

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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November 20, 2022

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 19

5:00 p.m. Scott Bowers  
(Scott Williams)

### Sunday, November 20

8:15 a.m. Carl & Ada Hahner  
(Dorothy, Butch, Lois  
Carolyn & Bob)

### Sunday, November 20

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

### Monday, November 21

9:00 a.m. John Wollyung  
**(Time Change)** (Ed & Mary Hauck)

### Tuesday, November 22

6:30 p.m. Mary Hahner  
**(Time Change)** (Mary Jane Hahner)

### Wednesday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Erika Stangl Seasock  
(Dorothy & Joseph Stangl)

### Thursday November 24

8:00 a.m. St. John's Parish Family  
**(Time Change)**

### Friday, November 25—NO MASS

### Saturday, November 26

5:00 p.m. St. John's Beneficial Society

### Sunday, November 27

8:15 a.m. Kelly Jo Messina  
(Ellamae Krusnoskie)

### Sunday, November 27

10:30 a.m. Mildred & Ed Deiter  
(Joan & Dave Deiter)

## Next Week's Readings

First Sunday of Advent  
(November 26/27)

**Reading I: Isaiah 2:1-5**

**Reading II: Romans 13:11-14**

**Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44**

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, we are grateful for all of God's blessings on our parish family. First and foremost, we are grateful for the gift of being able to celebrate the Eucharist as a parish family every weekend. We are grateful for the opportunity to encounter Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and in the Sacrament of Confession.

We are grateful for all the people who make up our parish family, including all of you who come together for prayer and worship, the liturgical ministers, volunteers, and staff. We are grateful to have welcomed quite a number of new parishioners over the past year.

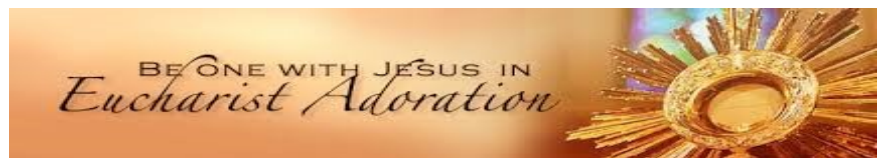
We are also grateful for all of the other activities that contribute to the life of our parish, such as last weekend's Christmas bazaar. Thank you to everyone who works hard behind the scenes to organize these events, and to all who support them by your participation and generosity.

There is also much to be thankful for as we look at the various needs of our parish. In June we did a presentation about some of the repairs and improvements needed on our parish property. As of now, the stone wall between the church and rectory has been completed. The Russell Building has received a new entryway on the parking lot side and a renovated porch on the church side, among other improvements. All of these things were made possible by your generosity.

As my space here is limited, these are just a few blessings off the top of my head. Hopefully you will take time around Thanksgiving Day to thank our Lord for His blessings in your life and quickly find that they are far too many to list.

In Christ,

Fr. Bobbin



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 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.

## 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 • Robert Kline • Chuck Majestic • Tyler Wilson  
Tom Jefferson • John Morgalis • Elaine Grapsy*



## Upcoming Events

### November

20	9:10 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg. .... Church
20	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday School..... L.H.
20	2:00 p.m.	Paint N' Sip ..... L.H.
22	7:15 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Mtg ..... F.R.
24	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Mass..... Church

### December

2	7:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation Rehearsal ..... Church
3	11:00 a.m.	First Reconciliation ..... Church
4	9:10 a.m.	Parent Meeting for Eucharist ..... L.H.
4	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday School..... L.H.
4	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class..... L.H.
4	2:00 p.m.	Advent Reflection ..... Church, L.H.
7	6:30 p.m.	Catholic Women's Christmas Party ..... Blu Tavern
7	7:00 p.m.	Mass—Immaculate Conception of BVM ..... Church
8	9:00 a.m.	Mass—Immaculate Conception of BVM ..... Church
8	5:15 p.m.	Mass—Immaculate Conception of BVM ..... Church
10/11		Catholic Women's Union Cookie Sale ..... L.H.
11	9:10 a.m.	Community Meeting..... Church
11	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday School..... L.H.
14	8:00 p.m.	St. John's Beneficial Society Mtg. .... F.R.
20	7:15 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Mtg. .... F.R.

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

## Advent Reflection

### St. John the Baptist: The Advent Prophet

An afternoon of reflection, will be offered by Fr. Bobbin on **Sunday, December 4**, 2:00-3:30 in the main church, followed by snacks in Longinus Hall. Join us for prayer, talks, and Eucharistic Adoration.



RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John's Rectory, 622-5470, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

## 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

## Weekly Collection

**November 12/13** .....\$4,643.00  
**Improv. & Repairs** .....\$1,754.00

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

## Candles

### BVM

1. IMO Mary Hahner  
by Hahner Family
2. IMO Erika Stangl Seacock  
by Dorothy & Joseph Stangl & Michael Felker

### St. Joseph

1. IMO Joe Wollyung  
by Barbara Wollyung
2. IMO Thomas J. Burns  
by Peggy Smith

### Sanctuary

IMO Rita Foley  
by Ellen Foley

### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Erika Stangl Seacock  
by Dorothy & Joseph Stangl & Michael Felker
2. IMO Carl & Ada Hahner  
by Children Dorothy, Butch, Lois, Carolyn & Bob
3. IMO Debbie Bowers  
by Joan Bowers
4. IMO Christine Bowers  
by Joan Bowers

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### November 26 — 5:00 p.m.

**Reader:** Lucilla Kochol  
**Euch.Min.:** Janet Daubert  
**Server:** Luke Schane  
**Cantor:** Joanne Matina

### November 27— 8:15 a.m.

**Reader:** Bob Bechtel  
**Euch.Min.:** Rob Wiscount  
**Server:** Ryan Grabowski  
**Cantor:** Ed Brahler

### November 27 — 10:30 a.m.

**Reader:** Jen Daubert  
**Euch.Min.:** Frank Murphy  
**Servers:** Jackson Daubert  
**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, Judy Meseravage, Ray Petrilla, Theresa Skrobak.* The more the merrier — newcomers are always welcome — please call the rectory if interested or just show up at our next cleaning on **December 10.**

## Family Matters

**Thanksgiving Day.** We give thanks on this day for the many blessings God has bestowed on our families and our parish community. We also are mindful of those who have less than we do and strive to help those most in need.

## 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."*

## Pecans

The Catholic Women's Union still has pecans for sale. Mammoth Halves—\$15.00 per pound. Please call the Rectory for more info 570-622-5470.

**Please Note:** The Rectory Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25.

## Thanksgiving Liturgy

There is so much for which we have to be thankful! As a family, join us in church for our **Annual Thanksgiving Day Mass – 8 a.m. – November 24th**

Each year attendance has grown and our spirit of communal support and praise of God has been reflected in the enthusiasm and shared depth of feeling experienced at this Mass. As a country, parish family, and individuals, we have many reasons to come together on this special day. Please join us!

## Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving memorializes the kindness and generosity that Native people showed toward the European colonists. In the United States, Thanksgiving is a day set aside for the entire nation to celebrate the gifts of God in their lives. It is a legal holiday that commemorates an event in history. Even a secular society finds the need to thank God and for all that has been given.

Parishes all over the country celebrate with liturgies of Thanksgiving and projects to help the needy. It is a time when those who have been blessed can show their gratitude by sharing their riches, spiritual and material with others. It is a time to remember the gifts that have been bestowed upon you and your families.



## Thanksgiving

And now, bless the God of all, who has done wondrous things on earth; Who fosters people's growth from their mother's womb, and fashions them according to his will! May he grant you joy of heart and may peace abide among you; May his goodness toward us endure in Israel to deliver us in our days.

## Catholic Women's Christmas Party

Attention Catholic Women's Union Members. Our Annual Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday, **December 7th** at the Blu Tavern at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25.00.

Menu choices: Stuffed Chicken Breast with filling or Broiled Haddock with Lemon or Virginia Baked Ham. We will also exchange a \$10.00 gift — please wrap your item.

For more information please call the Rectory at 570-622-5470 ext. 3.

## Boyer's Food Market Caring & Sharing Program ...

St. John's is now participating in Boyer's Caring and Sharing Program.

Here's How it works:

1. Use the scannable key tag and present it to the cashier, who will scan it and record with your order.
2. Boyer's will electronically accumulate all of our group members' purchases.
3. Boyer's will then rebate St. John's 1% of the total purchases (excluding tax, milk, and cigarettes). Rebates are issued twice per year.
4. It's an ongoing program—year over year, just use the key tag every time you shop at Boyer's.

The tags are available at the church exits after Masses. Please pick one up for your family to use. And if you have a neighbor that shops at Boyer's, maybe they'd like one too!



## 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 December 3/4. 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 December 3/4 weekend.**

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

## Chosen, Blessed, Shared

**Retired and Infirm Priests Annual Fund.** Make sure to remember the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese.

## Positions Available at Assumption BVM School

Assumption BVM School is seeking the following positions:

**Full-time First Grade Teacher, full or part-time maintenance person and substitute teachers** for the 2022-2023 school year. Please send application, resume, certification and clearances to Assumption BVM School to the attention of Mrs. Teresa Keating, 112 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Pottsville, PA 17901 or call 570-622-0106 for more information.

## Positions Available at Nativity BVM High School

### **Music Teacher (Full or Part time) and Business Teacher (Part time)**

Nativity BVM High School is accepting applications for the immediate openings of the above positions. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree and Teacher Certification required for both positions. Send resumes, certification and all clearances to Nativity BVM High School, Attn. Mrs. Lynn Sabol, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville 117901 or [lsabol@nativitybvm.net](mailto:lsabol@nativitybvm.net).

## New Student Information Night

... at Nativity BVM High School on **Sunday, November 20th at 5 p.m.** at the 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. No pre-registration required. All are welcome! Please contact the school at 570-622-1802 or [jldaubert@nativitybvm.net](mailto:jldaubert@nativitybvm.net).

## Thank You Dept.

Dear Father Bobbin and the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish,

Thank you for taking a collection for the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Mission Appeal as part of the Mission Cooperative Plan for the summer of 2022. Because of your kindness and generosity, our missionaries from South Africa, South America, Benin and India will receive much-needed assistance and support in their work of spreading the Gospel. Our missionaries serve some of the poorest people in the world as parish priests, educators and numerous social services. We are most grateful for you opening your communities to our congregation and we pray that our efforts here in the United States and around the world will continue to bear great fruit.

Many thanks for your kind hospitality and thoughtfulness. Be assured of the continued prayers of all the Oblates for you and your ministry.

Sincerely, Rev. Joseph G. Morrissey, OSFS





November 20, 2022

## The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3 | Col 1:12-20 | Lk 23:35-43

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Did you watch Queen Elizabeth's funeral procession? The Imperial State Crown that sat atop her coffin is "made of gold and set with 2,868 diamonds, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, 269 pearls, and 4 rubies," according to the Historic Royal Palaces website. It had been made for her father, King George VI, for his 1937 coronation. It is hard to reconcile this bejeweled crown with the crown of thorns worn by Jesus at his crucifixion. Yet we recognize the crucified Christ as the king of kings, the firstborn of creation, above "thrones or dominions or principalities or powers." As we conclude the liturgical year, we are reminded that the cross, not the crown, is the primary symbol of Christ's power. By embracing the cross - through service, sacrifice and recognizing Jesus as the king of our lives - we can help bring about his kingdom.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It can be easy to distance ourselves from the two condemned criminals crucified alongside Jesus, much the way we might write off the prisoners in our midst today. Yet Luke's telling reveals their humanity and our shared human nature. One reacts as any of us might, telling Jesus to "save himself." The other speaks words of faith, recognizing Jesus as the Son of God, our true king of the universe. As we prepare to enter Advent, let us ask God for the grace to recognize Jesus as our king. Soon we will be swept up in the Christmas countdown. By placing Christ, the newborn king, at the center of our lives, we can in turn help ourselves and those close to us slow down and experience Advent in such a way so as to fully prepare for his coming.

**PRAY** This week, make the words of the second criminal your prayer: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."



**Pastor**..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*  
**Deacon**.....*Lawrence Lonergan*

**Parish Council President** ..... *Kevin McNamara*  
**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

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