

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

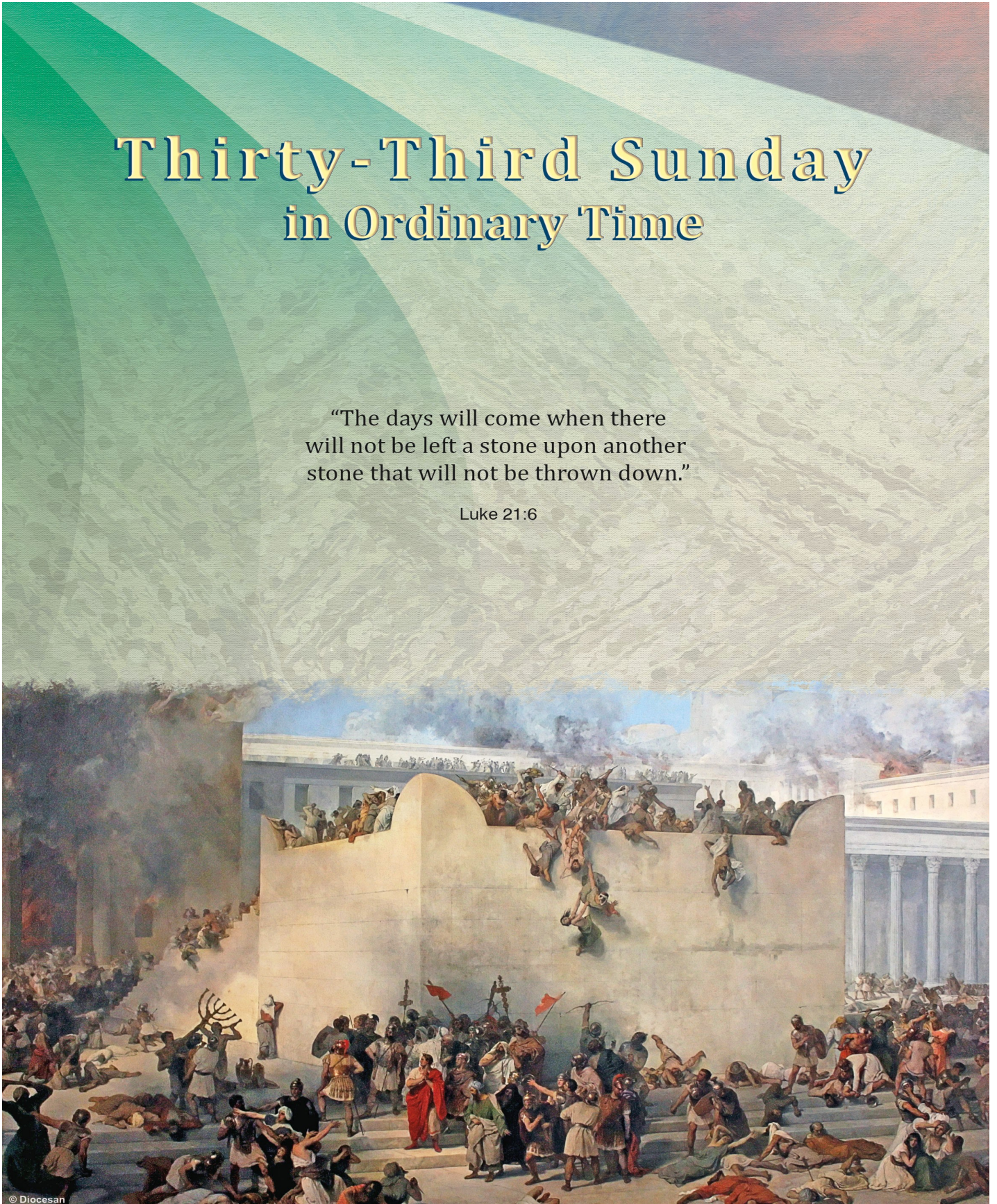
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November 13, 2022

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The days will come when there
will not be left a stone upon another
stone that will not be thrown down.”

Luke 21:6



Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, November 14

6:30 p.m. Joseph Wollyung Jr.
(Joseph & Suzanne Wollyung)

Tuesday, November 15

9:00 a.m. Kelly Messina
(M/M David Wartella)

Wednesday, November 16

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

Thursday November 17

9:00 a.m. Bill Guers
(Tony & Lucilla Kochol)

Friday, November 18

9:00 a.m. Verna & Francis Sauers

Saturday, November 19

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

Sunday, November 20

8:15 a.m. Carl & Ada Hahner
(Dorothy, Butch, Lois
Carolyn & Bob)

Sunday, November 20

10:30 a.m. Deceased of John &
Gretchen Liberman Family
(John Lieberman Family)

Next Week's Readings

Christ the King

(November 19/20)

Reading I: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Reading II: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the last numbered Sunday. Next week we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King and then we begin a new Church year with Advent. In these final days of the Church year, the prayers and Scripture readings invite us to think about the *end*: death, the end of the world, and the Second Coming of Jesus.

Many people have an unhealthy fascination with the end of the world. They look to the Scriptures, especially the Book of Revelation, perhaps other sources, and events going on in the world to try to make predictions about the end. But Jesus tells us quite clearly that we do not know when the end will come. Jesus even tells us – quite surprisingly – that *not even He knows* when the end will come, but only God the Father (Matthew 24:36).

We ponder the realities of death and the end of the world only to remind ourselves that this present world is not everything. It is time of preparation for the next life. It is a time in which we are meant to grow little by little each day into people who are ready for the next life. Is anything in my lifestyle, choices, thoughts, words, actions, or habits getting me “stuck” in this present imperfect world, or is each day of my life a step toward the perfect life that awaits us?

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
Tom Jefferson • John Morgalis*

Upcoming Events

November

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

November 5/6.....\$6,349.30
Parish Dues\$1,060.25

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

Candles

BVM

1. IMO Mary Becker by Joan Bowers
2. IMO Emily Leinheiser by Family

St. Joseph

1. IMO Adam Duffy by Michelle & Rick Stone
2. IMO James Hopkins by Michelle & Rick Stone

Sanctuary

IMO Marcella Sockalosky by Michelle & Rick Stone

Guardian Angels

1. IMO Joan Nosell by Michelle & Rick Stone
2. IMO Edward Buber by Michelle & Rick Stone
- 3&4. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy & Family

Liturgical Min. Schedule

November 19 — 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Heidi Gorski
Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz, John Crane
Server: Aleksander Gorski
Cantor: Lucilla Kochol

November 20 — 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Michelle Ambrose
Euch.Min.: Bob Bechtel Mary Modesto
Server: Joseph Steffan
Cantor: Dave Derbes

November 20 — 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Vince Balulis
Euch.Min.: Joyce Gerace Paul Herb
Servers: Kelly, Lauren, Megan Goodman
Cantor: Marianne Wollyung

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 Schedule

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.

Family Matters

Teachers. Teachers shape the lives and minds of the children of our families. We ask God to bless all of our teachers — those who teach in our schools, in our community and in our parish. May God give them wisdom and patience daily in their service to our children.

Bulletin Boosters

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

Thank you for supporting our bulletin this month!

Poverty Relief Fund Collection

This collection will be taken up next weekend, November 19/20. Your generosity helps those who are in need locally in the Diocese of Allentown. The 2021 Poverty Relief Collection funded 24 projects across five counties.

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, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. in Longinus Hall**. Our 'Harvest Auction' will be featured. 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, the Covered Dish Party plus other events. Your ideas, friendship and membership are welcomed.



Catholic Men's Conference "Warriors for Christ"

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.

EVENT PROGRAM

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



Paint 'n Sip

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.

Boyer's Food Market Caring & Sharing Program ...

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



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday and Sunday, November 12 & 13

Baskets, Gift Cards, Sponsors, etc.

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
 Candle & Soap Bskt. — Loki & Layla
 Car Care Bucket — Auto Zone
 Car Care Bucket — Advanced Auto Parts
 Cheers Bskt. — Mary & Ed Hauck
 Christmas Goodies — Patty & Charlie Miller
 Christmas Joy, \$50 Gift Card — Christine & Michael Maccarone
 Christmas Train Set — Carole & Ed Quirin
 Coffee Bskt. — Parishioners
 Coffee Break — Patty & John O'Neill
 Cook / Grill / Stow — Barbara Munster
 Cookie Time — Parishioners
 Doll House & Furniture — Phil & Carol Lasco
 Estate Planning — Lieberman & Tamulonis Law
 Fall Arrangement — Pod & Petal
 Fall Wreath — Bella Florist
 Feelin' Good Bskt. — Jan & Steve Kurtek
 Fine Wine & Spirits \$100 — Larry Lonergan
 Gambler's Delight — Kathy & Carl Hughes
 Gingerbread Bskt. — Dee Dunkel
 Gingerbread Cup — Dee Dunkel
 Grocery Bskt & \$25 Gift Card — Pat Kutch
 Happy Fall Ya'All — Chris Black
 Holiday Baking — Dee Dunkel
 Holiday Warmth — Natalie Setlock
 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 — Parishioners
 Mr. Coffee Pour Over — Joannie Scheetz
 Nail Care — Sunseekers
 Nativity BVM High School Bskt.
 Night at the Movies — Sandy & Joe Frinzi
 Noah's Ark — Carole & Ed Quirin

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
 Roaster Oven — Joanne & Don Doyne
 Santa Candy — Sonya Halsey
 Snack Bskt. — Miller Distributing
 Snack Bskt. — Theresa McCabe
 Sophy Jewelers
 Squish Mallows — Julie & Jordan Szeliga
 Sponsor \$25.00 — Kate & Jim Blackwell
 Sponsor \$20.00 — Janet Daubert
 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
 Wheatstraw Serveware Set
 Wine Bskt. — Rosann Sitkus
 Wine Bskt. — Larry Steficek
 Wine Bskt. — Visot's
 Wine Bskt. — Joan Bowers
 Wine & Snack — Joan Bowers
 Wreath — A Friend
 Yuengling Bucket — Yuengling Brewery
 Crafts — Joanne Wood
 Knitted Dish Cloths — Sue Jochems
 Knitted Dish Cloths — Eleanor Schaeffer
 Various Crafts — Wreaths, Swags, Ornaments, Lavender, Catnip, Yuengling Lighted Bottles. etc. — Mary Bound
 Various Crafts — Wreaths, Swags, etc. — Carole Quirin
 \$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



Chosen, Blessed, Shared

Please Support the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You will be receiving a request letter in the mail within the next few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

The Giving Tree

Helping Those
in Need



On the weekend of **November 19/20**, a barren tree is placed in the front of church adorned with gift tags. The gift tags will have suggestions for the needy in our area. If you are able, please take one. Return your gift wrapped with the gift tag on the outside, attached to the ribbon. Please return the package under the tree before the weekend of December 3/4. The tag is very important because it has the person's identity number on it. If you are not able to purchase the item on the gift tag, please return it to the tree.

PLEASE DO NOT TAPE TAG TO THE PAPER

Our gifts each year to the needy of the area are our way of reaching out to those who have meant so much and saying we love them and wish them the blessings of Christmas.

GIFTS ARE DUE BACK BEFORE December 3/4 weekend.

(Please Note: If more than one item is listed on the tag ... You are asked to get one item ONLY)

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.



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 Isabol@nativitybvm.net.

Neighboring Events

Christmas Bazaar

At St. Mary Church in Hamburg on **Saturday, November 19** (8 a.m. to 1 pm). Crafts and Gifts, Theme Basket Raffle, Homemade Christmas Cookies, Quilt Raffle Tickets and much more — sponsored by St. Mary Women's Guild. Questions 610-562-7657 ext. 0 or www.stmaryhamburg.org or Facebook.

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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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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Mal 3:19-20a | 2 Thes 3:7-12 | Lk 21:5-19

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

In today’s Gospel, Jesus describes events leading up to the end times: wars, earthquakes, famines, plagues, persecution, and even death. It’s no wonder some Christians believe the Second Coming could be any day now. After all, our world has seen more than its share of these signs. However, as Jesus tells the disciples, we don’t know when the end times will come. We do know, however, that Jesus remains at our side through the thick and thin of these “in between times.” Just as Jesus tells the disciples he will give them “wisdom in speaking” to refute their enemies, he will give us the strength we need to persevere in faith. As St. Paul reminds us, we can do that by imitating the early Christians, working quietly to build up the kingdom of God each day.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When facing a difficult decision or situation, it can be easy to fall into the trap of “catastrophizing” – that is, thinking of our biggest fear coming true, or of the worst that can happen. Today’s readings include a laundry list: a blazing fire, toil and drudgery, wars and insurrections, earthquakes, famines, persecution, and death. Yet Jesus tells the disciples, “not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” Rather than focus on our fears – not only about the end times but in our day-to-day lives – Jesus challenges us to trust in God’s love for us. It doesn’t mean we should resign ourselves to the difficulties we or others face. However, by placing faith over fear we can seek to help others here on earth, confident that Jesus will lead us home when our time comes.

ACT Many people today suffer due to natural disasters, authoritarian leadership, and human violence. Pray for these victims, of course, but also – in your creativity – seek out ways to use your time, talent, and/or treasure to alleviate their situation if possible.