

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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November 14, 2021

## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And then they will see  
'the Son of Man coming in the clouds'  
with great power and glory...

Mt 13:26



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 13

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of  
the 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)

### Monday, November 15

9:00 a.m. Albert Yackenchick  
(Melissa McAndrew  
& Jodi Evans)

### Tuesday, November 16

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

### Wednesday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Sharon Lonergan  
(Mary Porter)

### Thursday, November 18

9:00 a.m. Marie Fitzpatrick  
(Donna Bound Steidle)

### Friday, November 19

9:00 a.m. Francis Quirk  
(Tony & Lucilla Kochol)

### Saturday, November 20

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

### Sunday, November 21

8:15 a.m. Peter Darhun  
(Joan & Dave Deiter)

### Sunday, November 21

10:30 a.m. Deceased of John &  
Gretchen Family  
(John Lieberman Family)

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

In two weeks we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, which is the beginning of a new Church year. That means we are now in the last two weeks of the current year. During these final weeks, the Scripture readings invite us to think about the *end*: the realities of death, the end of the world, and the Second Coming of Jesus.

A lot of people seem to have a fascination with the end of the world. A lot of people look at the "apocalyptic" images in today's Gospel and in other places, especially the Book of Revelation, and try to make connections with things going on in the world today. Frankly, this is misguided. Have you ever noticed that anyone who has ever tried to predict the end of the world has been wrong? What makes any of us think we can get it right? Jesus tells us quite clearly no one knows the day or the hour when the world will end. Why would we think Jesus would say this but still leave clues for us to figure it out?

A faithful Catholic Christian does not have an unhealthy fascination with the end of the world. We do not dwell on it. We do not dwell on the images in the Book of Revelation (which are often badly misunderstood and taken out of context) or on anything else in the Scriptures about the end. Instead we heed Jesus' call to be prepared. It is not for me to worry about when the world will end, but to worry about when *my time in the world* will end. What should I do to be a more faithful disciple of Jesus? That's the challenge of these final weeks of the Church year.

*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*

### Honesty is the Best Policy.

Do you remember your mom and dad telling you to always tell the truth? What about those white lies or half-truths that sometimes slip out so easily? This week we pray for a respectful honesty in all of our dealings, especially within our own family. May we always model the truth, spoken in love to those around us!

## Next Week's Readings

Christ the King (November 20/21)

**Reading I:** Daniel 7:13-14

**Reading II:** Revelations 1:5-8

**Gospel:** John 17:33b-37



## Upcoming Events

### November

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
16	9:30 a.m.	Consecration to Mary .....	Chapel
17	7:00 p.m.	Building Committee Mtg.....	F.R.
17	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Union Mtg.....	L.H.
18	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
22	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour.....	Chapel
23	9:30 a.m.	Consecration to Mary .....	Chapel
25	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Mass .....	Church
28	11:30 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg .....	L.H. / Church
29	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour.....	Chapel
30	9:30 a.m.	Consecration to Mary .....	Chapel

### December

1	6:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Christmas Party.....	Blu 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
5	9:15 a.m.	Parent Meeting .....	L.H.
7	9:30 a.m.	Consecration to Mary .....	Chapel
8	9:00 a.m.	Mass—Feast of the Immaculate Conception.....	Church
8	5:15 p.m.	Mass—Feast of the Immaculate Conception.....	Church
12	1:00 p.m.	Joyful Mysteries—Advent Reflection.....	Church
19	11:30 a.m.	Community Meeting .....	L.H.

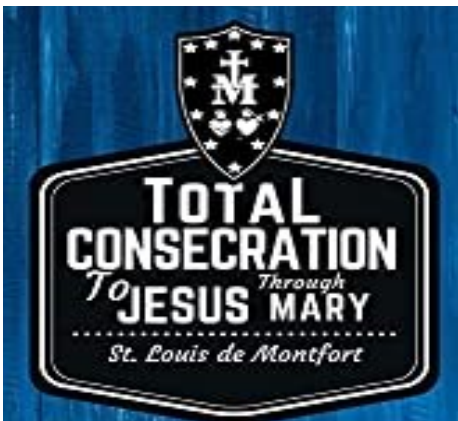
**L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building**

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



### 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 Tuesdays November 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.



### Weekly Collection

**November 7/8.....\$4,914.33**

**Monthly Dues ..... \$846.00**

**Christmas Bazaar..... \$301.00**

### Candles

#### BVM

1. IMO Ronald C. Kriston  
by Eleanor Kriston & Family
2. IMO Frank & Rose Boris  
by Keith & Margaret Naffin

#### St. Joseph

1. IMO Frank & Rose Boris  
by Rick Naffin
2. IMO Leo & Dorothy Lotz  
by Ron & Pat Lombel

#### Sanctuary

In Thanksgiving  
by John & Barbara Powers

#### Guardian Angels

1. In thanksgiving  
by John & Barbara Powers
2. IMO Emily Leinheiser  
by Family
- 3&4. For Chloe & Joseph  
by Neil & Frances Manus

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### November 20 — 5 p.m. Mass

**Reader:** Bill Gianfagna

**Euch.Min.:** Gerry Schwartz

**Servers:** Riley Doyle

#### November 21 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

**Reader:** Jeff Naffin

**Euch.Min.:** Charles Miller

**Server:** Michael Prestileo  
Spencer Prestileo

#### November 21 — 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Reader:** Jen Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Sharon Snyder

**Server:** Jackson Daubert

## 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.

**Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."**

**Mark 13:30-32**

## The Joyful Mysteries: An Advent Reflection

... will be offered by Fr. Bobbin on **Sunday, December 12, from 1 to 3 p.m.** in the main church. Join us for an afternoon of talks, music, and prayer to help you prepare for Christmas. There is no cost and no need to register in advance.



## Assumption BVM School—Open House

Discover what Assumption BVM School has to offer on Sunday, November 21st from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.—located at 112 South 7th St. in Pottsville (main entrance on Howard Ave.) For more information, please contact Mrs. Tara Mengel at 570-622-0106 or [tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net](mailto:tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net)

## St. John's Catholic Women's Union

Women of all ages are invited to join the Catholic Women's Union. Learn how you can become involved with the Catholic Women's Union by joining us on **Wednesday, November 17th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** Meet the members and learn how you can be part of this unique organization. We share ideas and light refreshments are served. We work to raise money for our parish and have fun doing it. We also share in fellowship by sharing in a Spring and Fall Auction, Christmas Party, and the Covered Dish Party. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed. Join us!



On the weekend of **November 20/21**, 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 **December 4/5.** 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.

## Neighboring Events

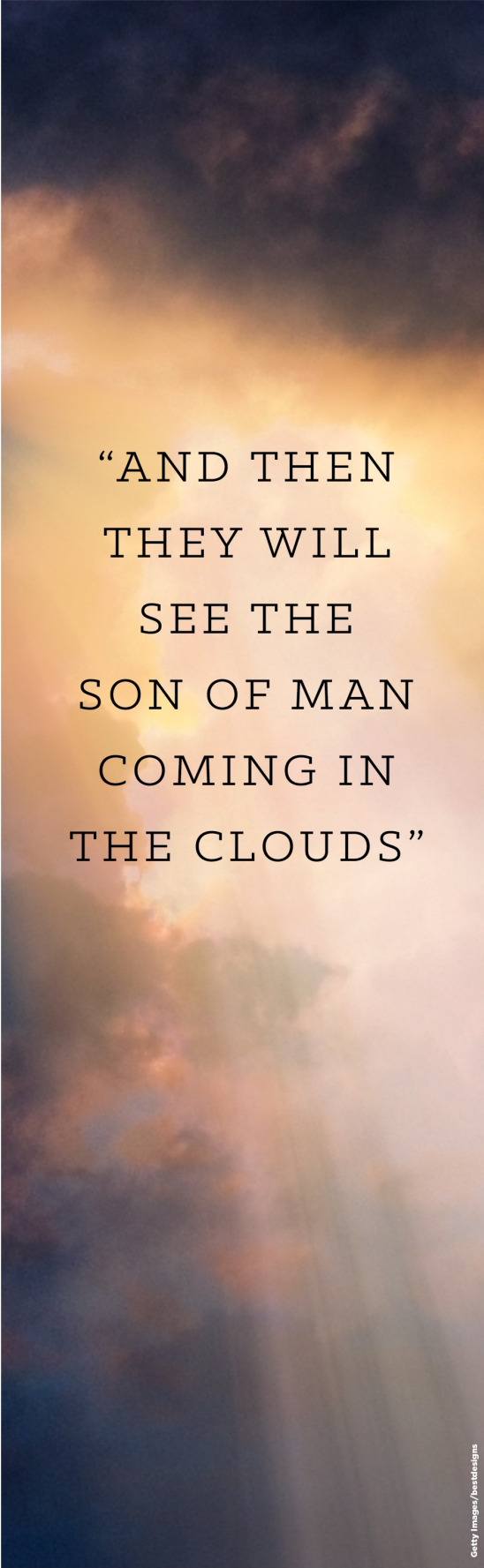
### Christmas Bazaar

... 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](http://www.stmaryhamburg.org).

## Healthy Notes

**Exercise is an important — and often overlooked — strategy for both preventing and treating depression**, according to a research review in *Current Sports Medicine Reports*. The research cited included a meta-analysis of 49 cohort 6 studies, which followed nearly 267,000 people who were not depressed at baseline for a year or longer. After adjusting for factors that could influence depression risk. It found that higher levels of physical activity and exercise reduced the chance of developing depression by 17% overall. Another meta-analysis cited in the review, which looked at 25 randomized, controlled trials testing the effects of exercise in people who already had depression, found that exercise training had a "very large and significant antidepressant effect" compared to various control interventions. Finding an enjoyable activity, having support from friends and family, and being supervised by a fitness professional all increased the likelihood of starting and sustaining an exercise program, the authors noted.





“AND THEN  
THEY WILL  
SEE THE  
SON OF MAN  
COMING IN  
THE CLOUDS”

November 14, 2021

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3 | Heb 10:11-14, 18 | Mk 13:24-32

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

My husband reads the obituaries regularly, as did my elderly Aunt Loretta. Me, I avoid them. I don't like to think about death, and the same can be said for some references to the end times, particularly those like we hear in the Book of Daniel: "Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." Give me a comforting psalm any day! However, in today's Gospel, Jesus assures us that we who believe need not fear the Second Coming, for at that time the Son of Man shall "gather his elect." Yes, "heaven and earth will pass away," but the words of Jesus never shall. It is true, we don't know the time or the hour of his return and so we prepare for it by remaining focused on Jesus' words and turning our lives over to him in and through the sacramental life of the Church. Strive to live well on earth, following the path to eternal life that our loving and merciful Savior has paved for us.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's easy to become complacent in that striving. I notice that tendency in everyday life – taking my spouse for granted, not being mindful of how what I say and do serves as an example (either good or bad!) for another. It's like moving through the day with blinders on. In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples about his return in glory, and how those who follow him will be able to sense its approach. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near." In other words, "pay attention; be observant" – the opposite of complacency. To counter this within ourselves, we can ask God to open our eyes to the signs of his love all around us – our spouses and dear friends, our families, and all the gifts we have been given. Just as importantly, we can accompany one another as we seek to grow in holiness and prepare for the day we meet Jesus, living as an example in word and deed. As the Book of Daniel so eloquently tells us, "The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

**PRAY** Read the obituaries! Many of them contain inspiring examples of lives well lived. Take a moment in this month of November to pray for all who have died. Make a conscious effort to be a specific example to another of Christ's love in the world that they, too, might be better prepared for Christ's return.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

### Donated Baskets & Sponsors

31 Purse — Joanne Wood  
 31 Basket — Jackie Szeliga  
 Afghan—Handmade — Carol Rehnert  
 Arrangement — K& S Warehouse  
 Art Supplies Bskt. — Lucilla Kochol  
 Art Bskt. — Mary Beth Harvey  
 Assumption BVM Bskt. — Assumption BVM School  
 Bake Shop VI Gift Cards — Patricia & Brian Setlock  
 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  
 Chef's Pantry Bskt. — Anonymous  
 Christmas Bear & Drum — Donna Pugh  
 Christmas Tidings—Anonymous  
 Christmas Wreaths, Lavender Wands, Catnip Bags  
 Bicycle, Poinsettia Bskt. & Sleigh Centerpiece — Mary Bound  
 Coffee/Beverage — Pat & Missy Scheetz  
 Cookie Tray—Missy Hahner  
 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 Christmas — Chris Black  
 Everything But The Kitchen Sink — Anonymous  
 Fall Centerpiece — Pod & Petal  
 Fall Cozy Afghan & Wine—Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski  
 Feel the Joy Bskt. — Debbie Herb & Joanne Schultz  
 Family Tubbin' For Fun — Sandy & Joe Frinzi  
 Fiber Optics — Anonymous  
 Fine Wine & Spirits Gift Card — \$100 — Larry Lonergan  
 Fondue Bskt. — Parishioners  
 Gingerbread Bskt. — Anonymous  
 Holiday Bskt. — Anonymous  
 Ice Cream Maker with Fixins — by Linda Ralston  
 Keurig Mini Bskt. — Ellen & Jay Zane  
 Kitchen Appliance Bskt. — Parishioners  
 Lasagna Bskt. — Parishioners  
 Lavender Bskt. — Sue & Ric Jochems  
 Lighted Houses — Anonymous  
 Lottery Frame — Mary Lipton & Patty Markovich  
 Lottery Special — Carole & Ed Quirin  
 Lottery Wreath — Joyce & John Gerace  
 Mrs. Meyers Kitchen Products—Sharon & Lou Miller  
 Nativity BVM Bskt. — Nativity BVM High School  
 Necklace — Sophy Jewelers  
 Necklace—Murphy Jewelers

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Organic Meat & Vegetable Pkg.—Little Peace Farm  
 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  
 Pumpkin Arrangement—Bella Florist  
 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  
 \$25.00 Ruby Tuesday Gift Card — Janet Thomas  
 \$25.00 Boyer's Gift Card — Robyn & John Consugar  
 \$25.00 Sheetz Gift Card — Richard & Michelle Stone  
 \$25.00 Boyer's Gift Card — Kate & Jim Blackwell  
 \$25.00 Home Goods—Charlie & Patty Miller  
 \$25.00 Bed, Bath & Beyond—Charlie & Patty Miller  
 \$25.00 Pottery Barn — Charlie & Patty Miller  
 \$50.00 — Visa Gift Cards — Janet Daubert  
 \$50.00 Momma Millie's — Ketner & Brennan Families  
 \$125.00 Giant Gift Cards — Linda & Martin Smith  
 \$20.00 Sponsor — Joe Hohman  
 \$25.00 Sponsor — Maria Mason  
 \$25.00 Sponsor — Catholic Women's Union  
 \$25.00 Sponsor — Dorothy & Joe Stangl  
 \$25.00 Sponsor — Vince Albo  
 \$25.00 Sponsor — Dianne Stoudt  
 \$35.00 Sponsor — Frances Lorenz  
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#### 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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