

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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November 6, 2022

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

He is not God of the dead,  
but of the living, for to him all are alive.

Luke 20:38



## Mass Intentions

### 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)

### Monday, November 7

6:30 p.m. Frank Hock

### Tuesday, November 8

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

### November 9 to November 11 — No Masses

### Saturday, November 12

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of  
St. Bernard's Society

### Sunday, November 13

8:15 a.m. Scottie Glunz  
(Karen Lenard)

### Sunday, November 13

10:30 a.m. Scott Rhoades  
(Carol Rhoades)

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

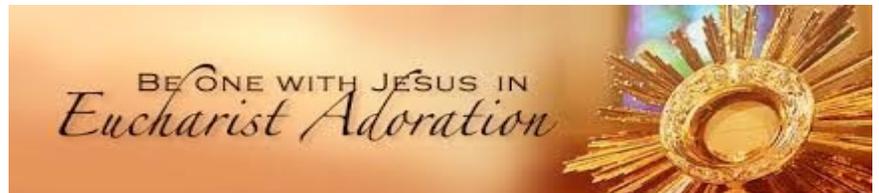
As we face another election this week we are reminded to approach the voting booth as followers of Jesus Christ, with minds and hearts formed by our Catholic faith. We are called to transcend party loyalties, personal opinion, and self-interest and consider the common good of society. The defense of human life, the well being of marriage and the family, care for the poor, and care for God's creation are all major themes of our faith's moral teaching that must be taken into consideration in politics.

Meanwhile, consider the "common good" of our parish. As you know very well, your parish is not just a church building where you attend Mass on the weekend. It is a community, a family, that is part of the universal Church family. We promote the growth and well being of our parish family not only by joining together in the perfect act of worship that is Sunday Mass. And not only by our financial support, important as it is. We contribute to the common good of our parish by participating as much as possible, by making use of all that our parish has to offer, and by sharing our time and energy, talents and resources.

With that in mind, consider making more use of spiritual opportunities like Adoration most Monday evenings and on the eve of First Fridays. Consider participating in upcoming events like the bazaar and the Paint & Sip. We are grateful for your financial support. We are grateful to those who work behind the scenes to make these parish events happen. But, most of all, we simply want your presence as members of our parish family.

In Christ,

Fr. Bobbin



## Next Week's Readings

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(November 12/13)

**Reading I:** Malachi 3:19-20a

**Reading II:** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

**Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19

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.

## 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

## November

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

## December

4	9:10 a.m.	Parent Meeting for Eucharist .....	L.H.
4	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday School.....	L.H.
11	9:10 a.m.	Community Meeting.....	Church
11	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday School.....	L.H.

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



## Weekly Collection

**October 29/30.....\$3,956.00**  
**Christmas Bazaar..... \$807.62**

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

## Candles

### BVM

1&2. IMO Ronald Kriston  
by Joan Grapsy & Family

### St. Joseph

1. IMO Mary Ellen Cross  
by Lou Cross
2. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh  
by Hahner Family

### Sanctuary

IMO Philomena Carroll  
by Family

### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Frank A. Tobin  
by Michelle & Rick Stone
2. IMO Albert W. Lubinsky  
by Michelle & Rick Stone
3. IMO Jim Wollyung  
by Wollyung Family
4. Special Intention

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### November 12 — 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Frank Murphy  
**Euch.Min.:** Hermine Murphy  
**Server:** Kelly, Lauren, Megan Goodman  
**Cantor:** Mary Bound

### November 13 — 8:15 a.m.

**Reader:** Ray Petrilla  
**Euch.Min.:** Sharon Snyder  
**Servers:** Sophia Palmieri  
**Cantor:** Joanne Matina

### November 13 — 10:30 a.m.

**Reader:** Mary Matulevich  
**Euch.Min.:** Justina Majestic  
**Servers:** Vincent, Michael, Spencer Prestileo  
**Cantor:** Ed Brahler

# 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.



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.



# 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
- Bamboo Melamine Dinner Set — Parishioners
- Beauty Bskt. — Bee Hive Salon
- Bed in a Bag (King) — Stone Family
- Bee Bskt — Hydrangea
- Beekman 1802 Skin Care — Mary & Bob Porter
- Boyer's Gift Cards \$50.00 — Judy & Joe Piel
- Candle & Soap Bskt. — Loki & Layla
- Car Care Bucket — Auto Zone
- Car Care Bucket — Advanced Auto Parts
- Cheers Bskt. — Mary & Ed Hauck
- Children's Bskt. — Parishioners
- Christmas Goodies — Patty & Charlie Miller
- Christmas Joy, \$50 Gift Card — Christine & Michael Maccarone
- Christmas Train Set — Carole & Ed Quirin
- Christmas Warmth — Natalie Setlock
- 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
- Estate Planning — Lieberman & Tamulonis Law
- 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
- Holiday Baking — Dee Dunkel
- Holiday Wreath — K & S Warehouse
- It's Waffle Time — Robyn & John Consugar
- Kitchen Bskt. — Dee Dunkel
- Kitchen Bskt. — Mim Tirjan
- 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
- Penn State Bskt. (2) — A Friend
- Penn State Bskt. — Paul & Joanna Buber
- 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
- Snack Bskt. — Theresa McCabe
- Roaster Oven — Joanne & Don Doyne
- Santa Candy — Sonya Halsey
- Squishmallows —Julie & Jordan Szeliga
- Sophy Jewelers
- Sponsor \$25.00 — Dianne Stoudt
- Sponsor \$25.00 — Dorothy & Joseph Stangl
- Sponsor \$50.00 — Bob Weaver
- Sponsor \$50.00 — Barbara Wollyung
- Sponsor \$50.00 — J. Robert & Ellen Zane
- Sponsor \$100.00 — Lieberman & Tamulonis Law
- Tea Time — Parishioners
- Turkey Centerpiece/\$35 Boyers Gift Card— Frances Lorenz
- Vera Bradley — AAA
- Vera Bradley — Jan & Steve Kurtek
- Visa Gift Card \$50 — Pat Pugh
- Welcome Ladder — Donna Pugh
- Wine Bskt. — Rosann Sitkus
- Wine Bskt. — Larry Steficek
- Wine Bskt. — Visot's
- Wine Bskt. — Joan Bowers
- Wine & Snack — Joan Bowers
- Wreath — Bella Florist
- Wreath — A Friend
- 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 Boyer's Gift Card — Judy & Joe Piel
- \$50.00 Weis Gift Card — Heenan Family
- \$30.00 Starbucks Gift Card — Martin & Linda Smith
- \$25.00 Cracker Barrel Gift Card — Jan & Steve Kurtek
- \$25.00 Palermo's Gift Card — Marie & Joe Ryan
- \$25.00 Boyer's Gift Card — Marie & Joe Ryan
- \$25.00 Instacart Gift Card / Lottery Tkt. — Marie & Joe Ryan





November 6, 2022 | Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

My colleague grew up playing a lot of basketball, and she has pointed out the obvious: Despite the fact that the hoop is much larger than the ball, and there is a very large backboard behind it, it can be very easy to miss a shot. Depending on where you are on the floor, you have to set your sights on, and aim the ball toward, a very specific place in space or on the glass. The king in the first reading and the Sadducees in the Gospel are shooting airballs. Each one of them is, literally, not seeing the right goal. In answering the Sadducees' questions, Jesus challenges their assumptions - not about marriage, but about life after death: "Those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead ... can no longer die ... they are the children of God ... and he is not God of the dead, but of the living." Something even greater, beyond human understanding, awaits. The seven brothers who experienced horrible deaths rather than violate God's law knew that. We, too, hold onto hope that we will be among the living whom Jesus describes. In the meantime, we can place our trust in Jesus and focus on living according to the example he set for us. We may not know exactly what life after death will look and feel like, but we can trust the psalmist's words: "Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full."

**ACTION** One positive thing about social media is the way it allows us to lift one another up through a simple "Like" or comment. In the same way that we "connect" with others on social media, our kind, encouraging words and Christian example in our comments can connect others to Jesus and his Church.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I like to run races of various distances, and one of my favorite things is seeing the fun posters people hold up ("This is a lot of work for a free banana") and hearing shouts of encouragement. Even more powerful, of course, is the encouragement of friends and family members as we face challenges or difficulties. So it's heartening to hear from St. Paul that we can count on Jesus and the Father as a source of "everlasting encouragement and good hope." Again we are reminded that we cannot - and should not have to - do it alone. Instead, we can join Paul in asking God to "encourage [our] hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." In turn, we can encourage others in their faith and daily lives, seeking to reflect God's love to those we encounter.

## 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.

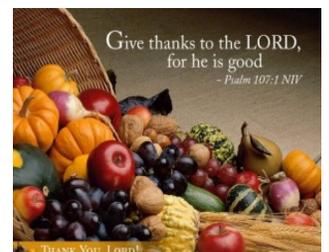
## Positions Available

### 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 lsabol@nativitybvm.net.

## 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. The only requirement for the meal is that the person be home. Closing date to order is November 17th at 5 p.m. 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.



**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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**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**  
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