



“Fill the jars  
with water.”

John 2:7



## St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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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 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

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

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January 16, 2022

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 15

5:00 p.m. Francis Bercher  
(Scott Williams)

### Sunday, January 16

8:15 a.m. Christine Chiplonia  
(Nora Chiplonia)

### Sunday, January 16

10:30 a.m. John J. Minchhoff Family  
(Margaret Pauly)

### Monday, January 17

6:30 p.m. Henry Uckele  
(Pat, Missy, Amy Scheetz)

### Tuesday, January 18

9:00 a.m. Robert J. Orlowsky  
(Thomas Bosack)

### Wednesday, January 19

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

### Thursday, January 20

9:00 a.m. M/M Charles Tamburelli  
(Herb Tamburelli)

### Friday, January 21

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth McGrordy  
Jim & Judy Muldowney

### Saturday, January 22

5:00 p.m. Michael Harig  
(Parents)

### Sunday, January 23

8:15 a.m. Peter Darhun  
(Dan & Hermine Murphy)

### Sunday, January 23

10:30 a.m. Robert J. Orlowsky  
(Joe Orlowsky)

## Next Week's Readings

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 22/23)

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

## Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

This week the Church calls our attention to three different but related needs for which we should offer prayers:

1. Monday, January 17, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We are reminded to pray for an end to all forms of racism in our country and throughout the world. Sadly, we have seen racial animosity stirred up by various incidents and public discourse over the last few years.

2. Tuesday, January 18, is the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We are reminded that Jesus Himself prayed for the unity of the Church at the Last Supper. The fracturing of Christianity into literally thousands of denominations today is directly contrary to our Lord's intentions. We cannot simply "agree to disagree." We pray that the fostering of good relationships and mutual understanding will lead more individuals and communities back to the visible unity of the Catholic Church.

3. Saturday, January 22, is the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, legalizing abortion in the United States. We are reminded to pray for the growth of a "culture of life" in which there is not only legal protection for the unborn and vulnerable, but a respect and a reverence for all human life that goes deeper than legislation and court decisions.

The needs of the world can seem overwhelming. But we can always pray. Consider keeping these prayer intentions in mind throughout this week!

*In Christ,  
Fr. Bobbin*



*Year of Real*  
**PRESENCE**  
CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## 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

Patricia Thomas • Sheri Post • Gary Bradley • Ty Daubert

### For our Deceased

Susan Cook

**Parents of Young Children.** We pray for parents of young children ... that they can survive today's challenges well and that God continues to strengthen them in responding to the ever-changing needs of their little ones.

## Upcoming Events

### January

16	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday Pre-school.....	L.H.
17	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour.....	Chapel
20	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
23	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class .....	L.H.
24	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Holy Hour.....	Chapel
25	7:00 p.m.	Building Committee Mtg.....	L.H.
27	6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study .....	L.H.
30	10:30 a.m.	Little Children's Sunday Pre-school.....	L.H.
30	11:30 a.m.	CCD Community Mtg. ....	L.H.

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

Tues. 7:15 p.m. Weekly Men's Group ..... Zoom  
Meeting ID: 824-780-6433 ..... Password: Mary



### Eucharistic Adoration

A holy hour takes place in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from **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.

## SCRIPTURE STUDY

### Fr. Bobbin's Scripture Study:

will be offered Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 on January 20, 27, February 10, 17, 24, March 10, 17, 24, April 21, 28, May 12, 19, and 26. Join us in person in Longinus Hall (usually) or at home on Zoom (\*Please email Father for the Zoom link: [kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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. *If Nativity BVM High School is closed or dismisses early*



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.

### Weekly Collection

January 2.....\$5,342.94  
Solemnity of Mary .....\$1,550.00

### Candles

#### BVM

1&2. IMO Ronald Kriston  
by Joan Grapsy

#### St. Joseph

1. IMO John J. Steffan Jr.  
by Steffan Family  
2. IMO R.J. Post  
by Bob & Irene Post

#### Sanctuary

Souls in Purgatory  
by Bob Daniels

#### Guardian Angels

1. IMO Charles J. Odorizzi Jr.  
by Dirk & Jennifer Berger  
2. IMO George Hahner Jr.  
by Hahner Family  
3. IMO Josephine Cavanaugh  
by Hahner Family  
4. Peace on Earth  
by Grace King

### Liturgical Min. Schedule

#### January 22 — 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Reader:** Heidi Gorski

**Euch.Min.:** Gerry Schwartz

**Servers:** Stan & Alek Gorski

#### January 23 — 8:15 a.m. Mass

**Reader:** Michelle Ambrose

**Euch.Min.:** Charlie Miller

**Servers:** Kelly & Lauren Goodman

#### January 23 — 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Reader:** Vince Balulis

**Euch.Min.:** Debbie Herb

**Servers:** Reese Ketner

"Fill the jars with water."  
So they filled them to the brim.  
Then he told them,  
"Draw some out now and  
take it to the headwaiter."

John 2:7-8



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## Married in Christ

We extend our warmest congratulations to **Alexandra Disabella and Matthew Thomas** who were joined in Holy Matrimony on December 28th in the presence of Father Bobbin. They are called now to total dedication to each other. May their love each day draw them closer to God and to each other.

## Baptized in Christ

On January 2, 2022, we celebrated the glorious baptism day of **Brooks Michael Gardner**, son of Christian and Samantha (Jansson) Gardner. He became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and is now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity. We warmly welcome Brooks into our parish family.

## 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."*

## 2021 Contribution Record

You can request a copy of your 2021 Contribution Record by calling the rectory Monday thru Thursday ... 570-622-5470 ext. 3

## Memorial Poinsettias

(continued)

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## Parish Photo Directory

It has been at least ten years since our last photo directory. We hope to produce an updated one in 2022. We would like to form a small committee to take on this project. If you are interested, please call or email the rectory.

## Flowers in Church

Some people have asked why we have not been decorating the altar with flowers much recently (before Christmas). Generally speaking, flowers are donations. The parish decorates the church for the Christmas and Easter seasons (partly thanks to your donations). The rest of the year, we welcome donations of flowers.

Flowers are **not** appropriate during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. Flowers **are** appropriate on:

- Sundays in Ordinary Time
- Sundays in the Easter Season (after the original Easter flowers have died)
- Holy Days—such as—Ascension Thursday, Assumption (August 15), All Saints Day (November 1), Immaculate Conception (December 8)

If you would ever like to donate flowers (perhaps in memory of a loved one), please call the rectory.



## For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, Who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; Grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

### Being Pro-Life Daily.

Every time we promote the dignity of a human being we are pro-life. God, grant us the courage to choose life in our words and our actions. May our families reflect the importance of promoting the goodness of life in the ordinariness of their daily activities.

## Assumption BVM School

Discover what Assumption BVM School has to offer at our New Student Information Session which will take place on **Sunday, January 30th from 11:30am until 1:00pm** at the school located at 112 South 7th St. in Pottsville (main entrance on Howard Ave.)

Our team welcomes you to tour our wonderful school! Meet our teachers, students and classrooms! We are excited to meet your family!

For questions or more information, please contact the school at 570-622-0106.

Proclaim his  
marvelous  
deeds to all  
the nations.



“There are  
different kinds of  
spiritual gifts  
but the same  
Spirit.”

(1 COR 12:4)

January 16, 2022

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

It was several years ago now, but the scene is still vivid in my mind. My son stood confidently in front of the altar as the music rose in a crescendo and his bride stepped into sight. The love and joy he felt trickled down his cheek as she walked down the aisle. He broke into a smile as she joined him, and proudly took her hand to promise to become one with her forever. Isaiah writes: “As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.” Isaiah was talking about the nation of Israel, but God loves and rejoices in each of his children and wants us to know the joy of being loved by him. He generously shares his gifts with us, “different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit,” St. Paul explains to the Corinthians. *All* spiritual gifts come from God, and *all* are important and necessary: “To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” God’s gifts are distributed uniquely to each person to use in our own unique way to “announce his salvation, day after day,” and invite others to discover the joy of his great love.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

You are a masterpiece! This message was conveyed at the camp our diocese held each year to help teens recognize that they are God’s beloved sons and daughters, called and gifted by the Holy Spirit to be missionary disciples. Discerning what our gifts are and how to use them can be challenging. The Gospel about the wedding at Cana offers an interesting guide. Mary tells the waiters, “Do whatever he tells you.” By reserving time for listening and not speaking during prayer, we can hear what Jesus is “telling” us. Jesus then says to the waiters, “Fill the jars with water.” We can “fill our jars” with the knowledge of how to live as disciples by reflecting on Scripture. Finally, Jesus tells the waiters, “Draw some out.” We can “draw” on his love for strength and courage when we need it, but more importantly, we are called to “draw some out” to share with others. In sharing the “good wine,” the Good News of Jesus Christ, others will begin to believe in him, too.

**PRAYER** As the new year gets under way, devote time to discerning the unique spiritual gifts, or charisms, you have been given. Make time for silent prayer and reflecting on Scripture each day.