

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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November 24, 2024

CHRIST THE KING



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 23

5:00 p.m. Wedding Anniversary
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)

Monday, November 25

9:00 a.m. Mary Hahner
(Time Change) (Mary Jane Hahner)

Tuesday, November 26 — NO MASS

Wednesday, November 27

9:00 a.m. Mildred & Ed Deiter
(Joan & Dave Deiter)

Thursday, November 28—Thanksgiving Day

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

Friday, November 29—NO MASS

Saturday, November 30

5:00 p.m. Carl & Ada Hahner
(Children, Dorothy, Butch,
Lois, Carolyn, Bob)

Sunday, December 1

8:15 a.m. Gail Vesay
(Bob Garland & Jan Kurtek)

Sunday, December 1

10:30 a.m. James Pugh Jr.
(Rosie, Franny & Mim)

Next Week's Readings

First Sunday of Advent

(November 30/December 1)

Reading I: Jeremiah 33:13-26

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Message from Father Bobbin

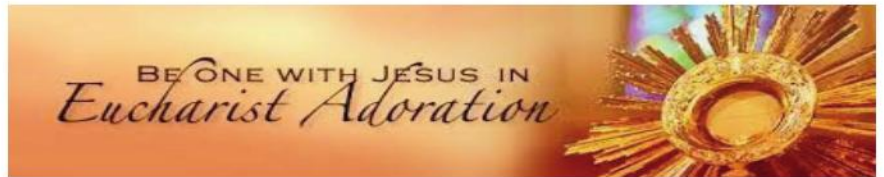
Dear Parishioners,

Continuing our tour of the Old Testament prophets, last week we looked at Jeremiah. To refresh your memory, Jeremiah is one of the four major prophets. There are twelve minor prophets. But there are also two prophetic books that fall into neither of these categories. These two books are considered something of an appendix to the Book of Jeremiah. They are Lamentations and Baruch.

Lamentations is a short book containing five poems that lament the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon in the 500's BC. The Book of Jeremiah ends with the fall of Jerusalem, so it makes sense that the next book "laments" this event that would have seemed like the end of the world to God's People. Jerusalem is destroyed, the Temple is destroyed, the Ark of the Covenant is missing, there is no longer a king ruling in the line of David, and many of the people are exiled to Babylon, losing the Promised Land. The Book of Lamentations expresses the grief of God's People over these events, but not despair. There is a note of hope based on the trust that God will somehow save His people.

Baruch was Jeremiah's scribe who wrote down his prophecy. Lamentations is followed by a short book bearing Baruch's name. This book addresses the people who are now exiled in Babylon, warning them to avoid falling into idolatry while they are living in this foreign land and urging them to patiently wait for God to fulfill His promises.

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: 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.

Upcoming Events

November

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.

2 7:00 p.m. Parish Council 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.

14/15after Masses Catholic Women’s Union ‘Cookie Sale’..... L.H.

15 9:00 a.m. CCD Community Mtg Church

15 10:30 a.m. Sunday School..... Chapel

16 7:00 p.m. Advent Penance Service St. Pat’s

24 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Church

24 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Church

25 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass..... Church

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 16/17\$6,173.75
Improve. & Repairs\$1,124.00**

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 Dolly Parsick by Joanne Schultz

St. Joseph

- 1. IMO Clarence Morgans by Francis Tamburelli
- 2. IMO Raydell Wychunas by Helen Heimbaugh

Sanctuary

IMO Carl & Ada Hahner by Children—Dorothy, Butch, Lois, Carolyn, Bob

Guardian Angels

- 1. IMO Raydell Wychunas by Helen Heimbaugh
- 2. IMO John Heimbaugh by Helen Heimbaugh
- 3&4. IMO Erika Stangl Seasock by Dorothy & Joe Stangl, and Michael Felker

Liturgical Min. Schedule

First Sunday of Advent

November 30 — 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Carleigh Palmieri

Euch.Min.: Joe Palmieri

Gerry Schwartz

Server: Sophia Palmieri

Cantor: Dave Derbes

December 1— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Janet Daubert

Euch.Min.: Jeff Naffin

Mike Ambrose

Servers. Maggie & Rhyan Brennan

Cantor: Joanne Matina

December 1 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Vince Balulis

Euch.Min.: Debbie Herb

Justina Majestic

Server/Sacristan: RJ Post

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

Chosen, Blessed, Shared

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, 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. For more information visit the website www.weloveourpriests.org. Your generosity supports retired priests from all five counties of our Diocese!

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

Communion to the Sick and 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.



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.

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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 Kathleen Hohman
 IMO Clare & Linda Houser
 MO Charles Lorenz
 IMO Dorothy Parsick
 IMO Erika Stangl Seasock
 IMO Theresa Bartholomew Sencak
 IMO Janet Bartholomew Whitaker
 IMO Margaret Zelinsky
 Living & Deceased of St. John's
 CYO Program

*Thank you for supporting our
 bulletin this month!*

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.

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshipping 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.

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."

The Giving Tree

Helping Those
 in Need



On the weekend of **November 16/17**, a barren tree was 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**.)

Catholic Women's Christmas Party

Attention Catholic Women's Union Members. Our Annual Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday, **December 4th** 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 .



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. Contact St. John's Rectory 570-622-5470 for more information.

St. John's Ensemble

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. We invite **ANYONE** in the parish wanting to share his or her voice and musical gifts whether you are a beginner or more experienced. Arrangements are not complicated and songs are familiar. You do not need to know how to read music to join us. We will teach anyone who has a willing heart.



Our goal is to play/sing once a month at one of the weekend Masses. This is a great way to participate in parish life and have fun with only a small commitment of your time. Why not give it a try and give back to your parish family by sharing the gifts God has given to you? If interested please call the rectory 570-622-5470.

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!

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 28th**

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.

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.

Diocesan Events ...

Christmas Concert "Sing We Noel" presented by the choirs of the Cathedral (1825 W Turner St, Allentown) at 2 PM on **Sunday December 1st**. Preludes begin at 1:40 PM. All are welcome. Free will offering will be taken to benefit choir needs.

Better Together Widow and Widower Social Group. This is a community that allows widows and widowers to connect with others in the same circumstance, meets monthly at Assumption Church, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem. Some past meetings include a picnic in the summer, a sing-along/make your own sundaes, and an All Souls remembrance service. The next meeting will be on **December 11th at 1pm**. All are welcome to join us on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm in the Jubilee Center. For more information, please contact Mary Williams at 610-867-7424 x 16.

Advent Retreat for Women. "Finding Hope Through Prayer". The Bishop's Commission for Women invites all women of the Diocese to a peaceful morning of community, prayer, and reflection this Advent season. Join us on **Saturday, December 14th** at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Allentown from 9:00am - 1:00pm. In honor of the Jubilee Year of Hope, our keynote speaker, Fr. John Frink will offer a talk on how to find hope through the practice of prayer. Bishop Alfred Schlert will celebrate Mass, and a continental breakfast will be provided. Registration is open until Tuesday, November 26th. Space is limited, so please register early at <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/finding-hope-through-prayer-womens-advent-retreat-2024>. Contact Mary Ann Guman with questions: maryannguman@gmail.com.

Neighboring Events

Schuylkill Choral Society. *Exultation!*— under the direction of Dr. Mark P. Thomas accompanied by Kimberly Breiner Stoudt. Grand and traditional carols of the holiday season, featuring brass, strings, and organ. **Saturday, December 7**, at 7:00 pm here at St. John the Baptist Church and on **Sunday, December 8th** at 3:00 PM at First Methodist Church in Schuylkill Haven. Tickets—Adults \$15; Students K-12 & Under \$10. Tickets can be obtained from any chorus member or by calling 570-618-3388. (www.schchoral.org)

Christmas Cash Bingo ... sponsored by St. Nicholas Parish on **Sunday, December 8th**. Doors open 11 AM; Bingo starts 1 PM. Advanced tickets \$35; at the door \$40 Includes 20 regular games—pay out at \$100 each. Extras...specials—pay out @ \$200 each; Jackpot pays out \$1,000. Delicious foods. Tickets available at St. Nicholas School, Rectory, Reliable Home Supply and Styles by Sherri. Call/Text 570-573-1662. Benefits St. Nicholas School.

Spaghetti Dinner ... sponsored by St. Patrick Church, 313 Mahantongo St. on **Sunday, December 8th** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or sell out). Platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, salad, bread. Cost \$22. Extra meatballs or sauce available for purchase.

November 24, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14 | Rv 1:5-8 | Jn 18:33b-37

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

If we reflect on today's Gospel, it might be hard for us to envision Jesus ever dressed like an actual king! When Pontius Pilate asked him if he was a king, Jesus responded, "If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over." Imagine: Jesus had spent the night in agony; his friends had all abandoned him; and, in a few verses, Pilate will deliver him to be scourged. He must have *felt*, at that moment, like anything but a king. But, indeed, he was (and is) the Creator of the Universe and its rightful king. We Christians - called, like Jesus' first disciples, to be his friends and followers - should do everything we can to proclaim him as king of our hearts, our families, our lives, and our society.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There is a tradition of placing an image of Jesus' Sacred Heart in a prominent place in the home. The idea is to "enthron" Jesus as king of the home and the family; there is even a small ceremony to go along with the enthronement. In one of the most famous images of the Sacred Heart, Jesus wears a magnificent crown, holds a scepter in his right hand, and carries the earth in his left hand. We see, from this picture, Jesus as a king with a glorious crown who holds the world in his hand - but he does so with a heart burning with love! He loves us so much that he wishes to extend the reign of his love to every human being on earth. We can cooperate with him in this by "enthroning" him as king of our hearts and our homes and allowing his love to impact everything we do and say. By our willingness to welcome God into every aspect of our lives, we will become witnesses of his love to others.

INVITE This week, take one opportunity to invite someone to pray with you. They could be dinner guests, a coworker, or a friend you meet for coffee. Whoever it is, ask him or her if there are any particular intentions you can bring to God in prayer. By doing this, you remind your friend of God's constant presence and his desire to be part of all of your joys, sorrows, and anxieties.



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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
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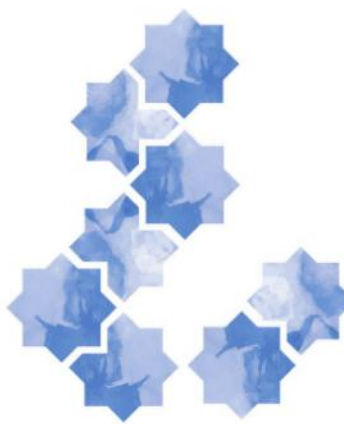


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