

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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November 10, 2024

## 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth,  
but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had,  
her whole livelihood."

MR 12:44



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 9

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

### Sunday, November 10

8:15 a.m. Anthony S. Gaburick  
(Donna Agnew)

### Sunday, November 10

10:30 a.m. Richard Lowe  
(Albert & Linda Baldinger)

### Monday, November 11

6:30 p.m. James Pugh Jr.  
(Paul Kenderes Jr.  
Matt & Mark)

### Tuesday, November 12

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Lipsky  
(Joyce & John Gerace)

### Wednesday, November 13

9:00 a.m. Melba Nagle  
(Tony & Lucilla Kochol)

### Thursday, November 14

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

### Friday, November 15

9:00 a.m. Frank C. Campbell Jr.  
(Pat Klassen)

### Saturday, November 16

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

### Sunday, November 17

8:15 a.m. Bill Lecher  
(Julian & Nora Chiplonia)

### Sunday, November 17

10:30 a.m. Nicholas & Angeline  
DeStefano  
(Maccaone Family)

## Next Week's Readings

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(November 16/17)

**Reading I:** Daniel 12:1-3

**Reading II:** Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-43

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

As we make our way through the prophets of the Old Testament, last week we mentioned three prophets who lived in the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC: Zephaniah, Nahum, and Habakkuk. We gave a brief description of the Book of Zephaniah last week. Here are a few things about the other two books.

The short Book of Nahum is very unique in the sense that it does not condemn the sins of God's Chosen People and call them back to fidelity, like most of the other prophets. Instead, Nahum is an oracle directed against the Assyrian Empire, which terrorized the Middle East at the time and conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Nahum proclaims that Assyria will fall, which it soon does, conquered by the Babylonians. What is the point of this? Nahum reminds us that God always cares for His people. God is the God of all nations. He is behind all of history. He can use other nations to advance His plans to save His people.

Habakkuk, also a very short book, deals with the perennial question of why God allows bad things to happen to good people. The prophet questions the violence and injustice he sees around him. Not surprisingly, the book does not solve this problem. But it does deliver a message similar to Nahum: God is preparing to use the Babylonians to conquer the Assyrians, who perpetrated much evil. The prophet Habakkuk suggests that we must remain faithful to God and patiently wait for His plans to unfold.

In Christ,  
Fr. Bobbin

## Eucharistic Adoration

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 is 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 • Tony Kochol • Tom Jefferson • Doug Broughton  
• Angie (Pfeil) Hamm*

**Veteran's Day.** In our families, over the years many have served in the military. Too many have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country's freedom. Today we give thanks to God for all those families who have had loved ones die for the cause of freedom. We salute also our veterans and thank them for their service.

### Upcoming Events

#### November

10	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
14	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
14	7:30 p.m.	Summer Festival Planning Mtg.....	L.H.
16/17		Christmas Bazaar .....	R.B.
17	9:00 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg .....	L.H.
17	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School.....	L.H.
20	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg .....	L.H.
28	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Mass.....	Church

#### December

1	9:00 a.m.	CCD Parent Mtg .....	L.H.
1	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School.....	L.H.
7	11:00 a.m.	First Reconciliation .....	Church
7	7:00 p.m.	Schuylkill Choral Society Concert.....	Church
8	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
9	9:00 a.m.	Feast of Immaculate Conception—Mass.....	Church
9	7:00 p.m.	Feast of Immaculate Conception—Mass.....	Church
11	8:00 p.m.	St. John’s Beneficial Society Mtg .....	F.R.
15	9:00 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg .....	L.H.
15	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School.....	L.H.

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

Tuesdays 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men’s Group ..... F.R.

### Weekly Collection

November 9/10.....	\$5,497.75
Parish Dues .....	\$1,133.00
All Saints Day .....	\$1,153.00
All Souls Day .....	\$1,159.00

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

### Candles

#### BVM

1. IMO Emily Leinheiser by Family
2. IMO Pasquel Prozello by Fred & Hilda Maley

#### St. Joseph

1. IMO Mindy, Mary, Michael Pinder by Fred & Hilda Maley
2. IMO Francis & Thelma Maley by Fred & Hilda Maley

#### Sanctuary

IMO Josephine Cavanaugh by Hahner Family

#### Guardian Angels

1. For Julia Klembara by Anita Klembara
2. IMO Bill & Mary Pugh by Fred & Hilda Maley
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy Family

### Liturgical Min. Schedule

#### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### November 16 — 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz  
Heidi Gorski

Server/Sacristan: Ryan Grabowski

Cantor: Dave Derbes

#### November 17— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Michelle Ambrose

Euch.Min.: Mike Ambrose  
Bob Bechtel

Server: Gabe Scheidel

Cantor: Vincent Prestileo

#### November 17— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: John Crane

Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla  
Janet Daubert

Servers: Lauren & Megan Goodman

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

## SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study: will be offered Thursday evening 6:30-7:30 on November 14. Join us in person in Longinus Hall 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.

### Chosen, Blessed, Shared

Please Support the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown. The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared," to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired, continue to serve in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving. This is not to be confused with our yearly collection for the "National Appeal for Retired Religious" to be held December 7 & 8, 2024.

### Special Thank You

A very special "thank you" goes out to **Sandy Frinzi**, who took care of the *Bosco's Friends Helping Friends* certificates again this year. Also, thank you to those who helped Sandy ... *Chris Black, Frances Lorenz, Judy Meseravage, Reene Reddington, Natalie Setlock, Kathy Vicic, Joanne Werner.* A fantastic total of **\$6,000** 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 the Rectory to let us know your schedule for December 2024 and January 2025. Please do so **by November 11th**. Thank you.

**PARISH WORKS**

Did you know a dedicated small group of volunteers has been sending greetings cards to parishioners as part of our Outreach Program? These include sympathy cards, get well wishes, birthday cards (to those 90 and over), and welcome notes to our new parishioners. This group of volunteers welcomes anyone who would like to help, as this has been a meaningful ministry. We would like to expand this to other parishioners who would benefit from our St. John's hospitality. Please call the rectory for more information.

**HELP NEEDED**

My name is Anthony J. Gaburick. I suffer from a nerve disease that requires treatments for me to stay functional. My treatments are out of town in places such as Allentown, West Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre and Wyomissing. I'm looking for drivers who can help me get to these treatments. Doctors will not allow me to drive myself to and from treatments. If anyone is interested in driving me, please contact the church rectory. I'll be very grateful for your help!



# ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST R.C. CHURCH  
RUSSELL BUILDING  
9TH & SCHUYLKILL AVE., POTTSVILLE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH - 11AM TO 7PM**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH - 9AM TO 2PM**

**THEMED BASKETS  
SPECIALS  
CRAFTS**



**BARGAIN TABLE  
HOMEMADE FOOD  
BAKED GOODS**

ALL FOOD ITEMS TAKE OUT ONLY

**Christmas Bazaar Sponsors**

\$ 50.00 Catholic Women's Union  
\$ 50.00 John B. Lieberman III  
\$ 50.00 Frances Lorenz  
\$ 50.00 Michelle & Richard Stone  
\$ 50.00 Dianne Stoudt

\$ 50.00 Barbara Wollyung  
\$ 50.00 Ellen & J. Robert Zane  
\$100.00 Jennifer & Eric Lieberman  
\$100.00 Sherri & Joe Souchak  
\$150.00 Lieberman & Tamulonis Law

**Summer Festival—Pot Luck Stand**

We are in search of a person, people, or family to take over our Pot Luck Stand for the Summer Festival. Maureen and Kelly Derbes will offer guidance and suggestions to make things run smoother. It is an exciting stand with great prizes! We recently utilized an Amazon gift registry that helped immensely with donations and hope to do so again next year, we will assist with that as well. Other tasks are: acquiring gift cards, numbering and organizing the prizes, and help running the stand. All in which the committee will be happy to assist and help. We would like to thank Maureen, Kelly and the Derbes family for all the years they dedicated to the stand. We appreciate all your hard work and continued dedication! This was one of our best years yet at the Potluck stand. It is a huge fundraiser and a big necessity for the festival. Please consider helping or possibly starting your own festival tradition with our Potluck stand! Please call the rectory or Shanna Deibert (570) 617-4769 for more information or please join us at our next meeting **11/14 at 7:30 pm in Longinus Hall.**

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

### **Donated Baskets - Sponsors - Crafts**

Adelpia - Gift Card  
 Auto Supplies Bucket - Advanced Auto Parts  
 Afghan - Carol Rehnert  
 Art — Mary Beth Harvey  
 Baking - Chris Black  
 Baking Supplies - Parishioners  
 Beauty - Bee Hive Salon  
 Bed Ensemble - Barb & Al Munster  
 Beer & Snacks - Missy Scheetz  
 Bicycle - Mary Bound  
 Blu Tavern (2) - Gift Cards  
 Boscov's/Cracker Barrel - Jane & Tara DeStefano  
 Boyer's Value Market - Gift Card  
 C & C Candies - Gift Card  
 Cake Pros - Gift Card  
 Candy - Mother Bears Candy  
 Cheers - Parishioners  
 Christmas - Joanne & Don Doyne  
 Christmas Wreath - Queen Bee Boutique  
 Christmas Gnome - Mary Bound  
 Coal Town Supermarket - Gift Card  
 Cookies & Milk - Parishioners  
 Cracker Barrel (2) - Gift Card  
 Cracker Barrel Gift Card - Jan & Steve Kurtek  
 Craft House - Gift Card  
 Crafts - Sue Jochems  
 Crimson House - Gift Card  
 Dairy Queen - Gift Cards  
 Doll House - Carol & Phil Lasco  
 Dooney & Bourke Purse - Joyce & John Gerace  
 Drasdis & Sons - Gift Card  
 Eat, Drink, & Be Merry - Sandy & Joe Frinzi  
 Estate Planning - Lieberman & Tamulonis Law  
 Everything Red - Parishioners  
 Fall - K&S Warehouse  
 Floral Attangement - Forget-Me-Not Florist  
 Fratello's Bistro - Gift Card  
 Game Night - Pat & Bill Pugh  
 Giant - Gift Card  
 Gift Bag (2) - DiMaio's Mustard Seed  
 Gingerbread Mr. & Mrs. - Ellen & J. Robert Zane  
 Hair Care - Rosann Sitkus  
 Hair Care - Shanna Deibert  
 Hidden River Cred Union - Gift Card  
 Harvest Blessings - Lucilla Kochol  
 Holiday Cheer - Patty & Phil Markovich  
 Holiday Décor - Donna & Jim Pugh  
 Holiday Mix - Parishioners  
 Hope Hill Lavendar - Sue & Rik Jochems  
 Jewelry - Murphy Jewelers

### **Donated Baskets - Sponsors - Crafts**

Jewelry - Sophy Jewelers  
 Just Add Ice Cream - Carol & Phil Lasco  
 Ken's Tires - Gift Card  
 Kitchen Gadgets - Parishioners  
 Kitty Lou Boutique - Gift Card  
 Ladies - Parishioners  
 Lottery—Janet & Michael Dzuramin  
 Lottery Frame - Marie & Joe Ryan  
 Lowe's \$75 Gift Card - Linda & Martin Smith  
 Marlin Markets - Gift Card  
 McKeansburg Hotel, Bar, Restaurant — Gift Card  
 Momma Millie's Bakery - Gift Card  
 Nativity Arrangement - Pod & Petal  
 Nativity BVM High School  
 OIP (St. Clair) — Gift Card  
 Palermo's Pizza - Gift Card  
 Penn State - Hermine & Dan Murphy  
 Pizza Air Fryer Over - Pat Scheetz  
 Pottsville Pizzeria - Gift Card  
 Pottsville Zone - Gift Card  
 Quilted Table Runner & Placemats - Jane Petrilla  
 Riviera Maya - Gift Card  
 Roaster Oven - Joanne & Don Doyne  
 Roma Pizzeria - Gift Card  
 Schuylkill County AAA - Vera Bradley Purse  
 Scratch, Snack, Sip - Kathy & Carl Hughes  
 Shopper's Delight - Pat Kutch  
 Snacks - Miller Distributing  
 Snowman Cookie Jar & Candle Warmer - Bella Florist  
 Snowmen - Natalie Setlock  
 Strike Zone Alley - Family Pass  
 31 Purse/\$100 - Debbie & Paul Herb  
 Teas & Snacks - Hydrangea Cottage Teas & Gifts  
 The Cantina - Gift Card  
 Tony's Market - Gift Card  
 Uma Hibachi Steak House - Gift Card  
 Valenti's Italian Restaurant (Orwigsburg) - Gift Card  
 Various Crafts & Wreaths - Mary Bound  
 Vito's Coal Fired Pizza - Gift Card  
 Weis - Gift Card  
 Weis - Michelle & Tom Heenan  
 Wine - Larry Steficek  
 Wine - Luis & Virginia Visot  
 Wine & Gift Card - Nora Chiplonia & Chris Zanis  
 Wine & Lottery - Lois & Jack Dalton  
 Wine & Snack - Joan Bowers  
 Wine & Supplies - Parishioners  
 Winter Spirits - Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski  
 Yuengling Bucket - Yuengling Brewery & Gift Shop





November 10, 2024 | Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

“Give it your all! Leave it all on the field! Trust in your training/preparation/coaches.” We’ve all heard a version of this type of exhortation. It requires a great amount of confidence and trust – faith, if you will – to let go of our doubt and fears. The two widows of today’s readings had such confidence, as they offer us heroic examples of faith. The widow of Zarephath uses her only remaining food to cook for Elijah. She did this after receiving God’s promise that, “The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry.” The widow had the assurance that God would sustain her, and she lived by it – trusting she could give her all, because with God’s help there would be more. Likewise, the widow in the Gospel could make an offering to the temple treasury because of her limitless confidence in God: she gave “her whole livelihood.” From that moment, she would have nothing to sustain her but God’s providential care. By their unreserved acts of generosity, both women consented to rely on God in the most absolute sense. And in so doing, they silently proclaimed their faith in the personal and unconditional love that God had for each of them.

**REFLECT** Choose one aspect of your life you can mentally “reframe” in order to see it not as a lack but as an opportunity to cast yourself more fully on God. Spend 15 minutes this week speaking to God about this. If you can, thank him for the chance to draw closer to him. If it is too difficult to thank him for your trial, ask him to *help you* see and appreciate how he is leading you along this path of greater intimacy with him.

## The Giving Tree

Helping Those  
in Need



On the weekend of **November 16/17**, a barren tree is placed in the front of church adorned with gift tags. The gift tags will have suggestions for the needy in our area. If you are able, please take one. Return your gift wrapped with the gift tag on the outside, attached to the ribbon. Please return the package under the tree before the weekend of November 30/December 1. The tag is very important because it has the person's identity number on it. If you are not able to purchase the item on the gift tag, please return it to the tree.

### **PLEASE DO NOT TAPE TAG TO THE PAPER**

Our gifts each year to the needy of the area are our way of reaching out to those who have meant so much and saying we love them and wish them the blessings of Christmas.

**GIFTS ARE DUE BACK BEFORE November 30/December 1 weekend.**

(Please Note: If more than one item is listed on the tag ... You are asked to get one item ONLY)

## Knights of Columbus—Turkey Dinner

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will deliver a Turkey Dinner complete with Turkey, Filling, Yams, Gravy, Vegetable, and Dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day (**November 28**). If you or person you know is in need of a meal, please call either 570-773-0627 or 570-516-9514 or 570-628-3333 and leave your name and phone number and we will return your call. 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 22 at 5 p.m. in order for us to order the required items for the meal. Thank You. **Help Needed:** anyone who can help with delivery is asked to come to St. Patrick’s Social Hall in Pottsville on Thanksgiving Day by 8 a.m. You can sign up to deliver meals to an area you know or any area. We usually finish approximately 1 p.m. Thank you in advance for your help.



**Thank You, LORD!**

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**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

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