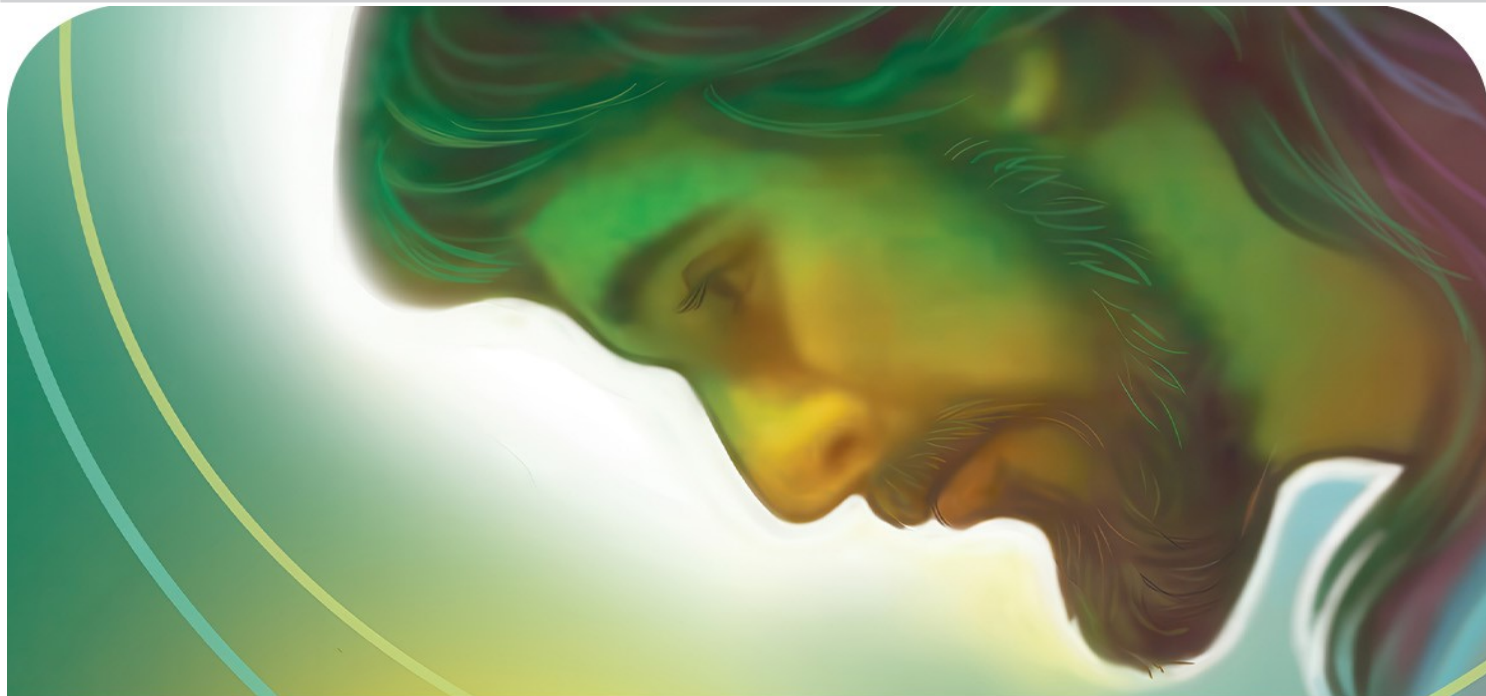


# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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November 16, 2025 • 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



NOT A HAIR  
**ON YOUR HEAD**  
WILL BE DESTROYED



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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

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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[www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)



### 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.
- ◆ 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. Father will be available for Confessions.

### Communion for the 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.



### 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:** *Sherri Post, Tom Jefferson, Doug Broughton, Kathy Vicic, Joanne Kitsock, Jane Baker, Brenda Helt.*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 15

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

### Sunday, November 16

8:15 a.m. John Gerace  
(Pat Kutch)

### Sunday, November 16

10:30 a.m. Greg Glunz  
(Babe Murphy)

### Monday, November 17

6:30 p.m. St. John's Parish Family

### Tuesday, November 18

9:00 a.m. Leo A. Leinheiser Jr.  
(M/M Albert Baldinger)

### Wednesday, November 19

9:00 a.m. Angela Hamm  
(Steve & Jan Kurtek)

### Thursday, November 20

9:00 a.m. Daniel Serner  
(M/M John Carroll)

### Friday, November 21

9:00 a.m. Lawrence Eich Sr.  
(Lucilla Kochol)

### Saturday, November 22

5:00 p.m. Dorothy & Joe Stangl  
(Living Intention)  
Wedding Anniversary

### Sunday, November 23

8:15 a.m. Robert Doyle  
(Kutch Family)

### Sunday, November 23

10:30 a.m. Annette Lieberman  
(Lieberman Family)

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our overview of the New Testament, we come to a group of Paul's letters known as the Captivity Letters because Paul wrote them from prison. They are the letters to the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and the letter to Philemon. These are all relatively short letters, especially Philemon: Paul's shortest letter at only 25 verses.

Ephesians was written to the Christians of Ephesus, a major city in Asia Minor. Colossians was written to Colossae, another city in Asia Minor, which no longer exists. Philippi was a city in northern Greece, where many retired Roman military officers lived. These letters cover a variety of topics about the centrality of Jesus Christ and living a Christian life. For example, Ephesians contains the famous (and usually misunderstood) passage that explains the sacrament of marriage as a sign of the relationship between Jesus and His Church (5:21-33).

The letter to Philemon is not written to a community but to an individual. Philemon was a Christian whose slave, Onesimus, ran away and eventually met Paul. Paul writes to Philemon urging him to take Onesimus back, not as a slave, but as a brother, a fellow Christian.

In Christ,  
Fr. Bobbin

## Chosen, Blessed, Shared

**Please Support the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown.**

Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You should have received a request letter in the mail within the last few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. For more information visit the website [www.weloveourpriests.org](http://www.weloveourpriests.org). Thank you in advance for your generous support!

## Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayers and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to your call. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## Next Week's Readings

**CHRIST THE KING**

(November 22/23)

**Reading I:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3

**Reading II:** Colossians 1:12-20

**Gospel:** 23:35-43



## Upcoming Events

### November

|    |              |                                          |      |
|----|--------------|------------------------------------------|------|
| 15 | 11 am-7 pm   | Christmas Bazaar .....                   | R.B. |
| 16 | 9 am-2 pm    | Christmas Bazaar .....                   | R.B. |
| 16 | 9:00 a.m.    | CCD Class—Service Project .....          | L.H. |
| 16 | 10:30 a.m.   | Sunday School / Children's Liturgy ..... | L.H. |
| 19 | 7:00 p.m.    | Catholic Women's Union .....             | L.H. |
| 23 | after Masses | Coffee & Donuts .....                    | L.H. |
| 30 | 9:00 a.m.    | CCD Class—Service Project .....          | L.H. |
| 30 | 10:30 a.m.   | Sunday School / Children's Liturgy ..... | L.H. |

### December

|       |                  |                                            |        |
|-------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| 6     | 5:00 p.m.        | First Reconciliation .....                 | Church |
| 7     | after 10:30 Mass | CCD Service Project .....                  | R.B.   |
| 7     | 10:30 a.m.       | Sunday School / Children's Liturgy .....   | L.H.   |
| 7     | 3:00 p.m.        | Schuylkill County Chorus Concert .....     | Church |
| 7     | 6:30 p.m.        | Confirmation Class .....                   | L.H.   |
| 10    | 8:00 p.m.        | St. John's Beneficial Society Mtg .....    | F.R.   |
| 11    | 7:00 p.m.        | Women's Fellowship .....                   | L.H.   |
| 13/14 | after Masses     | Catholic Women's Union 'Cookie Sale' ..... | L.H.   |
| 14    | 9:00 a.m.        | CCD Class .....                            | R.B.   |
| 14    | 10:30 a.m.       | Sunday School / Children's Liturgy .....   | Chapel |

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

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. Weekly Men's Group ..... F.R.

## Catholic Women's Union— Meeting



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 19th 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 Dinner. Your ideas, friendship and membership are always welcomed.

Pecans will be available at the Christmas Bazaar and at the Catholic Women's Union Cookie Sale (December 13 & 14)

## Catholic Women's Christmas Party

Attention Catholic Women's Union Members. Our Annual Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday, **December 2nd** at the Blu Tavern at 6 p.m.

Menu choices: Roast Chicken with filling or Baked Haddock with Lemon or Roast Top Round of Beef with Gravy. We will also exchange a \$10.00 gift — please wrap your item. For more information please call Frances Lorenz at 570-544-2837.



*Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and melodious song.*  
— Psalm 98:5

## Weekly Collection

**November 8/9 .....\$5637.03**

**Parish Dues .....\$1,071.00**

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

## Candles

### BVM

1. Health of Susan DeJesus  
by Steve & Jan Kurtek

2. IMO Ed & Mary Adams  
by Fred & Hilda Maley

### St. Joseph

1. IMO George & Grace Werez  
by Grace King

2. IMO Donna Steidle  
by Fred & Hilda Maley

### Sanctuary

IMO William & Mary Pugh  
by Fred & Hilda Maley

### Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy  
by Joan Grapsy Family

3. IMO Emily Leinheiser  
by Family

4. IMO Dave Penkunas  
by Fred & Hilda Maley

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### Christ the King

**November 22 — 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Reader:** Michelle Heenan

**EM:** Sharon Snyder, Frank Murphy

**Server:** Frank Murphy

**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

**November 23— 8:15 a.m. Mass**

**Reader:** John Crane

**EM:** Jeff Naffin, Raymond Petrilla

**Servers:** Callie & Cole Felty

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

**November 23—10:30 a.m. Mass**

**Reader:** Vincent Balulis

**EM:** Justina Majestic

Janet Daubert

**Servers:** Jackson Daubert

Colin McGinley

**Cantor:** Ensemble

**Weekend Sacristan:** Connor Felty

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday, November 15th—11 am to 7 pm**

**Sunday, November 16th— 9 am to 2 pm**

**at the Russell Building**

**THEMED BASKETS - SPECIALS - CRAFTS**  
**BARGAIN TABLE - HOMEMADE FOOD - BAKED GOODS**  
 (ALL FOOD ITEMS TAKE OUT ONLY)

## *Donated Baskets & Sponsors & Crafts*

Afghan —Carol Rehnert  
 Air Fryer Oven—Peggy & Walter Darmohray  
 Art—Mary Beth Harvey  
 Barbie —Lucilla Kochol  
 Blanket Plus—Natalie Setlock  
 Children's—Parishioners  
 Child's Activity—Jane & Ray Petrilla  
 Child's Vintage Fire Truck—Ed & Carole Quirin  
 Christmas—Darla & Vince Fabiani  
 Christmas Bathroom—Joanne & Don Doyne  
 Christmas Centerpiece—Mary Bound  
 Christmas Door Decoration—Sharon & Lou Miller  
 Countdown to Christmas—Phil & Pat Markovich  
 Cozy Night In—Missy & Pat Scheetz  
 Crocheted Hats & Scarves —Carol Rehnert  
 Decorative Flower Pots—Michael & Janet Dzurani  
 Dog Bskt —Carolyn & James Orlowsky  
 Doll House Special—Phil & Carol Lasco  
 Estate Planning—Eric Lieberman  
 Jennifer Moore Handbags—Jan & Steve Kurtek  
 Key Music Board—Al & Barb Munster  
 Kitchen—Parishioners  
 Lavendar—Sue & Rik Jochems  
 Lottery Special —Ed & Carole Quirin  
 Lottery Frame—\$50 —Joyce Gerace  
 Lottery Frame—\$50 —Joyce Gerace  
 Lottery Frame—\$50 —Mary Porter  
 Marlin Meats Super Freezer Deal Special—Joyce Gerace  
 Mickey Mouse Afghan—Reene Reddington  
 Mr. & Mrs. Claus—Ellen & Jay Zane  
 Nativity BVM High School  
 Nativity BVM High School Family  
 Painting—Fr. Bobbin

## *Donated Baskets & Sponsors & Crafts*

Quilted Runner & Stockings—Jane Petrilla  
 Sip/Snack/Scratch—Carl & Kathy Hughes  
 Slow Cooker 6 qt.—Pat Scheetz  
 Snowman & Basket—Donna Pugh  
 Staying Warm —Jan & Steve Kurtek  
 Tea & Snacks—Parishioners  
 Tis the Season—Chris Maccarone  
 Various Crafts/Wreaths—Mary Bound  
 Vera Bradley—Rosann Sitkus  
 Wine—Bill & Kathy Gianfagna  
 Wine—Larry Steficek  
 Wine—Luis & Virginia Visot  
 Wine—Parishioners  
 Wine—Parishioners  
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 Winter Spirit—Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski  
 Winter Warmth—Pat Kutch  
 \$25 Boyer's Gift Card—Joe & Judy Piel  
 \$25 Hadesty's Ace Gift Card—Joe & Judy Piel  
 \$50 Boyer's Gift Card—Michelle & Tom Heenan  
 \$50 Lowe's Gift Card—Linda & Marty Smith

Sponsor—\$150.00—Lieberman & Tamulonis Law  
 Sponsor—\$100.00—Frances Lorenz  
 Sponsor—\$100.00—Joe & Sherri Souchak  
 Sponsor—\$ 75.00 — Eleanor Schaeffer  
 Sponsor—\$ 75.00—Jay & Ellen Zane  
 Sponsor—\$ 50.00—Richard & Michelle Stone  
 Sponsor—\$ 50.00—Dianne Stoudt  
 Sponsor—\$ 50.00—Barbara Wollyung  
 Sponsor—\$ 50.00—St. John's Catholic Women's Union  
 Sponsor—\$ 25.00—Jack & Aggie Messner  
 Sponsor—\$ 25.00—Joe & Dorothy Stangl

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

All Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Servers... please let us know your plans for **December and January** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please call or email the rectory **before November 17th**. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

## Bulletin Boosters

IMO Carl Bartholomew  
IMO Harold Bartholomew  
IMO James J. Bartholomew  
IMO Robert Berger  
IMO Rita Bartholomew Foley  
John & Mildred Fredericks  
Fr. Don Henry  
IMO M/M Herbert Henry  
IMO Joanne Hepler  
IMO Clare & Linda Houser  
IMO Charles Lorenz  
IMO Charles & Matilda Schaeffer  
IMO Charlie & Catherine Schaeffer  
IMO Erika Stangl Seasock  
IMO Theresa Bartholomew Sencak  
IMO Janet Bartholomew Whitaker  
IMO Margaret & Guy Zelinsky  
Living & Deceased of St. John's  
CYO Program

*Thank you for supporting our  
bulletin this month!*

## Prayer for our Troops Around the World

*"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior." Amen.*

## Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting our beautiful church, please know you are most welcome!

If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish family, please call the rectory 570-622-5470.



This weekend, **November 15/16**, 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 29/30**. 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 29/30 weekend.**

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

## Nativity BVM High School Happenings

The month of November, Nativity's Green and Gold Club will be selling **Gift Card Calendars**. The Club will be mailing out 5 calendars to each Nativity family to sell and additional calendars will be available in the main office. The cost of each calendar is \$10.00.

On **Sunday, November 23rd**, Nativity will be hosting a **Fall Open House** for potential students for the 2026-2027 school year beginning at 4:30 PM at the school. Nativity BVM High School administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and Board Members will be on hand to discuss specific information about academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. This information will be particularly helpful for incoming freshmen, transfer students, new students and potential host families. We invite you and your family to join us for this event. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome! Please contact the school at 570-622-8110 or [jldaubert@nativitybvm.net](mailto:jldaubert@nativitybvm.net) with any questions.

## 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 27).

If you or a 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 20 at 5 p.m. in order for us to order the required items for the meal. Thank You.

**Help Needed.** Also, anyone who can give us a hand delivering the meals is asked to come to St. Patrick's social hall in Pottsville on Thanksgiving Day by 8 a.m. You can sign up for an area you may know in order to deliver the meals or for any area. We are usually finished by 1 pm



**Thank You, LORD!**

## St. John's Ensemble

**... will play/sing at 10:30 a.m. Mass on November 23rd.**

The purpose of this ministry is to serve the parish at Mass, singing liturgical hymns, using contemporary instruments like the guitar, keyboard, drums or other instruments, and using contemporary music arrangements.



November 16, 2025

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a | 2 Thes 3:7-12 | Lk 21:5-19

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

We don't have to look far to find grief, violence, or chaos in our world. Perhaps it has made its way into our community or has pierced our hearts in deeply personal ways. Or even if the chaos of life has remained at a distance for now, it can be tempting to wonder if the end is near at times. But Jesus warns us against catastrophic thoughts. Listen to what he says in today's Gospel, when asked how we will know the end time is coming: "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Jesus knew we would need his clear and steady reminder. If you find yourself fearing the state of the world, turn all your senses toward Jesus. Let your anxiety, grief, and concern become catalysts for prayer.

**PRAY**

If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed this week, pray the Prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila:

*Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away:*

*God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.*

**GO EVANGELIZE****PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Although today's Gospel may at first be one that stirs fear, as we look deeper we realize that Jesus is speaking directly into the heart of our fear and offering his profound consolation. There is so much in this Gospel that can encourage us to continue to bear witness to Christ even in trying times. As we scroll through the news each day, remember Jesus' words to not be "terrified." If you find yourself in circumstances where it's not easy to stand up for your faith, Jesus tells us, "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." And when you look to the future with dread, remember that Jesus says, "not a hair on your head will be destroyed." Read these words again, drawing comfort and strength that the Lord is with you, guiding and protecting you through it all.

## Neighboring Events

**Schuylkill Choral Society** presents 'A Victorian Christmas' under the direction of Dr. Mark P. Thomas accompanied by Kimberly Breiner Stoudt. Go back in time to an era that gave us some of the world's most popular holiday music! Saturday, December 6th at 7 p.m. at Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Schuylkill Haven and Sunday, December 7th at 3 p.m. here at St. John's.

**Spaghetti Dinner** sponsored by St. Patrick Church, 313 Mahantongo St., on Sunday, December 7th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or sell out). Platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, salad & bread. Cost \$12 per platter. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

**City Chicken Dinner** sponsored by Holy Family Parish of Minersville on Sunday, November 16th. Dinners are \$12 includes 3 pieces of city chicken, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, dinner roll, choice of green beans or corn. Additional city chicken and fresh kielbasa also available. Pre-Order sales ONLY. Please call Jean at 570-640-0140 or Rosalie at 570-544-2172 by Sunday, November 9th to place your order.

**Christmas Bazaar** at St. Mary's Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg on Saturday, November 22nd from 8 am to 1 pm. Handmade crafts & gifts by local crafters. Theme Baskets & Quilt Raffles, Homemade Cookies & Baked Goods. Serving Breakfast & Lunch items from the kitchen & much more. Free parking and admission. For more information please call 610-562-7652 or [www.stmaryhamburg.org](http://www.stmaryhamburg.org)

**Rosary.** Please join us at Mary Queen of Peace Chapel, 728 N. Centre St. in Pottsville for the recitation of the Rosary on Sundays from 3—5 p.m.

## 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!

**Thank you** to everyone who has come forward to help me with transportation to my medical appointments. Your help is so very appreciated. I am truly grateful. Thank you again!