints who lived very ordinary lives on the surface and were never famous in their lifetimes. As you learn more about the saints, you can easily find yourself drawn to certain ones. Every one of us can find a saint we can relate to and use as a model.

We must always remember that a *saint* is defined as anyone in heaven, not only *canonized* saints. We are all called to be saints. (There is only one alternative and none of us want to end up there.) We are called to be holy. We are called to imitate Christ. Consider reading more about the saints. They are a powerful source of grace and inspiration for us.

*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

All Saints — Communion of Saints.

We are all 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!

Upcoming Events

October

- 31 10:30 a.m. Pre-School Program L.H.
- 31 4:00 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
- 13 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Christmas Bazaar R.B.
- 14 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Christmas Bazaar R.B.
- 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 23/24.....\$4,829.61
Mission Sunday\$1,128.00

Candles

BVM

- 1. IMO M/M John J. Carroll Sr. by Family
- 2. IMO Bob Barnes by Fred & Hilda Maley

St. Joseph

- 1. IMO Pat Mason Sr. by Maria Mason
- 2. IMO David Zanis by Steve & Chris Zanis

Sanctuary

Living & Deceased of St. John's Catholic Women's Union

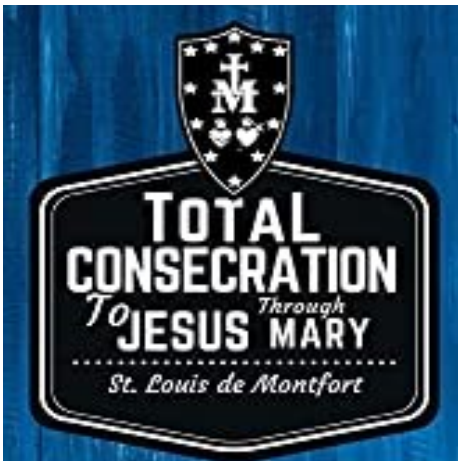
Guardian Angels

- 1. IMO George Klassen by Fred & Hilda Maley
- 2. IMO Bob Schaeffer by Fred & Hilda Maley
- 3. Dec. of Zanis & Kuperavage Fam. by Steve & Chris Zanis
- 4. IMO Gladys Kuperavage by Steve & Chris Zanis



Eucharistic Adoration

Join us on **Thursday, November 4th** for 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.



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.

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.

Liturgical Minister

Schedule

November 6 — 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Patty O'Neill
Euch.Min.: Frank Murphy
Servers: Vincent Prestileo

November 7 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Ann Blankenhorn
Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder
Server: Ethan & Ryan Grabowski

November 7 — 10:30 a.m. Mass

Reader: Janet Daubert
Euch.Min.: Mary Modesto
Server: Finley & Lukas McNamara

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.

Special Thank You

A special "thank you" goes out to *Sandy Frinzi*, who took care of the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends certificates. Also, those who helped Sandy ...

Judy Meseravage and Kathy Vicic.

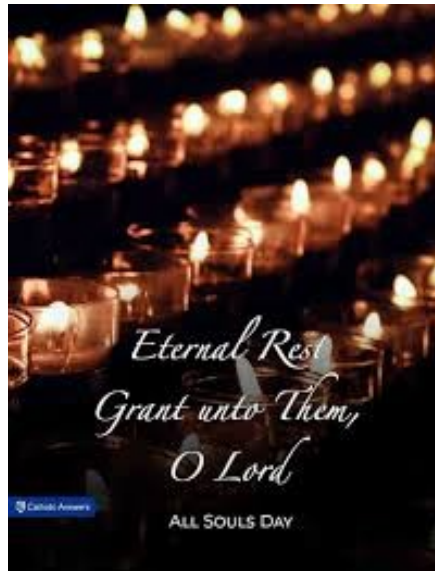
A total of **\$2,320** was raised for St. John's Parish. Thank you for all your hard work and time in selling these certificates.

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 2021 and January 2022. Please do so by November 15th. Thank you.

Remembering Our Faithful Departed

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

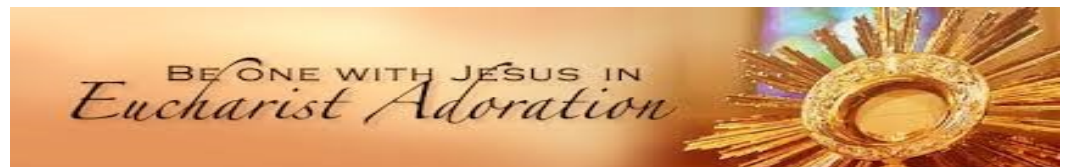


*Kathleen Berger
Francine Bortzel
Anastasia Bulino
Christopher Figueiredo
Marie Flynn
Noel Glunz*

*Scott Anthony Glunz
Marilyn Golod
Frederick Hossler
Helen Hufnagle
Fred & Magdalene Maskerines
Elizabeth Mohl
David Musket
Mary Lou Roeder
William Schmitt
Joan Steficek
Laverne Yackel
Florence Yeager*

Communion to the Sick and Homebound

If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor who is a member of St. John is confined to home, a nursing home or assisted living facility because of illness, age, or disability and would like to receive Holy Communion on a monthly basis, please call the rectory. We traditionally visit the sick and homebound on or around the first Friday of the month. Please help us meet the spiritual needs of our homebound parishioners.



Eucharistic Adoration

Join us for 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.

Neighboring Events

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, Bاندুকies, 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.

October 31, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6 | Heb 7:23-28 | Mk 12:28b-34

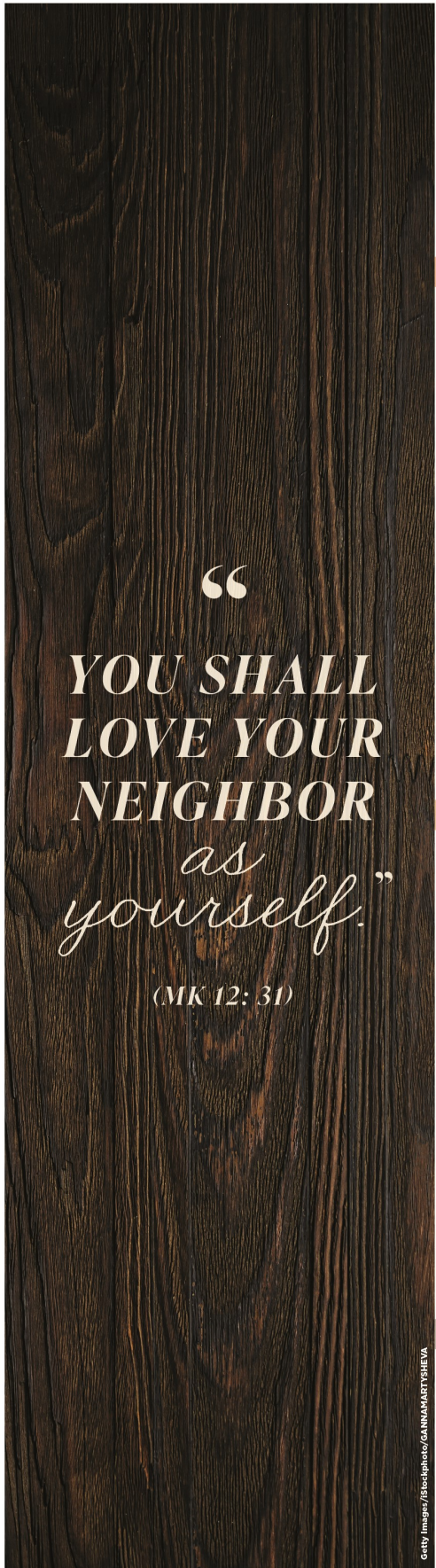
GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“Oh no,” was my first thought when I began reading today’s Gospel – “another scribe trying to trick Jesus.” But this scribe agrees with Jesus: Loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself are the greatest commandments. When the scribe explains that loving God and your neighbor are worth more than all offerings or sacrifices, Jesus recognizes that the scribe took these commandments “to heart,” as Moses had taught. He doesn’t just *know* the law, he *understands* it. Because he understands it, Jesus assures him that he is not far from the kingdom of God. So, how can we grow in our understanding of what it means to love God and love our neighbor? We do this by spending time with Scripture and “taking to heart” his words; by prayerfully reflecting on Jesus’ life and giving thanks for his sacrifice for us; by drawing closer to him through the sacraments; and by asking him to help us grow in our love for God, and for one another. An authentic love for God will show itself in love of neighbor, and the more we truly love one another, the greater our love for God will grow.

GO EVANGELIZE PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Loving our neighbors is essential if we seek to draw them to God’s love. For many of us, that’s much easier said than done. It’s not easy to love someone with whom we disagree or are in competition with. And these days, with so much division in society, it is all too simple to assume the worst rather than the best about others with whom we interact, or see on television. Can we commit to truly seeing others as God sees them – his beloved children, made in his own image? After all, it is through Jesus and in keeping his word that we become more like him, in thought and deed: “Whoever loves me will keep my word ... and my father will love him and we will come to him.” Let us pray to see our neighbors as the Lord does; and pray that we ourselves might be the kind of neighbor in whom others may see God’s image! We have the opportunity to be an example of, and a witness to, a love that forgives and is not overcome by fear or division.

PRAY As we prepare for the feast of All Souls, make an effort to see others as God sees them by reflecting on the lives of those who have loved you and what their lives have taught you about God’s love. Attend Mass and give thanks for those you hold in your heart. Then pray honestly and sincerely for those with whom you know you have a difference of conviction or opinion, asking God to graciously answer all their needs and to care for them as you yourself would like to be cared for.



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**YOU SHALL
LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**
*as
yourself.*”
(MK 12: 31)

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday and Sunday, November 13 & 14 at the Russell Building

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

Hot Roast Turkey Platters will be available after 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday and on Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass. Platters include: Turkey Breast / Gravy / Mashed Potatoes / Vegetable / Applesauce or Cranberries / Dessert & Beverage

A la Carte Menu: Pugh Family Bean Soup, Beef BBQ, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, Sirloin Burgers, Desserts, Beverages

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

31 Purse — Joanne Wood
 31 Basket — Jackie Szeliga
 Christmas Wreaths, Lavender Wands,
 Bicycle, Centerpieces — Mary Bound
 Afghan—Handmade — Carol Rehnert
 Art Supplies Bskt. — Lucilla Kochol
 Art Bskt. — Mary Beth Harvey
 Bare Minerals Bskt.—Beehive Salon
 Beverage Plus — Mim Tirjan
 Christmas Boxes & Bags — Anonymous
 Car Care Bucket — Advanced Auto Parts
 Car Care Bucket — Auto Zone
 Care Bears Bskt. -- Natalie Setlock
 Christmas Bskt.—Chris Black
 Christmas Bear & Drum — Donna Pugh
 Coffee/Beverage — Pat & Missy Scheetz
 Cozy Country — Sandy Clauser
 Cracker Barrel Tree — Joanne & Don Doyne
 Doll House—Phil & Carol Lasco
 Dunkin & Lottery Bskt.—Patty & John O'Neill
 Estate Planning — Eric Lieberman
 Everything But The Kitchen Sink — Anonymous
 Fall Centerpiece — Pod & Petal
 Fall Cozy Afghan & Wine—Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski
 Fell the Joy Bskt. — Debbie Herb & Joanne Schultz
 Fiber Optics — Anonymous
 Fine Wine & Spirits Gift Card — Larry Lonergan
 Fondue Bskt. — Parishioners
 Gingerbread Bskt. — Anonymous
 Holiday Bskt. — Anonymous
 Household Utensils — Anonymous
 Ice Cream Maker — Fixins by Linda Ralston
 Keurig Mini Bskt. — Ellen & Jay Zane
 Kitchen Bskt. — Parishioners
 Kitchen Appliance Bskt. — Parishioners
 Lasagna Bskt. — Parishioners
 Lavender Bskt. — Sue & Ric Jochems
 Lighted Houses — Anonymous

Lottery Special — Carole & Ed Quirin
 Lottery Wreath — Joyce & John Gerace
 Mrs. Meyers Kitchen Products—Sharon & Lou Miller
 Necklace — Sophy Jewelers
 Ornament Bskt. — Anonymous
 Pamper Me — Rosann Sitkus
 Penn State Bskt.—Hermine & Danny Murphy
 Penn State Bskt.—Anonymous
 Penn State Bskt. — Parishioners
 Picnic/Wine — Jan & Steve Kurtek
 Razor Scooter — Eleanor Schaeffer
 Salsa Bskt. — Parishioners
 Serving Up Holiday — Anonymous
 Snack Bskt. — Miller Distributing
 Storage Solutions — Anonymous
 Surf & Turf Bskt. —Patty & John O'Neill
 Tea Time Bskt. — Mary & Bob Porter
 Tea & Snack Bskt. — Peggy Smith
 This & That — Anonymous
 Time for Tea Bskt. — Parishioners
 Wine Not Get Cozy — Barb & Al Munster
 Wine & Candle Bskt—Mary & Ed Yarashus
 Wine & Lottery Bskt.—Kathy & Carl Hughes
 Wine & Lottery Bskt. — Nora Chiplonia & Chris Zanis
 Wine & Snack — Joan Bowers & Kathleen Williams
 Wine Bskt. — Larry Steficek
 Wine & Snack Bskt. — Visot's
 \$75.00 Giant Gift Cards — Linda & Martin Smith
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 \$25.00 Boyer's Gift Card — Robyn & John Consugar
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 \$25.00 Sponsor — Dorothy & Joe Stangl
 \$25.00 Sponsor — Vince Albo
 \$20.00 Sponsor — Joe Hohman

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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