

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

10<sup>th</sup> & Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville, Pa. 17901 • [www.saintjohnpottsville.org](http://www.saintjohnpottsville.org)

June 30, 2024 • 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

GOD BLESS AMERICA



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 29

5:00 p.m. George & Mary Connell  
(Mary Ellen Tarman)

### Sunday, June 30

8:15 a.m. M/M Peter Samkavitz  
M/M Edward Orzechowski  
(M/M Joseph Orzechowski)

### Sunday, June 30

10:30 a.m. Frank & Madeline Zambo  
(Mary Zambo & Children)

### Monday, July 1

6:30 p.m. Maurice & Helen  
(Christine Maccarone)

### Tuesday, July 2

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

### Wednesday, July 3

9:00 a.m. James Pugh Jr.  
(Paul & Bernie Gombola)

### Thursday, July 4

9:00 a.m. Lucillamae Fanelli  
(Lucilla Kochol)

### Friday, July 5

9:00 a.m. Ann Lowe  
(Rose & Joe Meeske)

### Saturday, July 6

5:00 p.m. Dorothy Rosenberger  
(Janet Thomas)

### Sunday, July 7

8:15 a.m. Vince Albo  
(Rose Marie Turnitsa)

### Sunday, July 7

10:30 a.m. Gary Yenilaitus  
(Carol Rhoades)

## Message from Father Bobbin

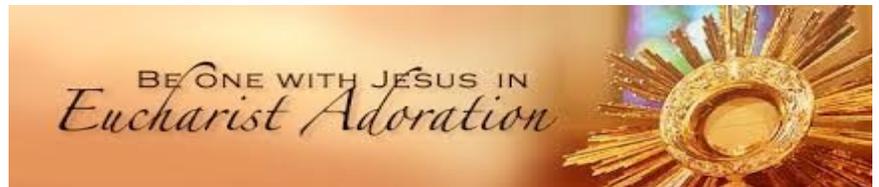
Dear Parishioners,

These past few weeks we've started a long tour of the Bible, first by looking at how the Bible is organized. We mentioned that the first part of the Old Testament is called the *Pentateuch* (also called the *Torah*... also called the *Law*). It contains the first five books of the Bible. Now we are ready to say something about each of these books, starting with Genesis.

As the name implies, Genesis is about the origin of things: the world, humanity, and especially God's Chosen People. It is about the beginning of sin, the need for salvation, and the earliest stages of God's plan to save humanity.

For any book of the Bible, especially Genesis, it is extremely important to respect the type of literature we're reading and the author's intention. The first eleven chapters of Genesis are what we might call "pre-history." They contain the stories of creation, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and the Flood, the Tower of Babel and more. These stories are not intended to be taken in a literal, historical, or scientific way. They convey truth. That's why they are in the Bible. But they convey truths in the form of stories. They teach, for example, the truths that God is Creator, the universe has order, the human person is God's highest creation and God seeks to be in a relationship with us, etc... Next week we will look at the remainder of Genesis.

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.

## Next Week's Readings

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(July 6/7)

**Reading I:** Ezekiel 2:2-5

**Reading II:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-6

## 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 • Tony Kochol • Tom Jefferson • Dominic Maccarone • Drew Schaeffer • Shawn Matz • Miriam Tirjan • John Bernetsky • John & Mary Jean Morgalis • Joanne Mestishen*

### For our Deceased

*Larry Kelly*

## Diocesan News & Events ....

### Retrouaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### Your Life Retreat

Malvern Retreat House would like to invite men and women to experience a period of refreshment, support, reassurance, learning, and concentration on the gift of their lives. Learn, reflect, "dump your stuff", fortify yourself, increase your personal communion with the Lord. Come join the men's weekend, Sep 6, 7, and 8; or a women's weekend, Sep 13, 14, and 15; Fri night to Sun morning. Contact: Anthony Scarselletti, 610-393-4671, [OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com](mailto:OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com).

### Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert

Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert & Father Hoffa - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Saturday, April 3, 2025. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will "Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa directly at [ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org) or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

## Nativity BVM High School News ...

### Positions Available

**Science Teacher** (full time) with Bachelor's Degree in Science is required. Science Certification is preferred.

**Boys Soccer Coach** for the 2024-2025 season.

Interested candidates for either position, please send resume, clearances and references to: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Nativity BVM High School, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville 17901 or [lsabol@nativitybvm.net](mailto:lsabol@nativitybvm.net)

**Little Girls Volleyball Camp** for girls entering 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to be held **July 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th** at Nativity High School Gymnasium (Girls in Grades 3, 4, 5: 5 to 6:30 PM; Girls in Grades 6, 7, 8: 6:30 to 8:00 PM). Cost is \$80.00. Camp includes: individual instruction, team concepts, competitions, t-shirt. Instruction is by Nativity coaching staff, former and current Nativity players. Brochures are available at Nativity HS. Please phone Mrs. Jennifer Daubert at 570-622-8110 for more information.

**Little Golden Girls Basketball Camp** will be held at the school from **July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>** (grades 2 to 5: 9 AM to 12 PM and grades 6 to 8: 1 PM to 4 PM). Cost is \$65 per camper/ \$50 siblings rate and includes t-shirt. Camp highlights: basketball fundamental skill development, offense and defense stations, 1 on 1 and group skill instruction, competition and games that incorporate basketball skills and teamwork. Please contact Coach Scott Forney at 570-573-4275 for more information.

### 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!

## Weekly Collection

June 22/23 .....\$4,289.75

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

## Candles

### BVM

1. Health of Sheri Post  
by Bob & Irene Post
2. Renewed Marriages

### St. Joseph

1. IMO R.J. Post  
by Bob & Irene Post
2. Renewed Marriages

### Sanctuary

IMO Edward P. Lubinsky  
by Rick & Michelle Stone

### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Marcella Sockalosky  
by Rick & Michelle Stone
2. IMO George Hahner Jr.  
by Hahner Family
3. IMO Nancy & Donald Doyne  
by Don & Joanne Doyne
4. IMO Josephine & Frank Brozana  
by Don & Joanne Doyne

## Liturgical Min.Schedule

### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### July 6— 5 p.m. Mass

**Reader:** Bob Wollyung

**Euch.Min.:** Heidi Gorski  
Dan Murphy

**Server/Sacristan:** Connor Felty

**Cantor:** Stanley Gorski

#### July 7— 8:15 a.m.

**Reader:** Ann Blankenhorn

**Euch.Min.:** Justina Majestic  
Ray Petrilla

**Servers:** Cooper & Cole Felty

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

#### July 7 — 10:30 a.m.

**Reader:** Mary Matulevich

**Euch.Min.:** John Matulevich  
Sharon Snyder

**Servers:** Lukas & Finley McNamara

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

# Summer Festival

## Major Sponsors

Hahner Bros. Inc. — Chance Books  
Joe & Nancy Schlitzer — Tent

## Festival Patrons

### \$500.00

Ed & Carole Quirin

### \$200.00

Gorski Family

### \$150.00

Lieberman & Tamulonis Law

### \$100.00

David & Alice Bechtel  
Paul & JoAnna Buber  
Friends of St. John's  
Alicia Kleman  
Christine Maccarone  
Frank & Annie Murphy  
Bob & Mary Porter

### \$75.00

John & Bernice Petock

### \$50.00

DeArment Family  
Frank & Mary Fetterolf & Family  
George Harig  
Barbara Jean Krupa  
Patricia Kutch  
Frances Lorenz  
Dan & Hermine Murphy  
Joe & Marie Ryan  
David & Mary Ann Shoopack  
Dianne Stoudt  
Judith Williams  
Barbara Wollyung

## Festival Patrons

### \$30.00

Ann Blankenhorn  
David & Joan Deiter  
Ted Gurecki Jr.  
Henry Minnig  
Wartella Family

### \$25.00

James Brentari  
Bob Daniels  
Mary Ann Filiac  
Diane Hudock  
Frances Brahler Mickey  
Ed & Gerry Schwartz  
Peggy Smith  
Joe & Dorothy Stangl  
Bruno Tassone

### \$20.00

Jack & Aggie Messner  
Chris Tray

### \$10.00

Liz Kleckner

## Festival Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor one or more of the following — please drop in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

**Band Sponsor** — \$100.00 each

**Coke Sponsor** — \$ 50.00 each

**Pizza Sponsor** — \$ 50.00 each

**Bleenie Mix** — \$ 40.00 per bucket

**Ice Cream** — \$ 25.00 each

## Festival Sponsors

Band (1) — John & Christine Eagan

Bleenie Mix (5) — Frank Angelo

Bleenie Mix (1) — Paul & JoAnna Buber

Bleenie Mix (1) — Doyle Family

Bleenie Mix (1) — Stan & Geri Grabowski

Bleenie Mix (1) — Theresa Skrobak

Bleenie Mix (1) — Luis R. & Virginia C. Visot

Bleenie Mix (2) — Jay & Ellen Zane

Pizza (1) — Don & Joanne Doyne

Pizza (1) — Frances Lorenz

Ice Cream (1) — Anonymous

Ice Cream (1) — Mary Ann Filiac

Ice Cream (1) — Natalie Setlock

Ice Cream (1) — Ralph & Joanne Wood

## Special's Table

Baby Bskt. — Joanne Doyne

Coffee Bskt—Rosann Sitkus

Crimson House — Gift Card

Estate Planning—Lieberman & Tamulonis

Movie Bskt.— Katelynn & Jon Miller

Over 21—Maria Mason

Penn State/Wine—Paul & JoAnna Buber

Sports Bskt—Janet & Michael Dzurarin

Basket—Darla Fabiani

Knoebel's Gift Card—Herb Family

*Thank  
You*

## SUMMER FESTIVAL NEWS ....

**Attention all upcoming Confirmation candidates and anyone needing service hours.** It is never too early to start working on accumulating your service hours! Get a jump start and avoid last minute scrambling for hours. St John's Summer Festival is in need of volunteer help!! From set up to clean up and helping at the stands - serve your community and enjoy being part of the great fellowship of our parish! We will happily help you fulfill those hours! Sign-up sheets are located in the back of church.



## New Altar Servers

We invite any boys and girls currently finishing fourth grade or older to consider becoming altar servers. Parents, please speak with Father Bobbin or call the rectory. We will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet for training.

# Summer Festival

Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20

5 to 9:30 p.m. each night

## Specials Table

**Would you like to donate a basket for our Special's Table at the Festival?** We are asking for 15 baskets. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church ... suggestions are listed. Basket minimum value should be approximately \$30—\$50. Gift Certificates are always accepted and greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

(Baskets should be **completed** and **wrapped**. Baskets can be dropped off at the Russell Building on Wednesday, July 17 or Thursday, July 18. Baskets **CANNOT** be dropped off at the rectory.)



## Music Entertainment



**Friday evening, July 19th**, our very own **Dave Derbes** will play acoustic. We have been blessed to have the wonderful talent of Dave and his upbeat and fun music that truly has become a festival tradition! **Saturday evening, July 20th**, we will welcome back "The **New Individuals**" oldies and party band from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. They will play an exciting mix of 50s, 60s, 70s music that is sure to get your toes tapping. Bring your lawn chair or have a seat in one of our shaded accommodations and enjoy all the amazing music celebrating our summer tradition!

## Volunteer to Help at a Stand

There are a variety of stands that need help .... Games of Chance, Children's Games, Food Service, Ticket Stands, etc. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church ... add your name and phone number to one of the many areas.

## Dedicated Workers Needed

Your help is needed for the big job of set-up on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** evenings before the Festival, and **Friday** morning to prepare the grounds for the festivities, and **Sunday** for clean-up and take-down. Your help in these areas is essential. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are located in the back of church.

## Bakers Needed

Desserts/Baked Goods needed—If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop off at the Russell Building on July 19 or 20th.

## Food Committee

We need volunteers to help prepare food for this year's Festival .... If you would like to help, please call the Rectory or add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheets in the back of church.



## Advanced Ticket Sales



Why stand in line for tickets when you could be enjoying yourself ... **Advanced Food & Game Tickets** will be available before and after all Masses the weekend of **July 6/7 and July 13/14**. Purchase \$9.00 worth of tickets in **ADVANCE** and receive \$1.00 worth of tickets **FREE!**

## Festival Supplies

**Sour Cream — Mustard — Ketchup (original/regular tomato only)**

(A container will be in the back of church in the near future ..... Perishable items can be dropped off at the Rectory)



## Peter's Pence Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today!

## 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.

## 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."*

## Neighboring Events

### Cathletics! Training to be Champions for Christ

**Who?** Kids going into Preschool through 5th grade

**Where?** St. Patrick Parish Center, 313 Mahantongo St. in Pottsville

**When?** July 22 to 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.

We know you love Sports and Jesus, so we hope you will sign up and join us for a week of fun! All are welcome! Please call Debbie at 570-622-1802 ext 0, to register for more information

*"I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me"*

June 30, 2024

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 | 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 | Mk 5:21-43

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

"If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." The assuredness with which the woman in today's Gospel, afflicted with hemorrhages, speaks, is something I aspire to. She is at her wit's end, with nothing to lose and everything to gain, and she simply determines what she will do, bolstered by her faith in Jesus Christ. Notice how she doesn't approach Jesus directly, engage in conversation, or even *ask* anything of him. And Jesus, for his part, doesn't actively seek her out or call her to him. But the woman *knows*. "She had heard about Jesus," and she just *knows* that by simply touching his clothing, not even touching his human flesh, that the power he has within him will cure her. Her actions reflect the virtues of fortitude and hope, but it is her faith that has allowed her to see and understand the divine nature of Jesus – to see the God of healing standing before her. And she is not afraid. She trusts in his promises and compassion, and gives herself over to him with full vulnerability, achieving healing and being granted peace in response. If only we could do the same every time we are at *our* wit's end ... or maybe even long before we get there.

## GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

If we are to follow Jesus we're instructed to imitate him – giving people hope in situations that can seem hopeless. The promises of Christ are real, and through him God's original order for Creation is restored. Death is defeated. The sick are healed. The kingdom of God, inaugurated by Christ and in which we participate here in this life, will be brought to fullness and fruition in the next. Being people of faith doesn't mean we won't suffer or die, but it *does* mean that suffering and death don't have the last word with us. When we know and understand this, it affects our whole approach and way of relating to one another. When we know the words of Jesus *are* the truth, we take them into our hearts, live them in our actions, and share them by our witness.

**ACCOMPANIMENT** Who around you could use this hope? Think of someone to whom you might bring the healing power of Christ, through listening and presence. Pray for someone who needs the peace of Christ in his or her life.

**Pastor** ..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*  
**Deacon** ..... *Lawrence Lonergan*  
**Parish Council President**..... *Darren DeArment*  
**E-mail** ..... *dbd269@gmail.com*  
**Choir Director/Organist**.....*David Derbes*  
**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**  
 Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.  
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*Independence Day*

