

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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November 6, 2022

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

He is not God of the dead,
but of the living, for to him all are alive.

Luke 20:38



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 5

5:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Cross
(Lou Cross &
Marlo Cross Lipko)

Sunday, November 6

8:15 a.m. Caroline & Peter Darhun
(Darhun Family)

Sunday, November 6

10:30 a.m. Ralph Thomas
(John & Annette Lisowski)

Monday, November 7

6:30 p.m. Frank Hock

Tuesday, November 8

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

November 9 to November 11 — No Masses

Saturday, November 12

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of
St. Bernard's Society

Sunday, November 13

8:15 a.m. Scottie Glunz
(Karen Lenard)

Sunday, November 13

10:30 a.m. Scott Rhoades
(Carol Rhoades)

Next Week's Readings

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(November 12/13)

Reading I: Malachi 3:19-20a

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

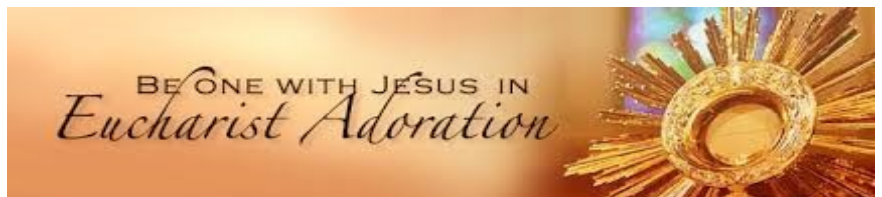
As we face another election this week we are reminded to approach the voting booth as followers of Jesus Christ, with minds and hearts formed by our Catholic faith. We are called to transcend party loyalties, personal opinion, and self-interest and consider the common good of society. The defense of human life, the well being of marriage and the family, care for the poor, and care for God's creation are all major themes of our faith's moral teaching that must be taken into consideration in politics.

Meanwhile, consider the "common good" of our parish. As you know very well, your parish is not just a church building where you attend Mass on the weekend. It is a community, a family, that is part of the universal Church family. We promote the growth and well being of our parish family not only by joining together in the perfect act of worship that is Sunday Mass. And not only by our financial support, important as it is. We contribute to the common good of our parish by participating as much as possible, by making use of all that our parish has to offer, and by sharing our time and energy, talents and resources.

With that in mind, consider making more use of spiritual opportunities like Adoration most Monday evenings and on the eve of First Fridays. Consider participating in upcoming events like the bazaar and the Paint & Sip. We are grateful for your financial support. We are grateful to those who work behind the scenes to make these parish events happen. But, most of all, we simply want your presence as members of our parish family.

In Christ,

Fr. Bobbin



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 will be 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 • Robert Kline • Chuck Majestic • Tyler Wilson



Upcoming Events

November

6	9:10 a.m.	CCD Parenting Mtg.	L.H.
6	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday School.....	L.H.
12/13		Christmas Bazaar	R.B.
13	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class.....	L.H.
15	6:30 p.m.	Parish Events Mtg.	F.R.
15	7:00 p.m.	Summer Festival Mtg.....	F.R.
16	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Women's Union Mtg.	L.H.
17	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study	L.H.
20	9:10 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg.	Church
20	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday School.....	L.H.
20	2:00 p.m.	Paint & Sip	L.H.
22	7:15 p.m.	Men's Group Mtg	F.R.
24	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Mass.....	Church

December

4	9:10 a.m.	Parent Meeting for Eucharist	L.H.
4	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday School.....	L.H.
11	9:10 a.m.	Community Meeting.....	Church
11	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday School.....	L.H.

L.H. = Longinus Hall F.R. = Rectory Fellowship Room R.B. = Russell Building



Weekly Collection

October 29/30.....\$3,956.00
Christmas Bazaar..... \$807.62

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

Candles

BVM

1&2. IMO Ronald Kriston
 by Joan Grapsy & Family

St. Joseph

1. IMO Mary Ellen Cross
 by Lou Cross
 2. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh
 by Hahner Family

Sanctuary

IMO Philomena Carroll
 by Family

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Frank A. Tobin
 by Michelle & Rick Stone
 2. IMO Albert W. Lubinsky
 by Michelle & Rick Stone
 3. IMO Jim Wollyung
 by Wollyung Family
 4. Special Intention

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

will be offered **Thursday evening 6:30-7:30 on November 17**. Join us in person in Longinus Hall (usually) or at home on Zoom (*Please email Father for the Zoom link: 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.



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.



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.

Liturgical Min. Schedule

November 12 — 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Frank Murphy
Euch.Min.: Hermine Murphy
Server: Kelly, Lauren, Megan Goodman
Cantor: Mary Bound

November 13 — 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Ray Petrilla
Euch.Min.: Sharon Snyder
Servers: Sophia Palmieri
Cantor: Joanne Matina

November 13 — 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Matulevich
Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic
Servers: Vincent, Michael, Spencer Prestileo
Cantor: Ed Braham

(Because We Are Catholic)
Progress Report for St. John's
 Parish Goal: \$15,796.00
 Total Collected: \$8,752.00
 No. of donors: 73

All those involved in ministries at the altar—Readers, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers — please email Larry Lonergan or the Rectory to let us know your schedule for December 2022 and January 2023. Please do so **by November 14th**. Thank you.

Veteran's Day. In our families, over the years many have served in the military. Too many have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country's freedom. Today we give thanks to God for all those families who have had loved ones die for the cause of freedom. We salute also our veterans and thank them for their service.

"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."

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.

★ O God, Great and Almighty Creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in
★ our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.

★ Thank You for America's heroes, that have fought for our freedoms and
★ who have faithfully served our country. We honor all of our veterans,
★ for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.


★ As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veter-
★ ans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless
★ their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful
★ nations.

★ We thank You for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts
★ of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations. Amen.

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Men of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to learn how to be a Catholic man in the world today from notable keynote speakers, Devon Schadt, Dr. Edward Sri, and Father Patrick Lamb; enjoy fellowship, and celebrate Mass with Bishop Schlert of the Diocese of Allentown.

The conference will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 5:00 PM on **Saturday, November 19th.**
The Conference will offer two language tracks:
DeSales University Center – English speaking sessions
DeSales University, Gambet Hall – Spanish speaking sessions
Check-in begins at 8:00 AM. Holy Mass for the Sunday Vigil will be celebrated at 4:00 PM.
Men can register and find more information at MenAliveInChrist.org



Enjoy a Sunday afternoon in Longinus Hall for our first Paint 'n Sip get together on **November 20th 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, November 5th so that needed planning can be done. For more information please call the rectory 570-622-5470 ext. 3.

St. John's is now participating in Boyer's Caring and Sharing Program. Here's How it works:

1. Use the scannable key tag and present it to the cashier, who will scan it and record with your order.
2. Boyer's will electronically accumulate all of our group members' purchases.
3. Boyer's will then rebate St. John's 1% of the total purchases (excluding tax, milk, and cigarettes). Rebates are issued twice per year.
4. It's an ongoing program—year over year, just use the key tag every time you shop at Boyer's.



The tags are available at the church exits after Masses. Please pick one up for your family to use. And if you have a neighbor that shops at Boyer's, maybe they'd like one too!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday and Sunday, November 12 & 13

(PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A PREVIEW WEEKEND)

Baked Goods and **Candy** are needed for our Baked Goods Stand. All donations are most appreciated!

Pecans: St. John's Catholic Women's Union will be selling pecans again this year at the Christmas Bazaar. Mammoth Halves—\$15.00 per pound.

Donated Baskets & Sponsors:

Art Bskt. — Mary Beth Harvey
 Art Supplies — Lucilla Kochol
 Autumn Cheers & Fall Afghan — Eleanor & Joe Orzechowski
 Baking Bskt — Parishioners
 Bamboo Melamine Dinner Set — Parishioners
 Beauty Bskt. — Bee Hive Salon
 Bed in a Bag (King) — Stone Family
 Bee Bskt — Hydrangea
 Beekman 1802 Skin Care — Mary & Bob Porter
 Boyer's Gift Cards \$50.00 — Judy & Joe Piel
 Candle & Soap Bskt. — Loki & Layla
 Car Care Bucket — Auto Zone
 Car Care Bucket — Advanced Auto Parts
 Cheers Bskt. — Mary & Ed Hauck
 Children's Bskt. — Parishioners
 Christmas Goodies — Patty & Charlie Miller
 Christmas Joy, \$50 Gift Card — Christine & Michael Maccarone
 Christmas Train Set — Carole & Ed Quirin
 Christmas Warmth — Natalie Setlock
 Coffee Bskt. — Parishioners
 Coffee Break — Patty & John O'Neill
 Cook / Grill / Stow — Barbara Munster
 Cookie Time — Parishioners
 Christmas Baskets (5) — Dee Dunkel
 Doll House & Furniture — Phil & Carol Lasco
 Estate Planning — Lieberman & Tamulonis Law
 Fall Centerpiece — Pod & Petal
 Feelin' Good Bskt. — Jan & Steve Kurtek
 Fine Wine & Spirits \$100 — Larry Lonergan
 Gambler's Delight — Kathy & Carl Hughes
 Grocery Bskt & \$25 Gift Card — Pat Kutch
 Happy Fall Ya'All — Chris Black
 Holiday Baking — Dee Dunkel
 Holiday Wreath — K & S Warehouse
 It's Waffle Time — Robyn & John Consugar
 Kitchen Bskt. — Dee Dunkel
 Kitchen Bskt. — Mim Tirjan
 Lego Bskt. (2) — Joanne & Ralph Wood
 Lottery Bskt. — Nora Chiplonia & Chris Zanis
 Lottery Frame — John & Joyce Gerace
 Lottery Special — Carole & Ed Quirin
 Movie Night Snack Bskt. — Parishioners
 Mr. Coffee Bskt. — Parishioners
 Mr. Coffee Pour Over — Joannie Scheetz

Nail Care — Sunseekers
 Nativity BVM High School Bskt.
 Night at the Movies — Sandy & Joe Frinzi
 Penn State Bskt. (2) — A Friend
 Penn State Bskt. — Paul & Joanna Buber
 Philosophy Bskt. — Phil & Pat Markovich
 Picnic in December — Patty & John O'Neill
 Quesadilla Bskt. — Pat Scheetz
 Razor Kick Scooter — Eleanor Schaeffer
 Snack Bskt. — Miller Distributing
 Snack Bskt. — Theresa McCabe
 Roaster Oven — Joanne & Don Doyne
 Santa Candy — Sonya Halsey
 Squishmallows — Julie & Jordan Szeliga
 Sophy Jewelers
 Sponsor \$25.00 — Dianne Stoudt
 Sponsor \$25.00 — Dorothy & Joseph Stangl
 Sponsor \$50.00 — Bob Weaver
 Sponsor \$50.00 — Barbara Wollyung
 Sponsor \$50.00 — J. Robert & Ellen Zane
 Sponsor \$100.00 — Lieberman & Tamulonis Law
 Tea Time — Parishioners
 Turkey Centerpiece/\$35 Boyers Gift Card — Frances Lorenz
 Vera Bradley — AAA
 Vera Bradley — Jan & Steve Kurtek
 Visa Gift Card \$50 — Pat Pugh
 Welcome Ladder — Donna Pugh
 Wine Bskt. — Rosann Sitkus
 Wine Bskt. — Larry Steficek
 Wine Bskt. — Visot's
 Wine Bskt. — Joan Bowers
 Wine & Snack — Joan Bowers
 Wreath — Bella Florist
 Wreath — A Friend
 Yuengling Bucket — Yuengling Brewery
 6 Wreaths, Swags, Ornaments, Lavender, Catnip
 Various Crafts — Mary Bound
 \$75.00 Cracker Barrel Gift Card — Martin & Linda Smith
 \$50.00 Boyer's Gift Card — Judy & Joe Piel
 \$50.00 Weis Gift Card — Heenan Family
 \$30.00 Starbucks Gift Card — Martin & Linda Smith
 \$25.00 Cracker Barrel Gift Card — Jan & Steve Kurtek
 \$25.00 Palermo's Gift Card — Marie & Joe Ryan
 \$25.00 Boyer's Gift Card — Marie & Joe Ryan
 \$25.00 Instacart Gift Card / Lottery Tkt. — Marie & Joe Ryan





November 6, 2022 | Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

My colleague grew up playing a lot of basketball, and she has pointed out the obvious: Despite the fact that the hoop is much larger than the ball, and there is a very large backboard behind it, it can be very easy to miss a shot. Depending on where you are on the floor, you have to set your sights on, and aim the ball toward, a very specific place in space or on the glass. The king in the first reading and the Sadducees in the Gospel are shooting airballs. Each one of them is, literally, not seeing the right goal. In answering the Sadducees' questions, Jesus challenges their assumptions – not about marriage, but about life after death: “Those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead ... can no longer die ... they are the children of God ... and he is not God of the dead, but of the living.” Something even greater, beyond human understanding, awaits. The seven brothers who experienced horrible deaths rather than violate God's law knew that. We, too, hold onto hope that we will be among the living whom Jesus describes. In the meantime, we can place our trust in Jesus and focus on living according to the example he set for us. We may not know exactly what life after death will look and feel like, but we can trust the psalmist's words: “Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.”

ACTION One positive thing about social media is the way it allows us to lift one another up through a simple “Like” or comment. In the same way that we “connect” with others on social media, our kind, encouraging words and Christian example in our comments can connect others to Jesus and his Church.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I like to run races of various distances, and one of my favorite things is seeing the fun posters people hold up (“This is a lot of work for a free banana”) and hearing shouts of encouragement. Even more powerful, of course, is the encouragement of friends and family members as we face challenges or difficulties. So it's heartening to hear from St. Paul that we can count on Jesus and the Father as a source of “everlasting encouragement and good hope.” Again we are reminded that we cannot – and should not have to – do it alone. Instead, we can join Paul in asking God to “encourage [our] hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.” In turn, we can encourage others in their faith and daily lives, seeking to reflect God's love to those we encounter.

Assumption BVM School

Maintenance Person Needed

Assumption BVM School is seeking a Full-time or part-time Maintenance person. Please send applications to the attention of Mrs. Teresa Keating at Assumption BVM School, 112 South 7th Street, Pottsville, PA 17901. For questions please contact Mrs. Teresa Keating at 570-622-0106.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Assumption BVM School is seeking substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact Mrs. Teresa Keating for more information or to apply at 570-622-0106.

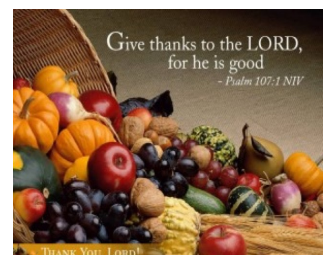
Positions Available

Music Teacher (Full or Part time) and Business Teacher (Part time)

Nativity BVM High School is accepting applications for the immediate openings of the above positions. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree and Teacher Certification required for both positions. Send resumes, certification and all clearances to Nativity BVM High School, Attn. Mrs. Lynn Sabol, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville 117901 or lsabol@nativitybvm.net.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will be delivering a Turkey Dinner complete with turkey, filling, yams, grave, vegetable, dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day (November 24). If you or someone you know is in need of a meal, please call either 570-628-3333 or 570-516-9514 and leave the following information if no one answers (Name and Phone Number) and we will get back to you. You can also contact us at KofC431@yahoo.com. The only requirement for the meal is that the person be home. Closing date to order is November 17th at 5 p.m. Anyone available to help deliver the meals is asked to come to St. Patrick's social hall on Thanksgiving day at 8 a.m. You can sign up for an area you may know or any area. We usually finish by 1 p.m.



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

Parish Council President *Kevin McNamara*
Choir Director/Organist*David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator..... *Lucilla Kochol*
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Rectory Fax..... (570) 622-4589
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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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