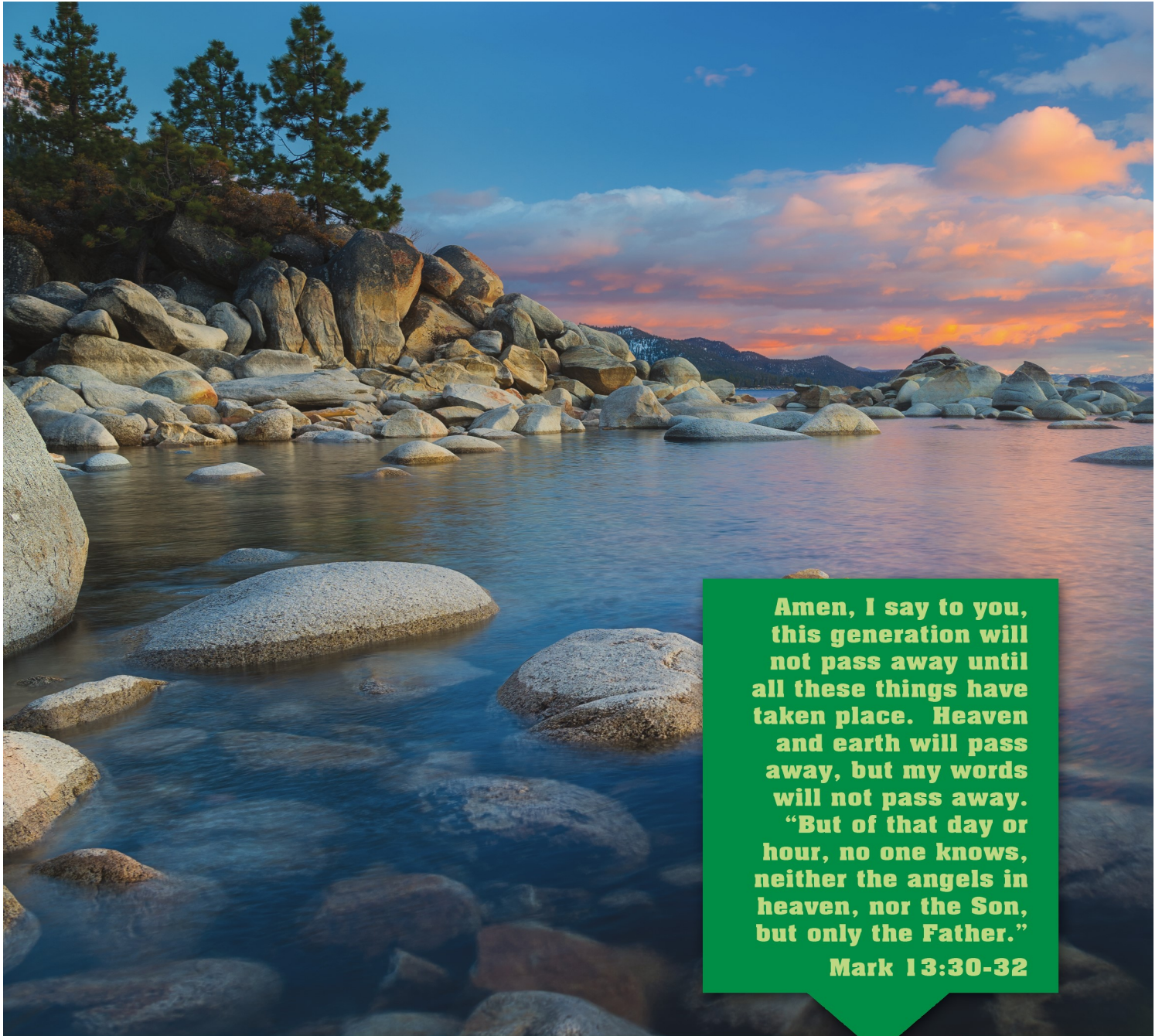


# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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November 17, 2024



**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**

**33**  
**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**

## Mass Intentions

### 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)

### Monday, November 18

6:30 p.m. Anthony S. Gaburick  
(John B. Lieberman Family)

### Tuesday, November 19

9:00 a.m. Francis & Verna Sauers

### Wednesday, November 20

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

### Thursday, November 21

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

### Friday, November 22

9:00 a.m. Angeline & Nicholas  
DeStefano  
(Chris Maccarone)

### Saturday, November 23

5:00 p.m. Wedding Anniversary of  
Dorothy & Joe Stangl

### Sunday, November 24

8:15 a.m. Gerald Hudock  
(Gregory Sekela)

### Sunday, November 24

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

## Next Week's Readings

### Christ the King

(November 23/24)

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

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

**Gospel:** John 18:33b-37

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

We have been doing an overview of the Old Testament prophets. So far, going in chronological order, we have looked at Amos and Hosea, Micah and the first part of Isaiah, then Zephaniah, Nahum, and Habakkuk. Now we come to Jeremiah, one of the major prophets.

Jeremiah lived through the cataclysmic event of the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon in 587 BC. He prophesies over a forty-year period leading up to the fall. He addresses a society that has become morally bankrupt and unfaithful to God, calling the people to conversion and urging the leaders to trust in God, not in alliances with foreign powers. In this ominous time, God even tells Jeremiah not to marry, which in itself is a prophetic sign that the end is near.

While little is known about many of the Old Testament prophets, the Book of Jeremiah is very autobiographical. Besides Jeremiah's prophecy, we also learn a lot about the prophet himself and his own struggles to carry out his mission when it seems to bring him nothing but trouble.

One significant point of Jeremiah's prophecy is the promise of a New Covenant, in which God will change our hearts and enable us to live up to the good. This is the first mention of a "New Covenant," which will be inaugurated by the future Messiah, Jesus.

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*

**Family Matters:** *Unemployed and Underemployed.* They are too often disappointed, frustrated, and angry. They are unemployed and underemployed members of our family, our neighbors, and our faithful parishioners. We pray for all our under and unemployed and ask God's guidance and direction for these family members, parishioners and struggling neighbor

### Upcoming Events

#### November

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 .....

### Weekly Collection

**November 9/10.....\$4,756.37  
Improve. & Repairs .....\$1,506.00**

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

### Candles

#### BVM

1. IMO Tim Murphy by Babe Murphy
2. IMO Ronald Pillo by Steve & Chris Zanis

#### St. Joseph

1. IMO David Zanis by Steve & Chris Zanis
2. IMO George Zanis by Steve & Chris Zanis

#### Sanctuary

IMO Tim Murphy by Babe Murphy

#### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Joe Wollyung by Barb Wollyung
2. IMO Gladys Kuperavage by Steve & Chris Zanis
3. IMO Edward Kuperavage by Steve & Chris Zanis
4. IMO Diane Leinheiser, 1st Anniv. by Family

### Chosen, Blessed, Shared

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!

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



What a Blessing: on Saturday, November 9th, St. John’s was Blessed with 17 Volunteers! The group began about 2:00 pm and by the end of the afternoon we completed 10 Blessing Blankets for the homeless! Volunteers pictured above from L to R are: kneeling Emma Scheifley, Ivy Vengen; 2nd row: Beth Smith, Tegan Vengen, Addison Smith, Hilda Maley, Janet Daubert, Phyllis Hess; 3rd row: Christine Maccarone, Tommy Welsh, Roxanna Achach, Zahia Burgos, Robin Welsh, Shanna Delbert, Alyssa Patten, Camden Delbert and not pictured Gerry Schwartz.

### Liturgical Min. Schedule

#### CHRIST THE KING

**November 23 — 5 p.m. Mass**

**Reader:** Patty O’Neill

**Euch.Min.:** John O’Neill  
Frank Murphy

**Server/Sacristan:** Luke Schane

**Cantor:** Ensemble

**November 24— 8:15 a.m.**

**Reader:** Ann Blankenhorn

**Euch.Min.:** Sharon Snyder  
Justina Majestic

**Servers.** Lukas & Finley McNamara

**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

**November 24— 10:30 a.m.**

**Reader:** Ray Petrilla

**Euch.Min.:** Janet Daubert  
John Crane

**Servers:** Gabe Scheidel

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

## Church Cleaning Crew Thank You

We thank our Church Cleaning Group for doing a wonderful job cleaning our beautiful church including Longinus Hall and the Chapel.

Everything looks just perfect! Those volunteering their time and talent this month:

*Michelle Ambrose, Sandy Frinzi, Phyllis Hess, Debbie Kubilus, Ray Petrilla, Theresa Skrobak, Joanne Wood.*

The more the merrier — new-comers are always welcome — please call the rectory if interested or just show up at our next cleaning.

## 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.

## Girls CYO Basketball

Any girls in 4th to 6th grade who attend a diocesan school or who are registered members of St. John's or other participating parish are eligible to participate in CYO basketball. For more information, contact Scott Forney at [Forney.scott@gmail.com](mailto:Forney.scott@gmail.com).

# 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 Barbara Wollyung  
\$ 50.00 Ellen & J. Robert Zane  
\$100.00 Jennifer & Eric Lieberman  
\$100.00 Sherri & Joe Souchak  
\$100.00 Paul & JoAnna Buber

## 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 20, at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall.** Installation of officers will take place at this meeting. 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 welcomed. Join us!



## 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!

# 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 & Son - Gift Card  
 Eat, Drink, & Be Merry - Sandy & Joe Frinzi  
 Estate Planning - Lieberman & Tamulonis Law  
 Everything Red - Parishioners  
 Fall - K&S Warehouse  
 Floral Arrangement - 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 Lavender - Sue & Rik Jochems  
 Jewelry - Murphy Jewelers  
 Jewelry - Sophy Jewelers

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

Just Add Ice Cream - Carol & Phil Lasco  
 Ken's Tires - Gift Card  
 Kitchen - Parishioners  
 Kitchen Gadgets - Parishioners  
 Kitty Lou Boutique - Gift Card  
 Ladies - Parishioners  
 Lenox - Nancy Reppy  
 Lottery Special - Carole & Ed Quirin  
 Lottery—Janet & Michael Dzurarin  
 Lottery Frame - Marie & Joe Ryan  
 Lowe's \$75 Gift Cards - 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 - Michelle & Tom Heenan  
 White House Ornament - Linda & Martin Smith  
 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 17, 2024 | 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 brother-in-law inherited his father's company. Although he studied business in college, he knew years before receiving his degree that, provided he was faithful to his studies, he would have a comfortable job waiting for him after graduation. We may not all inherit the same economic opportunities as my brother-in-law, but, as Christians, we are heirs of infinitely greater spiritual ones. *You are my inheritance, O Lord*, the psalmist says. This phrase reveals the tremendous goodness of God who not only created us but who, in baptism, extended to us an invitation and a promise: provided we are faithful to him, we are heirs of eternal life. Nothing short of eternity will be sufficient to express our thanksgiving to him for this gift.

## GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Daniel's words in today's first reading remind us not only of the gratitude we owe to God but also of our responsibility to help souls who have gone astray from following him. *Some shall live forever*, the prophet says, but *others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace*. The reality is that eternal life is not guaranteed us - not because God does not offer it freely, but because we are free to reject his offer. My brother-in-law, if he had neglected his studies in college, would never have equipped himself to run the family business. His father may have wholeheartedly desired to give the company to him, but doing so would have been irresponsible if his son did not want to take the helm. Likewise, God's mercy is abundant; but we can nevertheless say "no" to God by choosing not to follow him. As Christians seeking (although imperfectly) to follow the Lord, we have the dignity of cooperating with God in order to draw the souls who have gone astray back to him. By word, example, prayer, and sacrifice, we can help others experience the joy of knowing God in this life and of living forever with him in the next.

**PRAY** The Church especially devotes the month of November to praying for the souls in Purgatory. These individuals died in a state of friendship with God but are still in need of purification. God is indeed their *inheritance*, but they experience pain because they do not possess him yet. One way to remember to pray for the Holy Souls is to conclude grace before meals in this way: "Bless us, O Lord ... May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

## The Giving Tree

Helping Those  
in Need



This weekend 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. 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!**

**Pastor** ..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*  
**Deacon** ..... *Robert A. Reiley*  
**Parish Council President**..... *Darren DeArment*  
**E-mail** ..... *dbd269@gmail.com*  
**Choir Director/Organist**.....*David Derbes*  
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**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**  
 Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.  
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## Cemetery Burial Plots & Regulations

### Burial Plots

Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's need ... we want to remind our parishioners and friends that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services whenever that need occurs.

**Grave Lots \$ 600.00 each which includes Perpetual Care**

### Regulations / Guidelines

The following are guidelines established by St. John's Cemetery Committee ...

- \* Shrubs are **not** permitted on cemetery grounds
- \* Flowers or plants may be planted in the ground, but must remain within 12 inches of base of memorial. **NO Perennials** are permitted.
- \* All artificial decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4, Christmas, etc.
- \* **Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden — doing this creates many problems during cutting season.**
- \* All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in available receptacles located at top of cemetery
- \* Please refrain from placing any tombstone in or on the grounds for one year after a death to allow the ground to settle back to its natural state.

## 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.