

# St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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July 31, 2022

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Take care to guard against  
all greed, for though one may be  
rich, one’s life does not  
consist of possessions.”

Luke 12:15



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 30

5:00 p.m. Edward & Mary Buber Family  
(Paul & Joanna Buber)

### Sunday, July 31

8:15 a.m. Janet Weiss Bartholomew  
(Frances Lorenz)

### Sunday, July 31

10:30 a.m. Sharon Lonergan  
(John & Barb Powers)

### Monday, August 1

6:30 p.m. John Wollyung  
(Fred & Lynn Ann King)

### Tuesday, August 2

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

### Wednesday, August 3

9:00 a.m. Carol Tamburelli  
(Herb Tamburelli)

### Thursday, August 4

9:00 a.m. David Musket  
(Hazelton Boscov's Employees  
& Kim Gormley)

### Friday, August 5

9:00 a.m. Francis & Verna Sauers

### Saturday, August 6

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

### Sunday, August 7

8:15 a.m. Clair & Margaret Fry

### Sunday, August 7

10:30 a.m. Carl & Barbara Weiss  
(Weiss Family)

## Next Week's Readings

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(August 6/7)

**Reading I:** Wisdom 18:6-9

**Reading II:** Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

**Gospel:** Luke 12:32-48

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

This Thursday, August 4, is the memorial of St. John Vianney, the patron of priests, especially parish priests. St. John lived in 19<sup>th</sup> century France and became pastor of a small out-of-the-way parish. He struggled through the seminary (he was not an A student). There did not seem to be anything noteworthy about him. Nevertheless, his simplicity and holiness attracted people. His life and ministry was centered on two of the most fundamental elements of our faith: the Eucharist and Confession.

The memorial of St. John Vianney is a reminder to pray for more priests. It happens that our monthly First Friday holy hour falls on the memorial of St. John this Thursday. Consider visiting church this Thursday between 7pm and 8pm, either for the entire hour or just part of the time. Dedicate this particular holy hour to prayer for more vocations to the priesthood here locally. Remember St. John Vianney as we have this opportunity to spend time in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and also to meet Him in Confession on Thursday evening if you choose.

*In Christ,*

*Fr. Bobbin*



## Eucharistic Adoration

- ◆ A holy hour takes place 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.
- ◆ A holy hour in the **main church on the eve of First Friday** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will be a formal holy hour ending with Benediction. Father will be available for Confessions.

## 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 • Sandi Post*

### For our Deceased

*Carol Zuppert*

# CCD Religious Education



## CCD Registration for 2022/2023 School Year

It is time to register for CCD. Please fill out the form below or use the link provided. You will need a Google email account to be able to fill out the form using the link.

Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/ULDwSf2iTDnDF5G67>

Google forms need to be completed no later than August 7<sup>th</sup>.

### CCD Registration Form 2022/23 GRADES 1st - 8th

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #1: Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #2: Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #3: Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee is \$35.00 per family.

Return this form and fee to the rectory no later than August 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Weekly Collection

July 23/24 .....\$4,245.00  
Mission Co-op ..... \$278.00  
Improvements & Rep. ....2,347.00

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

Thank you for using your Improvements & Repairs envelopes to help us meet the maintenance needs of our parish.

## Candles

### BVM

1. Deceased of the Tray Family by Christine Tray
2. IMO Lorrie Cunningham by Christine Tray

### St. Joseph

1. IMO Deb Cherrybon by Barb Munster
2. IMO Sheppo & Buehler Family by Barb Munster

### Sanctuary

IMO Ann Lowe  
by Barb Munster

### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Mary Hahner by Hahner Family
2. IMO Living & Deceased of St. John's Catholic Women's Union
- 3&4. Health & Welfare of Rita Kruehl by Eleanor Schaeffer

## Liturgical Min. Schedule

### August 6 —5:00 p.m.

Reader: Lucilla Kochol  
Euch.Min.: Danny Murphy  
Servers: Luke Schane  
Cantor: Dave Derbes

### August 7— 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Robert Bechtel  
Euch.Min.: George Forney  
Servers: Maggie & Rhyan Brennan  
Cantor: Tina Seiger

### August 7— 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Jen Daubert  
Euch.Min.: Mimi Modesto  
Servers: Jackson Daubert  
Cantor: Marianne Wollyung



## Math Teacher Needed

Assumption BVM School is seeking a Full-time Middle School Math Teacher. 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

## Thank You Department

We thank our many volunteers who de-weeded, planted flowers, etc. around our parish properties. Your time and talent is greatly appreciated. (Our volunteers are very humble and did not want any name recognition).



## Banns of Marriage

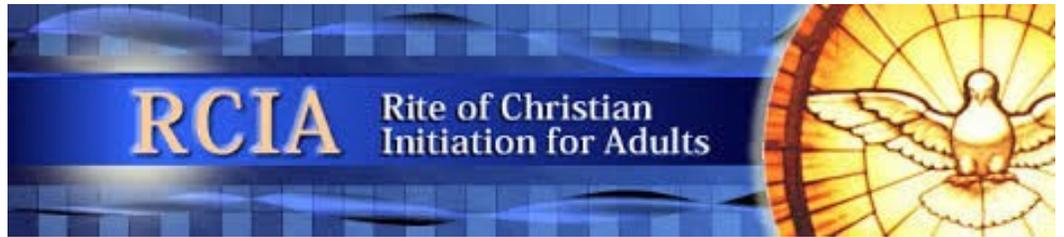
—Rebecca Derbes and David Bobersky

## Family Matters

**Unemployed and Underemployed.** They are too often disappointed, frustrated, and angry. They are unemployed and underemployed members of our family, our neighbors, and our faithful parishioners. We pray for all our under and unemployed and ask God's guidance and direction for these family members, parishioners and struggling neighbors.

## 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."*



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.

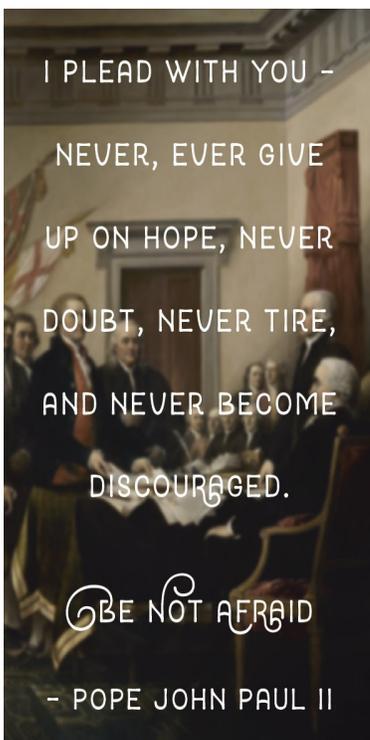
## New Mural in Church

Our **new mural** in the main stairwell of our church is currently being painted by artist and parishioner Kim Searle. She is designing and painting a mural of St. John the Baptist on the wall opposite David Naydock's mural of the Prodigal Son. We are looking for anyone who may be interested in sponsoring this project. We thank Kim and all helpers and supporters as we seek to add to the beauty and richness of our church.



## Parish Outreach

As members of one parish family, we try to be attentive to each other's needs and help each other when possible. We are looking for anyone who would be able and willing to assist senior parishioners with limitations by driving them to appointments or errands, etc. Please call the rectory if you are interested in being someone we can call upon to assist a fellow parishioner.



## Soup Kitchen Cooks/Servers Needed

Provide a welcoming, respectful environment for the homeless and those in need. Individuals are needed to serve a meal at the Pottsville Area Kitchen once a month. Meals are served Monday through Thursday from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Sundays at 12:00 P.M. Currently, we are providing grab and go meals and follow CDC guidelines. All volunteers must complete background checks, trainings and forms. For more information please contact Terry Alexander 570-617-2957 or [terry-pak@comcast.net](mailto:terry-pak@comcast.net) or Bob Olney at 610-435-1541 ext 327 or [rolney@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:rolney@allentowndiocese.org)



## Neighboring Events

### St. Joseph the Worker Festival—49 N. Line St. in Frackville

Friday, August 5 - 3 to 10 p.m.—Entertainment "Sakes Alive" (7 to 10 pm)  
Saturday, August 6 —12 noon to 11 p.m.—Entertainment "Another Side" (7 to 11 pm)  
Themed Basket Auction & Raffle; Enjoy Homemade Ethnic Foods—Pierogies, Bleenies, Bandukies, Halupkies, Haluskie, Bean Soup, Hot Dogs, Baked Goods, and much more.



July 31, 2022

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 | Col 3:1-5, 9-11 | Lk 12:13-21

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

Is it me, or does every popular waiting-room magazine feature an article on “how to declutter” in six easy steps? I always read those first, then add them to the unsightly pile of magazines on the end table. The constant, if futile, quest to declutter comes from a deeper place than a desire for a clean house. It feels so liberating to let go of those things that we no longer need. Today’s readings challenge us to look not just outward, but inward, at what distracts us from what really matters. Paul exhorts us to “seek what is above,” letting go of earthly concerns or habits that get in the way of our relationship with God. By putting on a “new self” through prayer, the sacrament of reconciliation and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we will become “rich in what matters to God.”

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Personal-finance writers often divide people into two camps: Savers or spenders. I’m definitely a saver! I dutifully contribute to my 401K, stash unexpected windfalls into my savings account, and carefully budget. On the rare occasions when I go out to dinner, I struggle with choosing what to order: It’s a high-stakes decision! Fiscal responsibility is a good thing, but today’s parable challenges me to be just as diligent about investing in my relationship with God, my family, and the people I encounter. We are blessed with so many opportunities to “seek what is above”: It may mean spending the first 30 minutes of the day in prayer, reading books or articles that help us grow spiritually, or joining a parish Bible study. Or even taking a friend to dinner and picking up the tab! In doing so, we are investing in this life – and the next.

**ACTION** Take a look around your house and donate items in good condition to a charity in your community. And then ask the organization if they need any help with a summer yard cleanup or simple tasks around the facility – these are easy ways to involve the whole family in serving others.



## St. Alphonsus Marie Liguori

Bishop, Doctor of the Church, and the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation.

He was born Alphonsus Marie Antony John Cosmos Damien Michael Gaspard de Liguori on September 27, 1696, at Marianella, near Naples, Italy. Raised in a pious home, Alphonsus went on retreats with his father, Don Joseph, who was a naval officer and a captain of the Royal Galleys. Alphonsus was the oldest of seven children, raised by a devout mother of Spanish descent.

Educated at the University of Naples, Alphonsus received his doctorate at the age of sixteen. By age nineteen he was practicing law, but he saw the transitory nature of the secular world, and after a brief time, retreated from the law courts and his fame.

Visiting the local Hospital for Incurables on August 28, 1723, he had a vision and was told to consecrate his life solely to God. In response, Alphonsus dedicated himself to the religious life, even while suffering persecution from his family. He finally agreed to become a priest but to live at home as a member of a group of secular missionaries.

He was ordained on December 21, 1726, and he spent six years giving missions throughout Naples. In April 1729, Alphonsus went to live at the "Chiflese College," founded in Naples by Father Matthew Ripa, the Apostle of China. There he met Bishop Thomas Falcoia, founder of the Congregation of Pious Workers. This lifelong friendship aided Alphonsus, as did his association with a mystic, Sister Mary Celeste. With their aid, Alphonsus founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer on November 9, 1732.

The foundation faced immediate problems, and after just one year, Alphonsus found himself with only one lay brother, his other companions having left to form their own religious group. He started again, recruited new members, and in 1743 became the prior of two new congregations, one for men and one for women. Pope Benedict XIV gave his approval for the men's congregation in 1749 and for the women's in 1750.

Alphonsus was preaching missions in the rural areas and writing. He refused to become the bishop of Palermo but in 1762 had to accept the papal command to accept the see of St. Agatha of the Goths near Naples. Here he discovered more than thirty thousand uneducated men and women and four hundred indifferent priests. For thirteen years Alphonsus fed the poor, instructed families, reorganized the seminary and religious houses, taught theology, and wrote.

His austerities were rigorous, and he suffered daily the pain from rheumatism that was beginning to deform his body. He spent several years having to drink from tubes because his head was so bent forward. An attack of rheumatic fever, from May 1768 to June 1769, left him paralyzed. He was not allowed to resign his see, however, until 1775.

In 1780, Alphonsus was tricked into signing a submission for royal approval of his congregation. This submission altered the original rule, and as a result Alphonsus was denied any authority among the Redemptorists. Deposed and excluded from his own congregation, Alphonsus suffered great anguish. But he overcame his depression, and he experienced visions, performed miracles, and gave prophecies.

He died peacefully on August 1, 1787, at Nocera di Pagani, near Naples as the Angelus was ringing. He was beatified in 1816 and canonized in 1839. In 1871, Alphonsus was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX. His writings on moral, theological, and ascetic matters had great impact and have survived through the years, especially his Moral Theology and his Glories of Mary. He was buried at the monastery of the Pagani near Naples. Shrines were built there and at St. Agatha of the Goths.

He is the patron of confessors, moral theologians, and the lay apostolate. In liturgical art he is depicted as bent over with rheumatism or as a young priest.

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

**Parish Council President** .....*Robert Bechtel*  
**Choir Director/Organist** .....*David Derbes*  
**CCD Coordinator**..... *Lucilla Kochol*

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**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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