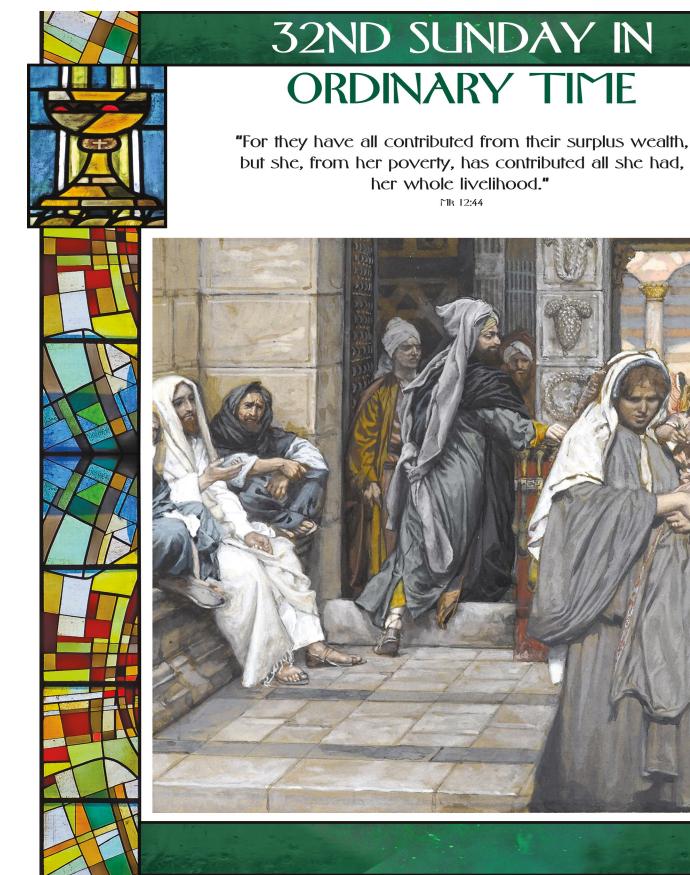
St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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November 7, 2021



Mass Intentions

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)	

Monday, November 8

9:00 a.m.	Joseph Rehnert
	(Carol Rehnert)

Tuesday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Janet Bartholomew Whitaker (Frances Lorenz)

November 10, 11, 12 - NO MASS

Saturday, November 13

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

Sunday, November 14

8:15 a.m. Florence Yeager (Catholic Women's Union)

Sunday, November 14

10:30 a.m.

Scott Rhoades (Carol Rhoades)

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

Next Week's Readings

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 13/14) Reading I: Daniel 12:1-3 Reading II: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

This week is Vocation Awareness Week. I would propose two aspects of this to think about. The first is the awareness that we all have a vocation. A vocation is a call from God to live your life as a disciple of Christ according to a certain pattern or lifestyle. Christian vocations include marriage and family life (for the great majority), the single life, ordained ministry, and consecrated life. Everyone has a vocation. God knows best what will make you happy and fulfilled and how you can make the greatest contribution to Church and society. Our culture drills the lie into us that the key to happiness is being free to do whatever you want with your life. The truth is that the key to a happy life is discovering *God's plan* for your life. We pray that young people will understand this and discover the paths that God has chosen for them. For those of us already living our vocations, we are called to renew our commitment to them everyday.

The second aspect of Vocation Awareness Week is the awareness that we are in great need of more people living *religious* vocations to serve the Church. For various reasons, we have been seeing a drastic decline in the number of priests in our country in recent decades, not to mention women and men living the many forms of consecrated life. Pray for an increase of priests and religious locally and throughout the world. Show the young men and women in your life that you appreciate the role of priests and religious and that you would be supportive of them and proud of them if God were to call them to be priests or religious. There are challenges and sacrifices involved, but anything worth doing with your life will come with challenges and require sacrifices. Speaking for myself, the joy and fulfillment of priesthood has far exceeded my expectations and far outweighed the challenges.

In Christ, Fr. Bobbin



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

School Violence—School Bullying.

It's more than just saying no! It's about creating a culture of acceptance and tolerance of others. It is not about political correctness. As a church community we are committed to rejecting all forms of violence especially in our schools, neighborhoods and communities. Reject prejudice! Our prayer today is that the Lord will make each of us a channel of His peace.

Upcoming Events

November

7	9:15 a.m.	CCD Parent Meeting Church
7	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation ClassL.H.
8	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy HourChapel
13	11 a.m8 p.m.	Christmas BazaarR.B.
14	9 a.m2 p.m	. Christmas BazaarR.B.
15	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy HourChapel
17	7:00 p.m.	Building Committee MtgF.R.
17	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Union MtgL.H.
18	6:30 p.m.	Scripture StudyL.H.
22	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy HourChapel
25	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Mass Church
28	11:30 a.m.	CCD Community MtgL.H. / Church
29	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy HourChapel
<u>December</u>		
1	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Christmas PartyBlu Tavern
2	7:00 p.m.	First Friday Holy Hour Church
3	7:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation Rehearsal Church
4	10:00 a.m.	First Reconciliation Church

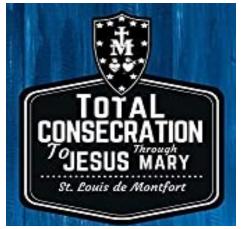
L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building

Tues.7:15 p.m.Weekly Men's GroupZoom Meeting ID: 824-780-6433 Password: Mary



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 <u>Tuesdays November 9</u>, <u>16, 23, 30, and December 7</u> 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.



Weekly Collection

October 30/31.....\$4,468.99 Christmas Bazaar.....\$601.00

Candles

<u>BVM</u> 1. For Florence

 For Florence & Felicidad by Neil & Frances Manus
 For Neil, Zary, Mike, Martin by Neil & Frances Manus

St. Joseph

 IMO M/M Bruno Tassone by Bruno Tassone Family
 For Chloe & Joseph by Neil & Frances Manus

Sanctuary

IMO Elvin 'Barney' Comfort by Chris Black

Guardian Angels

 IMO Walter Grossman by Fred & Hilda Maley
 IMO Tom Halpin by Fred & Hilda Maley
 IMO Jim Wollyung by Barbara Wollyung
 IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

Liturgical Minister

Schedule

November 13 — 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Heidi Gorski Euch.Min.: Hermine & Dan Murphy Servers: Alek & Stanley Gorski

November 14 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

Reader: Bob Bechtel Euch.Min.: Paul & Debbie Herb Server: Emma Seiger

November 14 —10:30 a.m. Mass Reader: Ray Petrilla Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic Server: Evan & Gavin Woodward

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.

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.

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole

livelihood."

Mark 12:43-44

Vocation Awareness Week

Today begins Vocation Awareness Week.

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations — and teaching your people how to discern God's call — is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.

During this week, please encourage the young people in your life — children, grandchildren, students, and friends — to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

Everyone Has a Divine Vocation.

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit." — Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II

Online Vocation Resources

Vianneyvocations.com/nvaw

$\stackrel{\bigstar}{\star}$ A Prayer for All Veterans

 $\hat{\star}$ O God, Great and Almighty Creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.

- ★ Thank You for America's heroes, that have fought for our freedoms and
- who have faithfully served our country. We honor all of our veterans,
- who have faithfully served our country. We honor all a
 for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.
- As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veter-
- ★ ★
- $\hat{\star}$ ans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless ★ ★ their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful ★ nations.
- ★ ★ We thank You for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts
- \star of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations. Amen.

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.

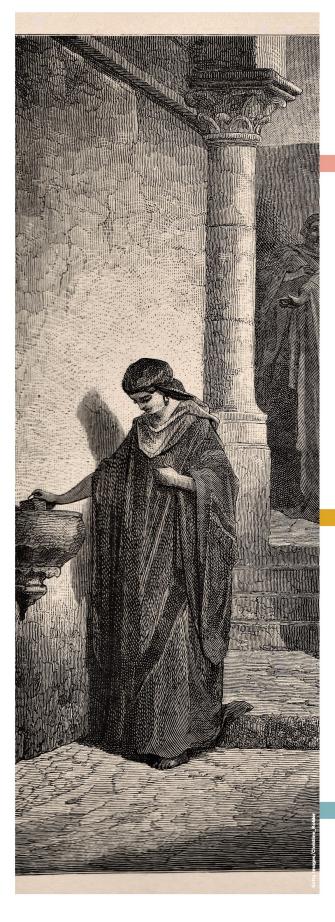
Neighboring Events

Christmas Bazaar

... sponsored by St. Mary's Women's Guild at St. Mary's Church, 94 Walnut St. in Hamburg on Saturday, November 20th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Handmade Crafts, Theme Basket Raffle, Homemade Christmas Cookies, Quilt Raffle and open kitchen. Questions - call 610-562-7657 ext 0 or check out our website at www.stmaryhamburg.org.

Moving? Relocating? Let us Know!

Have you moved, changed your phone or email address? If so, would you please contact the Rectory Office at 622-5470 ext. 3. Help us update records!



November 7, 2021

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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

When it comes to money, I'm a worrier. Just ask my husband how I reacted when he had the audacity to pay for shipping! I shop carefully, armed with coupons. I've always been a saver, making sure to contribute to retirement, life insurance, and the "what-if-the-roof-comes-down" fund. Being fiscally responsible is a good thing, but the quest for financial security as the ultimate good is a fool's errand. God is the true provider of all that we need, and what we have finds its fulfillment in service to him. The widows in today's readings knew that too well. In the first reading, a mother and son are down to their last bites of food, facing starvation and death. Yet she gives her last morsels to the prophet Elijah. In the Gospel, the widow gives generously, not of her surplus, but of her entire livelihood. Both women exhibit utter and complete trust in God, and a generosity that knows no bounds. As we study today's Scripture, they teach the worriers among us that God will and does provide, and that the more we give away, the greater our reward in this life and the next.

GO EVANGELIZE PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Do you ever get that knock on the door from a Cub Scout selling popcorn just when you're about to put dinner on the table or run out to a ballgame? Or perhaps you already have a full calendar and suddenly a neighbor really needs your help with an errand or a household emergency – and there goes a whole afternoon! Today's readings invite us to set aside whatever "sticks we are gathering" and welcome the "Elijah moments." They encourage us to give a bit of ourselves away, whether it's time, money, or attention. In doing so, we give witness to the paradox of the Christian life – that the more we give away the more we are rewarded. We also set a positive example for our children and others, who will see our generosity in action.

SERVE Even the budgeters among us can do this! Look ahead at your budget. In addition to regular expenditures and giving, look at something you can *sacrifice* – a meal out, a new sweater, a movie night – and decide as a family how you would like to use the extra money and/or time to help others.

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REPERTE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (at the Russell Building) Saturday, November 13 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, November 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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! 1 Pecans: St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be selling pecans again this year at the Christmas Bazaar. Mammoth Halves-**Donated Baskets & Sponsors** Kitchen Appliance Bskt. — Parishioners 31 Purse — Joanne Wood Lasagna Bskt. — Parishioners Lavender Bskt. — Sue & Ric Jochems 31 Basket — Jackie Szeliga Christmas Wreaths, Lavender Wands, Catnip Bags Lighted Houses — Anonymous Bicycle, Poinsettia Bskt. & Sleigh Centerpiece — Mary Bound Lottery Frame — Mary Lipton & Patty Markovich Afghan—Handmade — Carol Rehnert Lottery Special — Carole & Ed Quirin Arrangement — K& S Warehouse Lottery Wreath — Joyce & John Gerace Art Supplies Bskt. — Lucilla Kochol Mrs. Meyers Kitchen Products—Sharon & Lou Miller Art Bskt. — Mary Beth Harvey Nativity BVM Bskt. — Nativity BVM High School Assumption BVM Bskt. — Assumption BVM School Necklace — Sophy Jewelers Organic Meat & Vegetable Pkg.—Little Peace Farm Bake Shop VI Gift Cards — Patricia & Brian Setlock Bare Minerals Bskt.—Beehive Salon Ornament Bskt. — Anonymous Beverage Plus — Mim Tirjan Pamper Me — Rosann Sitkus Christmas Boxes & Bags — Anonymous Penn State Bskt.—Hermine & Danny Murphy Penn State Bskt.—Anonymous Car Care Bucket — Advanced Auto Parts Car Care Bucket — Auto Zone Penn State Bskt. — Parishioners Care Bears Bskt. -- Natalie Setlock Picnic/Wine — Jan & Steve Kurtek Pumpkin Arrangement—Bella Florist Chef's Pantry Bskt. — Anonymous Christmas Bear & Drum — Donna Pugh Razor Scooter — Eleanor Schaeffer Coffee/Beverage — Pat & Missy Scheetz Salsa Bskt. — Parishioners Cozy Country — Sandy Clauser Serving Up Holiday — Anonymous Cracker Barrel Tree — Joanne & Don Doyne Snack Bskt. — Miller Distributing Doll House—Phil & Carol Lasco Storage Solutions — Anonymous Dunkin & Lottery Bskt.—Patty & John O'Neill Surf & Turf Bskt. — Patty & John O'Neill Estate Planning — Eric Lieberman Tea Time Bskt. — Mary & Bob Porter Everything Christmas — Chris Black Tea & Snack Bskt. — Peggy Smith Everything But The Kitchen Sink — Anonymous This & That — Anonymous Fall Centerpiece — Pod & Petal Time for Tea Bskt. — Parishioners Wine Not Get Cozy — Barb & Al Munster Fall Cozy Afghan & Wine—Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski Family Tubbin' For Fun — Sandy & Joe Frinzi Wine & Candle Bskt—Mary & Ed Yarashus Wine & Lottery Bskt.—Kathy & Carl Hughes Feel the Joy Bskt. — Debbie Herb & Joanne Schultz Fiber Optics — Anonymous Wine & Lottery Bskt. — Nora Chiplonia & Chris Zanis Wine & Snack — Joan Bowers & Kathleen Williams Fine Wine & Spirits Gift Card — \$100 — Larry Lonergan Fondue Bskt. — Parishioners Wine Bskt. — Larry Steficek Gingerbread Bskt. — Anonymous Wine & Snack Bskt. — Visot's \$125.00 Giant Gift Cards — Linda & Martin Smith Holiday Bskt. — Anonymous \$25.00 Ruby Tuesday Gift Card — Janet Thomas Household Utensils — Anonymous Ice Cream Maker with Fixins — by Linda Ralston \$25.00 Boyer's Gift Card — Robyn & John Consugar Keurig Mini Bskt. — Ellen & Jay Zane \$25.00 Sheetz Gift Card — Richard & Michelle Stone Kitchen Bskt. — Parishioners \$25.00 — Walmart Gift Card — St. John's CYO

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Parish Directory

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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

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 appoin	tment.	

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