

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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July 14, 2024

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began
to send them out two by two
and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

Mk 6:7



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 13

5:00 p.m. Charles Bowers
(Kathy Williams)

Sunday, July 14

8:15 a.m. Jean Meyer
(Mary Bildheiser)

Sunday, July 14

10:30 a.m. Catherine Schaeffer
(Maria Schaeffer)

Monday, July 15

6:30 p.m. Gerald Hudock
(Arlene & Henry Mongrain)

Tuesday, July 16

9:00 a.m. Patricia Micka
(Jane Keating)

Wednesday, July 17

9:00 a.m. Joseph & Jessie Ritzel
(Joan Ritzel)

Thursday, July 18

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

Friday, July 19

9:00 a.m. Dr. William & Ellen Schlitzer
(Ed & Mary Hauck)

Saturday, July 20

5:00 p.m. Erika Stangl Seasock
(Dorothy & Joe Stangl
& Michael Felker)

Sunday, July 21

8:15 a.m. Paul Filiac
(Paul & Clare Lorange)

Sunday, July 21

10:30 a.m. Joseph A. Orłowsky
(Joe Orłowsky)

Next Week's Readings

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(July 20/21)

Reading I: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Today we will pause our bulletin series on the Bible to say a few words about Catholic Charities. As most of you know, Catholic Charities has closed the soup kitchen down the street. Unfortunately, this has drawn a lot of undeserved criticism. While I personally do not know all of the details of this situation, I can pass along two facts to you: 1. The building that houses the soup kitchen is in need of major repairs; 2. Catholic Charities will use its new food truck to continue providing meals to those in need here in Pottsville.

The advantage of the food truck is that it allows Catholic Charities to serve not only Pottsville, but locations throughout the county. Catholic Charities is currently working on establishing a schedule for the food truck and collecting enough volunteers to serve meals at each location. Volunteers are also needed to help prepare the meals at Holy Family's parish center (the former Hillcrest). If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact Lori Mergel, Catholic Charities Community Food Services Administrator, with your questions. (LMergel@allentowndioicese.org or 610-435-1541)

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.



Welcome to St. John's



This week we welcome **Daniel & Alexandra Doyle** and their son, **Jameson**, to St. John's Parish Family. Daniel works in development at a logistics company and Alexandra is a registered nurse. Warmly welcome the Doyle Family into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.

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 • Drew Schaeffer • Shawn Matz • Miriam Tirjan • John Bernetsky • John & Mary Jean Morgalis • Joanne Mestishen

For our Deceased

Dominic Maccarone

Upcoming Calendar

July

14	4:00 p.m.	Chronic Pain Support Group	L.H.
17	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women’s Union Mtg.....	L.H.
17/18	6:00 p.m.	Summer Festival Set-Up.....	R.B.
19/20	5-9:30 p.m.	Summer Festival.....	R.B.
21	9:00 a.m.	Summer Festival Clean-up	R.B.
28	2:00 p.m.	Paint ‘n Sip	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

July 6/7\$4,882.75
Parish Dues\$1,142.75

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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Eleanor O’Brien by Jack & Susan Minnichbach
2. IMO Ruth Minnichbach by Jack & Susan Minnichbach

St. Joseph

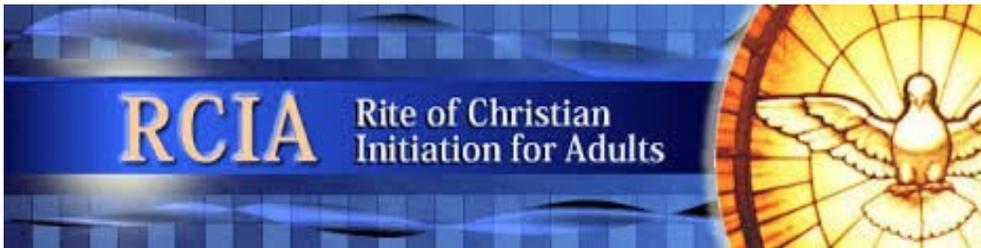
1. IMO Raymond Frank by Jack & Susan Minnichbach
2. IMO Howard Minnichbach by Jack & Susan Minnichbach

Sanctuary

IMO Catherine Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer

Guardian Angels

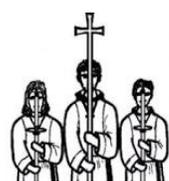
1. IMO JoAnn Heller by Barb Wollyung
2. IMO Babe Heller by Barb Wollyung
3. For Donnie Meyer by Joseph & Melissa Palmieri
4. For Jorden Collins by Joseph & Melissa Palmieri



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.

Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

This collection will take place next weekend. It supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next weekend.



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.

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.

Liturgical Min. Schedule

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20— 5 p.m. Mass

Reader: Heidi Gorski

Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic
Frank Murphy

Servers: Maggie & Rhyann Brennan

Cantor: Dave Derbes

July 21— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: John Corbacio
George Forney

Server/Sacristan: Luke Schane

Cantor: Amy Joyce

July 21 — 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Matulevich

Euch.Min.: John Matulevich
Sharon Snyder

Servers: Gabriel Scheidel

Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

Summer Festival

Major Sponsors

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

Festival Patrons

\$500.00

Ed & Carole Quirin

\$200.00

Gorski Family
Jim Toomey
Marianne Wollyung

\$150.00

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DeArment Family
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Patricia Kutch
Frances Lorenz
Dan & Hermine Murphy
Susan & Stephen Puddu
Charlie & Cathy Reber
Joe & Marie Ryan
Eleanor Schaeffer
David & Mary Ann Shoopack

Festival Patrons

\$50.00

Michael & Elizabeth Tyson
Robert & Gretchen Witman
St. John's Catholic Women's Union
Dianne Stoudt
Judith Williams
Barbara Wollyung
Robert & Kay Wollyung

\$40.00

Bob & Irene Post

\$30.00

Ann Blankenhorn
Jennifer Daubert
David & Joan Deiter
Ted Gurecki Jr.
Carl & Kathy Hughes
Henry Minnig
Wartella Family

\$25.00

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

\$20.00

Tony Gaburick
Joe & Denise Gerchak
Richard & Susan Jochems
John & Annette Lisowski
Jack & Aggie Messner
Barbara Schoenauer
Chris Tray

\$15.00

Rosie Kenderes & Fran Wetzel

\$10.00

Liz Kleckner
Mary Zambo

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) - Nancy Lescavage
Bleenie Mix (1) - Jim & Donna Pugh
Bleenie Mix (1) - Linda Ralston/Sue Legutko
Bleenie Mix (1) - Eleanor Schaeffer
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

Pizza (1) — Mary Jo Nabholz

Pizza (1) — Dan & Anne Marie Wachter

Ice Cream (1) — Anonymous

Ice Cream (1) — Ken & Tammy Cooper

Ice Cream (1) — Mary Ann Filiac

Ice Cream (1) — Natalie Setlock

Ice Cream (1) — Ralph & Joanne Wood

Coke Sponsor (2) — John & Sandy Bosche

Coke Sponsor (1) — Helen Heimbaugh

Special's Table

Baby Bskt. — Joanne Doyne

Baking Bskt. — Chris Black

Basket—Darla Fabiani

Bath & Body—Christine Maccarone

Coffee Bskt—Rosann Sitkus

Crimson House — Gift Card

Estate Planning—Lieberman & Tamulonis

Fun in the Sun — Sandy Frinzi

Knoebel's Gift Card—Herb Family

Lottery Frames (2) — Prezelski Family

Movie Bskt.— Katelynn & Jon Miller

Over 21—Maria Mason

Penn State/Wine—Paul & JoAnna Buber

Sports Bskt—Janet & Michael Dzurani

32" Amazon Fire TV—John & Gayle Rehnert



Religious Education

CCD Registration for 2024/2025 School Year

Parents please register your child(ren) for Religious Education for the school year 2024-2025 using the Google Form link below. You must have a Google email account to use this form. Please contact Lucilla Kochol at the rectory if you do not have a Google Account to register. There will also be open registration after all the Masses the weekend of August 3-4, 2024.

<https://forms.gle/aajKRARUv54G3axG9>

Sunday School Registration

All children ages 3 to 6 years old are welcome to join our Sunday School Program, Little Saints that starts in September and goes until May. We usually meet twice a month in Longinus Hall. A calendar will be provided upon registration. Class time takes place during the 10:30 mass.

Sunday School Registration Ages 3-6

<https://forms.gle/Ux27kPodx617XuLM9>



Children's Liturgy Grades 1-3

*Children's
Liturgy of the
Word*

All children first to third grades are welcome to join our Children's Liturgy Program during the 10:30 mass. Children will learn about the readings for that weekend on an age appropriate level. More information will be received once your child is registered.

Please use the links below to register your child for the desired religious education program. You will need to use a Google email account to utilize the links. Or you can also call the rectory and register with our Director of Religious Education, Lucilla Kochol.

Children's Liturgy Registration Grade 1-3

<https://forms.gle/T1vAiug4bqPrF4Xu9>

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, July 17th at 7 p.m. in Longinus Hall**. 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!

Please Note: 2024 Dues are now due!



Attention ... All Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ...

Please let us know your plans for **August & September** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please call or email the rectory by **July 15th**. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

Bulletin Boosters

IMO Carl Bartholomew
 IMO Harold Bartholomew
 IMO Robert Berger
 John & Mildred Fredericks
 Fr. Don Henry
 IMO M/M Herbert Henry
 IMO Joanne Hepler
 IMO Clare & Linda Houser
 MO Charles Lorenz
 IMO Erika Stangl Seacock
 IMO Margaret Zelinsky
 Living & Deceased of St. John's
 CYO Program

*Thank you for supporting our
 bulletin this month!*

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." Amen.*

Flower Donations

If anyone wishes to memorialize
 flowers in the sanctuary for the
 weekend Masses for a living or
 deceased intention, please call
 the Rectory 570-622-5470 x 3.

**LORD,
 LET US SEE
 YOUR KINDNESS,
 AND GRANT
 US YOUR
 SALVATION.**

Nativity BVM High School News ...

Host Families Needed

Educatus International is looking for host families for International students attending Nativity BVM High School this Fall. Please contact Amanda Rymarkiewicz-Bobella at 570-527-5104 or call Nativity directly at 570-622-8110.

Positions Available

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 lsab-ol@nativitybvm.net

Neighboring Events

Basket Raffle

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning will host its first Annual Basket Raffle, "Christmas in July," on July 27th from 10am to 1 pm and 4 to 7 pm & July 28th from 9:30 am to 1 pm, with tickets being pulled at 1:30 pm at the St. Ambrose Parish Center. Amazing prizes include a Yeti cooler, TV, and Phila. Eagles tickets! Don't miss your chance to participate and win big! SJC is in search of baked goods, as well as volunteers for the event. If you would be willing to volunteer or bake something for concessions, please contact Monica Walborn at 570-622-4638 or mwalborn@stjosephctr.com! Thank you for your consideration and support!

Bus Trip to Emmitsburg, MD ... August 1st

Seton Shrine (Home of the First American-Born Saint) includes: Morning Prayer and Mass in the Basilica. Tours of the Stone House, White House, Museum & Visitors Center. **National Shrine Grotto** includes :Sites of the Grotto, Lourdes Novena, Rosary Walk, the Way of Fr. Stanley Rother & Gift Shop; **Mount St. Mary's Seminary** includes: St. Bernard's Chapel, Prayer for Vocations, Tour of Seminary, St. John's Well and Tour of Immaculate Conception Chapel. Cost is \$75 per person (bring your own brown bag lunch) Bus departs 8 a.m.; return approx. 8:30 p.m. Contact St. Clare of Assisi Rectory to reserve your seat ... **570-429-0370**.



Paint 'n Sip

Enjoy a Sunday afternoon in Longinus Hall for our next Paint 'n Sip get together on **July 28th at 2:00 p.m.** Artist Kimberly Searle will guide us step by step. We will have all equipment necessary so that you can paint a lovely project plus light snacks and drinks available. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite snacks for sharing. BYOB! Sign-up sheets are available in the back of church. **Cost is \$40.00 per person.** All sign-ups with fee included should be returned to the rectory by Monday, July 22nd so that needed planning can be done. For more information please call the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.

Grotto Flowers

Just a reminder when placing flowers at the Blessed Mother Grotto located behind the church, please **Do Not** use glass or any breakable vases or containers for your flowers. Sometimes the wind knocks them over and the glass is shattered in the area. Please use plastic or an unbreakable material. Thank you.



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!

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.
 Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services
 P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
 610-871-5200 ext. 2204
 prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Evangelization Training Course

A St. Paul Street Evangelization training sessions to be held at St. Patrick’s Parish Center **beginning on July 30th from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** Anyone interested in leaning how to spread the gospel message to friends, family, or strangers are welcome!

Please contact Josette Peckman at 570-449-9480 to register by Friday, July 26th.

This course will be held twice a week for four weeks. The dates of training and sessions are as follows:

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| Tuesday, July 30 — The Basics | Monday, August 12—Basic Evangelization Strategies Part 2 |
| Wednesday, July 31 — Introduction to the Kerygma | Tuesday, August 13—The Spiritual Life of the Evangelist Part 1 |
| Tuesday, August 6—Introduction to Christian Testimony | Tuesday, August 20—The Spiritual Life of the Evangelist Part 2 |
| Wednesday, August 7 — Basic Evangelization Strategies Part 1 | Tuesday, August 21—Introduction to the New Pentecost |

Diocesan News & Events

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (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 and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Family Matters

Vacation for Families. God bless our parish families with a fun-filled vacation and safe travel to and from their destinations. May they be rejuvenated in their family relationships and return relaxed and nourished in body and spirit.