

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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January 19, 2025

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Fill the jars with water.”  
So they filled them to the brim.  
Then he told them,  
“Draw some out now and  
take it to the headwaiter.”

John 2:7-8



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 18

5:00 p.m. Charles Bowers  
(Kathy & Bob Verbosh)

### Sunday, January 19

8:15 a.m. Xenia Pristas  
(Marilyn Dragna Family)

### Sunday, January 19

10:30 a.m. Regina Crane  
(John Crane & Family)

### Monday, January 20

6:30 p.m. Marie & Bill Flynn

### Tuesday, January 21

9:00 a.m. Sally Deane  
(M/M John Carroll)

### Wednesday, January 22

9:00 a.m. Charel Porubiansky  
(Nora & Julian Chiplonia)

### Thursday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth & Charles  
Tamburelli  
(Francis Tamburelli)

### Friday, January 24

9:00 a.m. Anthony S. Gaburick  
(George & Barb Halcovage)

### Saturday, January 25

5:00 p.m. Virginia & Barney Comfort  
& Karen Comfort  
(Chris & Jared Black  
& Brian Comfort)

### Sunday, January 26

8:15 a.m. Mary Ann Holley  
(Deborah & Mark Purcell)

### Sunday, January 26

10:30 a.m. Bill Lecher Jr.  
(Mom & Dad)

### Next Week's Readings

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(January 25/26)

**Reading I:** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

## Message from Father Bobbin

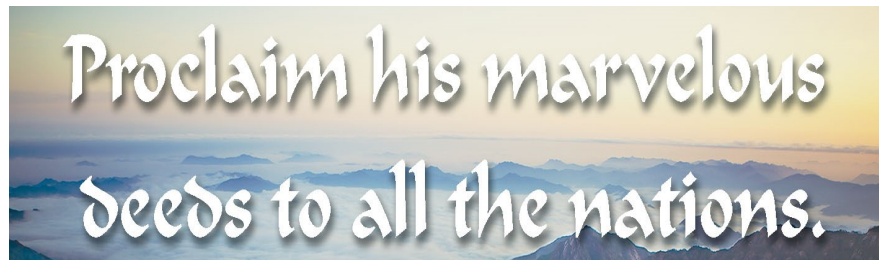
Dear Parishioners,

Here is a look at two more Old Testament prophets.

Zechariah (not to be confused with Zephaniah, who we looked at awhile ago) lived after the Babylonian Exile at the time when the Temple was rebuilt. But years later the prophet may have witnessed God's People becoming disillusioned and lukewarm in their fidelity to God because not much had improved since the time prior to the Babylonian Exile. Zechariah offers a message of hope. He moves toward an understanding that God's promises will be completely fulfilled, not in this present life, but in a future age. Zechariah reflects the expectation of a Messiah, a time when Jerusalem will become the center of the world's destiny, and a final judgment when the good will be rewarded and the evil punished.

Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament, in the order that the books are arranged in the Bible. As the final word of the Old Testament, Malachi has been seen in both Jewish and Christian tradition as the one to give the final instructions to God's People as they awaited the Messiah and the "Day of the Lord." Like most of the prophets, Malachi is a call to repent, along with a warning against God's People accommodating themselves too much to the world they lived in. In other words, they should not compromise their identity to become too much like the peoples and cultures around them. The Book of Malachi ends with a call to watch for the return of the prophet Elijah. Jesus Himself interprets this as a reference to John the Baptist (see Matthew 11:14).

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 • Mary Zambo*

#### For our Deceased

Carolyn Leinheiser

### Upcoming Events

#### January

19	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School.....	L.H.
19	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
26	9:00 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg .....	L.H.

#### February

2	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School.....	L.H.
2	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
9	9:00 a.m.	CCD Parent Mtg .....	L.H.
13	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
15	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Retreat.....	Nativity BVM
16	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School.....	L.H.
19	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union .....	L.H.
20	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
23	9:00 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg .....	L.H.
23	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
27	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.

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

January 11/12 ..... \$5,496.90  
Dues ..... \$1,220.00

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

Please **do not use tape or staples to seal your offertory envelopes**

### Candles

#### BVM

1. IMO Frank & Rose Boris by Margaret Naffin
2. IMO Lucille Spotts by Daniel & Anne Marie Wachter

#### St. Joseph

1. IMO Carol Rockford by Daniel & Ann Marie Wachter
2. IMO Marjorie Angelo by Frank Angelo

#### Sanctuary

IMO Pat Mason Sr. by Maria Mason

#### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Marjorie Angelo by Frank Angelo
- 2,3,4. IMO Mary Ann Holley by Deborah & Mark Purcell

### Liturgical Min.Schedule

#### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### January 25 — 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Frank Murphy  
Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder  
Bob Wollyung  
Server/Sacristan: R.J. Post  
Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

##### January 26— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Michelle Ambrose  
Euch.Min.: Mike Ambrose  
Jeff Naffin  
Servers: Michael, Spencer Prestileo  
Cantor: Vincent Prestileo

##### January 26 — 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Ray Petrilla  
Euch.Min.: John Crane  
Debbie Herb  
Server: Gabe Scheidel  
Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

## SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study will be offered **Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on February 13, 20, 27, March 13, 20, 27, April 10, 24, May 8 and 15.** Join us in person in Longinus Hall or at home on Zoom (\*Please email Father for the Zoom (Please email Father for the Zoom link: [kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org)). Fr. Bobbin's Scripture study attempts to give an overview and background for the books of Sacred Scripture to be of help with personal reading and study, Bible study groups, and getting more out of hearing the Word proclaimed at Mass. All are welcome.

### Live Streaming Mass

A suggestion was made at parish council to resume live streaming Sunday Mass for the benefit of our homebound parishioners, to help them be more connected with our parish family. If anyone has the knowledge and ability to do this and would be willing to take this on as a project, we would be grateful to hear from you.

### National Right for Life March

Motorcoach Trip to National Right for Life March on Friday, January 24, 2025. Departure from St. Jane Frances Church in Easton at 7:30 am and returning around 8:30 pm. Passenger donation \$20.00 – for more information and to reserve a seat, email – [andrewazan3rd@rcn.com](mailto:andrewazan3rd@rcn.com) / (484) 259-7740

### 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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## Nativity BVM High School

**Open House and Registration.** Registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Nativity is scheduled for **Sunday, January 26** from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the school. Faculty, staff, administration and coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert @ 570-622-8110 with any questions.

**Head Girls Softball Coach.** Head coaching experience preferred. Interested candidates should send resume, certifications and all clearances by January 25th to: Nativity BVM High School, Attn. Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville, Pa. 17901 or email lsabol@nativitybvm.net.

## Assumption BVM School

**Catholic Schools Week** begins **Sunday, January 26th**. We offer an educational opportunity that combines the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church with academic excellence. We take our role very seriously to raise up both saints and scholars. We will open our books to enroll new families for the 2025-2026 school year on January 26th beginning at 1 p.m. at our Open House which will run from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

**Spaghetti Dinner** to take place on **Friday, January 24th** at Hillcrest Hall in Minersville as a kick-off to Catholic Schools Week. Take out orders will be available 6:15 to 6:45 and 7:30 to 8 pm. Two seating times for dinner at 5:30 and 7 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Schoepflin (eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net) or Mrs. Thompson (mthompson@assumptionbvmschool.net) to place your order for take out or seating. When emailing, please note in the subject line **spaghetti dinner**, and in the body of the email if you are reserving seating or take-out, number of meals being purchased, and seating time/pick up time preferred. Prices are: \$5.00 (ages 3-10); \$12 (ages 10+).

**Fuel Raffle** sponsored by Assumption BVM School ... \$500 worth of fuel for the winter months (oil, gas, coal, etc.). Please note that you do not have to live in the Schuylkill County area to participate in this raffle. This fundraiser will directly benefit the school and its students. Tickets are \$10.00 each (small games of chance license #9762). Drawing held on February 20th. Chances available from any Assumption BVM family or the school (phone 570-622-0106 or email: eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net.) Thank you for your help in making our Fuel Raffle a success!

## Neighboring Events

**Free Throw Shoot Out** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 431, Boys and Girls ages 9 to 14 ... to be held **Sunday, January 19th at 1 p.m.** at Nativity BVM High School. Snow date is January 26th (same time). Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Pizza Party for the participants following contest.

**Please note:** Parents—kindly bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to validate age of the contestant.

**Pastor** ..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*  
**Deacon** ..... *Robert A. Reiley*  
**Parish Council President**..... *Darren DeArment*  
**E-mail** ..... *dbd269@gmail.com*  
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**CCD Coordinator** ..... *Lucilla Kochol*  
**Rectory**..... (570) 622-5470  
**Rectory Fax** ..... (570) 622-4589  
**E-mail** ..... *stjbparish@comcast.net*  
**Nativity BVM High School** ..... (570) 622-8110  
**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**  
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**January 19, 2025**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11**

*Written by*  
**THE**  
**FAITHFUL**  
**DISCIPLE**

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

Pop quiz: What was the name of the bride and groom at the wedding in today’s Gospel? If you’re unsure, you’re not alone; the bridegroom is mentioned only in passing and the names of the newlyweds are not recorded at all in Scripture. Instead, the most prominent man in the account is Jesus; the most prominent woman is his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In light of today’s first reading, this apparent omission begins to make sense. “As a young man marries a virgin,” the prophet Isaiah writes, “your Builder shall marry you.” Jesus is the “Builder” of the universe, the Word through whom all things were created. Mary, whom Jesus calls “Woman,” stands as a representative of the Church. This image of God as Bridegroom of his people, common throughout the Old Testament, thus takes on its full significance in Christ. He is the Bridegroom who will “wed” himself to his Church irrevocably when he offers his life for her on the cross.

**JOURNAL**

Although God’s love for *us* never diminishes, *we* sometimes struggle to maintain the enthusiasm of our earliest encounters with him. This week, create a spiritual “photo album” you can use to remind yourself of God’s blessings in your life. Recall pivotal moments in your spiritual life, write them down in a notebook, and return to them with praise and thanksgiving whenever you feel your heart drifting from the Lord.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

It is clear that Scriptures give us many “stories behind the stories” – a sort of “visible invisible” as we see with today’s Gospel of the Wedding at Cana. What we think is happening, and who we assume are the main characters, are important and yet also diminished beside the infinite and eternal, self-sacrificing love of God. How much of our own lives contains such stories of God’s immense and great love for us, behind the scenes that play out day to day? The Lord gives us all good gifts, and he uses them to help us see, know, understand and love him. The smallest moment, or the most important detail, may not be recorded or remembered, but the generosity and irrevocable love of God will never fade and will always sustain us.